

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF VICTORIA

DRAFT NOTICE OF MOTION

TAKE NOTICE that at the next Grand Communication of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria to be held on 16 November 2022 I **SHALL MOVE** -

THAT Clause 104 of the Constitution of the United Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Victoria be amended by deleting ‘* made in respect of an Installed Master; and’.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

There is a Notice of Motion on the agenda of the August 2022 Grand Communication to amend Clause 20 of the Grand Mark Constitution to provide that all subscribing members of individual warranted Lodges will be members of Grand Lodge, unless otherwise disqualified. It is the view of your Board of General Purposes that all members of Grand Lodge should have the right to be nominated for election to any vacancies that arise on the Board of General Purposes, subject to the other requirements of Clause 104. However, Clause 104 of the Grand Mark Constitution, as presently worded, imposes a significant restriction on who can be nominated by providing that a nomination must be made in respect of an Installed Master. The purpose of the amendment that is being proposed in this new Notice of Motion is to remove that restriction so that all subscribing members of individual warranted Lodges are entitled to stand for election to the Board, unless otherwise disqualified. It is the view of your Board of General Purposes that the current restriction in Clause 104 is discriminatory and quite out of touch with current community expectations that all members of an organisation should be entitled to stand for election to the Board. Accordingly, your Board recommends that clause 104 be amended to remove the current restriction.