



Chinese American Citizens Alliance 52nd Biennial Convention 2013

RESOLUTION #26— Submitted by Grand Lodge Governance Committee

TITLE: Revision to Cardinal Principles

WHEREAS, substantial revision of the language of the Cardinal Principles has not occurred since the original draft of 1927;

WHEREAS, language can be simplified and text can be improved in the spirit of the 21st Century, so that recitation is easier;

WHEREAS, the fraternal and membership principles which have sustained the Chinese American Citizens Alliance for well over a century must be preserved and maintained;

WHEREAS, the Members' Cardinal Principles is a personal Code of Conduct for a Member in Good Standing;

WHEREAS, the current version of Cardinal Principles is a mixture of mission and conduct while the Purposes and Objectives contains principles of conduct: "Those Cardinal Principles are to fully enjoy and defend American citizenship [,] to cultivate the mind through the exchange of knowledge, to effect a higher character among the members and to fully observe and practice the principles of brotherly love and mutual help. It is imperative that no member shall have sectional, clannish, tong, or party prejudices against one another or use such influences to oppress fellow members."

WHEREAS, Members' Cardinal Principles are not part of the main body of the Constitution but are vested mainly in the historic Preamble, and therefore this proposal can be deliberated as a simple resolution;

WHEREAS, the Chinese poetry text should remain unchanged;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cardinal Principles be revised as follows:

Members' Cardinal Principles

A Member shall be a person of highest character who shall uphold the principles of charity, justice, fidelity, fellowship, and mutual help of other Members, shall support the pursuit of knowledge, and must suppress self-interest to foster an organization united in cause for the good of community and our Alliance.

Assigned: Governance

Action: <For Grand Council>

Date: <For Grand Council>