

GEMS OF NEVADA BYLAWS

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this club shall be "Gems of Nevada."

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of this club shall be:

- 1. To support Sister Barbara Ann K. Holmes in her journey to the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron; to raise funds to support the cost of the 2033 Triennial Assembly and Orientation.
- 2. To promote favorable recognition of Nevada's members in Nevada, in other Grand Jurisdictions, and in General Grand Chapter.
- 3. To host a Nevada Event during each Triennium for Sister Barbara Ann K. Holmes, our Elected General Grand Chapter Officer.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Eligibility

Any member of Eastern Star in good standing in any Subordinate Chapter under General Grand Chapter, or any person interested in supporting the efforts of Gems of Nevada, is eligible to become a member of this Club with a one-time donation of \$20 for pin OR \$40 for Bolo.

Section 2. Membership Identification

A new member joining between October 1, 2022 and March 31, 2023 shall be designated as a Charter Member. Each Charter Member will receive a charter membership card. Membership cards will not be issued to new members after March 31, 2023.

Section 3. Application Forms

Membership applications may be obtained from any officer of the Club or on the Gems of Nevada website.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. Executive Officers

The Executive Officers of this Club shall be a President, Vice-President/Marketing Officer, Secretary, Treasurer, and Historian/Social Media Officer. The initial officers for the 2021 - 2024 Triennium will be chosen by Sister Barbara Ann K. Holmes, RWAGC, after which the officers will be selected by the Gems of Nevada President in conjunction with Sister Barbara Ann K. Holmes.

Section 2. Vacancy

If the Office of President should become vacant, the Vice-President/ Marketing Officer shall become President. All other vacancies shall be filled as noted in Article IV, Section 1.

ARTICLE V

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President

The President shall have a general supervision over all the Club's affairs and shall preside at all Club meetings. The President of the Club shall have the power to call special meetings of the Club when two members of the

Executive Committee concur on the need. The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee and such other committees as may be necessary and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

Section 2. Vice-President/Marketing Officer

The Vice-President/Marketing Officer, in the absence of the President, shall preside at Club meetings. The Vice-President/Marketing Officer shall assist the President by performing such duties as may be designated by the President. The Vice-President/Marketing Officer shall determine the sales and marketing of merchandise sold or events held to support the income and programs of Gems of Nevada. She/he will oversee all sales and aid in the design of marketing and promotional materials. The Vice-President/Marketing Officer shall succeed to the office of President in the event of a vacancy in that office.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep proper record of the Club meetings, maintain a file of Club membership, and issue Charter Membership Cards.

She/he will design membership cards, applications, and other related forms needed to conduct the business of Gems of Nevada. She/he will have responsibility for distributing Gems of Nevada communications to members and other interested parties.

She/he will have responsibility for maintaining records of merchandise inventory and delivering/mailing merchandise as necessary.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive the monies belonging to Gems of Nevada and deposit them in a reputable financial institution. Whenever possible, the monies shall be kept in an interest-bearing account. The Treasurer shall disburse funds in accordance with the approved procedures. She/he shall present summarized reports at each Executive meeting and a full report annually.

Section 5. Historian/Social Media Officer

The Historian/Social Media Officer shall have responsibility for recording and maintaining Gems of Nevada events and activities. She/he shall have full responsibility for the Gems of Nevada branding, webpage, and all social media accounts.

ARTICLE VI

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings

The Executive Committee will meet regularly to conduct and review all necessary club business. Semi-annual reports of club business shall be made to the membership, and other interested parties, in the months of January and June of each year.

Section 2. Special Meetings

The President may call special meetings when two members of the Executive Committee concur on the need for the meeting. Only the business for which the meeting was called may be acted upon at the special meeting.

ARTICLE VII

COMMITTEES

Section 1. Auditing Committee

The President shall appoint three individuals, excluding Executive Committee members, to serve as an Auditing Committee to audit the records of the Secretary and Treasurer in September of each year. The committee will submit a full report to the President who shall include it with the January semi-annual report.

Section 2. Executive Committee

The Gems of Nevada Executive Committee shall transact such business as

may be necessary for the best interests of the Club. A synopsis of such actions shall be included in the overview report which will be provided semi-annually.

Section 3. Other Committees

The President may appoint various committees to oversee special events or projects. Each committee will provide a report summarizing the work of the committee to be included in the January semi-annual report.

ARTICLE VIII

FUNDS

Section 1. In the event Sister Barbie Holmes is unable, for any reason, to continue her journey to the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and after all bills have been paid, all remaining funds in the Gems of Nevada account will be deposited/disbursed as decided by Gems of Nevada members.

Section 2. Following the conclusion of the 2033 Triennial Assembly, and after all bills have been paid, any remaining funds will be disbursed as decided by Gems of Nevada members with input from Sister Barbara Ann K. Holmes.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws of "Gems of Nevada" may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the charter members by mail ballot.

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Den Sampson	
Helen Sampson, President	

Kristi Hedges, Vice-President/Marketing Officer

Date approved: May 20, 2023

Nevada is the place to be in 2033!