

PROPOSED AMENDMENT – 39TH NATIONAL CONVENTION

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1 AMENDMENT TO THE NATIONAL BYLAWS
2 ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP
3 SECTION 1. OPEN MEMBERSHIP

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PURPOSE: To amend the open membership statement to universally apply to all brothers without insinuation of inequality between brothers.

RATIONALE: The phrase “without gender implication” carries with it a sense of current or prior inequality. Whereas all brothers should be treated equally, regardless of gender or any other demographic make up, and all members are collectively known as brothers, our own bylaws present a feeling of inequality, social tension, and fear of condemnation and lack of closeness. If we are truly brothers, we should not fear our differences and should clarify that we are truly known as brothers and not insinuate that we are not, or once were not, considered equal brothers.

SUBMITTED BY: Delta Chapter