

**BY-LAWS OF
MARYLAND, DELAWARE, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MOOSE ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE I
Name**

The name of the Association shall be the "Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia Moose Association, Inc", hereafter referred to as the Association, a Maryland not for profit corporation.

**ARTICLE II
Objectives**

The objectives of the Association are to bring together in closer fraternal cooperation the lodges of the Loyal Order of Moose and the membership of such lodges in the States of Maryland and Delaware and District of Columbia; to aid and promote the purposes of the Loyal Order of Moose; to build the membership strength of the Order; to exchange ideas and ideals which may be of benefit to the various lodges and their members; to promote interest in the work of Ritual Staffs and similar units; to encourage a broader interest in lodge sports and family activities; to stimulate participation in Community Service programs; to adopt programs and projects for the betterment of Mooseheart and Moosehaven to include the building of the Endowment Fund for the support of these institutions; to foster closer relationship between lodges in the association and lodges in neighboring states, and to coordinate the programs and directives of Moose International, Inc. and the Supreme Lodge.

**ARTICLE III
Authority**

The Association at all times shall be amenable to and under the supervision of Moose International, Inc., and the Supreme Lodge, its officers, its Executive Committee, the Supreme Council and be bound and governed by The Constitution of Moose International and the Supreme Lodge and General Laws of the Supreme Lodge and the By-Laws of Moose International.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Membership in the Association shall consist of all lodges of the Loyal Order of Moose in the States of Maryland and Delaware and District of Columbia that are in good standing in the Supreme Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose and the Maryland, Delaware and District of Columbia Moose Association, Inc.

To be in good standing with the Association, each lodge shall remain current in all financial obligations legally assessed by the Association (i.e. per capita dues) and shall participate in District, State and International meetings, workshops, training seminars, schools and conventions the attendance at which is required by such Association and Supreme Lodge. (Section 51.5 of the General Laws)

ARTICLE V

Composition

Section 1. For convenience in carrying out the functions of this Association, Districts, including geographically related lodges, shall be established and shall include new lodges established from time to time within the general district area.

Section 2. The current composition of the Association is as follows:

District 1 shall consist of the following lodges:

Columbia DC #126, Indian Head #1712, Marlboro #1856, Mechanicsville #495, Patuxent #2393, South County Deale #2279, Waldorf #1709.

District 2 shall consist of the following lodges:

Antietam #2435, Brunswick #1582, Cumberland #271, Frederick #371, Frostburg #348, Williamsport #2462.

District 3 shall consist of the following lodges:

Aberdeen #1450, Bel Air #1952, Edgemere #537, Essex #70, Gardenville #1242, Sparrows Point/Dundalk #1228.

District 4 shall consist of the following lodges:

Baltimore City #2631, Baltimore-Lexington #2638, Glen Burnie #1456, Reisterstown #1577, Towson #562, Westminster #1381

District 5 shall consist of the following lodges:

Annapolis #296, College Park #453, Laurel #1504, Odenton #2601, Rockville #1540, Silver Spring #658, Wheaton #1775.

District 6 shall consist of the following lodges:

Claymont #847, Elkton #851, Middletown #1295, New Castle #1578, Newark #630.

District 7 shall consist of the following lodges:

Camden-Wyoming #203, East Sussex #2542, Harrington #534, Lewes-Rehoboth #646, Milford #2316, Seaford #1728, Smyrna-Clayton #2046.

District 8 shall consist of the following lodges:

Bay Country #831, Cambridge #1211, Caroline County #2332, Easton #1520, Lower Eastern Shore #2431, Salisbury #654.

Section 3. The lodges to be included in the various districts may be altered and new districts established from time to time by the Association Board of Officers.

Section 4. Each District within the Association shall, between annual conventions of the Association, hold a minimum of eight (8) regular meetings with at least two (2) meetings being held each quarter.

Section 5. The elected officers of the District, and the Governors and Administrators of the lodges within the District, shall be members of the District Executive Committee which shall meet at the call of the District President who shall preside.

ARTICLE VI

Authority

The Association at all times shall be the subject to the Supreme Lodge, its officers, the Supreme Council, and the Executive Committee.

These By-Laws, or any amendments hereto, shall be subject to the Approval of the General Governor, Supreme Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose.

ARTICLE VII

Delegates

Section 1. Each lodge in good standing with the Association shall be entitled to be represented in the meetings of the Association by voting delegates which shall consist of the Governor and Administrator and one (1) additional delegate for each fifty (50) members on the rolls, or a majority fraction thereof; provided that no one lodge shall be entitled to a representation exceeding fifteen (15) delegates nor cast more than fifteen (15) votes. The fifteen delegates shall be comprised of the elected officers of the lodge

plus eligible Past Governors of the lodge. In addition to voting "delegates" each lodge may have in attendance non-voting attendees. It shall be their duty to attend the sessions thereof and submit a written report to their lodge at the next regular meeting following the convention, conference or Association meeting.

Section 2. All Past Presidents of the Association, and all members of the Board of Officers of the Association, who are members of lodges in good standing within the Association, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Delegate, and shall not be counted as part of the lodge entitlement referred to in Section 1 of this Article.

Section 3. Any Regional Manager and any Deputy Regional Manager of the Membership Department, appointed to serve the Association, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Delegate, and shall not be counted as part of the lodge entitlement referred to in Section 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE VIII

Quorum

Section 1. Any number of duly accredited Delegates, representing at least a majority of the member lodges in good standing, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly authorized session of the Association; provided, that the President, Vice President, Prelate or Junior Past President (in that order) be present to preside.

Section 2. A majority of all votes cast shall decide all questions except those which involve amendment, alteration or addition to these By-Laws, or an appeal from the

decision of the Chair, either of which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the duly accredited Delegates in attendance.

ARTICLE IX
Elected Officers

The elected Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Prelate, Secretary, Treasurer and one (1) District President from each District within the Association.

ARTICLE X
Board of Officers

Section 1. The Board of Officers of this Association shall be composed of the elected and appointed Officers, and the Junior Past President who are members of lodges in good standing within the Association, and who are themselves in good standing within their respective lodges. The Regional Manager, Deputy Regional Managers, Supreme Lodge Representatives and appointees, who are in good standing with their respective lodge, and whose lodge - if a member lodge of the Association - is in good standing with the Association, shall also serve on the Board of Officers of the Association. Supreme Lodge Representatives and Appointees shall include the Following: Supreme Lodge Officers (including but not limited to: Supreme Council Members, Executive Committee Members, Past Supreme Governors, Supreme Inner Guard, Supreme Outer Guard and Supreme Sergeant-at-Arms), Justices of the Supreme Forum, Deputy Supreme Governors, Membership Department Coordinators, Moose Legion Ambassadors, members of the following boards or Committees: Mooseheart Board of Governors, Moosehaven Board of Governors, Endowment Fund Board, Community Service Board Judiciary Committee, International Sports Committee, Membership

Activities Committee, Moose Legion Council, Government Relations Committee and such other Boards or Committees created by the Supreme Lodge and so notified in writing to the Association by the General Governor.

Section 2. The Board of Officers, during the times that the Association is not in session, shall take general charge and supervision of the affairs of the Association and perform such duties as may be necessary and proper to protect the interests, promote the welfare and accomplish the objectives of the Association; it shall carefully and judiciously control the finances of the Association and prepare a budget for the disbursement of Association funds (it shall have the authority to fix the salary of the Secretary) and shall have the right to authorize payment of all reasonable expenses incurred on behalf of the Association including reimbursement to Officers or any other member or person doing authorized business on behalf of the Association. It shall submit to the Association at each annual meeting a report, in writing, of all its accounts since the last annual meeting. It shall perform such other duties as may be imposed upon it by these By-Laws or by the Association.

Section 3. A majority shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Officers and the President and Secretary of the Association shall be respectively, Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Officers.

Section 4. Except where prohibited by these By-Laws, the Board of Officers, between meetings of said Board, shall have the right, by recorded action, to delegate its powers, except the power to appropriate the funds of the Association, to an **Executive Committee** consisting of the President, Vice-President, Junior Past President, Prelate, Secretary, Treasurer and Regional Manager or Deputy Regional Manager, for the purpose of expediting the performance of functions otherwise performed by said Board of Officers.

Section 5. The Board of Officers, or the President, with the authority of the Executive Committee, may order an audit of any funds of the Association, including any special fund accounts, and the Chairman of any committee having a special fund account shall submit in writing a full accounting report at any time requested by the Board of Officers, or the President, and at least once a year to the Secretary, whether or not called for at the annual meeting.

Section 6. Each person who is or has been a director or officer of this corporation and who has acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in the best interest of the corporation and with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, shall be indemnified by the corporation against expenses including attorneys fees necessarily incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement in any action or proceeding to which he is a party, alone or together with others, with reason of his being or having been a director or officer acting in a managerial capacity.

Each such person shall also be reimbursed by the Association for any amounts paid by such person in satisfaction of any judgment or settlement in connection with any such act, suit, or proceeding, unless such person shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to be liable for misconduct in the performance of his duties to the corporation.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which such persons may be entitled as a matter of law.

ARTICLE XI

Term of Office

Section 1. Each elected Officer, except the Secretary, shall be chosen for a term of one (1) year to begin at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which he is elected.

The Secretary shall be elected for a term of satisfactory service or three (3) years, which shall begin at the adjournment of the annual meeting at which he is elected. Each officer shall serve until his successor has been duly elected and qualified.

Section 2. Vacancies in any of the elected offices shall be filled by the Board of Officers for the unexpired term.

Section 3. The President, with the consent and approval of the Board of Officers, shall have the power to declare any office vacant except the office of Secretary, if in his opinion the occupant has failed to perform the duties of such office. The office of Secretary may be declared vacant providing that the majority of the Board of Officers vote that, in their opinion, the occupant has failed to perform the duties of the office.

ARTICLE XII

Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1. The Nominating Committee of the Association shall consist of members of the Board of Officers, four Past Presidents in order of juniority together with five (5) representatives appointed by the President, who shall be Past Presidents or committeemen, and selected from five (5) member lodges in good standing with the Association.

Section 2. This committee shall place in nomination at least one candidate for each office to be filled. Names may be sent to the Nominating Committee which shall be given due consideration. Any eligible member of the Association, who has submitted his name for a specific office, but not nominated by the Nominating Committee, shall have his name placed upon the ballot by filing a petition with the Secretary of the Association, prior to the beginning of the session at which the election is to be held, containing the names and lodge number of not less than ten (10) percent of the

registered Delegates attending the annual meeting. A Past President of the Association is ineligible to serve in any elected office of the Association unless prior dispensation is obtained from the General Governor.

Section 3. An elected officer that is requested to resign because of improprieties can not place or have a member of the Order to place his name for nomination for an elected office for a period of three (3) years

Section 4. The nominee for President must be a Past Governor of the Order, a Past District President, served at least one year in an elected office of the Association, and may not have previously served as President of the Association.

Section 5. Each District shall hold a meeting at least two weeks before the date of the annual meeting for the purpose of selecting their recommendation for District President, and electing their Vice-President, Prelate, Secretary and Treasurer of the District.

(The Secretary of the District may be elected for four (4) years of satisfactory service and at the conclusion of his four (4) year term, be recommended, unequivocally, for the title of Honorary Past District President with the approval of the Association's Executive Committee). The selection for President of the District shall be submitted to the Association Nominating Committee for their consideration. This action by the District shall be considered by the Association Nominating Committee as a recommendation by the District.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee shall report to the annual meeting of the Association during its second day's session if the meeting lasts for three (3) days. If it shall not last for three (3) days then such report shall be made on the first day of the meeting.

Section 7. The election of officers shall be held during the final session of the annual meeting. In the event of a contested office, the election shall take place by secret ballot.

Section 8. The Officers, elected and appointed, and Committee Chairmen shall be installed into office prior to the close of the annual meeting utilizing the ritual provided by the Ritual Department of Moose International.

ARTICLE XIII

Meetings

Section 1. There shall be an annual meeting, hereafter called "convention" and a midyear meeting, hereafter called "mid-year conference" of the Association to be held at such place as has been determined by the Board of Officers. The convention of the Association shall be held during the months of July through October and the conference of the Association shall be held during the months of January through April of each year.

Section 2. The Board of Officers may call other meetings of the Association when in its opinion the interests and welfare of the Association justify it.

Section 3. A registration fee, as determined by the Board of Officers, may be charged to those members attending a meeting as deemed necessary of the Association.

Section 4. All alcohol beverages and smoking are prohibited from all association, district and lodge meetings.

ARTICLE XIV

Association Dues

Section 1. Each lodge of the Association shall remit to the Secretary of the Association, a sum equivalent to one and a half (\$1.50) dollars per member on the rolls of the lodge, the computation to be based upon the total active membership on the rolls as of April 30th of the preceding year. The dues year runs from May 1 to April 30.

Section 2. No member lodge delinquent in its Association dues shall participate in meetings or activities of the Association. This expressly prohibits group or team entries such as Ritual Teams, bowling and other athletic team participation in any Association activities unless Association dues are paid for the current year, as covered in Section 1 of this Article. This section shall not prohibit a Moose member in good standing of a lodge, delinquent in its Association dues, from attending any and all meetings of the Association, provided he meets the requirements thereof, and he shall not be a qualified voting Delegate on issues before the meetings.

ARTICLE XV

Duties of Officers

Section 1. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association; he shall preside over all meetings of the Association, the Board of Officers and the Executive Committee and shall appoint officers and committees and call meetings of the Board of Officers and Executive Committee at such times as the business of the Association may require. He shall with the State/Regional Manager/ Special Representative supervise and correlate the activities and visitations of the District Presidents and shall have authority to visit the lodges which are members of the Association. He shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Inner and Outer Guards and Assistant Inner and Outer Guards as he may deem necessary.

Section 2. In the absence of the President at a stated meeting of the Association or the Board of Officers or Executive Committee, the Vice-President, Prelate or the Junior Past President shall preside in that order.

Section 3. Each District President shall:

(A) Visit lodges in his District as often as possible for the purpose of encouraging and promoting progress in the development of fraternal programs.

(B) Encourage each lodge in his District to continue its affiliation with the Association and cooperate with the Secretary of the Association in the collection of dues.

(C) Cooperate with the Association Officers in the collection of funds in connection with any program sponsored by the Association.

(D) Encourage membership promotion in cooperation with the Membership Department of Moose International and the Regional/State Manager/Special Representative.

(E) Cooperate with the Association Ritual Chairman in encouraging the formation of Ritual staffs and to encourage perfection and efficiency by the Officers in their charges as well as the exemplification of the ritual in all lodge ceremonies.

(F) Attend all Board of Officers meetings of the Association.

(G) Cooperate with the Association chairmen in all authorized activity in his District.

(H) Prepare a written report to be given at the meetings of the Association covering all phases of activities within his District.

(I) Any District President who fails to attend three (3) Board of Officers meetings during his term may be removed from office and replaced by the District in accordance with these By-Laws.

(J) Should a District President have to be absent, he must insure the Vice-President or Another District Officer attends to give the President's report at the Board of Officers meeting.

Section 4. The Secretary shall keep a true and correct record of all of the proceedings of the Association, the Board of Officers and the Executive Committee, and promptly attend to all correspondence and perform all duties usually pertaining to the office of Secretary. He shall give adequate surety bond in an amount to be fixed by the Board of Officers, the premium on which shall be paid from the treasury funds of the Association, which checks shall then be countersigned by the Treasurer and the President. He shall submit an annual report to the Association showing the condition thereof and of the lodges within the jurisdiction of the Association so far as he is able to ascertain; he shall receive and account for all monies turned in to the Association and shall furnish the Treasurer with duplicate deposit slips showing all funds deposited to Association accounts, and shall perform such other duties as may be properly required of him. He shall receive such compensation for his services as may be determined by the Board of Officers.

Section 5. The Vice-President shall assist the President in the conduct of business of the Association at the conferences or conventions. He shall be responsible for guiding the District Presidents in their duties and shall be in charge of the reports of the District Presidents at the meetings of the Association. The Vice-President shall be the major alternate to the President in making visitations and promoting the purpose and goals of the Association consistent with the purposes and goals of the Fraternity.

Section 6. The Treasurer shall, at all times, be kept informed by the Association Secretary, as to the true financial status of the Association and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Officers may consider necessary to the Association. He shall assist the Secretary in the preparation of the annual Budget and financial report and shall countersign all checks drawn on the funds of the Association that are properly authorized.

Section 7. The Prelate shall open and close all meetings of the Association with appropriate prayer.

Section 8. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall execute the orders of the President during the sessions of the Association and/or Board of Officers, assist in preserving order, act as Marshal on public occasions and in parades, and in case of executive sessions shall, with such assistance as he may select, examine all present as to their qualifications to remain.

Section 9. The Inner Guard and Outer Guard, shall take charge of the door during all sessions of the Association and shall permit only such persons to enter as are duly qualified representatives or as may be directed by the President or by the Association.

ARTICLE XVI

Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of the Association shall be as follows:

Credentials Committee

By-Laws Committee

Rules and Order Committee

Public Relations Committee

Audit Committee

Resolutions Committee

Community Service Committee

Ritual Committee

Sports Committee

Membership Committee

Mooseheart/Moosehaven Endowment Fund Committee

Historical Committee

Moose Family Activities Committee

Government Relations Committee

and such other committees as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Officers, and/or Moose International.

Section 2. Except where otherwise provided, all committees shall be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Officers, at the conclusion of the convention, and the members thereof shall serve until the adjournment of the next convention or until their successors have been appointed. All other committees may be appointed at or before the convention at which the appointing President shall preside.

ARTICLE XVII

Order of Business

The agenda for the conventions and conferences shall be established by Moose International and coordinated with the Association's Rules and Order Committee through the Regional Manager/Special Representative, but in the event of no such action the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Opening ceremony
2. Roll call of officers
3. Report of Credentials Committee
4. Appointment of necessary committees
5. Report of officers
6. Reports of committees
 - (A) Standing Committees
 - (B) Special Committees
7. Report of Nominating Committee
8. Election of officers
9. Selection of place for next meeting

10. Good of the Order
11. Installation of Officers
12. Adjournment

ARTICLE XVIII
Length of Meeting

The time devoted to the meetings of the Association shall be limited to three (3) days or six (6) sessions. The election of Officers for the ensuing year shall be held at the final session of the last day of the convention.

ARTICLE XIX
Honorary Past President

The Association may, at its convention, after recommendation by the Resolutions Committee, confer the title of Honorary Past President upon a member of the Loyal Order of Moose.

ARTICLE XX
Adoption - Effect - Amendments

These By-Laws shall become effective when adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Association at its 2008 convention and when approved by the General Governor of the Supreme Lodge, Loyal Order of Moose.

No amendment, alteration or addition to these By-Laws shall be made unless the same shall have been presented, in writing, to the By-Laws Committee, passed on by them

and ratified by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at a regular convention of the Association and become effective when approved by the General Governor.

ARTICLE XXI
Rules of Order

Except as may otherwise be provided, Roberts Rules of Order shall govern all parliamentary proceedings of the Association.

CHAPTER II
DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

ARTICLE I
COMPOSITION

This Association shall be divided into Districts per Article V of the By-Laws of this State Association.

ARTICLE II
CHANGING OR INCREASING SIZE OF DISTRICTS

Any changes as to increasing or decreasing number of districts; changing boundaries or composition of same is herein covered in Article V Sections 1, 2 and 3 respectively of the By-Laws of this Association.

ARTICLE III
REPRESENTATION

In addition to the votes of the District Officers, each Lodge shall be entitled to only five (5) voting delegates at a District Meeting. Two of these five delegates must be the

Governor and Administrator of the Lodge. Each lodge may also have three (3) alternate delegates. However, in no case may the alternates vote for the Governor or the Administrator.

No elected District Officer can serve as a delegate. The delegates will serve from September 1, until August 31 of the following year.

ARTICLE IV DISTRICT OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers - The Elected Officers of each district shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Prelate, a Secretary and a Treasurer. All elective officers of each District, except the Secretary, shall be a Past Governor of a member lodge, either by service or conferral.

Whereby a district cannot fill the elective chairs with Past Governors, they shall appeal in writing to the Association Executive Committee for special dispensation.

Section 2. Appointed Officers - The President of each district upon his election, shall appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms, and such Assistants as he may deem necessary, and an Inner Guard and Outer Guard and such Assistant Inner Guards and Outer Guards as may be required. He shall appoint those standing and special committees as may be deemed necessary to carry out the programs of the District, the Association and the Supreme Lodge.

All officers, both elected and appointed, shall be members in good standing in lodges which are in good standing in this Association, and shall be active in his lodge.

Section 3. Terms of Office - The terms of each elective and appointive office of the district shall be for one (1) year, with the exception of the Secretary as covered in Article XII Section 4 of the Association By-Laws.

Section 4. Duties of District Officers:

A. District President

1. Each District President shall fulfill the duties as covered in Article XV Section 3, subsections A to H. [All inclusive] of the Association By-Laws.

2. He shall encourage all District Chairman to visit the lodges within the district for the purpose of encouraging and promoting progress in the programs they represent.

3. He shall countersign all checks drawn on the District funds after they are properly drawn and signed by the District Secretary and Treasurer.

B. Vice President

In the Absence or inability of the President to preside, the Vice-President shall preside over all meetings of the District and shall have and exercise all hereinbefore enumerated powers and duties of the District President. In the absence or inability of both the President and Vice-President to preside, then the Prelate shall preside.

C. Prelate

The Prelate shall open and close all meetings of the District with appropriate prayer and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the President.

D. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep a true and correct record of all proceedings of the District meetings; maintain financial records and accounting procedures as prescribed by the Supreme Lodge; shall secure from the Supreme lodge a fidelity bond, in an amount to be determined by the State Executive Committee, upon himself and all other District Officers and chairmen who handle district funds; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the District Executive Committee and as ordinarily pertain to the office of Secretary.

E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall countersign all checks drawn on the funds of the district, after such are signed by the Secretary, and he shall periodically examine the financial records of the district and the recording of the same.

F. Sergeant-at-Arms

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall execute the orders of the president during the sessions of the district; assist in preserving order, and, in case of executive sessions, shall, with such assistants as the President may appoint, examine all persons present at official meetings as to their qualifications to remain.

G. Inner and Outer Guards

The Inner and Outer Guards shall be in charge of the door during all sessions of the district, and permit only such persons to enter as are duly qualified or as may be directed by the President.

ARTICLE V ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Section 1. Nominating Committee - The nominating committee shall consist of the District Executive Committee, all Past District Presidents and one member from each lodge of the district appointed by the President.

Section 2. - Nominations - At a district meeting, prior to the required meeting held for electing the district officers and selecting the districts recommendation for District President to the State Association=s Nominating Committee meeting per Article 12, Section 4 of the Association=s By-Laws, the District Nominating Committee shall convene and place in nomination at least one name for each office to be filled, other than that of the President.

Section 3. Election of Officers - The District shall meet and elect officers of the district as covered in Article XII, Section 4 of the By-Laws of this Association.

Section 4. Installation of Officers - The District President shall be installed into office at the Annual Meeting of the Association per Article XII, Section 7 of the Association=s By-Laws. The District Installation of Officers shall take Place at the first district meeting following the Annual Association meeting. The District president shall be reinstalled along with the other District Officers, utilizing the ritual provided by the Ritual Department of Moose International. The officers so elected or appointed shall represent their respective districts at both the Annual State Meeting and the Mid-winter Conference. They shall also represent their district at all Association Executive Board Meetings held in their district.

ARTICLE VI DISTRICT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Elected Officers, Governors and Administrators of the lodges within the district shall be members of the Executive Committee.

Section 1. Failure to have representation of the Lodge Governor and Administrator will result in disciplinary action against the lodge under section 51.5 of the **General laws**. Excused absences shall be accepted by the **District President or Presiding Officer** only.

Section 2. Functions of the Executive Committee - The Executive Committee shall be the governing body of the district and shall perform such duties as may be necessary and proper to promote the welfare and accomplish the objectives of the district in harmony with the Order as a whole. The members of the Executive Committee shall attend all district meetings.

**ARTICLE VII
MEETINGS**

Section 1. District meetings shall be held in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association. No deviations, unless approved by the Executive Committee of the Association. Meetings to be conducted in accordance with the agenda provided by the Association=s Board of Officers.

Section 2. Each district shall meet a minimum of eight (8) times annually on a monthly basis, with at least two (2) monthly meetings per quarter.

Section 3. Districts shall be amendable to all Articles of the Association By-Laws as set forth herein.