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IMPERIAL POTENTATE

## Midwest Shrine Association Bylaws

### **Article I – Annual Dues**

The annual dues shall be sixty cents per capita for each Noble as indicated by the Temple's annual membership reports. (amended 2-2-73 to 12 cents per capita) (amended 2-10-79 to 15 cents per capita) (amended 2-27-89 to 20 cents per capita) (amended 2-16-90 to 25 cents per capita) (amended 2-4-95 to 30 cents per capita) (amended 2-10-03 to 40 cents per capita) (amended 2-7-09 to 50 cents per capita) (amended 2-9-13 to 60 cents per capita) (amended 2-6-16)

### **Article II – Expenses**

The necessary expenses of this Association shall be paid by the Association except the expenses of the Temple Representatives attending the meeting of this Association and its committees. The Secretary Treasurer shall pay all expenses of this association after receiving approval from 2 elected officers (normally President & First Vice President) (amended 2-6-16)

### **Article III – Surety Bond**

Corporate Surety Bonds shall be furnished by such Officers and for such amounts this Association may direct. The cost of such bonds to be paid by the Association.

### **Article IV – Amendments**

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of this Association, no previous notice of proposed amendments be required. (This article was included or added to the bylaws at the Winter Business Session on 2-7-1959)

### **Article V – Association of Units**

- (a) No Association of Units now existing in the Midwest Shrine Association shall continue its existence after January 1, 1973 unless it conforms to the Imperial Rules and bylaws i.e. Article 9, Section 203.3 of the imperial By-laws
- (b) All Association of Units in the Midwest Shrine Association are subject to the Officers and members of the Midwest Shrine Association
- (c) Each Midwest Association of Units shall submit the by-laws of the said Association to the Officers of the Midwest Shrine Association for their approval.
- (d) No later than January 15 of each year each Association of Units appendant to the Midwest Shrine Association Shall submit an annual report to the Midwest President and one to the Midwest Shrine Association Secretary listing the activities of the past year, current financial statement and the names and addresses of the existing officers of the said organization of units.

### **Article VI – Registration**

- (a) Registration for the Midwest Winter Session shall be completed as directed by the Secretary Treasurer of the Midwest Shrine Association. (amended 2-6-16)
- (b) The usual per capita and expense bills will be forwarded to each Temple and paid to the Secretary Treasurer upon receipt. (amended 2-5-92) (amended 2-7-03)(amended 2-6-16)

(c) For the Summer Sessions, each member Temple or its members shall submit its registration and fee for the session directly with the Host Temple sixty (60) days in advance. Failure to comply may result in loss of participation in the summer session. "Requests for refunds of the registration fees received by the Host Temple 30 or more days prior to the start date shall be refunded in full. Requests received 15 to 29 days prior, shall receive refund of 50 percent of fees paid. No registration fees shall be refunded on cancellations received within 14 days of the sessions beginning date. The Host Temple may at its discretion honour a request for refund, received less than 15 days prior, based on the circumstances". (amended 2-6-16)

(d) Nobles participating in Parades and Competitions must be a current member of his Temple as well as a paid and registered Noble with the Host Temple for the Midwest Summer Session. (new 2-6-16)

### Article VII – Summer Sessions

- (a) Financial Reporting for the Midwest Summer Session using the Imperial Uniform Chart of Accounts must be filed with the Secretary Treasurer at the following MSA Winter Session. (new 2-6-16)
- (b) The host Temple shall ensure that a minimum of 1 parade is held during the summer session. (new 2-6-16)