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BALLOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Tuesday, as you enter the Sessions Hall, there will be specially designated lines to enter the hall for those holding voter credentials and others for non-voting members.

Balloting on resolutions will be by paper ballot. All delegates holding voter credentials should be in place with a paper ballot and voting pencil in their possession. After discussion of each resolution and a vote having been called for, you will mark your ballot "yes" if in favor of the resolution or "no" if not in favor of the resolution. Please do not bend or distort the ballot as it may invalidate your vote.

After completing all voting please pass the ballots and pencils to the right of your section where the ballots and pencils will be collected. Please remain seated until all ballots have been collected.

Counting of the ballots will be done outside the main entrance of the convention hall in plain sight of the delegates who wish to view the proceedings. The results will be reported before the end of the day's session.

Thank you for your participation and cooperation!

SUMMARY OF RESOLUTIONS

2015-01 To allow organizations other than ladies groups to be recognized as auxiliaries.

2015-02 To eliminate the requirement that an applicant for Life Membership be a member in the Lodge of application for 10 years preceding application.

2015-03 To provide that the social facilities of a Lodge may remain open during Lodge meetings, provided that Lodge meetings are not interfered with.

2015-04 To authorize a Lodge to only meet regularly once a month, if provided in the Lodge By-Laws, and if authorized to provide for alternative nomination and election of Lodge officers.

2015-05 To clarify the number of times a Lodge is required to meet monthly. No substantive change intended.

2015-06 To clarify that it is the Board of Directors of an incorporated Lodge that can authorize payment of recurring bills if authorized in the Lodge By-Laws.

2015-07 To remove the Elks National Foundation as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, it now being administered by the Elks National Foundation Trustees.

2015-08 To remove the Grand Lodge Public Relations Program as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, it now being administered by the Grand Lodge Public Relations Director.

2015-09 To eliminate the requirement that the Board of Grand Trustees meet at least once annually at the Elks National Home.

2015-10 To reduce the maximum annual administrative fee payable by Life Members to one-half of the regular Lodge dues; to delete the \$5.00 minimum annual administrative expense.

2015-11 To eliminate the requirement that the two months for a reduced reinstatement fee be consecutive.

2015-12 To change the 30 day increments to calendar months for the assessment of fines for late reporting.

2015-13 To extend the period from notice to vote from 8 to 10 weeks, and clarify other time limits for changes to By-Laws or House Rules.

2015-14 To delete the option of a graduated initiation fee and clarify that the two months for a \$1.00 fee need not be consecutive.

2015-15 To provide that any Member who is delinquent in the payment of any amount of dues during the month of March each year shall only be dropped during the month of March.

2015-16 To clarify that in unincorporated Lodges the Exalted Ruler is a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.

2015-17 To separate the duties of the managing body of the club into separate sections for standard duties and disciplinary proceedings. No substantive change is being proposed.

2015-18 To prohibit involved Members from participating in local forum proceedings.

RESOLUTION 2015-01

Proposal to amend Article III Section 18 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"A Local Lodge, by appropriate amendment to its By-Laws, may recognize a ladies organization(s) as an auxiliary (auxiliaries) to that Lodge, provided its (their) aims and purposes are consistent with those of the Order."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"A Local Lodge, by appropriate amendment to its By-Laws, may recognize any ~~a-ladies~~ organization(s) as an auxiliary (auxiliaries) to that Lodge, provided its (their) aims and purposes are consistent with those of the Order."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To allow organizations other than ladies groups to be recognized as auxiliaries.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-02

Proposal to amend Section 14.260 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 14.260. By an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, a Member in good standing may be elected to a Life Membership when he has:
(a) Paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than thirty (30) years preceding his election, not less than the last ten (10) years must have been with the current Lodge, and he has attained the age of not less than sixty-five (65); or ..."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 14.260. By an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, a Member in good standing may be elected to a Life Membership when he has:
(a) Paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than thirty (30) years preceding his election, ~~not less than the last ten (10) years must have been with the current Lodge,~~ and he has attained the age of not less than sixty-five (65); or ..."

This Resolution is proposed by Douglas County, Colorado Lodge No 2873.

Purpose: To eliminate the requirement that an applicant for Life Membership be a member in the Lodge of application for 10 years preceding application.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-03

Proposal to amend Section 16.090 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

"Section 16.090. All Homes, Clubs, Club Rooms and Social Parlors shall be closed during the hours of all regular and special meetings of the Lodge, except those facilities thereof designated for the use of and then being used only by the non-Member spouses and minor children of the Members of the Lodge, providing the use does not interfere with the proper functioning of Lodge meeting. Any Lodge violating this Section under any pretext whatever shall be liable to a forfeiture of its Charter."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 16.090. By an adopted By-Law, a All Homes, Clubs, Club Rooms and Social Parlors **shall be have the option to either closed or remain open** during the hours of all regular and special meetings of the Lodge, **with the exception that there will be no bar service or sales of liquor during the Lodge meeting. The Lodge meeting shall be held in an area so that the activities in other areas shall not interfere with the proper function of the Lodge meeting.**, ~~except those facilities thereof designated for the use of and then being used only by the non-Member spouses and minor children of the Members of the Lodge, providing the use does not interfere with the proper functioning of Lodge meeting. Any Lodge violating this Section under any pretext whatever shall be liable to a forfeiture of its Charter."~~

This Resolution is proposed by San Mateo, California Lodge No. 1112.

Purpose: To provide that the social facilities of a Lodge may remain open during Lodge meetings, provided that Lodge meetings are not interfered with.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-04

Proposal to amend Sections 15.070, 3.080 and 3.090 of the Laws of the Order:

(A) The above Section 15.070 now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 15.070. Lodges shall meet in regular session at least semimonthly, but may meet trimonthly or weekly as provided in the Lodge By-Laws. The Lodge By-Laws may designate any three months of the year, except the months of February, March, and April, in which only one regular meeting is required to be held."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 15.070. Lodges shall have the option to meet in regular session ~~at least semimonthly~~, but may meet retain semi-monthly, trimonthly or weekly meetings as provided in the Lodge By-Laws. In Lodges holding semi-monthly, tri-monthly or weekly meetings, ~~t~~The Lodge By-Laws may designate any three months of the year, except the months of February, March, and April, in which only one regular meeting is required to be held."

(B) Proposal to amend Section 3.080 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 3.080. Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election in Lodges shall be made in the order in which they appear in Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Order at any regular meeting of the Lodge on or after the 1st day of February and prior to the date of the annual election, provided however, that if no nomination for an office shall have been made prior to the date of the election, ... or if all candidates previously nominated for an office, shall have declined or withdrawn, nominations for that office may be made on the date of election. ..."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 3.080. Nominations for offices to be filled at the annual election in Lodges shall be made in the order in which they appear in Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution of the Order at any regular meeting of the Lodge on or after the first day of January if meetings are held only monthly or on or after the 1st day of February and prior to the date of the annual election, provided however, that if no nomination for an office shall have been made prior to the date of the election, ... or if all candidates previously nominated for an office, shall have declined or withdrawn, nominations for that office may be made on the date of election. ..."

(C) Proposal to amend Section 3.090 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 3.090. The annual election shall be held at the second regular meeting in February by each Lodge holding regular semi-monthly meetings, and at the third regular meeting in February by each Lodge holding weekly meetings or tri-monthly meetings, and by a new Lodge

as soon as instituted.”

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

“Section 3.090. The annual election shall be held **at the monthly meeting in February if held monthly and** at the second regular meeting in February by each Lodge holding regular semi-monthly meetings, and at the third regular meeting in February by each Lodge holding weekly meetings or tri-monthly meetings, and by a new Lodge as soon as instituted.”

This Resolution is proposed by Lebanon, Pennsylvania Lodge No. 631.

Purpose: To authorize a Lodge to only meet regularly once a month, if provided in the Lodge By-Laws, and if authorized to provide for alternative nomination and election of Lodge officers.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-05

Proposal to amend Section 15.070 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

"Section 15.070. Lodges shall meet in regular session at least semimonthly, but may meet trimonthly or weekly as provided in the Lodge By-Laws. The Lodge By-Laws may designate any three months of the year, except the months of February, March, and April, in which only one regular meeting is required to be held.

The Grand Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy may grant a dispensation to omit a regular meeting except during the month of February.

Special meetings may be called by the Exalted Ruler upon three days' notice to all Members of the Lodge. The notice shall state the special business to be considered; no other business shall be considered or transacted.

No Lodge meeting shall be held outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge, without the prior written consent of the Grand Exalted Ruler."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 15.070. Lodges shall meet in regular session at least ~~semimonthly~~ twice a month, but may meet ~~trimonthly~~ three times a month, four times a month, or weekly, as provided in the Lodge By-Laws. The Lodge By-Laws may designate any three months of the year, except the months of February, March, and April, in which only one regular meeting is required to be held.

The Grand Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy may grant a dispensation to omit a regular meeting except during the month of February.

Special meetings may be called by the Exalted Ruler upon three days' notice to all Members of the Lodge. The notice shall state the special business to be considered; no other business shall be considered or transacted.

No Lodge meeting shall be held outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge, without the prior written consent of the Grand Exalted Ruler."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify the number of times a Lodge is required to meet monthly. No substantive change intended.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-06

Proposal to amend Section 12.060(b) of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 12.060. The Treasurer of the Lodge shall:

...

(b) Pay all approved bills against the Lodge on vouchers signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary. The Lodge By-Laws may provide for payment of recurring bills after approval of the Board of Trustees without obtaining Lodge prior approval. The Payment shall be reported at the next Lodge meeting."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 12.060. The Treasurer of the Lodge shall:

...

(b) Pay all approved bills against the Lodge on vouchers signed by the Exalted Ruler and Secretary. The Lodge By-Laws may provide for payment of recurring bills after approval of the Board ~~of Trustees~~ without obtaining Lodge prior approval. The Payment shall be reported at the next Lodge meeting."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify that it is the Board of Directors of an incorporated Lodge that can authorize payment of recurring bills if authorized in the Lodge By-Laws.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-07

Proposal to amend Section 4.355 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 4.355. The Fraternal Committee shall promote, support, and oversee the following Grand Lodge Programs:

...

(b) *Elks National Foundation*, the charitable arm of the Order known as the Great Heart of Elkdom."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 4.355. The Fraternal Committee shall promote, support, and oversee the following Grand Lodge Programs:

...

~~**(b) *Elks National Foundation***, the charitable arm of the Order known as the Great Heart of Elkdom."~~

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To remove the Elks National Foundation as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, it now being administered by the Elks National Foundation Trustees.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-08

Proposal to amend Section 4.345 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 4.345. The Activities Committee shall promote, support and oversee the following Grand Lodge Programs:

...

(b) Public Relations, through which the image and public awareness of the Order are enhanced, both nationally and at the local level."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 4.345. The Activities Committee shall promote, support and oversee the following Grand Lodge Programs:

...

~~**(b) Public Relations,** through which the image and public awareness of the Order are enhanced, both nationally and at the local level."~~

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To remove the Grand Lodge Public Relations Program as a responsibility of the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee, it now being administered by the Grand Lodge Public Relations Director.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-09

Proposal to amend Section 4.250 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

"Section 4.250. The Board of Grand Trustees shall meet as often as it may deem advisable, provided that there shall be at least two meetings in each Grand Lodge year, one of which shall be held at the Elks National Home. The Grand Exalted Ruler shall have the power to convene the Board at any time. It shall submit a printed report to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Session."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 4.250. The Board of Grand Trustees shall meet as often as it may deem advisable, provided that there shall be at least two meetings in each Grand Lodge year, ~~one of which shall be held at the Elks National Home.~~ The Grand Exalted Ruler shall have the power to convene the Board at any time. It shall submit a printed report to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Session."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To eliminate the requirement that the Board of Grand Trustees meet at least once annually at the Elks National Home.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-10

Proposal to amend Section 14.150 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

"Section 14.150. A Member who has paid his dues, Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments and State Association dues shall be entitled to a membership card bearing the seal of the Lodge and the name of the Secretary and signed by the Member. A Lodge shall, by By-Law, assess against each of its Members his pro rata share of all Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments and State Association dues. The membership card shall bear the Member's number. The color of the card shall not be the same in any two consecutive years. Upon payment of Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments, State Association dues and when provided by the By-Laws of a Lodge, an amount not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than the regular Lodge dues toward administration expenses, Life Membership Cards shall be issued annually to Life Members, in the same manner and color as regular membership cards for the same year."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 14.150. A Member who has paid his dues, Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments and State Association dues shall be entitled to a membership card bearing the seal of the Lodge and the name of the Secretary and signed by the Member. A Lodge shall, by By-Law, assess against each of its Members his pro rata share of all Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments and State Association dues. The membership card shall bear the Member's number. The color of the card shall not be the same in any two consecutive years. Upon payment of Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments, State Association dues and when provided by the By-Laws of a Lodge, an amount not ~~less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor~~ more than one-half of the regular Lodge dues toward administration expenses, Life Membership Cards shall be issued annually to Life Members, in the same manner and color as regular membership cards for the same year."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To reduce the maximum annual administrative fee payable by Life Members to one-half of the regular Lodge dues; to delete the \$5.00 minimum annual administrative expense.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-11

Proposal to amend Section 14.180 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Before reinstatement, the applicant shall pay the reinstatement fee fixed by the By-Laws which shall not be less than fifteen (15) dollars, and the proportionate share of the current dues. However, a Lodge may, by By-Laws, establish a two (2) consecutive month period during the Lodge year in which any reinstatement fee otherwise required by this Section is reduced to one (1) dollar, except the months of February, March, April and May."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Before reinstatement, the applicant shall pay the reinstatement fee fixed by the By-Laws which shall not be less than fifteen (15) dollars, and the proportionate share of the current dues. However, a Lodge may, by By-Laws amendment, establish a ~~two (2) consecutive month period during the Lodge year~~ a reduced initiation fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) during any one or two months during the Lodge year, in which any reinstatement fee otherwise required by this Section is reduced to one (1) dollar, except the months of February, March, April and May."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To eliminate the requirement that the two months for a reduced reinstatement fee be consecutive.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-12

Proposal to amend Section 13.040(d) of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 13.040. The **Auditing & Accounting Committee** shall:

...

(d) Send one copy of the Annual Financial Report, prior to June 30, to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and the Area Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Auditing & Accounting. Failure to timely submit the report may subject the Lodge to an immediate fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a subsequent fine of an additional one hundred dollars (\$100) each thirty (30) days thereafter, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). Payment of a fine does not relieve the Lodge of the duty to file the report and continued refusal will be considered Contumacy."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 13.040. The **Auditing & Accounting Committee** shall:

...

(d) Send one copy of the Annual Financial Report, prior to June 30, to the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and the Area Member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Auditing & Accounting. Failure to timely submit the report may subject the Lodge to an immediate fine of one hundred dollars (\$100) and a subsequent fine of an additional one hundred dollars (\$100) **for** each ~~thirty (30) days~~ calendar month thereafter, not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500). Payment of a fine does not relieve the Lodge of the duty to file the report and continued refusal will be considered Contumacy."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To change the 30 day increments to calendar months for the assessment of fines for late reporting.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-13

Proposal to amend Section 17.060 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

"Section 17.060. Amendments or revisions to By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules of a Lodge shall be proposed in writing, read at a regular meeting of the Lodge and laid over for a vote at a regular Lodge meeting to be held not less than two (2) weeks nor more than eight (8) weeks thereafter. Notice setting forth the full proposed amendment or revision of the By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules shall be sent to all Members at least ten (10) days before the regular meeting at which the proposed amendment or revision is to be voted upon. A majority vote of Members at the meeting shall be required for adoption.

During the fifth year following the adoption of its original By-Laws and Rules of Order, or of a general revision thereof, each Lodge shall prepare and file a current general revision of the By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules. The Lodge shall use the latest form of By-Laws and Rules of Order booklets prepared by the Grand Secretary, and House Rules in a form approved by the Lodge. Any general revision of By-Laws and Rules of Order shall be accompanied by a general revision of House Rules."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 17.060. Amendments or to or general revisions to of By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules of a Lodge shall be proposed in writing, read at a regular meeting of the Lodge and laid over for a vote at a regular Lodge meeting to be held not less than two (2) weeks nor more than ~~eight (8)~~ ten (10) weeks thereafter. Notice setting forth the ~~full~~ proposed ~~amendment or revision of~~ changes to the By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules shall be sent to all Members at least ten (10) days before the regular meeting at which the proposed amendment or general revision is to be voted upon. A majority vote of Members at the meeting shall be required for adoption.

Not later than ~~During~~ the fifth year following the adoption of its original By-Laws and Rules of Order, or of a general revision thereof, each Lodge shall prepare and file a current general revision of the By-Laws, Rules of Order and House Rules. The Lodge shall use the latest form of By-Laws and Rules of Order ~~booklets~~ prepared by the Grand Secretary, and House Rules in a form approved by the Lodge. Any general revision of By-Laws and Rules of Order shall be accompanied by a general revision of House Rules."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To extend the period from notice to vote from 8 to 10 weeks, and clarify other time limits for changes to By-Laws or House Rules.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-14

Proposal to amend Section 14.290 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

"Section 14.290. The Lodge initiation fee shall be fixed by its By-Laws and shall not be less than twenty-five (25) dollars, provided that a Lodge By-Law may fix the initiation fee for an applicant making application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday at not less than ten (10) dollars. Members of the Order who sign the Charter list of a new Lodge shall not be required to pay any initiation fee whatsoever unless the initiation fee of the proposed new Lodge is greater than the initiation fee of the Lodge from which such Member of the Order shall dimit, in which case the Member shall pay to the new Lodge the difference in the initiation fee. A Lodge may, by appropriate By-Law, fix a graduated initiation fee based upon the age of the applicant. A Lodge may provide in its By-Laws for a reduced initiation fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) during any one or two month period during the Lodge year. A Lodge shall return the initiation fee of a rejected applicant."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 14.290. The Lodge initiation fee shall be fixed by its By-Laws and shall not be less than twenty-five (25) dollars, provided that a Lodge By-Law may fix the initiation fee for an applicant making application prior to his twenty-sixth birthday at not less than ten (10) dollars. Members of the Order who sign the Charter list of a new Lodge shall not be required to pay any initiation fee whatsoever unless the initiation fee of the proposed new Lodge is greater than the initiation fee of the Lodge from which such Member of the Order shall dimit, in which case the Member shall pay to the new Lodge the difference in the initiation fee. ~~A Lodge may, by appropriate By-Law, fix a graduated initiation fee based upon the age of the applicant.~~

A Lodge may provide in its By-Laws for a reduced initiation fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) during any one or two months ~~period~~ during the Lodge year.

A Lodge shall return the initiation fee of a rejected applicant."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To delete the option of a graduated initiation fee and clarify that the two months for a \$1.00 fee need not be consecutive.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-15

Proposal to amend Section 14.160 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 14.160. A Member delinquent and owing at least six month's dues to the Lodge shall be dropped from the rolls prior to April 1st without the vote of the Lodge thereon. The effective date for dropping the Member shall be not later than March 31, provided the delinquent dues are not paid.

The procedure to drop a delinquent Member shall be as follows:

(a) After five months of delinquency but before March 1 of each year, the Secretary shall provide notice as provided in Section 1.115 informing the Member that such Member may be dropped if dues are not paid within 30 days of mailing the notice.

(b) At the time the Secretary gives notice to the Member, the Secretary shall post a list of all Members given notice on the Lodge Bulletin Board and report the posting of the list at the next Lodge Meeting.

(c) The notice shall confirm to the delinquent Member that during the period of delinquency the Member is not entitled to the privileges of membership and that in the event of being dropped for nonpayment of dues, the Member can be reinstated only in the manner provided by the Laws of the Order. ..."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 14.160. A Member delinquent and owing at least six **five** months dues to the Lodge shall be dropped from the rolls ~~prior to April 1st~~ **any time during the month of March each year** without the vote of the Lodge thereon. The effective date for dropping the Member shall be not later than March 31, provided the delinquent dues are not paid.

The procedure to drop a delinquent Member shall be as follows:

(a) ~~After five months of delinquency but before March 1 of each year~~ **Any time during the month of February each year**, the Secretary shall ~~provide~~ **give** notice as provided in Section 1.115 informing the Member that such Member may be dropped if dues are not paid within 30 days of mailing the notice.

(b) At the time the Secretary gives notice to the Member, the Secretary shall post a list of all Members given notice on the Lodge Bulletin Board and report the posting of the list at the next Lodge Meeting.

(c) The notice shall confirm to the delinquent Member that during the period of delinquency the Member is not entitled to the privileges of membership and that in the event of being dropped for nonpayment of dues, the Member can be reinstated only in the manner provided by the Laws of the Order. ..."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To provide that any Member who is delinquent in the payment of any amount of dues during the month of March each year shall only be dropped during the month of March.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-16

Proposal to amend Section 12.020 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

"Section 12.020. The Exalted Ruler is the Executive Officer of the Lodge and shall:

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(h) Be an ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees without vote."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 12.020. The Exalted Ruler is the Executive Officer of the Lodge and shall:

""

(h) In an unincorporated Lodge, Bbe an ex-officio **non-voting** member of the Board of Trustees ~~without vote.~~"

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify that in unincorporated Lodges the Exalted Ruler is a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-17

Proposal to amend Section 16.040 and create a new Section 16.041 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

"Section 16.040. The club, social parlor or other facility established in connection with the Lodge, whether the Lodge is incorporated under the provisions of Section 16.020 or is unincorporated, shall be managed, supervised and controlled by one of the following methods:

(a) By the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and the Trustees of the Lodge; *or*

(b) By the Trustees of the Lodge; *or*

(c) By a House Committee (of not fewer than 3 or more than 13) to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge (the exact number must be set forth in the By-Laws); *or*

(d) By the Board of Directors of a corporation formed under Section 16.030.

The method of supervision or management of the club, social parlor or other facility herein provided for, to be adopted by the Lodge, shall be specified in the Lodge By-Laws, which shall expressly provide that the actions and decisions of the supervising or managing body provided for therein shall at all times be subject to the control and direction of the Lodge; except those actions and decisions pertaining to an employment relationship and the fixing of prices for goods and services.

The supervising or managing body of the club, social parlor or other facility shall have power to suspend a Member from club, social parlor or other facility privileges for a period not exceeding one (1) year, for violation of rules duly adopted by the Lodge and approved by the Committee on Judiciary for such club, social parlor or other facility, or Conduct Unbecoming An Elk on such premises, after ten (10) days written notice to the Member served personally or by regular first-class mail and after a hearing before the supervising or managing body.

If the alleged violation involves the Exalted Ruler or a Member of the supervising or managing body, that individual shall recuse himself/herself until final disposition of the alleged violation. In the event the Exalted Ruler is the subject of the violation, if applicable, the authority of the Exalted Ruler to appoint and remove members of the House Committee shall be suspended pending final disposition of the alleged violation against him, and the Esteemed Leading Knight shall assume that authority while the charge(s) are pending.

An appeal to the Lodge may be taken by a Member suspended as hereinbefore provided by serving a Notice of Appeal, by personal service or by mail upon the Secretary of the Lodge, not later than ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of suspension. The execution of suspension shall be automatically stayed upon service of the Notice of Appeal pending disposition of the Appeal by the Lodge. The Secretary shall immediately report the filing of Appeal to the Exalted Ruler and to the Lodge at its next regular meeting. The Exalted Ruler shall order Hearing of the Appeal at a regular meeting of the Lodge to be held not later than forty-five (45) days thereafter. Notice in writing of Hearing of the Appeal shall be given by the Secretary to the membership not less than ten (10) days prior to the date specified therefor. A motion to modify or reverse the action of the supervising body must pass by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds vote of the Members present. No action is necessary to affirm the decision of the supervising body. In the event the Exalted Ruler is the subject of the suspension, the Leading Knight shall preside over the Lodge meeting at which the appeal is being decided.

It shall be the duty of the supervising or managing body of the club, social parlor or other facility, to present to the Lodge for approval not later than the final regular meeting of the

Lodge in April of each year, separate and comprehensive budgets for the proposed operation of the club, social parlor or other facility. Each supervising or managing body shall submit a monthly written report to the Lodge showing the financial condition of the club, social parlor or other facility with a comparison to each budget item.

No member of the supervising or managing body shall be employed in any capacity by the supervising or managing body, nor shall any Exalted Ruler be employed by a House Committee appointed by him.

The supervising or managing body of the club shall hold at least one regular meeting each month and needed special meetings called by the Chairman. They shall keep minutes of each meeting of the supervising or managing body of the club. The Exalted Ruler shall be given the same notice of all meetings of the supervising or managing body of the club, and in the same manner, as is given to the other members of the supervising or managing body of the club."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 16.040. The club, social parlor or other facility established in connection with the Lodge, whether the Lodge is incorporated under the provisions of Section 16.020 or is unincorporated, shall be managed, supervised and controlled by one of the following methods:

(a) By the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and the Trustees of the Lodge; *or*

(b) By the Trustees of the Lodge; *or*

(c) By a House Committee (of not fewer than 3 or more than 13) to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge (the exact number must be set forth in the By-Laws); *or*

(d) By the Board of Directors of a corporation formed under Section 16.030.

The method of supervision or management of the club, social parlor or other facility herein provided for, to be adopted by the Lodge, shall be specified in the Lodge By-Laws, which shall expressly provide that the actions and decisions of the supervising or managing body provided for therein shall at all times be subject to the control and direction of the Lodge; except those actions and decisions pertaining to an employment relationship and the fixing of prices for goods and services.

It shall be the duty of the supervising or managing body of the club, social parlor or other facility, to present to the Lodge for approval not later than the final regular meeting of the Lodge in April of each year, separate and comprehensive budgets for the proposed operation of the club, social parlor or other facility. Each supervising or managing body shall submit a monthly written report to the Lodge showing the financial condition of the club, social parlor or other facility with a comparison to each budget item.

No member of the supervising or managing body shall be employed in any capacity by the supervising or managing body, nor shall any Exalted Ruler be employed by a House Committee appointed by him.

The supervising or managing body of the club shall hold at least one regular meeting each month and needed special meetings called by the Chairman. They shall keep minutes of each meeting of the supervising or managing body of the club. The Exalted Ruler shall be given the same notice of all meetings of the supervising or managing body of the club, and in the same manner, as is given to the other members of the supervising or managing body of the club.

Section 16.041. The supervising or managing body of the club, social parlor or other facility shall have power to suspend a Member from club, social parlor or other facility privileges for a period not exceeding one (1) year, for violation of rules duly adopted by the Lodge and approved by the Committee on Judiciary for such club, social parlor or other facility, or Conduct Unbecoming An Elk on such premises, after ten (10) days written notice to the Member served

personally or by regular first-class mail and after a hearing before the supervising or managing body.

If the alleged violation involves the Exalted Ruler or a Member of the supervising or managing body, that individual shall recuse himself/herself until final disposition of the alleged violation. In the event the Exalted Ruler is the subject of the violation, if applicable, the authority of the Exalted Ruler to appoint and remove members of the House Committee shall be suspended pending final disposition of the alleged violation against him, and the Esteemed Leading Knight shall assume that authority while the charge(s) are pending.

An appeal to the Lodge may be taken by a Member suspended as hereinbefore provided by serving a Notice of Appeal, by personal service or by mail upon the Secretary of the Lodge, not later than ten (10) days after receipt of written notice of suspension. The execution of suspension shall be automatically stayed upon service of the Notice of Appeal pending disposition of the Appeal by the Lodge. The Secretary shall immediately report the filing of Appeal to the Exalted Ruler and to the Lodge at its next regular meeting. The Exalted Ruler shall order Hearing of the Appeal at a regular meeting of the Lodge to be held not later than forty-five (45) days thereafter. Notice in writing of Hearing of the Appeal shall be given by the Secretary to the membership not less than ten (10) days prior to the date specified therefor. A motion to modify or reverse the action of the supervising body must pass by an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds vote of the Members present. No action is necessary to affirm the decision of the supervising body. In the event the Exalted Ruler is the subject of the suspension, the Leading Knight shall preside over the Lodge meeting at which the appeal is being decided. ”

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To separate the duties of the managing body of the club into separate sections for standard duties and disciplinary proceedings. No substantive change is being proposed.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.

RESOLUTION 2015-18

Proposal to amend Section 8.210 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

"Section 8.210. Whenever the Secretary or member of the Board of Trustees is the Accuser or the Accused, except in cases provided in Section 9.090, the Exalted Ruler shall appoint an impartial Member of the Lodge temporarily to perform the duties of the Officer in connection with the filing of papers, or appointment of the Local Forum in the particular case."

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

"Section 8.210. Whenever the Secretary or ~~a member of the Board of~~ Trustees is the Accuser, ~~or the~~ Accused, or a probable material witness, except in cases provided in Section 9.090, the Exalted Ruler shall appoint an impartial Member of the Lodge temporarily to perform the duties of the Officer in connection with the filing of papers, or appointment of the Local Forum in the particular case."

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To prohibit involved Members from participating in local forum proceedings.

Committee on Judiciary: The Committee on Judiciary finds that the adoption of this Resolution would not violate the Constitution or Laws of the Order.