

PROPOSED LODGE RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2017 GRAND LODGE SESSION IN RENO, NEVADA

Resolution 2017-XX: PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 2.010 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above listed section reads in pertinent part as follows:

Section 2.010. Only the rituals prepared by the Ritualistic Committee of the Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Lodge shall be used in opening and closing a Lodge meeting, initiation of candidates, installation of Lodge Officers and institution of a new Lodge. Local Lodges may, through their By-Laws, adopt alternative rituals approved by the Grand Lodge for the opening and closing of the Lodge and initiation of candidates.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 2.010. Only the rituals prepared by the Ritualistic Committee of the Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Lodge shall be used in opening and closing a Lodge meeting, initiation of candidates, installation of Lodge Officers and institution of a new Lodge. Local Lodges may, through their By-Laws, adopt alternative rituals approved by the Grand Lodge for the opening and closing of the Lodge ~~and initiation of candidates.~~

(The passing of this amendment shall delete from the Ritual of Local Lodges (#511500), in its entirety, the section entitled "Shortened Initiation".)

This Resolution is proposed by the Merced, California Lodge No. 1240

Resolution 2017-XX: PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 15.070 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above section reads in pertinent part as follows:

Section 15.070. Lodges shall meet in regular session at least twice a month, but may meet 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 proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 15.070. Lodges shall meet in regular session at least once a month, twice a month, but may meet 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.

This Resolution is proposed by the Manchester, New Hampshire Lodge No. 146.

(Note: The following amendment proposals to Sections 3.080 and 3.090 are contingent on the passing of Section 15.070 above. Thus, if Section 15.070 is adopted then Sections 3.080 and 3.090 are automatically accepted.)

Resolution 2017-XX: PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 3.080 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above section reads in pertinent 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.....

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 1st day of January if meetings are held monthly, or after the 1st day of February

This Resolution is proposed by the Manchester, New Hampshire Lodge No. 146.

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Resolution 2017-XX: PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 3.090 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above section reads in pertinent 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 regular 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 the Manchester, New Hampshire Lodge No. 146.

Resolution 2017-XX: PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.020 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above section reads in pertinent part as follows:

Section 16.020. A Lodge may incorporate under the laws of the state or territory wherein it is located. The Articles of Incorporation must be approved by the Committee on Judiciary prior to filing with the state authority.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 16.020. ~~A Lodge may~~ All Lodges shall incorporate under the laws of the state or territory wherein it is located. The Articles of Incorporation must be approved by the Committee on Judiciary prior to filing with the state authority.

This Resolution is proposed by the Manchester, New Hampshire Lodge No. 146.

Resolution 2017-XX: PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.090 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER:

The above section reads in pertinent part 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, 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 a Lodge meeting. The Lodge meeting shall be held in an area so that the activities in other areas shall ~~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 the San Mateo, California Lodge No. 1112.