

# INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR



## SPECIAL NEWSLETTER



January 2023

2023 Special Newsletter

*The purpose of the Special newsletter is to notify the Legion of Honor Units of five bylaws changes that have been submitted for review and action. The bylaw changes will be voted on at the next annual convention in April 2023. The bylaw changes have been posted on the IALOH website at [www.IALOH.org](http://www.IALOH.org).*

## Bylaw Changes

Five bylaw changes have been submitted for review and approval at the next International Association Legions of Honor convention at Indian Rocks Beach, Florida, April 26 - April 30, 2023.

The five bylaw changes are:

Change 1 - Deleting Associate member

Change 2 - Changing the Officers duties

Change 3 - Allowing the Adjutant to make corrections to the bylaws

Change 4 - Removal of the word "Shall" or "Will"

Change 5 - Changing the DSA requirement

The bylaw changes have been posted to the IALOH website at [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org).

If you have any question about the bylaw changes you can contact the Adjutant David Smith at the following contact information:

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### We Need a Quartermaster

Mike Kimbell our current Quartermaster is retiring at the end of the 2023 convention. If you would like to be our next Quartermaster please contact Commander David Ginapp at the contact information below.

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## Change 1 - Deleting Associate Member



### **Egypt Shriners Legion of Honor**

5017 East Washington Street

Tampa, Florida 33602

Sept 17, 2022

To: David Ginapp, Commander, International Association Legions of Honor  
David L. Smith, Adjutant, International Association Legions of Honor  
Tracy Coughlin, Judge Advocate, International Association Legions of Honor

Fm: Moises Rosado, Commander, Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

Re: By Law Change  
Article II, Sect. 1, Sub Paragraph B (3), Associate  
Removal of entire paragraph  
Article V, Sect 4, Paragraph 4  
Article VIII, Sect 1, Line 4

#### **Article II, Sect 1, (B) (3)**

In order to align ourselves with Shriners International By Laws Section 209.2 and the directive of both W. Warren Upton of December 06, 1994 and a response on August 22, 2022 from John C. Piland after consultation with Chairman of Jurisprudence and Laws Committee Chairman Jon Hanson. Both have pointed out that there cannot be individual Noble Associate Members in the International Association Legions of Honor.

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## Change 1 - Deleting Associate Member

Therefore we respectfully request this section be removed from the IALOH By Laws.

### Article V, Sect 4, Paragraph 4

Currently reads:

In the event that an existing Unit of this Association be disbanded, or for any reason lose or surrender their Unit Charter, all members of such unit who at that time hold Emeritus Status in the International Association Legions of Honor will retain Emeritus Status in the International Association Legions of Honor by paying the required dues of an Associate Member each year.

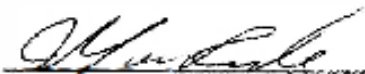
Change to read:

In the event that an existing Unit of this Association be disbanded, or for any reason lose or surrender their Unit Charter, all members of such unit who at that time hold Emeritus Status will have to join another credited unit to retain his Emeritus Status and voting rights in the International Association Legions of Honor.

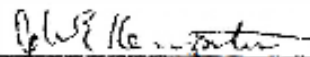
### Article VIII, Sect 1

Remove :

Associate member's dues will be \$30.00



Noble Moises Rosado  
Commander  
Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor



Noble Jack Kelpster  
Adjutant  
Egypt Shrine Legions of Honor

encl: W. Warren Upton Letter - December 06, 2004

John Piland Letter - August 22, 2022

## Change 1 - Deleting Associate Member



December 6, 2004

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Ron A. Lee  
 International Adjutant  
 INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION LEGIONS OF HONOR  
 5271 Cluh Head Road  
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Re: Proposal of Non-Member Participation

Dear Noble Lee:

This will acknowledge receipt of your November 23, 2004 fax. My review of the Imperial Council Bylaws would indicate that what you have proposed in your fax is not appropriate under Section 209.2 of the Imperial Council Bylaws. Your National Association is an association of units and no provision is made for an individual, not a member of a temple unit, to belong to your association. The only suggestion that I might make to you is for you to assist the noble who wants to affiliate in some way with the National Organization to persuade his temple potentate to designate a group of nobles or an individual the status of a unit within the temple.

I am sorry I can be more encouraging. If you have any additional questions, please advise.

Fraternally yours,

W. WARREN UPTON

WWU:jvc  
 cc: Charles G. Compstone, Jr. (w/encl.)

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## Change 1 - Deleting Associate Member



Office of  
**JOHN C. PILAND**  
Executive Vice President/COO  
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MEMBER  
ANSAR SHRINERS  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

August 22, 2022

Sent via Email to: [davidginapp@gmail.com](mailto:davidginapp@gmail.com)

David W. Ginapp, International Commander  
International Association Legions of Honor  
6433 Wedgewood Ct.  
Spring Hill, FL 34606

Dear Noble Ginapp:

Your letter to Imperial Sir Kenny Craven dated August 17, 2022 has reached my desk. You also attached a letter from Warren Upton, dated December 6, 2004, which stated that an association is comprised of units and not individuals. You then asked if this is currently Imperial's opinion on individuals, that without a Legion of Honor Unit, they cannot be part of an association.

We consulted with Jon Hanson, Chairman of Jurisprudence and Laws Committee, to confirm that the information you received on December 6, 2004 from Warren Upton is still valid. The bylaws of Shriners International did not change, as it relates to the question posed.

Please continue to encourage those members who are concerned about lack of unit membership within their temples to continue to actively recruit new members in their temple or to encourage current members to join the unit.

Thank you for all you do for our great fraternity.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Piland".

John C. Piland

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## Change 2 - Change Officers Duties



### **Egypt Shriners Legion of Honor**

5017 East Washington Street

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June 02, 2022

**To:** David Ginapp, Commander, International Association Legions of Honor  
David L. Smith, Adjutant, International Association Legions of Honor  
Tracy Coughlin, Judge Advocate, International Association Legions of Honor

**Fm:** Moises Rosado, Commander, Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

**Re:** By Law Change  
Article IV, Sect. 2, Sub Paragraph B, Duties of Officers  
Beginning with Line 19  
The International Lieutenant Commanders

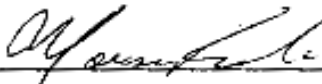
#### **Currently Reads:**

He will attend all called meetings of the International Commander, the Annual Convention, Board of Directors Meetings, Executive Meetings the Imperial Session, if possible, the Association Legions of Honor meetings in his Division and others, if possible, and the Ottawa and Arlington Ceremonies and meetings.

## Change 2 - Change Officers Duties

Change to read:

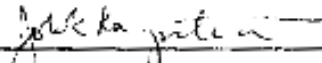
He will attend all called meetings of the International Commander, the Annual Convention, Board of Directors meetings, the Executive Meetings, and Arlington Ceremony. If possible, the Imperial Session, his Association Legions of Honor Meetings in his Division and the Ottawa Ceremony. Failure to attend the required meetings as listed above, without approval from the International Commander, the Lieutenant Commander could possibly be removed from the line and/or passed over for promotion at the next Annual Convention.



Noble Moises Rosado

Commander

Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor



Noble Jack Kempster

Adjutant

Egypt Shrine Legions of Honor

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## Change 3 - Allow Adjutant to make changes to Bylaws



### Egypt Shriners Legion of Honor

5017 East Washington Street  
Tampa, Florida 33602

Sept 17, 2022

To: David Glnapp, Commander, International Association Legions of Honor  
David L. Smith, Adjutant, International Association Legions of Honor  
Tracy Coughlin, Judge Advocate, International Association Legions of Honor

Fm: Moises Rosado, Commander, Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

Re: Addition to International Association Legions of Honor By Laws  
Article IV, Sect 2, (C)

We respectfully submit the following addition to the By Laws, Duties of the Adjutant.

The Adjutant of the International Association Legions of Honor shall have the authority to correct spelling, grammar, and/or punctuation to the International Association Legions of Honor By laws, as long as it does not directly effect the meaning of said law. These changes will need not to be brought to the nobility for a vote.

Noble Moises Rosado  
Commander  
Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

Noble Jack Kempster  
Adjutant  
Egypt Shrine Legions of Honor



**Change 3 - Allow Adjutant to make changes to Bylaws**

OFFICE OF  
JOHN C. PILAND  
NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT/CEO  
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MEMBER  
ANFAR SHRINERS  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

September 12, 2022

Sent via Email to shwdsnr2003@hotmail.com

David A. Hobbs  
2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Commander, International Association of Regions of Honor  
2709 Kala Lane  
Plant City, FL 33563-2763

Dear David:

Your question, emailed to us on September 9, 2022, has reached my desk for a response.

While "technical," non-substantive changes that relate to numbering sections and paragraph numbers were typically done by the secretary to conform the final printed document to the actions taken by an assembly to amend the bylaws, changing words or punctuation is different in that it easily could have the effect of changing the meaning of the adopted language.

There is nothing in the bylaws of Shriners International that authorizes an association secretary to take that action. You will need to look at your association bylaws to determine if that authority is provided in the bylaws. Your association bylaws should also provide for a parliamentary authority. If the parliamentary authority is identified as being some form of "Robert's Rules of Order" without specifying a particular edition, the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (12<sup>th</sup> ed.) supersedes all previous editions of Robert's.

The language of RONR (12<sup>th</sup> ed.) provides in part

"Only the assembly can amend captions or headings under the rules applicable to bylaws or other papers, if such change could have any effect on meaning, and this authority may not be delegated."

Particularly if it is anticipated that making "technical changes" will create some controversy, the better course is to adopt a resolution specifically giving the secretary (or some other person) the authority to make those non-substantive changes. RONR 12<sup>th</sup> ed., 37.18-19, provides language that would provide such authority. A copy of the relevant portions of RONR (12<sup>th</sup> ed.) is provided for your convenience.

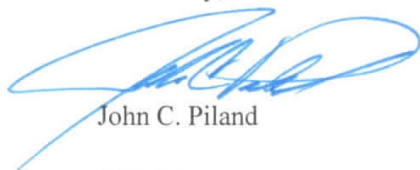
Please understand that this letter is not intended to be and is not, in fact, a ruling or decision of Shriners International. Rather, it is intended to provide you with helpful guidance to the provisions of the applicable parliamentary authority that is relevant to your question.

## Change 3 - Allow Adjutant to make changes to Bylaws

Hopefully, this letter is fully responsive to your question and is helpful to you.

Thank you for your service to the Shrine and the Legion of Honor.

Fraternally,



John C. Piland

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Enclosure

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ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED

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unless special care is taken. A society can, for example, amend its bylaws so as to affect the emoluments and duties of the officers already elected, or even to abolish an office; and if it is desired that the amendment should not affect officers already elected, a motion so specifying should be adopted before voting on the amendment, or the motion to amend can have added to it the proviso that it shall not affect officers already elected. There is virtually a contract between a society and its officers, and while to some extent action can be taken by either party to modify or even terminate the contract, such action must be taken with reasonable consideration for the other party.

57:17 It is important to note that, although the time when a by-law amendment *takes effect* can be delayed by the assembly, the amendment becomes part of the bylaws immediately upon adoption. If the amended bylaws are printed, a footnote or similar device should indicate that the amended language is not yet in effect and, if language was removed by the amendment, the text of that provision should be given if it is still applicable in the organization.

### Captions, Headings, and Article and Section Numbers

57:18 It was formerly customary to permit the secretary to fill in captions, headings, and article, section, or paragraph numbers or letters, and the like, after the assembly had adopted bylaws or other long documents. Such designations were treated as mere marginal notations which could be clerically modified. It is now the usual practice to include these subtitles or identifying numbers or letters as an integral part of what is adopted by action of the assembly.

57:19 In the process of amending previously adopted documents of this kind, indisputably necessary changes in designation by number or letter may be presumed to have been included in the assembly's action even if they were not mentioned. For example, if an assembly adopts a motion "to insert after Article III a new Article IV reading as follows: ...," the secretary or

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a committee would, of course, raise the numerical designation of each of the later articles by one, even if the enacting motion made no reference to doing so. Only the assembly can amend captions or headings under the rules applicable to bylaws or other papers if such change could have any effect on meaning, and this authority may not be delegated. Corrections of article or section numbers or cross-references that cannot result in a change of meaning can be delegated, however, to the secretary or, in more involved cases, to a committee. An assembly may delegate its authority in this connection in a particular case, by adopting, for example, a resolution such as the following:

*Resolved*, That the secretary [or, "the ... committee"] be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross-references and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of the Society in connection with ...

**Change 4 - Removal of the words "Shall" or "Will"****Egypt Shriners Legion of Honor**

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Date: 12/4/2022

To: David Ginapp, Commander, International Association Legions of Honor  
David L. Smith, Adjutant, International Association Legions of Honor

Fm: Moises Rosado, Commander, Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

Re: The removal of "Shall" or "Will" from the Bylaws language

The International Association Legions of Honor Bylaws has "Shall" and "Will" side by side in certain areas of the Bylaws. Therefore, it is unclear which word should be used for taking the appropriate action. This Bylaw change is to make clear which word should be used.

Yours in the Faith,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Moises Rosado", written over a horizontal line.

Noble Moises Rosado  
Commander  
Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jack Kempster", written over a horizontal line.

Noble Jack Kempster  
Adjutant  
Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

## Change 4 - Removal of the words "Shall" or "Will"

### ARTICLE III

Section 3:(A), (2) Reads:

The formation of the Honor Guard will be as follows: The elected officers will be positioned by rank beginning with the highest ranked Lt. Commander present and alternating left and right from the lowest step upward. The International Adjutant and the International Finance Officer **shall will** be next, followed by the senior Past International Commander through the junior.

Action: Delete the word "Shall".

### ARTICLE IV

Section1:(A), (1) Reads:

He has served as Commander, or is serving as Commander of his unit at the time he is elected, in which event he must complete his term as local Commander or **shall will** automatically be suspended as an elected officer, except for the offices of the Adjutant and Finance Officer.

Action: Delete the word "Shall".

### ARTICLE IV

Section2: (A) Reads:

(A) THE INTERNATIONAL COMMANDER: The International Commander will preside at the International Association Legions of Honor Annual Convention; call assemblies of the Board of Directors, and act as its Chairman; make appointments of Appointive Officers, appoint Committee Chairmen; and serve as ex-officio Chairman of all Committees. He will communicate in writing, on a regular basis with all Elected International Officers and the International Board of Directors (at least quarterly); he will receive written communications from all International Lieutenant Commanders on a quarterly basis, giving a full report of their progress and travels within their respective Division, and particularly concerning unchartered Units; he **shall will** receive at least one Semi-Annual report from all Committee Chairmen and Appointed Officers in writing and respond in writing.

Action: Delete the word "Shall".

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## Change 4 - Removal of the words "Shall" or "Will"

### ARTICLE IV

Section 2: (C), Paragraph 5 Reads:

The International Adjutant will be responsible to originate/cancel all contracts for vendors. With the assistance of the Lieutenant Commanders he shall will define new vendors, forward contracts to prospective vendors, receive signed contracts from vendors, sign and affix our seal and send a signed copy back to the vendor. He will also forward a copy of the approved copy to the International Finance Officer, who will then be responsible to monitor and collect commissions due to the Associations by respective vendors.

Action: Delete the word "Shall".

### ARTICLE VII

#### COMMITTEES:

Section 7: International Year Book Committee Reads:

Will be chaired by the International Adjutant. The International Commander and all Lieutenant Commanders shall will contribute required materials. Unit Adjutants and Unit Ad Salesman shall will contribute all information required by the International Association Legions of Honor for respective Units\* Ads to be published in the Year Book.

Action: Delete the word "Shall" and delete the "\*".

Section 11 International Imperial Relations Committee Reads:

Will stay in direct contact with the Imperial Council and report their findings. The Chairman shall will be responsible for Imperial relations.

Action: Delete the word "Shall".

## Change 5 - Removal of Unit Good Standing



### Egypt Shriners Legion of Honor

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Date: 12/10/2022

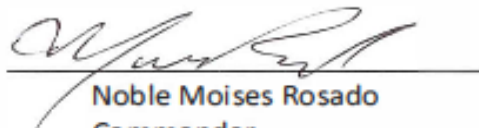
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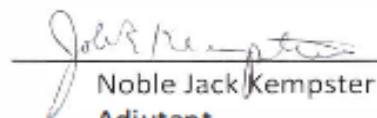
Fm: Moises Rosado, Commander, Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

Re: The removal of the Unit good standing requirement for the DSA award

The International Association Legions of Honor Bylaws state a member nominated for a Distinguished Service Award must be in good standing with their Unit and the Unit must be in good standing with the IALOH. This change is to remove that requirement. If a Unit goes dark or is suspended a member should not be penalized for the years of service, they have provided and for the Units actions.

Yours in the Faith,

  
Noble Moises Rosado  
Commander  
Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

  
Noble Jack Kempster  
Adjutant  
Egypt Shrine Legion of Honor

## Change 5 - Removal of Unit Good Standing

Article VII, Section 12, paragraph 2:

Reads:

A candidate must be a Legionnaire in good standing with his unit and the International Association Legions of Honor. He must have provided exceptional-level service to the Legion of Honor at the unit level, their association, the IALOH or any combination.

Change to read:

A candidate must have provided exceptional-level service to the Legion of Honor at the unit level, their association, the international Association Legions of Honor or any combination thereof.



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Legion of Honor!*

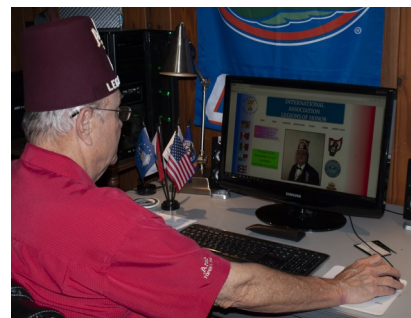
*The objectives of the  
International Association Legions of Honor:*

*To foster a Spirit of Patriotism  
and Love of Country and Flag;*

*To Perpetuate the memory  
of our Comrades in Arms  
who made the Supreme Sacrifice  
by giving their lives for their country  
while members of the Armed Forces;*

*To devote our efforts as individuals  
and Legion of Honor Units  
to strive for and increase in  
Friendship and Cooperation between our  
Legion of Honor Units  
and other Units of Shriners International.*

**We are**



**on the web**

Website: [www.ialoh.org](http://www.ialoh.org)

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