

PROPOSED **LODGE & STATE ASSOCIATION** RESOLUTIONS FOR THE  
2019 GRAND LODGE SESSION IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI AS OF APRIL 15, 2019

**Resolution 2019-XX:**    PROPOSAL TO ADD SECTION 4.490 TO 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 Massachusetts Elks Association*

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**Resolution 2019-XX:**    PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 12.080 TO THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The current Section reads as follows:

.....for that purpose.

He shall remain at his station until the close of all meetings. He shall assume charge of all jewels, regalia and other like Lodge property and see that they are in proper condition for all meetings of the Lodge. He shall furnish all necessary paraphernalia by order of the presiding Officer, have charge of the keys to Lodge doors, and see that all Lodge property is safely stored before leaving the Lodge room.

He shall perform other.....

The amended Section would read as follows:

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He shall remain at his station until the close of all meetings. He shall assume charge of all jewels, regalia and other like Lodge property, **make sure that no jewels or regalia are worn outside the Lodge room (except during special ceremonies)**, and see that they are in proper condition for all meetings of the Lodge. He shall furnish all necessary paraphernalia by order of the presiding Officer, have charge of the keys to Lodge doors, and see that all Lodge property is safely stored before leaving the Lodge **room**.

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*This Resolution is proposed by the Fullerton, California Lodge No. 1993*

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**Resolution 2019-XX:**    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

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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:**

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

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**Resolution 2019-XX:    PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.020 TO THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:**

**The current section reads as follows:**

**Section 16.020.** A Lodge may incorporate under the laws of the state .....(down to paragraph 6)

The Officers and Committees of all Lodges, whether incorporated or not, shall be designated by the same names or titles and shall possess the same functions and powers, as now obtain, or as may from time to time be provided by the Grand Lodge. The Chief or Presiding Officer of such corporation shall be the Exalted Ruler of the Lodge and shall be designated as such in the corporation and all other Officers of the corporation shall be the respective Officers of the Lodge and shall be known by their respective Lodge titles. All Lodge Members in good standing shall be members of the corporation. An incorporated Lodge may make provision for a Board of Directors which shall be designated in accordance with the requirements of the corporation laws of the State or Territory in which such Lodge is situated and which shall be composed of the four Chair Officers of the Lodge and the Trustees, and which shall be vested with the powers and duties conferred upon the Board of Trustees by the Laws of the Order, including, but not limited to, Section 12.070.

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*This Resolution is proposed by Slidell, Louisiana Lodge No. 2321*

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**Resolution 2019-XX:    PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.090 TO THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:**

**The current section 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.

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*This Resolution is proposed by John Day, Oregon Lodge No. 1824*

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