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(e) **Restoration in Jurisdiction of Residence.** A Noble who is a permanent resident in the jurisdiction of a temple other than the temple from which he was suspended for nonpayment of dues may petition for membership in such temple upon such terms and conditions as may be authorized by such temple. To be eligible for restoration he must have been suspended for the nonpayment of dues for a period of not less than two years. It shall be the responsibility of the temple being petitioned for restoration to verify the status of the petitioner in the prerequisite body and that the suspension was solely for the nonpayment of dues.

Amend. 2002

§ 323.12 **Honorary Membership.**

(a) **Conferring.** Honorary membership may be conferred by a temple upon any Noble, as a compliment, by a majority vote, but this membership confers no rights or privileges.

(b) **Annual Cards.** The issuance of annual membership cards to honorary members is prohibited.

ARTICLE 24

Temple Meetings & Ceremonials

§ 324.1 **Stated Meetings.**

(a) **Frequency.** Every temple must hold a stated meeting at least once in each calendar quarter. The Imperial Potentate may grant a special dispensation to change the date of any stated meeting.

(b) **Annual Meeting Date and Location.** The first stated meeting of each calendar year must be held in January at the location of the temple and it is the annual meeting. The Imperial Potentate may grant a special dispensation to change the location of the annual meeting.

Amend. 2015

(c) **Other Stated Meetings.**

(1) Not more than two stated meetings of the temple during a calendar year may be held elsewhere than the location of the temple but within the exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction of the temple. If the stated meeting is to be held in concurrent jurisdiction, and the temple is not located therein, then a written consent therefor must be secured from all other temples in the concurrent jurisdiction. The Imperial Potentate may grant a special dispensation to allow more than two stated meetings of the temple during a calendar year to be held elsewhere than the location of the temple but within the exclusive or concurrent jurisdiction of the temple.

Amend. 2018

(2) The specific nature of the business to be transacted at a stated meeting held elsewhere than at the location of the temple must be set forth in the notice of the meeting.

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(3) No action may be taken on any resolution to change the location of the temple, amend the temple bylaws, amend the temple budget, increase temple dues, or pass an assessment except at a meeting held at the location of the temple. The Imperial Potentate may grant a special dispensation to a temple to take action on any or all of these restricted resolutions at a stated, special or annual meeting held elsewhere than at the location of the temple.

Amend. 1979, 2019

(d) The Imperial Potentate may grant a special dispensation for a temple to allow participation in any stated, special or annual meeting electronically.

Add. 2015

§ 324.2 Ceremonial Sessions.

(a) **When.** Ceremonial sessions may be called by the potentate at any time.

(b) **Where.**

(1) A temple may open, elect candidates and initiate them at any place within its exclusive jurisdiction, but no other business may be transacted at that ceremonial session unless it is held at the location of the temple.

(2) Where 2 or more temples hold concurrent jurisdiction over territory, all ceremonial sessions must be held at the location of the temple; but upon request of a temple accompanied by written consent of the other temples holding concurrent jurisdiction, the Imperial Potentate may grant a dispensation to hold a ceremonial session at any place requested in the concurrent jurisdiction.

(3) A temple may hold a ceremonial session in states, territories or countries where no temple exists, provided it obtains a special dispensation from the Imperial Potentate.

(4) A temple may hold a ceremonial session within the jurisdiction of another temple upon written request and provided it obtains the written consent of the temples affected within whose jurisdiction such ceremonial session is to be held.

§ 324.3 **Special Meetings.** Special meetings may be called by the Potentate at any time, but notice must be given to each member stating the business to be considered and no other business than that specified in the call may be transacted. Except, however, the Potentate may, at a stated meeting of the temple, issue a call for a future special meeting for the single purpose of receiving and balloting on candidate petitions, without any further notification to the temple members.

Amend. 1987

§ 324.4 **Sunday Meetings.** A temple may not hold a business meeting or ceremonial session on Sunday, except upon special dispensation of the Imperial Potentate for good and sufficient cause.

Amend. 1989