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Shrine Club Criteria

The guidelines for the establishment of Shrine Clubs are created in order that Temples over the domain of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. would have uniformity in procedures.

The concept of Shrine Clubs is to fill the void for those Nobles who live a great distance from their temple, meetings, projects, programs and other activities and to make available to those Nobles, the necessary information to keep them well informed about the happenings in their temple.

Therefore, a Shrine Club serves not only as a clearing house for good communication between the temple and nobles but also serve as a community action hub and public relations vehicle for the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc.

Purpose:

- To serve as an instrument for good communication between the Temple and Nobles and to project the positive image of the Mystic Shrine within the communities that they live.
- To have programs, charity projects, and activities in their own communities that will give nobles a better opportunity to participate.

Aims:

- To assist local Temples to retain Nobles by reducing dropouts and suspensions of members residing distances from the Temple.
- To provide a viable means of keeping these Nobles informed on activities within their Temple when possible.
- To work in conjunction with local Temple and provide assistance to check on Nobles living distances from the Temple that does not attend meetings on a regular basis.
- To encourage the establishing of Charitable Programs in communities that will allow Nobles an opportunity to participate in activities as Shriners that are beneficial to the Temple and project a true image of the Mystic Shrine.
Guidelines for Establishing a Shrine Club

1. All Shrine Clubs are subordinate to and serve as an auxiliary of a Shrine Temple of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc. and are under its direction and supervision.

2. Their purposes and objectives must be beneficial to the Temple and the Imperial Council.

3. The minimum number necessary to establish a Shrine Club shall be 10 Nobles who must be in good and regular standings in one Temple of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc.

4. The membership of a Shrine Club may be composed of members of a particular Shrine Temple or members from other Shrine Temples (A temple may have multiple Shrine Clubs).

5. Any member of the Shrine Club in good financial standing with the Shrine Club and their Temple is eligible to be elected as an officer of the Shrine Club.

6. The members of an individual Shrine Club must reside within one geographical area, wherein boundary lines have been set by the Temple or where all members of the club works for the same company or at the same place, i.e. United states Postal Service or General Motors Corp., or in one particular service or industry; or all reside within the confines of one Town, Village or Suburb that is within the Oasis of the Temple.

7. Three (3) copies of the 'Letter of Request for Authorization to Establish a Shrine Club, along with the written approval of the Temple, duly executed and signed by the Illustrious Potentate and Recorder of the Temple, with the Seal of the Temple Affixed thereon, must be filed with the office of the Imperial Chairman of Shrine Clubs. These are to be mailed to the Chairman of Shrine Clubs at the address below:

   A.E.A.O.N.M.S.
   Attn: Chairman of Shrine Clubs
   2239 Democrat Rd
   MEMPHIS, TN 38132-1802

8. Shrine Clubs must be named and styled as follows:

   ________________________________ Shrine Club Of
   ________________________________ Temple No.
   A.E.A.O.N.M.S. of North and South America and its jurisdictions Inc.

9. Upon compliance with the above and with approval, the Imperial Potentate will issue a Shrine Permit under the Seal of his Office.
Guidelines for Operating a Shrine Club

1. All acts of the Shrine Club must have the prior approval of the Temple, given at a regular meeting of the Temple.

2. Shrine Clubs are not permitted to receive applications for Shrine Membership initiation, reinstate, or transfer members of a Temple.

3. Shrine Clubs elect their own President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplin, Sergeant-At-Arms, and any other officers not in conflict with the By-Laws of the Temple or the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc.

4. The Illustrious Potentate (or Deputy of the Oasis if the Illustrious Potentate is not available) shall preside over the Election of Shrine Clubs and install their Officers into office.

5. The Shrine Club may have a separate depository for their funds if so approved by the temple, by a majority vote at a regular meeting and the Imperial Potentate.

6. Members of a Shrine Club must maintain their financial standings in the temple, in order to retain membership in the Shrine Club.

7. Shrine Clubs cannot meet on the same date as that of the regular monthly Temple meeting nor have any affairs that conflict their sponsoring Temple.

8. Shrine Clubs are to use the uniformed shrine club by-laws template. However, the Shrine Club may adopt special rules as needed, not in conflict with the By-Laws of the Temple or the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc., but the sponsoring Temple must approve the same. All changes to the by-laws must be approved by the sponsoring temple.

9. All Shrine Clubs must present a written report of their condition and activities, finances, proposed programs and any other acts of the Temple at each regular monthly meeting of the Temple.

10. Shrine Clubs will submit an Annual Report to the Director of Shrine Clubs and Imperial Potentate using the Annual Reporting Form of the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc. The Report is due by July 5th of each year. Failure to submit the report by the date due will result in a $100 penalty as stipulated under ARTICLE XIV - Penalty for Failure to Make Reports (Book of Laws).

11. All reports and communications are to be mailed to the Chairman at the address below:

   A.E.A.O.N.M.S.
   Attn: Chairman of Shrine Clubs
   2239 Democrat Rd
   MEMPHIS, TN 38132-1802
Uniformed Shrine Club By – Laws Template

By – Laws

_________________________________ Shrine Club Of

_________________________________ Temple No. _______ Shrine Club,

A.E.A.O.N.M.S. of North and South America and its jurisdictions Inc.

ARTICLE I - Name and Style

The Club shall be known as

_________________________________ Temple No. _______ Shrine Club,

A.E.A.O.N.M.S.

ARTICLE II – Membership

Section 1: The members of the Shrine Club must be financial with their Temple and reside within the geographical area, wherein boundary lines have been set by the Temple

Section 2: The Club shall consist of the following officers but are not limited to President, Vice President, Recorder, Treasurer, Chaplin, and Sergeant At Arms

Section 3: Dues shall be $ _________ per __________ and all members must have a paid up dues card and be in good standings in their Temple

ARTICLE III – Meetings

Section 1: Regular meeting of this Shrine Club shall be held on:
Date __________________________ at ________ p.m.

Section 2: A quorum consisting of _____ members is required for transaction of Shrine Club business. At least one of the members present must be either the President or Vice President.

Section 3
A special meeting of the ________________________ may be called by the President, at any time excluding regular temple meeting, by giving proper and timely notice, with no other business being transacted except that for which it was called.
Letter of Request for Authorization to Establish a Shrine Club

Date ____________________________________ 20 ________

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles

Greetings,

We, the following Nobles, listed below
In good standings are requesting written approval and permission from the Temple under the
Seal and Signature of the Illustrious Potentate and Recorder to form the

____________________________________________________ Shrine Club

which will be located in: City / State ____________________________________________

In accordance with the guidelines for Shrine Clubs established by the A.E.A.O.N.M.S. Inc.

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