

MO-RI SHRINE CLUB
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Adopted March 1973

Amended March 16, 1983

Amended October 19, 2008 changing the meeting night

Amended December 17, 2008 creating a perpetual dues structure

Article I. Section I. Name

The name of this organization shall be MO-RI Shrine Club and it shall, at all times, conform to the Code and By-Laws of the Imperial Shrine Council and of Tangier Temple; and shall be, at all times a subsidiary organization thereof, under the jurisdiction and authority of the Illustrious Potentate.

Article II. Section I. Object

The object of this Club shall be to advance the welfare and to create a close bond of fellowship and sociability among the nobility.

Article III. Section I. Membership

The MO-RI Shrine Club shall be composed of nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America in good standing desiring to cooperate with Article II, Section I, as stated above.

Article IV. Section II. Membership

Any MO-RI member at any regular meeting may propose any Shriner in good standing for membership. Such proposal shall be in the form of a membership petition accompanied by the required initial fees and dues. The petition will be reviewed, discussed and voted upon by secret ballot by all members present in good standing at this meeting; and if three or more votes be cast in the negative, he shall be rejected. If the vote is affirmative, the new member shall be authorized to attend the next scheduled MO-RI monthly meeting.

Article V. Section I. Standing Committees

The following standing Committees shall be appointed annually by the President:

Executive Sunshine Membership Nominating Entertainment

Article VI. Section I. Voting

All voting shall be by the usual sign of a Mason and a majority of those present shall be considered as being necessary to take affirmative or negative action, except voting on a new member, which shall be by secret ballot. Voting will be accomplished only after a suitable motion has been placed in consideration followed by a second to that motion. A discussion will be called for after a second to the motion. Only after the discussion or decision not to discuss will a vote be called for.

Article VII. Section I. Quorum

Ten of the active membership will constitute a quorum providing the President or Vice-President and Secretary and/or Treasurer are present.

Article VIII. Section I. Election

The annual election of officers shall be opened for nominations under New Business at the regular scheduled October Club Meeting and closed after nominations are completed during Unfinished Business at the November regularly scheduled Club Meeting. The election of officers will take place immediately after the nominations are closed at the November regular Club Meeting. Each such elected officer's duties shall be effective January 1 of the forthcoming year.

In the event that any elective office becomes vacant during the year, it shall be filled by appointment by the President, and the person so appointed shall serve out the balance of the term, or until his successor shall have been elected.

Article IX. Section I. Officers

The officers of the MO-RI Shrine Club shall be:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary AND/OR
4. Treasurer

all of whom shall be elected for a term of one year, and all of whom shall be members of Tangier Temple.

All officers shall hold office until their successors have been elected and take office.

Article X. Section I. Officers Duties

The President shall appoint all committees and shall perform all other duties as are ordinarily pertinent to his office.

The Vice-President shall act for the President during his absence.

The Secretary shall maintain supervision of said Club's property; keeps an accurate record of the minutes of each meeting, a correct roster of members showing business addresses and telephone numbers, and residence addresses and telephone numbers. E-mail addresses will be requested if available but only for the purpose of meeting notification and shall never be shared with any outside source or organization.

The Secretary and/or Treasurer shall collect all dues and monies. The Secretary shall send out all notices and keep a record of attendance at all meetings, take care of all correspondence, and perform such other duties as are pertinent to his office. He shall make arrangement for a meeting place, receive and announce new members. The books of the Secretary and the records of the Club shall be open at all times to the officers and members.

The Secretary and/or Treasurer shall disburse all monies upon orders of the Club. He shall keep such records of receipts and disbursements as are necessary to correctly reflect the financial condition of the said Club; and he shall make a report thereof at each meeting.

Article XI. Section I. Organization

The President, Vice-President, Secretary, and or Treasurer shall constitute an executive committee which shall meet at the call of the President and a majority of such shall constitute a quorum at any such meeting.

Article XII. Section I. Meetings

The annual meeting shall be held the first regular meeting after the election of a new Potentate each year

Regular meetings shall be held on the Third Thursday of each month at such time and place as shall be designated in the notice of such meeting.

Special meetings may be called by the President upon five days notice in writing to each member in good standing.

Article XIII. Section I. Dues

Initial membership fees shall be \$14.00, which pays dues to January 1. The annual dues will be due and payable in advance or at the annual meeting. Any member who is delinquent in dues at a second regular meeting following the annual meeting shall be notified by the Secretary and in the event such dues are not paid before the third regular meeting, such member shall be dropped from the rolls.

Article XIII, Section II Perpetual Dues Plan
Added as an amendment December 17, 2008

Beginning January 1, 2009 a Perpetual Dues Plan will become available to all regular dues paying members of the MO-RI Shrine Club. Such plan will be based on the regular annual dues structure at the time the member elects the option of Perpetual Dues. The Perpetual Dues Plan will be based on a factor of 30 (thirty) times the annual club dues at the time of the member's option to participate in the plan. A check or money order for the entire amount shall be attached to the standard Club Request Form which will also be available beginning January 1, 2009. This request form will be signed by the requesting member and co-signed by the Club President and Treasurer and thus filed with the Club Treasurer. The MO-RI Club Treasurer shall be the responsible person for assuring the funds are placed within an account paying the highest yield. The monies generated by this Perpetual Dues Plan will be distributed as follows: 100% of the face amount of the payment will be placed into a separate account or fund within a local banking institution and remain in such an account as long as MO-RI exists. Should the member choose to leave the Masonic family and not continue his Blue Lodge or Tangier Dues, the Perpetual Dues are not refundable. The Club Treasurer may withdraw 85% (eighty-five) percent of the interest or dividends gained by the principal Perpetual Dues amount as the interest becomes available and place it in MO-RI's general operating fund. The remaining 15 (fifteen) percent of the interest or dividend will be added to the principal amount of the original fund so it will always be growing and never decreasing. In the event the MO-RI Shrine Club should cease to exist, any and all funds existing within this special Perpetual Dues Account, including interest and/or dividends will become the exclusive property of the Tangier Shrine Center, located at 2823 S. 84th Street, Omaha NE. and will acted upon as such.

The purpose of this amendment is to help facilitate not having to raise our annual dues as well as create a perpetual growing fund that would allow each existing and all new members to participate in. It is the sincere and permanent wish of the members that this fund never be diminished in any way other than what is contained within this amendment.

Accounting for perpetual dues participants and donations made in the memory of a departed brother will be maintained within these By-Laws and will not require a change to said By-Laws each time a new participant ops into the plan or a donation is made in the memory of a departed brother. Participants will be listed in numerical sequence beginning with the number 1 (one) and will include the full name of each participant, the date the member joined the plan and the amount paid in perpetual dues. This listing will be made available each year by the Secretary or Treasurer as part of the annual meeting held each January.

PERPETUAL DUES PARTICIPANTS

	<u>NOBLE</u>	<u>DATE OPTED IN</u>	<u>DUES AMOUNT</u>
1.	Bill L. Dunn	January 15, 2009	\$300.00
2.	Donald N. Eppley	January 15, 2009	\$300.00
3.	Jeffrey E. Jackson (Potentate 2009)	January 15, 2009	\$300.00
4.	Dr. James O Thone (A gift from his wife Leona given in Jim's memory) Jim was a 1973 Charter Member of MO-RI.	February 12, 2009	\$300.00
5.	Alex Mueller	November 19, 2009	\$300.00
6.	Anthony (Tony) Rosterman	December 17, 2009	\$300.00
7.	Brent Thone	April 15, 2010	\$300.00
8.	James Aronson	May 20, 2010	\$300.00
9.	John D Harding Jr.	November 11, 2011	\$300.00

Article XIV. Section I.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting providing such amendment or amendments have been presented at a regular meeting immediately prior thereto, having first received the approval of the Potentate and the Executive Committee.

Article XV. Section I. Order of Business

All regular meetings will be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the Club's final authority on all questions of parliamentary procedure and parliamentary law not covered by this Constitution and By-Laws.

Approved by Tangier Potentate Jeff Jackson