

April 20,2004

**BOUMI SHRINE MOTOR CORPS  
BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I – NAME**

**Section I.**

The name of this Unit of Boumi Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. shall be: "MOTOR CORPS."

**ARTICLE II – PURPOSE**

**Section 1.**

The purpose of this Unit is to aid, assist and promote the general interest of Boumi Shrine at all times.

**Section 2.**

To act as the escort of the Illustrious Potentate at his request and pleasure and to lead the Units of Boumi Shrine, whenever requested, at all public functions and parades.

**ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT**

**Section 1.**

This Unit shall be governed by the By-Laws of Boumi Shrine and the Imperial Code of the Imperial Council, A.A.O.N.M.S. and these By-Laws.

**ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS**

**Section 1.**

The Offices of the Motor Corps shall be limited to rank and in the order of their importance;  
Captain, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, and two Sergeants.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant shall assist the Captain at the Captain's request, is acting Captain during the Captain's absence, serve as Circus Chairman and assume other duties as assigned by the Captain.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant shall oversee committees and fund raisers, reporting directly to the Captain.

A Sergeant shall serve as Secretary.

A Sergeant shall serve as Treasurer.

**Section 2.**

The Office of Captain shall be elected each year from among the active members of this Unit, and remain so until voted a change by a majority of members of this Unit present at a regular meeting. The active member receiving a majority vote for this office, by secret ballot, shall be declared Captain of the Unit. No Motor Corps installation shall be made until after the Illustrious Potentate has been elected, installed, and given his approval of the elected Captain.

After the election of the Captain, the Office of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant shall be subject to a majority vote of the members present at the meeting. Any other offices shall be by appointment of the Captain.

### **Section 3.**

The Captain shall be vested with full authority to:

- A. Appoint the Sergeants
- B. Appoint the Drill Instructor(s)
- C. Appoint the road Captains
- D. Appoint committees as he may deem necessary
- E. Submit a complete roster of the Motor Corps membership and an inventory of Boumi Shrine property to the Potentate and Chief Rabban at or before the annual election of officers of Boumi Temple.

### **Section 4.**

The Secretary shall keep records of membership, meetings and all other activities; keep proper minutes of each meeting; write articles for the Boumi News; and shall promptly pay all monies to the Treasurer, accepting his receipt. He shall issue all notices to members and present a detailed report at each meeting.

### **Section 5.**

The Treasurer shall receive all revenue of the Motor Corps and give proper receipt to the member for his money from a receipt book, which leaves a permanent carbon copy in the receipt book, and then deposit said revenue in a bank approved by the Motor Corps; pay all approved bills by check co-signed by the Captain and either the Treasurer or Secretary; render a just and accurate account of the finances when called upon; be prepared to submit his books to the Auditing Committee at the close of his term; and shall submit records for IRS purposes on time.

## **ARTICLE V– MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1.**

Active and Associate membership in the Motor Corps shall be limited to members of Boumi Shrine in good standing. Members may be any member of Boumi Shrine in good standing and are eligible to become members by making proper application in writing. To be elected to membership, the Noble must be recommended by two members of the Motor Corps, and approved by a majority vote of the members present at the meeting.

All members have voting rights in the business of the Motor Corps except matters relating to motorcycle equipment which shall be limited to voting by Active members. Only Active members may be nominated or elected to the office of Captain or 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant.

Active members shall be those members who own or otherwise have a parade worthy motorcycle as described in Section 2 of this Article available for their use during Motor Corps activities or who qualify in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.

A. Active members may participate in either of the following two sections:

**Section A** - Will consist of members having motorcycles of the same make and model, be of the same color and outfitted in a like manner.

**Section B** – Will consist of members with motorcycles other than those that make up Section A.

B. Active member is one who owns or otherwise has the use of an acceptable motorcycle defined in Section 2 of Article V and may participate in either Section.

C. Associate members will consist of those members, other than Active members who are approved for membership in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

D. Honorary members are those members who have demonstrated a continued exemplary service to the Motor Corps as non-members and have been approved for membership in accordance with Section 4 of this Article.

## **Section 2.**

The acceptable motorcycle shall be a parade worthy motorcycle as determined by a majority vote of the active members present at the Motor Corps meeting.

## **Section 3**

Any active member who sells his motorcycle and has a receipt, order form or has placed a deposit on a replacement motorcycle shall remain an active member. If the motorcycle has not been replaced or ordered within thirty days said member shall be put on the Associate member list and must relinquish his uniform and all property of the Motor Corps or Boumi Shrine immediately. Upon approval of a replacement motorcycle, the member shall be reinstated as an active member.

## **Section 4.**

Honorary members shall be limited to any Noble who qualifies in accordance with Paragraph D of Section 1 of this Article and who has been voted an honorary membership by members of the Unit. These members shall be excluded from paying dues.

## **Section 5.**

For new applicants for membership, the Captain shall, upon receiving an application for a prospective new member, appoint a committee of three to determine the qualifications of said applicant using the following criteria as part of the committee investigation:

- A. Does the applicant have a parade worthy motorcycle?
- B. Does the applicant's history indicate that he will be an asset to the Boumi Shrine Motor Corps and to Shrinedom?
- C. Is the applicant willing to "dress up" his motorcycle to compl with the inspection team's recommendations?
- D. Must be a member in good standing of Boumi Shrine.

Answers to the above must be positive and the applicant must be recommended by the Investigating Committee before he is accepted.

## **ARTICLE VI – UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT**

### **Section 1.**

Active members shall be responsible for the loss, maintenance, and care of uniforms and accessories assigned to them. Any member of the Motor Corps who willfully and knowingly destroys or causes misuse or abuse of uniforms, accessories, equipment, or any property of this Unit shall be subject to suspension and the cost or replacement of any Boumi Shrine and/or Motor Corps equipment.

## **ARTICLE VII – AUDITING COMMITTEE**

### **Section 1.**

The Auditing Committee shall consist of no less than two members of the Motor Corps. The Auditing Committee shall audit and examine all books and accounts of the Treasurer and shall submit annually and prior to January 31<sup>st</sup>, a written and detailed report of the audit. Copies of this report shall be submitted to the Illustrious Potentate, Recorder, and Captain of the Motor Corps.

## **ARTICLE VIII - DUES**

### **Section 1**

The annual dues shall be set by a two-thirds majority vote of all members at its regular meeting. Dues notices shall be mailed by November 1<sup>st</sup> and shall be paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. A notice of any vote to change the dues shall be mailed to all members at least thirty days prior to any vote.

**ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS**

**Section 1**

Regular meetings of the Unit will be held on the third Tuesday of each month unless otherwise changed by the Illustrious Potentate or members by a majority vote.

**Section 2.**

Special meetings may be called by the Captain at any time provided that ten days written notice or five days verbal notice is given to all members.

**ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1.**

These By-Laws may be amended by an affirmative vote of three fourths of all members present at a regular Motor Corps Meeting, after thirty days prior written notice has been given to members of the proposed amendments and upon submission to and approval of the Illustrious Potentate.

**ARTICLE XI – QUORUM**

**Section 1.**

A Quorum shall consist of at least ten percent of the members, to include at least two elected officers. No meeting shall be held and no business shall be transacted unless a quorum is present.

**Nobles of the Motor Corps**

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**Captain**

**Approved by:**

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**ILLUSTRIOUS POTENTATE**

**DATE**