

# 157th GRAND LODGE SESSION



**RESOLUTIONS**  
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## **BALLOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

Tuesday, as you enter the Sessions Hall, there will be specially designated lines 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 outside the main entrance of 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

**Resolution 2022-01:** To add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors.

**Resolution 2022-02:** To reduce the burden of storage of hundreds of years of physical paperwork by allowing for digital storage of documents. To increase longevity of information by minimizing risk of loss of information due to disaster or accident. To eliminate the need to store membership-related paperwork and information already available in CLMS, and allow for digital storage of membership-related paperwork that pre-dates CLMS implementation.

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**Resolution 2022-11:** The purpose of this amendment is to authorize electronic submittal of forms in the permitting process.

**RESOLUTION 2022-01:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.020 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER, WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**The current section reads 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.

A proposal to incorporate a Lodge shall be made in writing and filed with the Lodge Secretary. At the first Lodge meeting after the receipt of the proposal the Exalted Ruler shall fix a date for a vote on the proposal which is not less than two (2) nor more than eight (8) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall mail a notice of the proposal to each Member at his last known address. The notice shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which the vote is to be taken. A majority vote of those attending will bind the Lodge unless the Statutes of that State require a different number in which event the State law shall govern.

Whenever a Lodge shall incorporate, the voluntary association shall merge into the corporation.

When a Lodge votes to incorporate it shall pass a resolution authorizing and directing the proper Officers of the Lodge to convey all of its property, real and personal, held in trust or otherwise, to the new corporation and the passage of the resolution shall be a condition precedent to its incorporation.

It is the purpose and intent hereof to enable any Lodge by incorporating to own and operate its Home, embracing both Lodge and Club, without altering or impairing in any manner the character of the Lodge as set forth from time to time by the Grand Lodge.

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.

The incorporation of a Lodge shall not alter or change the fact that the Lodge shall be governed and controlled by the Members thereof, whether shareholders or not, in contradistinction to the usual method of incorporation ownership and control by its stockholders or shareholders.

The names of the elective Officers of the Lodge may be used and employed as petitioners in procuring such Charter.

The kinds and amount of stock, or other securities to be issued, shall depend upon the requirements and exigencies of each individual corporation, and the local laws and conditions governing the same, all subject to the Laws of the Order and the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary.

The name and style of said corporation shall include the full name of the particular Lodge so incorporating, to-wit: "\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America."

This Section is not obligatory upon Lodges where the incorporation laws of the state irreconcilably conflict herewith, nor shall this Section be construed to require the reincorporation of Lodges incorporated prior to 1914.

**The proposed amendment would read 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.

A proposal to incorporate a Lodge shall be made in writing and filed with the Lodge Secretary. At the first Lodge meeting after the receipt of the proposal the Exalted Ruler shall fix a date for a vote on the proposal which is not less than two (2) nor more than eight (8) weeks thereafter. The Secretary shall mail a notice of the proposal to each Member at his last known address. The notice shall be mailed at least ten (10) days prior to the date on which the vote is to be taken. A majority vote of those attending will bind the Lodge unless the Statutes of that State require a different number in which event the State law shall govern.

Whenever a Lodge shall incorporate, the voluntary association shall merge into the corporation.

When a Lodge votes to incorporate it shall pass a resolution authorizing and directing the proper Officers of the Lodge to convey all of its property, real and personal, held in trust or otherwise, to the new corporation and the passage of the resolution shall be a condition precedent to its incorporation.

It is the purpose and intent hereof to enable any Lodge by incorporating to own and operate its Home, embracing both Lodge and Club, without altering or impairing in any manner the character of the Lodge as set forth from time to time by the Grand Lodge.

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, the Secretary, the Treasurer 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.

The incorporation of a Lodge shall not alter or change the fact that the Lodge shall be governed and controlled by the Members thereof, whether shareholders or not, in contradistinction to the usual method of incorporation ownership and control by its stockholders or shareholders.

The names of the elective Officers of the Lodge may be used and employed as petitioners in procuring such Charter.

The kinds and amount of stock, or other securities to be issued, shall depend upon the requirements and exigencies of each individual corporation, and the local laws and conditions governing the same, all subject to the Laws of the Order and the approval of the Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary.

The name and style of said corporation shall include the full name of the particular Lodge so incorporating, to-wit: " \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America."

This Section is not obligatory upon Lodges where the incorporation laws of the state irreconcilably conflict herewith, nor shall this Section be construed to require the reincorporation of Lodges incorporated prior to 1914.

**This Resolution is proposed by Alexandria, Minnesota Lodge No. 1685.**

**Purpose:** To add the Secretary and Treasurer to the Board of Directors.

**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 2022-02:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.110 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER, WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**The current section reads 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.
- (b) A book of By-Laws, with the signatures of each Member, containing all amendments, with the date of same, and the approval of the Committee on Judiciary.
- (c) A book of the minutes or proceedings of the Lodge.
- (d) A record containing the name of each Member, his birthplace, occupation, residence, the date of his initiation or affiliation, and also the date of the termination or suspension of his membership, with the cause therefor.
- (e) A record of expulsions, suspensions and rejections.
- (f) Records necessary to present clearly the receipts and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and general financial and other transactions of the Lodge.

Lodges may use the official emblems upon Lodge stationery, special Life Membership cards, window decorations, murals, other monuments, and in any other manner strictly connected with Lodge purposes.

The Lodge shall maintain a copy of the Constitution and Laws of the Order furnished by the Grand Secretary and furnish each new Member a copy thereof.

The seal of the Lodge shall be impressed or imprinted upon receipts for dues and upon all official documents as required.

**The proposed amendment would read as follows:**

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- (a) A visitors' register.
- (b) A book of By-Laws, with the signatures of each Member, containing all amendments, with the date of same, and the approval of the Committee on Judiciary.
- (c) A ~~book~~ **physical or digital record** of the minutes or proceedings of the Lodge.

- (d) A **physical or digital** record **pre-dating CLMS**, containing the name of each Member, his birthplace, occupation, residence, the date of his initiation or affiliation, and also the date of the termination or suspension of his membership, with the cause therefor.
- (e) A **physical or digital** record of expulsions, suspensions and rejections **not in CLMS**.
- (f) Records necessary to present clearly the receipts and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer, and general financial and other transactions of the Lodge.

Lodges may use the official emblems upon Lodge stationery, special Life Membership cards, window decorations, murals, other monuments, and in any other manner strictly connected with Lodge purposes.

The Lodge shall maintain a copy of the Constitution and Laws of the Order furnished by the Grand Secretary and furnish each new Member a copy thereof.

The seal of the Lodge shall be impressed or imprinted upon receipts for dues and upon all official documents as required.

**This Resolution is proposed by Bremerton, Washington Lodge No. 1181.**

**Purpose:** To reduce the burden of storage of hundreds of years of physical paperwork by allowing for digital storage of documents. To increase longevity of information by minimizing risk of loss of information due to disaster or accident. To eliminate the need to store membership-related paperwork and information already available in CLMS, and allow for digital storage of membership-related paperwork that pre-dates CLMS implementation.

**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 2022-03:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 14.260 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER,  
WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS**

**The current section reads as follows:**

**Section 14.260.** By an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, a Member in good standing may be elected to a Life Membership when he has:

- (a) Paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than thirty (30) years preceding his election, and he has attained the age of not less than sixty-five (65);  
or
- (b) Paid in advance an amount at least equal to the greater of six hundred (600) dollars or twenty-five (25) times the annual dues of the Lodge.
- (c) The Exalted Ruler shall set a date for the election which is not later than the third regular meeting after the nomination. All Members shall be sent notice of the election at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the vote shall be taken.
- (d) A rejected nomination shall not be presented again until at least one year after the negative vote.
- (e) Upon transfer, by dimit, a Member holding a Life Membership under this Section, in a Lodge of the Order, may request a transfer of his Life Membership from that Lodge to his Lodge of residence. Such transfer, including the Life Membership, shall be granted if approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of those present at a meeting of the Lodge of residence. Upon approval he shall have all of the rights and privileges of a Member in good standing in the Lodge of residence.
- (f) A Member in good standing who held a Life Membership under this Section in a Lodge whose charter has been revoked or surrendered may request that his new Lodge of residence grant him Life Membership. Such Life Membership may be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present at a meeting of the Member's new Lodge of residence.
- (g) For purposes of calculating years of membership under this section, the first year of membership or any part thereof shall be deemed a full year.

**The proposed amendment would read as follows:**

**Section 14.260.** By an affirmative secret ballot of two-thirds of those present at a regular Lodge meeting, a Member in good standing may be elected to a Life Membership when he has:

- (a) Paid to a Lodge or Lodges required annual dues for a period of not less than thirty (30) years preceding his election, and he has attained the age of not less than sixty-five (65); or

- (b) Paid in advance an amount at least equal to the greater of six hundred (600) dollars or twenty-five (25) times the annual dues of the Lodge.
- (c) The Exalted Ruler shall set a date for the election which is not later than the third regular meeting after the nomination. All Members shall be sent notice of the election at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting at which the vote shall be taken.
- (d) A rejected nomination shall not be presented again until at least one year after the negative vote.
- (e) Upon transfer, by dimit, a Member holding a Life Membership under this Section, in a Lodge of the Order, may request a transfer of his Life Membership from that Lodge to his Lodge of residence. Such transfer, including the Life Membership, shall be granted if approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3rds) of those present at a meeting of the Lodge of residence. Upon approval he shall have all of the rights and privileges of a Member in good standing in the Lodge of residence.
- (f) A Member in good standing who held a Life Membership under this Section in a Lodge whose charter has been revoked or surrendered may request that his new Lodge of residence grant him Life Membership. Such Life Membership may be approved by an affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present at a meeting of the Member's new Lodge of residence.
- (g) For purposes of calculating years of membership under this section, the first year of membership or any part thereof shall be deemed a full year.

**This Resolution is proposed by Titusville, Florida Lodge No. 2113.**

**Purpose:** To eliminate the age requirement in part (a) of Section 14.260.

**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 2022-04:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS OF THE ORDER BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 4.301, WHICH WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**ELKS NATIONAL DRUG AWARENESS COMMISSION**

**Section 4.301. The Elks National Drug Awareness Commission shall be composed of five (5) members, whose term of office shall be five (5) years, and until their respective successors have been appointed and confirmed. The Commission shall have the following powers and duties:**

- (a) To elect its officers and appoint state and national directors.**
- (b) To adopt rules for the conduct of its business.**
- (c) To require bonds from its officers, directors and employees.**
- (d) To pay the expenses of the Commission out of funds under its control provided that no Commission member shall receive any compensation for their services.**
- (e) To keep an accurate account of its receipts and expenditures and to make an annual report in writing to the Grand Lodge of its activities, expenditures, and budget.**
- (f) To incorporate consistent with the Laws of the Order.**
- (g) To employ personnel to effectuate its mission.**
- (h) To receive funds appropriated by the Grand Lodge for the conduct of the program. All such funds in excess of the year's operating budget's designation for such funds shall revert to the Order and be subject to an annual appropriation in accordance with the approved budgeted requirements.**
- (i) To sue and be sued, at law or in equity, upon causes of action arising out of the conduct of its business or in the administration of its affairs.**
- (j) To execute all contracts with respect to its duties.**

**This resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.**

**Purpose:** To create, establish, and codify a new Elks National Drug Awareness Commission, to better support and promote the programs of the Order intended to address the dangers and pervasive problems surrounding drugs, alcohol, and substance abuse, and to keep communities across the United States informed about those risks and dangers.

**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 2022-05:

(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE LAWS OF THE ORDER BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 9.013, WHICH WILL READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 9.013. The Grand Exalted Ruler, by written Executive Order specifying the grounds, may suspend a Member for engaging in Conduct Unbecoming an Elk, or Conduct Injurious to the Order, when such acts are of an egregious nature, such as, but not limited to, acts or threats of physical violence, sexual assault or harassment, theft, malicious destruction of property or conduct involving moral turpitude. If the Grand Exalted Ruler has clear and convincing evidence the conduct is “willful”, the Member may be expelled. If in the opinion of the Grand Exalted Ruler, suspension from Membership or expulsion is not warranted, then the Executive Order may provide for suspension from social privileges in all Lodges or organized Elks’ functions for a period not to exceed three (3) years and/or ineligibility to hold any elected or appointed position in the Order for a period not to exceed three (3) years. The Executive Order shall be served on the Member personally or by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, in a sealed envelope, postage prepaid, addressed to the person upon whom it is to be served at his address of record. Copies of the order shall be furnished to the Lodge Secretary and to the Grand Secretary.

Within ten (10) days of its receipt, the Order may be appealed to the Grand Forum by filing a notice of appeal with the Grand Secretary.

(NOTE: See “Exhibit M” to Forum Rules for Form of Notice of Appeal.)

This resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.

**Purpose:** To provide the Grand Exalted Ruler with the ability to protect Members, guests, and property when a Member acts or threatens to act in an egregious manner.

**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 2022-06:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 14.140 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**The current section reads as follows:**

**Section 14.140.** A Lodge may issue without charge, identification cards for use of its facilities only upon the written request of any Member in good standing to:

- a. A spouse of a Member.
- b. An unremarried widow or widower of a deceased Member.
- c. A child or stepchild, under the age of twenty-one (21), of a Member or deceased Member.

The card shall:

- a. Be signed and sealed by the Lodge Secretary.
- b. Be signed by the holder of the card.
- c. Bear an expiration date the same as the expiration date on the membership card of the Member requesting the card.
- d. Be the same color as membership cards for that year and they may be consecutively numbered.
- e. Be supplied by the Grand Secretary.
- f. Show the name of the Member requesting the card.

**The proposed amendment would read as follows:**

**Section 14.140.** A Lodge may issue ~~without charge,~~ identification cards for use of its facilities only upon the written request of any Member in good standing. **The Lodge shall not charge for issuing identification card(s).**

**1. A card may only be issued to:**

- (a) A spouse of a Member.
- (b) An unremarried widow or widower of a deceased Member.
- (c) A child or stepchild, under the age of twenty-one (21), of a Member or deceased Member.

2. The card shall:

~~(d)~~(a) Be signed and sealed by the Lodge Secretary.

~~(e)~~(b) Be signed by the holder of the card.

~~(f)~~(c) Bear an expiration date the same as the expiration date on the membership card of the Member requesting the card

~~(g)~~(d) Be the same color as membership cards for that year and they may be consecutively numbered.

~~(h)~~(e) Be supplied by the Grand Secretary.

~~(i)~~(f) Show the name of the Member requesting the card.

**This resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment to clarify that there is no charge for the issuance of identification cards.

**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 2022-07:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 9.005 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**The current section reads as follows:**

**Section 9.005.** Any Member, Lodge, State Association, or an officer of any entity formed under the Laws of the Order whose rights are substantially affected by action of the Grand Lodge or any of its agents or designees shall be entitled to fair process as defined by the following provisions: ...

(b) When any Executive Order of the type referenced in Section (a) above is to be issued under emergency circumstances the following procedure shall be followed: ...

4. No later than fifteen (15) days after the post-marked date of the Emergency Executive Order the Respondent shall have the right to provide a written response to the charges set forth in the Emergency Executive Order. The Grand Exalted Ruler, or his designee, shall consider the response, and underlying facts and circumstances before issuing a final Executive Order that shall be issued within five (5) days of receipt of the response.

**The proposed amendment would read as follows:**

**Section 9.005.** Any Member, Lodge, State Association, or an officer of any entity formed under the Laws of the Order whose rights are substantially affected by action of the Grand Lodge or any of its agents or designees shall be entitled to fair process as defined by the following provisions: ...

(b) When any Executive Order of the type referenced in Section (a) above is to be issued under emergency circumstances the following procedure shall be followed: ...

4. No later than fifteen (15) days after the post-marked date of the Emergency Executive Order the Respondent shall have the right to provide a written response to the charges set forth in the Emergency Executive Order. The Grand Exalted Ruler, or his designee, shall consider the response, and underlying facts and circumstances before issuing a final Executive Order that shall be issued within ~~five (5)~~ ten (10) business days of receipt of the response.



**This resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Grand Exalted Ruler has sufficient time to analyze the objections made by a Member, Lodge, or State Association that are subject to an Executive 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 2022-08:**

(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)

**PROPOSAL TO ADD A NEW SECTION 13.181 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER, WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 13.181. Any Committee established pursuant to Section 13.020 or any Subcommittee thereof, whether standing or temporary, may conduct its meetings by electronic means, provided the following requirements are met:**

- 1. Notice, including access information, shall be given in such a manner as is reasonably calculated to inform the Members of the electronic meeting;**
- 2. Sufficient safeguards are put into effect to prevent the private affairs of the Lodge or Committee from being disclosed or disseminated in violation of any Member's Obligation;**
- 3. No more than two consecutive regular meetings are convened by electronic means without a return to an in-person meeting; and**
- 4. The purpose of the meeting can reasonably be accomplished by electronic means.**

**The provisions of this Section do not apply to any meeting where the rights of a Member may be affected.**

**This resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to provide authority for local Lodge Committees and Subcommittees to meet by electronic means.

**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 2022-09:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 15.070 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER, WHICH SHALL READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**The current section reads as follows:**

**Section 15.070.** Lodge By-Laws shall provide for a regular meeting monthly except in February, March and April when a minimum of two regular monthly meetings are required. Lodges may elect to hold more than one regular meeting in any month or months provided the By-Laws designate the specific days and months for all meetings. 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...

**The proposed amendment would read as follows:**

**Section 15.070.** Lodge By-Laws shall provide for a regular meeting monthly except in February, March and April when a minimum of two regular monthly meetings are required. Lodges may elect to hold more than one regular meeting in any month or months provided the By-Laws designate the specific days and months for all meetings. The Grand Exalted Ruler or the District Deputy may grant a dispensation to omit or reschedule a regular meeting or, may upon sufficient showing of a serious threat to the health and safety of its Members, grant permission to hold a meeting by electronic means 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:** The purpose of this amendment is to authorize the Grand Exalted Ruler or District Deputy to allow electronic meetings to protect Members from a serious threat to their health and safety and to ensure the continuation of Lodge business.

**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 2022-10:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 14.190 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER, WHICH WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:**

**The current section reads as follows:**

**Section 14.190.** Except for the non-suspended spouse of a Member, an unaffiliated Member shall not be permitted to visit any Lodge. No unaffiliated Member shall join as an Elk in any public procession or display of the Order; or to display or use any emblem of the Order, nor shall he or she receive relief or burial by a Lodge.

**The proposed amendment would read as follows:**

**Section 14.190.** ~~Except for the non-suspended spouse of a Member, a~~ An unaffiliated Member shall not be permitted to visit any Lodge. ~~No~~ An unaffiliated Member shall not join as an Elk in any public procession or display of the Order, ~~or to~~ display or use any emblem of the Order, nor shall he or she receive relief or burial by a Lodge. An unaffiliated Member, who is the non-suspended spouse of a Member in Good Standing, is permitted to visit a Lodge and attend events sponsored by the Order consistent with the access granted to other non-Member spouses.

**This resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to clarify that an unaffiliated Member, who is the non-suspended spouse of a Member, may visit a Lodge and attend events of the Order in a manner consistent with the status of a spouse who has never been a Member 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 2022-11:**

**(Added language underlined - Deletion ~~stricken~~)**

**PROPOSAL TO AMEND SECTION 16.050 OF THE LAWS OF THE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

**The current section reads as follows:**

**Section 16.050.** A Lodge, whether incorporated or not, or any corporation, club, social parlor or other facility under the control of the Lodge, must obtain a permit from the Board of Grand Trustees before it may:

...

The Board of Grand Trustees shall in no case issue a permit hereunder unless and until it has been furnished satisfactory evidence that:

(k) A written proposal was read on the Lodge floor at least two but not more than eight weeks prior to the scheduled date for a vote of the Lodge on the proposal setting forth the following applicable information:

- I. Purpose of project.
2. Amount to be expended for each purpose enumerated above.
3. Amount of indebtedness to be created.
4. Any property to be mortgaged.
5. Persons to be authorized to act for the Lodge.
6. Amount to be received by the Lodge.

(l) The proposal read on the floor of the Lodge, together with a Notice setting forth the date, time and location of the regular or special meeting at which the proposal will be voted upon, was mailed to each Member of the Lodge at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.

(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.

(n) That the Lodge has met the requirements of Section 12.070.

Copy of the notice sent to the Members shall be mailed at the same time to the Sponsor, the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and the Building Applications Member of the Board of Grand Trustees having jurisdiction thereof.

...

**The proposed amendment would read as follows:**

**Section 16.050.** A Lodge, whether incorporated or not, or any corporation, club, social parlor or other facility under the control of the Lodge, must obtain a permit from the Board of Grand Trustees before it may...

The Board of Grand Trustees shall in no case issue a permit hereunder unless and until it has been furnished satisfactory evidence that:

(k) A written proposal was read on the Lodge floor at least two but not more than eight weeks prior to the scheduled date for a vote of the Lodge on the proposal setting forth the following applicable information:

1. Purpose of project.
2. Amount to be expended for each purpose enumerated above.
3. Amount of indebtedness to be created.
4. Any property to be mortgaged.
5. Persons to be authorized to act for the Lodge.
6. Amount to be received by the Lodge.

(l) The proposal read on the floor of the Lodge, together with a Notice setting forth the date, time and location of the regular or special meeting at which the proposal will be voted upon, was ~~mailed~~ **provided to each Member of the Lodge in accordance with the provisions of section 1.115** at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the scheduled meeting.

(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.

(n) That the Lodge has met the requirements of Section 12.070.

Copy of the notice sent to the Members shall be mailed, **or transmitted by electronic means,** at the same time to the Sponsor, **Special Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (if applicable),** the District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and the Building Applications Member of the Board of Grand Trustees having jurisdiction thereof.

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**This resolution is proposed by the Committee on Judiciary.**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this amendment is to authorize electronic submittal of forms under the statute.

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

