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Midwest Shrine Association Constitution

Article I - Name

The name of the organization shall be the "Midwest Shrine Association"

Article II – Objective

This Association organized for the purpose of promoting the general welfare and prosperity of Shrinedom in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and the Provinces of Manitoba & Northwest Ontario and Saskatchewan. In particular, to engender greater fellowship among the several Temples and their members; and to secure greater recognition of the institution of the Shrine throughout the territory of this association. (amended 2-6-16)

Article III – Allegiance

This association pledges full allegiance to and accepts for its government the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Code, Regulations and Edicts of Shriners International. (amended 2-6-16)

Article IV – Membership

- Section 1.** Members of this Association shall be the Temples as may be elected by a majority vote of the Association.
- Section 2.** Each Temple shall be represented by seven (amended 2-10-07) Temple Representatives who shall be either elective officers or Past Potentates of the Temple; provided that any Association Officer shall be eligible for the election to any office of the Association even though no longer a Temple Representative.
- Section 3.** Honorary Representatives shall be the Nobles who may be so designated by this Association, but without the privilege of holding office.
- Section 4.** Nobles originally designated as "Founding Fathers" and those Nobles who have served as Elected Officers of this Association shall be known as Life Representatives entitled to hold office. (amended 2-6-16)

Article V – Voting

Voting shall be on a representative basis. Only the votes for those representatives' present will be counted. No absentee or non-authorized Representatives will be allowed to vote (amended 2-7-87) (amended 2-6-16)

Article VI – Officers

- Section 1.** The Officers of this Association shall be the President, four Vice Presidents, a Secretary-Treasurer and other such appointed officers as deemed necessary.
- Section 2.** The said officers will be elected annually by majority ballot (secret ballot, voice, or show of hands) and serve for one year or until their successor shall be elected and installed in their stead . (amended 2-6-16)
- Section 3.** All appointed Officers and Committees, unless otherwise ordered by this Association, shall be selected by the president.

Section 4. The duties of the several Officers and committees shall be those pertaining to such Officers and committees.

Article VII – Meetings

Section 1. The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at such time and place designated by the Association at its last previous annual meeting, or by the President in absence of such action by this Association.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President by giving thirty days' notice to the recorder of each member Temple naming the time, place and purpose of such special meeting.

Article VIII – Executive Committee

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the Elected Officers of this Association and Potentates of the constituent Temples.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to transact business between Annual Meetings of this Association and to perform such other duties as may be referred to it by this Association.

Section 3. The President of this Association shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee, other officers to be named by the Committee.

Article IX – Quorum

A quorum for any meeting of this Association shall consist of the Temple Representatives representing the majority of the Constituent Temples.

Article X – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the Temples represented, providing written notice of the proposed amendment has been sent to the members of this Association thirty days in advance.