

THE FLORIDA SHRINE ASSOCIATION

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FLORIDA SHRINE ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

Article I – NAME AND JURISDICTION

- Section 1. The name of this Association shall be:
- THE FLORIDA SHRINE ASSOCIATION**
- Section 2. The jurisdiction of this Association shall be within the State of Florida.
- Section 3. The Association is subject to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of the Imperial Council

Article II – MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. Membership in this Association shall be open to the Shrine temples located in the state of Florida.
- Section 2. Voting members of this Association shall be the F.S.A. Elected Officers, the Seven (7) Elected Divan Members of Member temples and all Past Presidents of the Association.
- Section 3. A. A Board of Directors shall be composed of the Elective Officers of This Association and the Current Potentates of the Member temples.
- B. An Executive Committee shall be composed of the Elected Officers of this Association and shall be empowered to act for the Association.

Article III – PURPOSE

- Section 1. The purpose of this Association is to create and maintain a more friendly relationship among the temples within the State of Florida and the Nobility in general.

Article III – PURPOSE (continued)

- Section 2. To promote the welfare of the Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America, in general and particularly in the State of Florida.
- Section 3. To coordinate and encourage joint cooperation between temples of Florida in fund raising projects for the benefit of the Shrine Hospitals for Children.

Article IV – OFFICERS

- Section 1. A. The officers of this Association shall be President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, and a Secretary/Treasurer.
- B. The offices of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Third Vice-Presidents shall be rotated among member temples, in such a manner, as the scheduled Host temples of the Florida Shrine Association Annual Session, pursuant to Article VII-Section 4. Below.
- C. The Secretary/Treasurer may be from any member and may succeed himself in office. All officers of the Association shall be members of their respective temples' Elective Progressive Divan, High Priest and Prophet and up, or a Past Potentate of their respective member temple.
- D. The office of F. S. A. President shall be held by a Potentate or Past Potentate from a member temple in accordance with the rotation as indicated in Addendum I.
- Section 2. The President and Vice Presidents' shall serve without Compensation. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be paid an annual salary to be established at each annual session for the following year.

Article IV - OFFICERS (continued)

- Section 3. A If a vacancy occurs in the office of President or a Vice-President, the remaining officers of the Association, with the advice of the Potentate of the temple of such deceased, resigned, or disabled officer, shall fill the vacancy from among the member's of the effected temple, who are qualified to hold office under the By-Laws of this Association and such appointed member shall take the place in line formerly held by such deceased, resigned, or disabled officer, until the next regular business session of the Association. Such appointed member shall have the same status as the deceased, resigned or disabled officer.
- B. If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Secretary/Treasurer, the President of the Association shall forthwith appoint a qualified member of this Association in the place of said Secretary/ Treasurer and such replacement shall serve in that capacity as though he had been regularly elected, until the next business session of the Association. Such appointee must be in good standing in his temple which is affiliated with the Association.
- C. Should circumstances occur that would cause a Member temple to no longer be a member of the Florida Shrine Association and an officer of the Association is on the line of the Association, upon notification the office shall be filled as provided below.
- a.) The Officers of the Association shall move up to the next office to fill the vacancy, providing there is no conflict with an Annual Session planning which is already underway.
- b.) The next Member temple in the rotation line shall be offered the opportunity to fill the vacancy. The Member temple-will then notify the Association President and Secretary/Treasurer of their decision and nominee. The President will then appoint the nominee to fill the position until the next business session of the Association when an election can be held.
- c.) If any scheduling conflicts occur, the Member temple in the rotation line shall notify the Association President and the Secretary/Treasurer of their decision to accept or reject the offer of filling the vacancy.

Article IV - OFFICERS (continued)

- d.) The President of the Association will instruct the Association Secretary/Treasurer to contact the Member temples in the order of rotation until a Member temple accepts and furnishes a nominee. The rotation may be changed if a majority of the Member temples accept any offered proposal.

Article V – ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- Section 1. The officers shall be elected and installed at each Annual Session of this association and shall serve in that capacity, commencing upon the conclusion of the annual session through the conclusion of the following annual session.

- Section 2. At the Annual Session of the Association, it will be the duty of the temple in line under Article VII - Section 4, to place in nomination for Third Vice-President the candidate they have elected from their temple at a regular stated meeting to be their nominee. In accordance with Article IV - Section 1 of these By-Laws.

- Section 3.
 - A. The duties of the office of President and Vice-Presidents shall be commensurate with the normal duties of such offices of any Shrine organization.

 - B. The duties of the Secretary / Treasurer shall include the following:
 - a. Maintain records and minutes of the business sessions of the Association.

 - b. Collect all monies and dues for the Association, maintain a double entry bookkeeping system with a general ledger. Pay all debts of the Association and keep a just and accurate account thereof.

 - c. Receive and answer all communications, mail or deliver all notices regarding Association Sessions or other business matters.

 - d. Present a full and complete report for the fiscal year at each Annual Session. The fiscal year shall be Jan.1 through Dec. 31 of each calendar year.

Article VI – MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Section 1. Each member temple of this Association shall pay to the Secretary /Treasurer per capita dues of Ten (.10) cents for each of temple membership up to 6,000 members, on December 31, prior to each annual session.
- Section 2. Fifty (50) percent of all dues collected shall be disbursed to the HOST TEMPLE for the Annual Session expenses.

Article VII – ANNUAL SESSIONS

- Section 1. This Association shall meet annually on or about the first Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in May in the form of the Florida Shrine Association Session, subject to the approval of the Imperial Potentate.
- Section 2. The Annual Session shall be rotated among the member temples as outlined in Article VII - Section 4 below.
- Section 3. The temples of the Association will choose hotel accommodations for the Annual Session in the order listed below:
 - 1st Choice ----- HOST TEMPLE (Outgoing President)
 - 2nd Choice ---- 1st Vice President
 - 3rd Choice -----2nd Vice-President
 - 4th Choice -----3rd Vice-President

After which Addendum I will be followed.

- Section 4. The Annual Session shall be in the jurisdiction of the Temple of the President of the Association unless such President waives that right. In such case, the officers of this Association will determine the site. The Annual Sessions shall rotate as follows:

(See Addendum I to these By-Laws)

- Section 5. New temples shall automatically be placed in the line of succession following the latest Annual Session prior to their charter date.
- Section 6. A. The Annual Session shall include competition of the organized Unit Associations - Business Session - Parade - the Presidents Banquet and entertainment activities as the Host temple may wish to provide.

Article VII – ANNUAL SESSIONS (continued)

- B. The Secretary of the F.S.A. will furnish a financial report form to each Director General and that report will be completed and returned to the Secretary within sixty (60) days of the close of the Annual Session. The Secretary shall then forward to each Florida Shrine Association Officer and the up-coming Director General a copy of the completed form.
 - C. Procurement and expenses of trophies and awards shall be the responsibility of the Unit Associations.
 - D. The Host temple shall assist the Unit Associations in the arranging of facilities for Unit competition, business sessions, banquets, etc.
 - E. All temples and Unit Associations shall be housed in Hotels/ Motels selected or approved by the Host temple Director General & Housing Chairman.
 - F. **ALL** member temples, their Units and Unit Associations **MUST** comply with Article VII - Section 6, Subparagraph E - Failure to do so may result in the loss of recognition for the temple and its Units and may result in the loss of the Unit recognition.
 - G. The Host temple **SHALL** procure permits for the parades if needed.
- Section 7.
- A. A registration fee, to be established by the Officers of the Association will be required for each Noble who attends the Annual Session. It shall be the responsibility of each member temple to submit such registration fees to the Host temple in advance of the Annual Session.
 - B. The Florida Shrine Association is authorized a surcharge of \$1.00 on rooms used, per room, per night at the F.S.A. Annual Session. The proceeds from the surcharge will go to the F.S.A.

Article VIII – SPECIAL MEETINGS

- Section 1. Special Meetings may be called by the President or upon written request of two or more officers of this association to the President. Notice of such meeting shall be in writing given to voting members of this association at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such meeting.

Article VIII – SPECIAL MEETINGS (continued)

Section 2. The Florida Shrine Association is authorized a surcharge of \$1.00 on rooms used, per room, per night at any called Special Meeting. The proceeds from the surcharge will go to the F.S.A.

Article IX – MID-WINTER BUSINESS AND HOUSING SELECTION SESSION

Section 1. This Association shall meet each year for the purpose of a Business Session and Housing Selection for the Annual Session.

Section 2. During the Mid-Winter Housing Selection, the host for the upcoming Annual Session shall be prepared and make available to all member temples sufficient housing from which each temple may select housing for their Units and Members for the next Annual Session.

Section 3. The Florida Shrine Association is authorized a surcharge of \$1.00 on rooms used, per room, per night at the Mid – Winter Business Session and Housing Selection. The proceeds from the surcharge will go to the F. S.A.

Article X – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to these By-Laws may be made at any Annual, Mid - Winter or Special Session provided that a simple majority of the elected officers of this Association are present and provided that the voting members of this Association have been notified in writing not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the time of the Association Session when the proposed amendments will be considered.

THE FLORIDA SHRINE ASSOCIATION

APPROVED this _____ Day of, _____ 2002

Thomas W. Rooney, P.P.
Secretary, Florida Shrine Association

Melvin F. Saul, P.P.
President, Florida Shrine Association

IMPERIAL POTENTATE APPROVAL

The foregoing amendments are approved.

Dated this _____ Day of _____, 2002

Chairman – Jurisprudence & Laws

Imperial Potentate

FLORIDA SHRINE ASSOCIATION Addendum I

Listed below is the year in which the designated temple shall nominate and elect a member of their respective temple elective Divan or a Past Potentate... to coincide with Article IV Sect. I Para. D.

Due to the change in order brought about due to the Imperial Session in 2006 and the dropping out of Hadji Shrine Center the following is the corrected Schedule for nominees.

1.	Sahib	Shriners	2003
2.	Bahia	Shriners	2004
3.	Mahi	Shriners	2005
4.	Morocco	Shriners	2006
5.	Amara	Shriners	2007
6.	Egypt	Shriners	2008
7.	Araba	Shriners	2009
8.	Azan	Shriners	2010
9.	Sahib	Shriners	2011
10.	Bahia	Shriners	2012
11.	Mahi	Shriners	2013
12.	Morocco	Shriners	2014
13.	Amara	Shriners	2015
14.	Egypt	Shriners	2016
15.	Araba	Shriners	2017

Listed below is the year in which the designated temple will be host for the Florida Shrine Association Annual Session during the 1st Weekend in May.

1.	Morocco	Shriners	May	2-4, 2002
2.	Araba	Shriners	April	30, May 1-3, 2003
3.	Amara	Shriners	May	5 - 8 2004
4.	Azan	Shriners	May	2005
5.	Egypt	Shriners	May	2006
6.	Sahib	Shriners	May	2007
7.	Bahia	Shriners	May	2008
8.	Mahi	Shriners	May	2009
9.	Morocco	Shriners	May	2010
10.	Amara	Shriners	May	2011
11.	Egypt	Shriners	May	2012
12.	Araba	Shriners	May	2013
13.	Azan	Shriners	May	2014
14.	Sahib	Shriners	May	2015
15.	Bahia	Shriners	May	2016

NOTE: Marzuq will notify F.S.A. 3 years in advance when they can host.

Addendum I (continued)

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Housing assignments are to be made at the Annual Housing Selection Session in accordance with the following priority:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
1.	Morocco	Araba	Amara	Azan
2.	Araba	Amara	Azan	Egypt
3.	Amara	Azan	Egypt	Sahib
4.	Azan	Egypt	Sahib	Bahia
5.	Egypt	Sahib	Bahia	Mahi
6.	Sahib	Bahia	Mahi	Morocco
7.	Bahia	Mahi	Morocco	Araba
8.	Mahi	Morocco	Araba	Amara

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
1.	Egypt	Sahib	Bahia	Mahi
2.	Sahib	Bahia	Mahi	Morocco
3.	Bahia	Mahi	Morocco	Amara
4.	Mahi	Morocco	Amara	Egypt
5.	Morocco	Amara	Egypt	Araba
6.	Araba	Egypt	Araba	Azan
7.	Amara	Araba	Azan	Sahib
8.	Azan	Azan	Sahib	Bahia

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
1.	Morocco	Amara	Egypt	Araba
2.	Amara	Egypt	Araba	Azan
3.	Egypt	Araba	Azan	Sahib
4.	Araba	Azan	Sahib	Bahia
5.	Azan	Sahib	Bahia	Mahi
6.	Sahib	Bahia	Mahi	Morocco
7.	Bahia	Mahi	Morocco	Amara
8.	Mahi	Morocco	Amara	Egypt