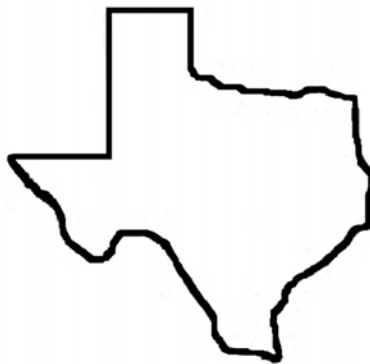


154th GRAND LODGE SESSION



RESOLUTIONS

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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

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2018-15 To clarify the obligation to include the date, time and location of the meeting at which the proposal shall be voted on in the Notice mailed to the Members.

RESOLUTION 2018-1

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 4.490 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The proposed amendment would add the following Section and read as follows:

Section 4.490. The Initiation Ritual shall be exemplified by the Officers of the Lodge during the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler. If the Lodge visited does not have a candidate awaiting initiation, the Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler shall select some Member to act as a candidate.

This Resolution is proposed by the Utah Elks Association and the Massachusetts Elks Association.

Purpose: To require the Officers of the Lodge to perform the initiation ritual during the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

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 2018-2

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 14.300 TO THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The current section reads as follows:

Section 14.300. All annual dues shall be uniform as to each and every Member and paid at least semiannually in advance of April 1st and October 1st. A Member may at his election pay one year's dues in advance as of April 1st in any year. A Lodge by proper amendment to its By-Laws may require the payment of dues yearly in advance of April 1st in any year. The annual dues shall be fixed by the By-Laws at a specified dollar amount. In addition thereto each Member shall pay the following: a) all Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments; b) State Association dues. By-laws relating to annual dues shall not be subject to amendment unless the amendment be effective as of April 1st following the adoption of such amendment. All statements for dues, sent out by the Lodge, shall include thereon the annual subscription fee for The Elks Magazine. All statements for annual dues shall be on the official form prepared by the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary (See Appendix XI).

The amended section would read as follows:

Section 14.300. All annual dues shall be uniform as to each and every Member and paid at least semiannually in advance of April 1st and October 1st. A Member may at his election pay one year's dues in advance as of April 1st in any year. A Lodge by proper amendment to its By-Laws may require the payment of dues yearly in advance of April 1st in any year. **A Lodge may, in its By-Laws, offer a special couple's dues to married Members provided they reside at the same address. Each Member is still responsible for their Grand Lodge and State Association assessments.** The annual dues shall be fixed by the By-Laws at a specified dollar amount. In addition thereto each Member shall pay the following: a) all Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments; b) State Association dues. By-Laws relating to annual dues shall not be subject to amendment unless the amendment be effective as of April 1st following the adoption of such amendment. All statements for dues, sent out by the Lodge, shall include thereon the annual subscription fee for The Elks Magazine. All statements for annual dues shall be on the official form prepared by the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary (See Appendix XI).

This Resolution is proposed by Grand Island, Nebraska Lodge No. 604.

Purpose: To allow Lodges to amend their By-Laws to provide for a different rate of dues for married couples residing at the same address.

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 2018-3

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.040 TO THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The current section 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 amended section 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 Board of Directors (or a Board of Trustees if required by State Law) of a corporation formed under Section 16.020 or** 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.

This Resolution is proposed by Klamath Falls, Oregon Lodge No. 1247.

Purpose: To allow incorporated Lodges with a Board of Directors or Board of Trustees if required by State Law to assign the duty to manage the club to the Board of Directors as the governing body.

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 2018-4

PROPOSAL TO ADD A NEW SECTION 12.180 AND AMEND SECTION 12.050 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The new section shall read as follows:

Section 12.180. Any Member whose term of service has expired in either an elected or appointed position within a Lodge, and any Lodge employee upon completion of his employment, within 14 days of the expiration of the term for which they were elected or appointed, or of their termination from employment, shall return to the Lodge Secretary originals and copies of all records, materials, other information and any personal property of the Lodge in their possession which were obtained in connection with the performance of their duties.

The new subsection to Section 12.050 shall read as follows:

Section 12.050. The Secretary of the Lodge shall:

(a) Collect all records, materials, other information and personal property of the Lodge as described in Section 12.180.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

PURPOSE: To ensure the return of all records and other materials by Lodge Officers and employees upon completion of their service to the Lodge.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-5

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.030 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER

The current section reads (in relevant part) as follows:

A separate corporation, trust, or other related legal entity shall be subject to and comply with the provisions of Section 16.050 in all matters applicable thereto and the Laws of the Order

The proposed amendment would add the following Section and read as follows:

A separate corporation, trust, or other related legal entity shall be subject to and comply with the provisions of Sections **1.165, 16.011, 16.030, and** 16.050 in all matters applicable thereto and the Laws of the Order **and the formative and governing documents of such an entity shall require such compliance, regardless of when formed.**

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify that Lodge related entities under the statute are required to comply with specific and general Laws of the Order.

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 2018-6

PPOPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.050 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER AND TO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH:

The proposed new paragraph would read as follows:

. . .

Projects approved under the provisions of this Section shall be commenced within one year after the date of the permit and shall be completed within one year after commencement, unless the time is extended upon application to the Board of Grand Trustees. If not commenced and completed within the time limits and no extension application has been made, a new application must be submitted by the Lodge.

In the event that a Lodge experiences a sudden emergency that requires immediate action in order to protect the integrity of the physical premises of its property or of property owned by a separate corporation formed pursuant to Grand Lodge Statute 16.030, the Lodge shall be permitted to contract for services, purchase furnishings, fixtures and equipment, other than equipment required for normal maintenance, shall be permitted to incur or refinance a debt involving mortgage of real property or the sale of debentures, bonds or other certificates of indebtedness, and shall be permitted to borrow money for the protection or restoration of the subject property without first obtaining a permit from the Board of Grand Trustees, but upon first obtaining written approval of the State Sponsor in the State in which the Lodge is located. In this instance, the Lodge must make application for a permit from the Board of Grand Trustees as soon as practicable.

A State Association, whether incorporated or not, must obtain a permit from the Board of Grand Trustees upon their undertaking any of the transactions listed in paragraphs (a) through (i) of this Section.

. . .

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To allow Lodges to address sudden emergencies without getting prior Grand Trustee permission.

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 2018-7

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 1.210 AND 8.040 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above Sections now read (in relevant part) as follows:

Section 1.210. Local Forum Box: A container prepared by the Trustees and Secretary of a Lodge in each June and December holding on slips of paper the names of Members in good standing. The names of all Members in Lodges of 200 or less and at least 200 names in Lodges with over 200 Members shall be in the container.

Section 8.040. At the next regular meeting after the filing of a complaint a Local Forum shall be appointed in the following manner:

(a) Under the order of "New Business," the Local Forum Box *(see Section 1.210)* shall be opened by the Exalted Ruler as custodian of the key, and the Lodge Secretary shall draw therefrom twenty-five slips of paper each listing the name of a Member in good standing. The Secretary shall record the names so drawn in the minutes of the meeting, numbering them consecutively.

Officers of the Lodge and members of the managing body of the club, and other Members unable to serve for good reason shall be excused from service on the Local Forum, in which case the Secretary shall draw additional names from the Box until sufficient names are drawn and numbered as specified above. . . .

(g) If, after all challenges filed and excuses allowed, an insufficient number of names remain from which to appoint the Local Forum, ten additional names shall be drawn. The Accused and Accuser may at that meeting each challenge three of the ten members. Unchallenged members shall then be subject to appointment in the order in which their names were drawn.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 1.210. Local Forum Box: A container prepared by the Trustees and Secretary of a Lodge in each June and December holding on slips of paper the names of Members in good standing. The names of all Members in Lodges of 200 or less and at least 200 names in Lodges with over 200 Members shall be in the container. **In the alternative, the Secretary, while being observed by a Trustee, shall obtain a Drawing Roster from the CLMS application.**

Section 8.040. At the next regular meeting after the filing of a complaint a Local Forum shall be appointed in the following manner:

(a) Under the order of "New Business," the Local Forum Box (*see Section 1.210*) shall be opened by the Exalted Ruler as custodian of the key, and the Lodge Secretary shall draw therefrom twenty-five slips of paper each listing the name of a Member in good standing **or in the alternative select the first twenty-five names from the Drawing Roster obtained from CLMS.** The Secretary shall record the names so drawn **or selected** in the minutes of the meeting, numbering them consecutively. Officers of the Lodge and members of the managing body of the club, and other Members unable to serve for good reason shall be excused from service on the Local Forum, in which case the Secretary shall draw additional names from the Box until sufficient names are drawn and numbered as specified above. . .

(g) If, after all challenges filed and excuses allowed, an insufficient number of names remain from which to appoint the Local Forum, ten additional names shall be drawn **or selected from the same Drawing Roster in the order in which they are listed.** The Accused and Accuser may at that meeting each challenge three of the ten members. Unchallenged members shall then be subject to appointment in the order in which their names were drawn.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To give Lodges the option to select Local Forum members using CLMS.

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 2018-8

PROPOSAL TO ADD A NEW SECTION 9.400 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The proposed new Section would read as follows:

Section 9.400. For the purpose of any civil action brought by Members, Lodges or State Associations, by accepting membership into the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, and by accepting the benefits derived from such membership, such party specifically waives the right to challenge the force and effect of any Grand Lodge Statute, including without limitation Sections 9.170, 16.030 and 16.050.

For the purpose of any civil action brought by any Member, Lodge or State Association challenging the effect of an Executive Order, such Executive Order shall be presumed correct and may only be challenged on the grounds for an abuse of discretion, which grounds must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

In any action brought by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America against any Member, Lodge, or State Association, such Member, Lodge or State Association waives all claims and counter-claims of set-off, and further agrees that in any such action, upon entry of judgment in favor of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, the offending Member, Lodge or State Association shall be responsible for reimbursement of all costs and reasonable attorney's fees incurred.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To protect the assets of the Members and the Order from frivolous lawsuits.

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 2018-9

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 14.030 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

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

Section 14.030.

...
Lodges may by By-Law, designate certain meeting nights, for the purpose of initiation if there are one or more regular meeting nights in each month. If the candidate fails to appear for initiation, without good cause within four months from the date of his election, his right to initiation shall be forfeited, and the Lodge shall not return any portion of the amount deposited by him. Lodges may initiate candidates at a regular meeting or special meeting.

...
The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 14.030.

...
Lodges may by By-Law, designate certain meeting nights, for the purpose of initiation if there are one or more regular meeting nights in each month. If the candidate fails to appear for initiation, without good cause within four months from the date of his election, his right to initiation shall be forfeited, and the Lodge shall not return any portion of the amount deposited by him. Lodges may initiate candidates at a regular meeting or special meeting **or at a special service.**

An initiation conducted as a special service called for that sole purpose may be attended by non-Members as guests of Members or of the candidate(s).

...
This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To allow initiations to be held in a special service where non-Members can attend as guests.

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 2018-10

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.030 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above section reads as follows:

Section 16.030. The Lodge may, if it chooses, form a separate corporation for any club, home real property or other facility owned by the Lodge. Membership in the corporation shall at all times consist of the elective officers (including Trustees) of the Lodge, together with four (4) additional persons who are Members of the Lodge. These four additional Members shall be elected by the remaining Corporate Members and shall be members for one year periods.

All corporate powers shall be exercised by a Board of Directors, to be seven (7) in number, who shall be corporate members, and who shall serve for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualify.

The Corporate Officers shall be elected from the Board of Directors and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The President and Secretary shall not hold more than one office in the corporation.

The books and records of such corporation shall at all times be subject to inspection by the Grand Lodge of the Order.

It shall be the duty of the corporation to present to the Lodge for approval, not later than the final regular Lodge meeting in April, a separate and comprehensive budget for the proposed operation of the corporation. The corporation shall also submit a monthly written report to the Lodge showing the financial condition of the corporation and the condition of the budget relating to the same.

Upon dissolution of a separate corporation, trust, or other related legal entity, all property owned, held or controlled by it shall be transferred and distributed by its Board of Directors to the Lodge or other non-profit organization, fund, corporation or trust forming a part of or controlled by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

No Articles of Incorporation, trust agreement, formative documents, or By-Laws or any amendment thereto of a separate corporation, trust, or other related legal entity shall take effect unless submitted to and approved by the Committee on Judiciary.

A separate corporation, trust, or other related legal entity shall be subject to and comply with the provisions of Section 16.050 in all matters applicable thereto and the Laws of the Order.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 16.030. The Lodge may, if it chooses, form a separate corporation for any club, home real property or other facility owned by the Lodge. **If allowed by State law,** Membership in the corporation shall at all times consist of the elective officers (including Trustees) of the Lodge, together with four (4) additional persons who are

Members of the Lodge. These four additional Members shall be elected by the remaining Corporate Members and shall be members for one year periods. **If the issuance of stock is required by State law, the separate corporation shall issue one (1) share of stock, which shall be issued to the Lodge. Upon issuance, the stock certificate shall be delivered to the Lodge Secretary.**

All corporate powers shall be exercised by a Board of Directors, to be seven (7) in number, who shall be corporate members, and who shall serve for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualify.

The Corporate Officers shall be elected from the Board of Directors and shall consist of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected annually by the Board of Directors. The President and Secretary shall not hold more than one office in the corporation.

The books and records of such corporation shall at all times be subject to inspection by the Grand Lodge of the Order.

It shall be the duty of the corporation to present to the Lodge for approval, not later than the final regular Lodge meeting in April, a separate and comprehensive budget for the proposed operation of the corporation. The corporation shall also submit a monthly written report to the Lodge showing the financial condition of the corporation and the condition of the budget relating to the same.

Upon dissolution of a separate corporation, trust, or other related legal entity **which consists of member(s) as opposed to a stockholder(s)**, all property owned, held or controlled by it shall be transferred and distributed by its Board of Directors to the Lodge or other non-profit organization, fund, corporation or trust forming a part of or controlled by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

No Articles of Incorporation, trust agreement, formative documents, or By-Laws or any amendment thereto of a separate corporation, trust, or other related legal entity shall take effect unless submitted to and approved by the Committee on Judiciary.

A separate corporation, trust, or other related legal entity shall be subject to and comply with the provisions of Section 16.050 in all matters applicable thereto and the Laws of the Order.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

PURPOSE: To allow for separate corporations to have the Lodge as a stockholder when required by State law.

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

RESOLUTION 2018-11

PROPOSAL TO ADD SECTIONS 11.200, 11.210, 11.220, 11.230, 11.240, 11.250, 11.260 AND 11.270 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The proposed new Sections would read as follows:

Section 11.200. In order for Elks in good standing of a dissolved Lodge to affiliate with a different Lodge and remain on the active rolls during their transition, there is hereby chartered a "Virtual Lodge." This will end the current process resulting in Members of a dissolved Lodge being automatically dropped from the rolls on March 31st.

Section 11.210. Upon dissolution or revocation of a Lodge Charter, the members of said Lodge shall automatically become Members of this Virtual Lodge. The Member may at any time request a Transfer Dimit in order to affiliate with any Lodge of the Order.

Section 11.220. Annual membership in the Virtual Lodge may be renewed by the Member for a period not to exceed eighteen (18) months, unless extended by Executive Order issued by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Section 11.230. Virtual Lodge Members shall pay annual dues as may be set by the Board of Grand Trustees. In addition, each Virtual Lodge Member shall pay, on or before April 1 of each year, the following: a) all Grand Lodge per capita fees and assessments; b) State Association dues of the State of their former Lodge. The Virtual Lodge Member shall pay dues electronically or by other means as may be prescribed by the Board of Grand Trustees.

Section 11.240. The Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary of the Virtual Lodge.

Section 11.250. Virtual Lodge Members shall be termed an Elk and so long as they are in good standing have all the rights of a visiting Elk.

Section 11.260. In the event Local Forum charges are initiated against a Virtual Lodge Member, said Member shall be treated as an unaffiliated Member of the Lodge initiating such charges.

Section 11.270. Any club disciplinary proceedings initiated against a Virtual Lodge Member shall be governed by the procedures set forth in Section 16.041. Any discipline imposed under that Section shall be applicable to and enforced by all Lodges of the Order.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To charter a Virtual Lodge for Members whose Lodge has lost its Charter and to allow them to retain their membership status.

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 2018-12

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 9.170 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

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

Section 9.170. Upon the final adjudication by the Courts of the Order, the revocation or suspension of a Dispensation or Charter, or the surrender of a Charter under the Laws of the Order shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its Members. Property of the Lodge necessary to conduct the ceremonies prescribed by the Ritual, and its Dispensation or Charter, membership lists, books, papers, jewels, emblems, regalia and effects, must be surrendered on demand by the person or persons having custody thereof to the Grand Lodge, its agent or Trustees. Any Officer or Member, having custody of property, who shall refuse or fail to surrender same on demand, shall be expelled from the Order.

. . .

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 9.170. Upon the final adjudication by the Courts of the Order, the revocation or suspension of a Dispensation or Charter, or the surrender of a Charter under the Laws of the Order shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its Members. **All property and assets of a Local Lodge, real and personal, are held in trust and are subject to the provisions of this Section, regardless of when the Lodge was organized.** Property of the Lodge necessary to conduct the ceremonies prescribed by the Ritual, and its Dispensation or Charter, membership lists, books, papers, jewels, emblems, regalia and effects, must be surrendered on demand by the person or persons having custody thereof to the Grand Lodge, its agent or Trustees. Any Officer or Member, having custody of property, who shall refuse or fail to surrender same on demand, shall be expelled from the Order.

. . .

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify that assets of all Lodges are held in trust for the benefit of the Order.

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 2018-13

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 4.440 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

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

Section 4.440. Every Committee of the Grand Lodge has authority and power to request such papers, other articles and to require cooperation of Members as may be necessary in connection with any subject under its jurisdiction.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 4.440. Every State Sponsor, Committee of the Grand Lodge and District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler shall have ~~has~~ the authority and power to request and receive such copies of all books, records, papers, data and other articles and to require cooperation of the Members as may be necessary in connection with any subject under ~~its~~ their jurisdiction.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify that State Sponsors and District Deputies are entitled to copies of Lodge and State Association records.

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 2018-14

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 14.180 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

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

Section 14.180. An unaffiliated Member whose name has been stricken from the Rolls of Membership for nonpayment of dues, may on his application, if made within sixty (60) days thereafter, be reinstated as a Member in good standing in the Lodge upon majority vote thereof at the next regular meeting and payment of delinquent and current dues. . . .

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 14.180. An unaffiliated Member whose name has been stricken from the Rolls of Membership for nonpayment of dues, ~~may on~~ shall upon his application, if made within sixty (60) days thereafter, be reinstated as a Member in good standing in the Lodge upon ~~majority vote thereof at the next regular meeting and~~ payment of delinquent and current dues. . . .

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To provide that a Member dropped for nonpayment of dues can reinstate within 60 days without Lodge vote.

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 2018-15

PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.050 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

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

. . .

(1) The proposal read on the floor of the Lodge was mailed to each Member of the Lodge at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the regular or special meeting at which it will be voted upon, and

. . .

The proposed Amendment will read as follows:

. . .

(1) The proposal read on the floor of the Lodge, **together with a Notice setting forth the date, time and location of the regular or special meeting at which the proposal will be voted upon,** was mailed to each Member of the Lodge at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the **scheduled meeting.** ~~regular or special meeting at which it will be voted upon, and~~

. . .

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify the obligation to include the date, time and location of the meeting at which the proposal shall be voted on in the Notice mailed to the Members.

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

