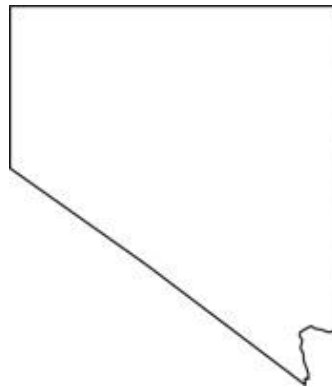


153rd GRAND LODGE SESSION



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 in 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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- 2017-09** To allow a Lodge to waive the dues, initiation fees or reinstatement fees of any Applicant or Member who is serving on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States under any circumstances, or who has separated from active duty within the preceding twenty-four months under certain conditions.
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- 2017-12** To remove the requirement of a Lodge to keep a visitors' register. A Lodge may still keep a visitors' register if they so choose or if required by law.
- 2017-13** To codify the requirement that the Lodge Treasurer notify the governing body of the Lodge of an excess of unappropriated cash in his possession.
- 2017-14** To allow the Lodge Treasurer to pay bills via electronic fund transfer or by debit card, and to increase the amount of funds the Treasurer can maintain in a Club checking account.

- 2017-15** To potentially extend the reach of Local Forum subpoenas to Members residing outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge.
- 2017-16** To clarify that the provisions of this Section only apply to organizations defined in paragraph three of Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the Order. (For reference purposes paragraph three of Article III, Section 18 refers to groups such as recreational vehicle groups or motorcycle groups.)
- 2017-17** To require a Lodge to give advance notice to the Grand Secretary of the intent to send an alternate representative to the Grand Lodge Session.
- 2017-18** To prohibit the possession or consumption of alcohol at any Lodge meeting.
- 2017-19** To revise or delete certain sections of the Laws of the Order necessary and required as a result of the sale of the Elks National Home in 2014.

RESOLUTION 2017-01

Proposal to amend Section 2.010 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant 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.~~

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

Purpose: The purpose of this amendment is to remove the option of the shortened initiation from the Grand Lodge Statutes.

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 2017-02

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

Section 15.070 now reads (in relevant 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, but may meet twice a month, 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.

Section 3.080 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...

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...

Section 3.090 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 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

Purpose: To allow Lodges the option to amend their By-Laws to provide for only one regularly scheduled Lodge meeting per month.

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 2017-03

Proposal to amend Section 16.020 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads (in relevant 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.

Purpose: To require all Lodges of the Order to incorporate under the laws of the state or territory where they are located.

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 2017-04

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

The above Section now reads (in relevant 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.

Purpose: To allow a Lodge through a By-Law amendment to keep its' Home, Club, Club Rooms and Social Parlors open during Lodge meetings without bar service or sale of liquor.

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 2017-05

Proposal to add Section 4.490 of the Laws of the Order:

The proposed section would 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. Only the long form of the Initiation Ritual shall be exemplified during the official visit of the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler.

This Resolution is proposed by the Massachusetts Elks Association, Inc.

This Resolution is proposed by the Pennsylvania Elks Association

Purpose: To require the current Officers of the Lodge to perform the long form of 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 2017-06

Proposal to amend Section 13.021(c) of the Laws of the Order:

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

Section 13.021. The Activities Committee shall be charged with the following:
(c) Preparing, supervising, and conducting programs for the youth of the community, and implementing all youth programs of the Lodge, the State Association, and the Grand Lodge.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 13.021. The Activities Committee shall be charged with the following:
(c) ~~Preparing, supervising, and conducting~~ **Promoting, supporting and overseeing** programs for the youth of the community, **such as The Antlers of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**, and implementing all youth programs of the Lodge, the State Association, and the Grand Lodge.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To recognize that the Antlers Program is under the jurisdiction of a Lodge's Activities Committee.

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 2017-07

Proposal to amend Section 16.041 of the Laws of the Order by adding the following paragraph to the end of said Section:

Any suspension imposed under this Section by a Member's home Lodge shall be applicable to and enforced by all Lodges of the Order, subject to the rights of appeal of the Member suspended as set forth herein. The Lodge Secretary shall make a notation of the suspension on the suspended Member's membership card. Upon the expiration of the suspension the Lodge Secretary shall issue to the Member a new membership card without reference to the suspension.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify that a Club suspension by a Member's home Lodge shall apply to all Lodges 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 2017-08

Proposal to amend Section 9.170 of the Laws of the Order:

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

Upon such final adjudication, the Grand Exalted Ruler may appoint three Trustees to receive, hold, conserve, manage, or sell the Lodge property, retaining the proceeds therefrom, until such time as said Lodge may be reinstated or a new Charter granted in the same community. If the Lodge is reinstated or a new Charter is granted for a Lodge or Lodges with jurisdiction including a portion of the same jurisdiction of the former Lodge, said Trustee, upon order of the Grand Exalted Ruler, shall transfer and deliver the title to all assets of the Lodge to the Lodge so reinstated or to the new Lodge or Lodges to which a Charter or Charters have been granted, in such proportions as determined by a majority of the Board of Grand Trustees with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, and the three Trustees shall execute and deliver any and all necessary and proper deeds and instruments with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler endorsed thereon to vest full and complete title in the Lodge entitled thereto.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Upon such final adjudication, the Grand Exalted Ruler may appoint three Trustees **who shall be authorized and empowered to take all necessary actions and execute all required instruments** to receive, hold, conserve, manage, **sell or encumber, mortgage, borrow against** ~~or sell~~ the Lodge property, **as they may deem necessary,** retaining the proceeds therefrom, until such time as said Lodge may be reinstated or a new Charter granted in the same community.

If the Lodge is reinstated or a new Charter is granted for a Lodge or Lodges with jurisdiction including a portion of the same jurisdiction of the former Lodge, said Trustees, upon order of the Grand Exalted Ruler, shall transfer and deliver the title to all assets of the Lodge to the Lodge so reinstated or to the new Lodge or Lodges to which a Charter or Charters have been granted, in such proportions as determined by a majority of the Board of Grand Trustees with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler, and the three Trustees shall execute and deliver any and all necessary and proper deeds and instruments with the approval of the Grand Exalted Ruler endorsed thereon to vest full and complete title in the Lodge entitled thereto.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify the authority of the appointed Trustees to take all necessary actions with regard to the property of a defunct Lodge.

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 2017-09

Proposal to amend Section 14.310 of the Laws of the Order:

The above Section now reads as follows:

Section 14.310. A Lodge may, in its By-Laws, provide for the remission of the dues of any Member who is sick or in distress, and may remit the dues of a Member who is serving in a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States during a period of war in which the United States is engaged, or during a period when service is made compulsory by Act of Congress of the United States, or during a period of national emergency proclaimed by the President of the United States.

A Lodge may, in its By-Laws, provide for the waiver of the initiation fee and dues of any applicant who is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria stated in the preceding paragraph, and the Lodge may thereafter remit dues for those who continue to qualify under the preceding paragraph.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 14.310. A Lodge may, ~~in its By-Laws,~~ provide **in its By-Laws** for the remission **waiver** of the **Lodge** dues of any Member who is sick or in distress, and may **further provide for the** remit **waiver of** the dues, **initiation fees or reinstatement fees** of a **any Applicant or** Member who is serving **as a member on active duty** in a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States, **or who has separated from active duty during the preceding twenty-four months by virtue of retirement or the receipt of either an Honorable Discharge or a General Discharge Under Honorable Conditions.** ~~during a period of war in which the United States is engaged, or during a period when service is made compulsory by Act of Congress of the United States, or during a period of national emergency proclaimed by the President of the United States.~~

~~A Lodge may, in its By-Laws, provide for the waiver of the initiation fee and dues of any applicant who is a member of the Armed Forces on active duty and who meets the criteria stated in the preceding paragraph, and the Lodge may thereafter remit dues for those who continue to qualify under the preceding paragraph.~~

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To allow a Lodge to waive the dues, initiation fees or reinstatement fees of any Applicant or Member who is serving on active duty in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States under any circumstances, or who has separated from active duty within the preceding twenty-four months under certain conditions.

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 2017-10

Proposal to amend Sections 16.050 (l) and (m) of the Laws of the Order:

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

Section 16.050 (l) 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 meeting at which it will be voted upon, and

(m) That at the regular meeting the proposal was adopted by at least a favorable vote from two-thirds of the Members present.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 16.050 (l) 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

(m) That at the regular **or special meeting** the proposal was adopted by at least a favorable vote from two-thirds of the Members present.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To allow Lodges to vote on those matters covered by Section 16.050 at a properly noticed special Lodge meeting.

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 2017-11

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

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

Section 15.070The Grand Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy may grant a dispensation to omit a regular meeting except during the month of February.....

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 15.070 ...The Grand Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy may grant a dispensation to omit or reschedule a regular meeting except during the month of February. **A regular meeting may be rescheduled upon five days' notice to all Members of the Lodge.**

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To allow a Lodge to reschedule a regular Lodge meeting upon receiving a dispensation from the Grand Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy, and upon proper notice to all Lodge 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.

RESOLUTION 2017-12

Proposal to amend Section 16.110 (a) of the Laws of the Order:

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

Section 16.110. Every Lodge shall have a seal, and shall keep the following records which shall be in the care and custody of the Secretary:

(a) A visitors' register. ...

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 16.110. Every Lodge shall have a seal, and shall keep the following records which shall be in the care and custody of the Secretary:

~~(a) A visitors' register...~~

The remaining subsections shall be re-lettered accordingly, e.g., former subsection (b) shall become (a); and former subsection (c) shall become (b) ...

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To remove the requirement of a Lodge to keep a visitors' register. A Lodge may still keep a visitors' register if they so choose or if required by law.

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 2017-13

Proposal to add Section 12.060 (h) to the Laws of the Order:

The proposed Section would read as follows:

12.060 (h) Notify the Board of Trustees (or Board of Directors as may be applicable) when the unappropriated cash in his possession exceeds such amount as shall be set forth in the Lodge By-Laws.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To codify the requirement that the Lodge Treasurer notify the governing body of the Lodge of an excess of unappropriated cash in his possession.

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 2017-14

Proposal to amend Sections 12.060 (b) and (f) of the Laws of the Order:

The above Sections now read (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 without obtaining Lodge prior approval. The Payment shall be reported at the next Lodge meeting.

(f) Sign all checks unless the By-Laws also provide for a member of the Board of Trustees (or Board of Directors as may be applicable) or a chair officer designated by the Treasurer and approved by the Lodge to sign. The Trustee or designated officer shall give bond in the same amount as required of the Treasurer. A Lodge may authorize the Treasurer to establish and replenish a checking account, not to exceed \$2,000.00, for the sole purpose of paying for Club supplies and inventory. With the approval of the supervising and managing body of the Club, the Treasurer may authorize another Officer or the Club Manager to be a signer on this account only. Should the By-Laws require more than one signature, the additional signatories shall not be permitted to be an immediate family member of the first signatory.

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 without obtaining Lodge prior approval. The Payment shall be reported at the next Lodge meeting. **The Lodge Treasurer shall be the only Member of the Lodge authorized to make "electronic fund transfers" or payments by debit card to vendors for the payment of any bills referenced herein.**

(f) Sign all checks unless the By-Laws also provide for a member of the Board of Trustees (or Board of Directors as may be applicable) or a chair officer designated by the Treasurer and approved by the Lodge to sign. The Trustee or designated officer shall give bond in the same amount as required of the Treasurer. A Lodge may authorize the Treasurer to establish and replenish a checking account, not to exceed **\$5,000.00**, for the sole purpose of paying for Club supplies and inventory. With the approval of the supervising and managing body of the Club, the Treasurer may authorize another Officer or the Club Manager to be a signer on this account only. Should the By-Laws require more than one signature, the additional signatories shall not be permitted to be an immediate family member of the first signatory.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To allow the Lodge Treasurer to pay bills via electronic fund transfer or by debit card, and to increase the amount of funds the Treasurer can maintain in a Club checking account.

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 2017-15

Proposal to amend Section 8.090 of the Laws of the Order:

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

.....The Presiding Justice shall have the power to issue subpoenas and other process to compel attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence. Either party shall be entitled to subpoenas to compel attendance at the trial of any witnesses residing within the jurisdiction of the Lodge. Subpoenas must be issued by the Presiding Justice and shall be personally served upon a witness. Any Member not a party to the case may serve a subpoena. Willful disobedience by a Member of any order or process issued by the Presiding Justice or Local Forum shall constitute a contempt of the Local Forum punishable, at the discretion of the Local Forum, by a suspension for not more than three months.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

.....The Presiding Justice shall have the power to issue subpoenas and other process to compel attendance of witnesses and the production of evidence. Either party shall be entitled to subpoenas to compel attendance at the trial of any witnesses residing within **a 50-mile radius of the Lodge or within its' jurisdiction, whichever is greater.** ~~the jurisdiction of the Lodge.~~ Subpoenas must be issued by the Presiding Justice and shall be personally served upon a witness. Any Member not a party to the case may serve a subpoena. Willful disobedience by a Member of any order or process issued by the Presiding Justice or Local Forum shall constitute a contempt of the Local Forum punishable, at the discretion of the Local Forum, by a suspension for not more than three months.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To potentially extend the reach of Local Forum subpoenas to Members residing outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

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 2017-16

Proposal to amend Section 13.200 of the Laws of the Order:

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

Section 13.200. Organizations recognized by a Lodge pursuant to Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the Order, shall comply with the following: ...

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 13.200. Organizations recognized by a Lodge pursuant to Article III, Section 18, **paragraph three** of the Constitution of the Order, shall comply with the following:..

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To clarify that the provisions of this Section only apply to organizations defined in paragraph three of Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of the Order. (For reference Paragraph three of Article III, Section 18 refers to groups such as recreational vehicle groups or motorcycle groups.)

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 2017-17

Proposal to amend Section 12.120 of the Laws of the Order:

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

Section 12.120. The representative to the Grand Lodge shall attend the Annual Session thereof and submit a report to the Lodge not later than the first regular meeting in October. The Lodge shall pay its representative not less than the amount provided for transportation and per diem while necessarily engaged in travel and for each day actually spent in attendance at the Session, as provided in Section 4.240.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 12.120. The representative to the Grand Lodge shall attend the Annual Session thereof and submit a report to the Lodge not later than the first regular meeting in October. The Lodge shall pay its representative not less than the amount provided for transportation and per diem while necessarily engaged in travel and for each day actually spent in attendance at the Session, as provided in Section 4.240. **A Lodge shall give at least 15 days' notice to the Grand Secretary of its intent to send an alternate representative to the Grand Lodge Session.**

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To require a Lodge to give advance notice to the Grand Secretary of the intent to send an alternate representative to the Grand Lodge Session.

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 2017-18

Proposal to add Section 15.090 to the Laws of the Order:

The proposed Section would read as follows:

The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at any regular or special meeting of a Lodge or at any statutorily required Special Services held within the Lodge is prohibited.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To prohibit the possession or consumption of alcohol at any Lodge meeting or statutorily required Special Services.

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 2017-19

Proposal to amend Chapter 5, Sections 5.010, 5.020, 5.030 and 5.090 and Chapter 6, Sections 6.010, 6.020, 6.040, 6.060, 6.070, 6.080, 6.090 and 6.100 of the Laws of the Order all of which relate to the "Elks National Home." These amendments are necessary and required as a result of the sale of the Elks National Home in 2014.

Section 5.010 (c) now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

(c) Revenue of the Elks National Home.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

(c) Revenue of the ~~Elks National Home~~ **Elks National Home corporation.**

Section 5.020 (b) now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

(b) National Home Fund

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

(b) National Home Fund **Elks National Home corporation fund**

Section 5.030 now reads (in relevant part) as follows:

Section 5.030. The General Fund shall include all the monies of the Order, except the Emergency Charity Fund, National Home Fund, National Memorial and Publication Fund...

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 5.030. The General Fund shall include all the monies of the Order, except the Emergency Charity Fund, ~~National Home Fund,~~ **Elks National Home corporation fund,** National Memorial and Publication Fund...

Section 5.090 now reads as follows:

Section 5.090. The Board of Grand Trustees shall at each Grand Lodge Session present resolutions, to set aside revolving funds for the use of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, the Board of Grand Trustees, the maintenance of the Elks National Home and the use of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, so that authorized payments may be made without delay.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 5.090. The Board of Grand Trustees shall at each Grand Lodge Session present resolutions, to set aside revolving funds for the use of the Grand Exalted Ruler, the Grand Secretary, the Board of Grand Trustees, ~~the maintenance of the Elks National Home and the~~ use of the Elks National Foundation Trustees, so that authorized payments may be made without delay.

The title of Chapter 6 currently reads:

**— CHAPTER 6 —
ELKS NATIONAL HOME**

The proposed amendment to the title of Chapter 6 would read as follows:

**- CHAPTER 6 -
ELKS NATIONAL HOME CORPORATION**

Section 6.010 now reads as follows:

Section 6.010. Subject to Section 6.100, the Elks National Home & Retirement Center shall be owned and operated by a separate non-stock, non-profit Virginia Corporation to be organized by the Board of Grand Trustees, who are authorized to prepare and file articles of incorporation in a form consistent with applicable Federal and State laws. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America shall be the sole member of the Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the duly elected and installed Grand Trustees of the Order, who shall have authority to act in all corporate matters to the full extent allowed by applicable laws. All assets and liabilities shown on the most recently audited financial statements and Form 990 of the Elks National Home, with changes in the ordinary course of business to the date of incorporation, shall be transferred to and vested in the Corporation.

The Board of Directors shall have supervision and control of the Elks National Home, engage a resident Executive Director and other necessary employees, fix their compensation and adopt rules and regulations for its management, which shall be issued in pamphlet form. It shall designate one of its members as the Home Member to exercise immediate supervision thereof and he shall visit the Home at least once every ninety (90) days and report all actions on his part to the Board for its ratification. The Executive Director before entering upon the discharge of his duties shall furnish a surety bond approved by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

The proposed amendment would read as follows:

Section 6.010. ~~Subject to Section 6.100, the Elks National Home & Retirement Center shall be owned and operated by a separate non-stock, non-profit Virginia Corporation to be organized by the Board of Grand Trustees, who are authorized to prepare and file articles of incorporation in a form consistent with applicable Federal and State laws. The Benevolent and~~

~~Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America shall be the sole member of the Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall consist of the duly elected and installed Grand Trustees of the Order, who shall have authority to act in all corporate matters to the full extent allowed by applicable laws. All assets and liabilities shown on the most recently audited financial statements and Form 990 of the Elks National Home, with changes in the ordinary course of business to the date of incorporation, shall be transferred to and vested in the Corporation.~~

~~The Board of Directors shall have supervision and control of the Elks National Home, engage a resident Executive Director and other necessary employees, fix their compensation and adopt rules and regulations for its management, which shall be issued in pamphlet form. It shall designate one of its members as the Home Member to exercise immediate supervision thereof and he shall visit the Home at least once every ninety (90) days and report all actions on his part to the Board for its ratification. The Executive Director before entering upon the discharge of his duties shall furnish a surety bond approved by the Chairman of the Board of Directors.~~
An Elks National Home corporation has been established as a separate non-stock, non-profit Virginia Corporation, with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America being its sole member.

The assets of the Corporation and all corporate matters are managed and controlled by a Board of Directors which shall consist of the duly elected and installed Grand Trustees of the Order. The Board of Directors shall have authority to act in all corporate matters to the full extent allowed by applicable laws.

NOTE: Sections 6.020 through 6.100, all of which refer to the operation of the Elks National Home, are hereby repealed and shall be deleted in their entirety.

This Resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

Purpose: To revise or delete certain sections of the Laws of the Order necessary and required as a result of the sale of the Elks National Home in 2014.

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