



Report of the Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence 2023-2024

Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council and Brethren of St. Lawrence,

The Committee on Constitution and Jurisprudence received an application from Dogwood Council 171 in late 2023, by referral from the Grand Secretary, regarding proposed revisions to their bylaws. The proposed changes were reviewed and a report approving the revisions and offering comment was returned to Dogwood Council through the Grand Secretary.

In May, the Chair of the Committee received a request from the Sovereign Grand Master for a constitutional opinion on a specific question of jurisprudence. A full report, providing the requested opinion, was produced for the Sovereign Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

In August, a submission was received from the Grand Secretary requesting changes to the bylaws of Richmond Hill Council 168, including a change to the Council's name. The proposed changes and amendments were approved and a report was returned to Richmond Hill Council through the Grand Secretary.

Notices of Motion to be presented at the 2024 Grand Assembly were received from the Grand Secretary. The notices are being brought forward by Keystone Council 172 and the Sovereign Grand Master. Both notices of motion are in proper form.

Constitutional advice and procedural guidance is being offered to the group seeking to establish Buffalo Plains Council U.D. in Calgary.

No further referrals or enquiries on constitutional matters or issues of jurisprudence were received by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

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