

**FLORIDA DESERT CONFERENCE  
OF  
TEMPLES**

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I  
Name**

SECTION 1: This Conference shall be known as the Florida Desert Conference of Temples, A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.

**ARTICLE II  
Composition**

SECTION 1: This Conference shall be composed of all Temples within the Desert of Florida chartered by the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.

**ARTICLE III  
Meetings**

SECTION 1: This Desert Conference shall meet in each year at such time and place as may be determined by the Conference.

SECTION 2: Special meetings may be called by the Imperial Deputy of the Desert in cases where the welfare of the Desert requires, provided that due notice of the time, place and notice of such meeting is sent by registered mail to the Illustrious Potentate and Recorder of each Temple in the Desert.

SECTION 3: The Desert Conference shall be opened according to usage and customs of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.

**ARTICLE IV  
Quorum**

SECTION 1: The quorum shall be one-third (1/3) of the Temples within the Desert, financial with the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc and the Florida Desert Conference for the transaction of business.

SECTION 2: Any Noble in this Desert, in good standing in his Temple, is a member of the Desert Conference and is entitled to a vote at all sessions in which he is present.

**ARTICLE V**  
**Officers and Duties**

SECTION 1: The Imperial Deputy of the Desert, whose authority and duties are established by the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc., or such other person he may designate, shall preside at all meetings.

SECTION 2: The elected officers of the Florida Desert Conference shall be as follows:

- Desert Chief Rabban
- Desert Assistant Rabban
- Desert High Priest and Prophet
- Desert Oriental Guide
- Desert Treasurer
- Desert Recorder
- Desert First Ceremonial Master
- Desert Second Ceremonial Master
- Desert Captain of the Guard
- Desert Outer Guard

SECTION 3: A committee of three auditors shall also be elected. At the initial election, one will be elected for a three-year term, one for a two-year term and one for a one-year term. Each year thereafter, one auditor will be elected for a three year term.

SECTION 4: The election of Desert officers shall not be interpreted to bestow upon such office holders any new additional rights and privileges in the Imperial Council.

SECTION 5: The appointed officers of this Desert Conference may be:

- Desert Legal Advisor
- Desert Convention Director
- Desert Marshal
- Desert Deputy Marshal
- Desert Commander of Patrols
- Desert Assistant Recorder(s)
- Desert Assistant Treasurer(s)
- Desert Lecturer
- Desert Chaplain
- Desert Chanter of Koran
- All other officers as the Imperial Deputy of the Desert may appoint.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**Election, Voting and Installation of Desert Officers**

**Elections**

SECTION 1: Election of Desert Officers shall be by majority vote.

**Voting**

SECTION 1: The usual method of voting, except as otherwise specified, shall be by show of hands.

**Installation of Officers**

SECTION 1: Installation of officers shall immediately follow election. All officers shall serve one year or until the successor is elected or appointed and installed.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**Authority of the Desert Conference**

SECTION 1: The Desert Conference shall have and exercise such authority as has not been reserved by the Imperial Council and the Imperial Potentate may enact such legislation for its government and regulation as it may deem necessary and as prescribed by the Constitution and General Laws of the Imperial Council.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**Desert Officers Duties**

**Desert Rabbans**

SECTION 1: The Desert Rabbans shall assist the Imperial Deputy of the Desert in the Desert Conference sessions as he may direct, ordinarily by performing the duties pertaining to the respective offices and stations.

**Desert Treasurer**

SECTION 1: The Desert Treasurer shall have charge of all funds and vouchers of the Desert Conference. He shall be bonded in such sum and with such sureties as shall be approved. The Imperial Deputy of the Desert shall be the custodian of his bond.

SECTION 2: The Desert Treasurer keeps funds on deposit at a bank approved by the Imperial Deputy of the Desert, and in such manner as will render the account payable to the order of the Desert of Florida.

SECTION 3: He shall perform all other duties traditionally consistent with his station and office within the Order and shall make a full and complete report of his stewardship at the regular annual session of the Desert Conference.

### **Desert Recorder**

SECTION 1: The Desert Recorder shall attend all regular and special sessions of the Desert Conference and duly record its proceedings.

SECTION 2: He shall receive and accurately account for and promptly pay or deliver over to the Desert Treasurer, all funds and property of the Desert Conference received by him, from whatever source, taking his receipt for the same.

SECTION 3: He shall not pay over any money or deliver property of the Desert Conference to the Desert Treasurer, until notified by the Imperial Deputy of the Desert that the Treasurer-elect had given the approved bond required.

SECTION 4: He shall perform such other duties as are traditionally consistent with his station and office within the Order, and he shall give bond in such sum and sureties, as the Conference shall establish.

## **ARTICLE IX Duties of other Desert Officers**

SECTION 1: All other Desert Officers shall perform such duties as are traditionally consistent with their station and office within the Order, and such other duties as may be assigned by the Imperial Deputy of the Desert.

## **ARTICLE X Order of Business**

SECTION 1: After the opening of the Desert Conference, the order of business shall be as follows:

- Calling the roll of Officers
- Calling the roll of Temples
- Determination of Quorum
- Reading of the Minutes
- Appointment of Committees
- Report of Imperial Deputy of the Desert
- Report of Treasurer
- Report of Recorder
- Report of Auditors
- Reports of Committees
- Unfinished Business

- New Business
- Election and Installations of Officers
- Selection of time and place of next Desert Conference
- Adjournment

SECTION 2: This Order of business may, at any time, be suspended or changed by majority vote.

SECTION 3: At special sessions, the order of business shall be such as the Imperial Deputy of the Desert may direct.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **Desert Divan**

SECTION 1: The Divan of the Desert shall consist of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert, elected officers of the Desert, the Desert Legal Advisor, Desert Convention Director, Imperial Organizer and Imperial Advisor, all of whom shall be the Board of Directors of the Florida Desert of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.

SECTION 2: The Desert Divan shall meet at such time and place, as may be determined by the Imperial Deputy of the Desert.

SECTION 3: Due notice of meetings of the Desert Divan shall be given to members.

SECTION 4: A majority of the Desert Divan shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and all questions shall be decided by majority of all members present.

SECTION 5: An accurate written record of all Desert Divan meetings shall be kept by the Desert Recorder or such other person to whom such duty is assigned by the presiding officer.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **Duties-Authority-Limitations**

SECTION 1: The interim business between sessions of the Desert Conference shall be performed and transacted by the Desert Divan, provided that the Desert Divan shall not enter into any transactions which will obligate the Desert Conference without its prior approval or the approval of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc., or the Imperial Potentate.

SECTION 2: The Desert Divan shall report to and make recommendations to the Desert Conference, whatever it may deem conducive to the welfare and good of the Nobility; particularly those matters relating to the business, the budget and financial affairs of the Desert Conference.

SECTION 3: The Desert Recorder shall make and transmit a report of each meeting of the Desert Divan to each Temple, with thirty (30) days following such meeting.

SECTION 4: The members of the Desert Divan shall receive such reimbursement for expenses incurred in attendance of meetings as may be fixed from time to time by action of the Desert Conference in regular session.

### **ARTICLE XIII** **Standing Committees**

SECTION 1: The standing committees of the Desert shall be:

- Convention
- Registration
- Auditing
- Budgeting
- Imperial Deputy Address
- Desert Marshal
- Publicity and Promotion
- Recreation/Fashion
- Necrology
- Ways and Means
- Desert Photographer
- Desert Web Page
- Desert Clown Unit
- Evaluation
- Legion of Honor
- Desert Patrol
- Group Supervision
- Desert Youth
- Foreign Correspondence
- Transportation/Motorized Unit
- Time and Place
- Workshop
- Creation
- Security
- Rules of the Day
- Desert History
- Resolutions

SECTION 2: The Standing Committees shall be appointed immediately after the installation of officers at the regular annual session. The duties of these committees shall be consistent with their traditional function within the Order.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
**Compensation**

SECTION 1: All officers of the Desert shall serve without pay and/or shall receive only such stipend and reimbursement of expenses as may be fixed from time to time by the Desert conference in regular session.

**ARTICLE XV**  
**Dues**

SECTION 1: The Desert tax of \$20 per Noble are established. The Desert tax will be paid by the Temple for all Nobles on the roll on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

**ARTICLE XVI**  
**Desert Rule of Order**

SECTION 1: The rules of order for the regular annual session of the Desert Conference shall be as follows:

- The roll of Officers and Temples shall be called at the opening of each day's meeting of the annual session and no business shall be transacted, unless a quorum is present.
- All resolutions shall be submitted in writing before there shall be any debate upon them. All matters in the Desert Conference are to be decided by vote, each member having one vote only, unless the question is taken by ballot. The Imperial Deputy of the desert shall be entitled to one vote on all questions and may also give the deciding vote whenever there shall be any equal division, except when the vote is by ballot.
- Each member shall vote on all questions except when he is personally interested, unless specially excused by the Imperial Deputy of the desert.
- No member shall speak more than twice on the same question, unless in explanation, without the permission of the Imperial Deputy of the Desert.
- Each member who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Imperial Deputy of the Desert. No member shall presume to interrupt a speaker, except on the point of order.
- When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to commit, amend or lay on the table.
- A motion to amend, until decided, shall preclude all other amendments of the main question.
- Any member may call for a division of the question when the same will permit it.

- No motion, which totally changes the subject matter on which the original motion was intended to operate, shall be admitted under the color of an amendment, or as a substitute for the motion under debate.
- No member, except one voting in the majority that decided upon the question, shall be allowed to move for reconsideration.
- After a motion is stated by the Imperial Deputy of the Desert, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the Desert Conference, and may not be withdrawn by the mover at any time before decision or amendment.
- There shall be no debate upon any question, after the Imperial Deputy of the Desert puts it.

## **ARTICLE XVII**

### **Effective Date**

SECTION 1: This Constitution and Bylaws shall become effective upon approval of the several Temples in the desert and the A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.

## **ARTICLE XVIII**

### **Amendments**

SECTION 1: Any proposed amendments to the Florida Desert Conference Bylaws shall be submitted to the Deputy of the Desert, in writing, 60 days prior to the Annual Desert Conference.

SECTION 2: The proposed amendments to these Uniform constitution and Bylaws shall be submitted in writing to the Imperial Recorder to be forwarded to the Imperial Legal advisor for approval/disapproval by the Imperial Council.