

MID-ATLANTIC SHRINE ASSOCIATION OF PROVOST GUARD

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Preamble

The object of this organization shall be to provide Good Fellowship, Democracy, Cooperation and Good Clean Fun among its membership and Nobility, and the exchange of ideas that might be beneficial to the member organizations. The Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association of Provost Guards will provide Provost and Security Services at all Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association Conventions. This shall include:

1. Establishment and maintenance of a Provost Control Center to be manned 24 hours per day for the duration of the convention.

NOTE: At the mid-year business meeting held in Baltimore, Maryland on May 11, 1969, the By-Laws Committee recommended that this section be changed to state the Provost Control Room shall be open at the discretion of the Host Temple.

2. Maintenance of Liaison between the Nobility of the M.A.S.A. and local Police, and Provosts of M.A.S.A. Temples on problems developing in their individual billet areas.
3. Performance of such duties and tasks as requested by the President of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association.

None of the provisions herein contained shall be construed as in any manner abridging or conflicting with the Constitution, By-laws or Edicts of the Imperial Council now existing or hereafter enacted.

ARTICLE #1 – Name

This organization shall be known as the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association of Provost Guards, hereinafter referred to as the Association.

ARTICLE #2 – Membership

Section 1 The Provost Guard or similar organizations of all Temples that are members of the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2 The voting power of the Association shall be vested in a body composed of three (3) Representatives from each member Guard, said Representative to be the Chief and two additional Nobles to be appointed by their respective Guard. All elective officers of the Association shall be Representatives-at-large with all the rights and privileges, and all Past Chiefs of the Association shall be Representatives AD Vitam with all the rights and privileges.

Section 3 In order to maintain active membership, all Guards shall report to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association within thirty (30) days any changes in officer personnel and shall supply the addresses of the new officers.

ARTICLE #3 – Dues

Section 1 The dues of each member Guard shall be a per-capita Tax of \$2.00 levied against each active member of the individual Guard annually. All dues paid by Guards joining the Association after the annual M.A.S.A. Convention shall be credited to the next year. Dues are payable by April 1st of each year to the Secretary-Treasurer, with new members being reported and their dues paid within thirty (30) days of their acceptance; failure to do so will result in the delinquent Guard being dropped from membership in the M.A.S.A.P.G. All Past Chiefs will be granted life membership.

Section 2 Seventy-five percent (75%) of the dues collected shall be available to the Guard which acts as host member Guards at the Annual Meeting. If circumstances warrant expenditures of funds in excess of 75% reserve, application must be made to the Secretary-Treasurer and approval must be granted by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. A financial statement of the expenditures by the host Guard shall be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association within ninety (90) days following the annual meeting and all monies not expended for the purpose of which it was granted shall be returned to the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE #4 – Officers

Section 1 The officers of the Association shall be as follows:

- A – Chief (with the rank of Colonel)
- B – Deputy Chief (with the rank of Major)
- C – Captain
- D – 1st Lieutenant
- E – 2nd Lieutenant
- F – Sergeant
- G – Secretary-Treasurer
- H – Chaplain – Appointive

The Secretary-Treasurer and Chaplain are to be appointed by the incoming Chief from his home Guard.

Section 2 The title of the chief executive shall be Chief. The rank of Chief shall be that of a Colonel. The insignia of this rank shall be presented to the incoming Chief upon his installation to the office by the retiring Chief.

Section 3 Each officer shall be elected by a majority vote of Representatives Present, by nomination from the floor. No two elective offices are to be filled concurrently by Nobles from the same Guard. Any Noble holding an elective office in the Association

shall have passed through the chairs, or have severed his connection with the Association before another Noble from the same Guard shall be elected to office. Each officer elected shall serve one year, or until his successor is elected and installed.

Section 4 The Executive Committee of this Association shall consist of the Elective Officers as outlined in Section 1 of Article 4, and the Chief of the Provost Guard of each member Temple.

Section 5 No individual member shall hold more than one elective office in the Association at any one time. If an elective office is vacated due to the death or resignation of officer for personal reason, the member Temple of that elected officer shall select another individual from within its ranks to fill the vacated position subject to the approval of the member Provost Guard units.

If an elective office is vacated because a member Provost Guard unit drops its membership in the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association of Provost Guards, all elective officers shall advance to the next elective office, and the vacant elective office shall be filled by a member of the Provost Guard unit next in line for an elective office subject to the approval of the member Provost Guard units.

Section 6 Insignia and Plaques suitably inscribed are to be provided and presented to all Past Chiefs of the Association.

Section 7 All incoming Colonels shall be presented with their official fez by the Provost Guard upon installation in office. The fez shall be worn with dignity and pride.

ARTICLE #5 – Meetings

Section 1 The Association shall meet annually at such times and places as shall have been determined by the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association.

Section 2 Special meetings may be called by the Chief in a centrally located place or when requested by fifty percent (50%) of the member Guards of the Association. Such special meetings shall have a representation from a majority of Guard units of the member Temples.

Section 3 A majority of the Temple Guards represented shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 4 No representative shall cast more than one (1) vote, and must be present at the meeting to do so.

Section 5 The annual Spring Meeting shall be held at the discretion of the Chief (Colonel) in cooperation with the Deputy Chief. At this spring meeting the installation of the following officers for the ensuing year will be held, with the appropriate ceremonies at a time and place suitable to the Chief Elect: Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, 1st Lieutenant, 2nd Lieutenant, Sergeant.

ARTICLE #6 – Officer’s Duties

- Section 1 The Chief is the Executive Officer. He shall preside over all stated and special meetings.
- Section 2 When in his judgment the good of the Association requires it, the Chief shall have the power to call special meetings, specify the Business to be laid before each meeting. Three (3) weeks notice prior to the date of the meeting shall be sent to each member guard.
- Section 3 The Chief may do all such other acts and perform such other duties not inconsistent with this Constitution as in his judgment the interests of the Association require.
- Section 4 The Chief shall administer all functions of the Association, and shall appoint such committees as deemed necessary.
- Section 5 In the absence of the Chief of the Association, the Deputy Chief shall with full power assume the responsibilities and discharge the duties of the Chief. This assumption of the Chief’s responsibilities and duties shall be at the discretion and follow the guidelines established by the Chief of 50% or more of the member Guards.
- Section 6 The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep a correct record of proceedings of all business meetings of the Association and of the executive Committee. He shall conduct all correspondence for the Association and collect dues from the members. All monies are to be deposited in a National Bank or Trust Company in the name of the Association. He shall pay all orders authorized to be drawn on him, such orders to be signed by him and the Chief. He shall have all books, papers and accounts at each annual meeting and shall make an annual report of his accounts as to receipts and disbursements. He shall perform such other duties appertaining to his office as required.
- Section 7 It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to provide, with the use of the Association funds, the Colonel’s insignia for presentation to the incoming Chief and a Plaque for presentation to the retiring Chief. The plaque shall be suitably inscribed with the retiring Chief’s name and term of office, and state that he is accorded the permanent rank of Colonel in the Association.
- Section 8 No office of this Association as specified in Section 1 of Article #4 shall be permitted to continue in line unless he attends at least one (1) meeting of this Association each year while going through the line. Said meeting shall consist of either the Spring Business Meeting Called by the Chief or regular Annual Meeting held during the Convention.

ARTICLE #7 – Amendments

- Section 1 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Representatives present and voting.
- Section 2 The entire section to be amended must be fully written out exactly as it is to be read at the meeting, with the proposed amendment incorporated therein.
- Section 3 Proposed amendments shall be signed by the submitting members and filed with the Secretary-Treasurer sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association. The Secretary-Treasurer shall furnish a copy of all proposed amendments to each member Guard thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE #8 – Adoption

This Constitution and By-Laws shall become effective upon adoption.
Adopted 1973 Annual Meeting – Atlantic City, NJ

AMENDMENTS

- Article #6 Amended 1977 Annual Meeting – Cherry Hill, NJ
- Article #5 Amended 1979 Annual Meeting – Dewey Beach, DE
- Article #4 Amended 1981 Annual Meeting – Virginia Beach, VA
- Article #3 Amended 1983 Annual Meeting – Wildwood, NJ

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