

M.A.A.S.M.C Bylaws

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ARTICLE I. NAME AND OBJECT:

SECTION 1. This Association shall be known as the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps (M.A.A.S.M.C.), and shall have as members Units or Corps representing any Temple within the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Association (M.A.S.A.).

SECTION 2. The purpose of this Association is to promote the organization and betterment of Motor Corps among the various Temples of the Shrine; and to create and devise motorized equipment that fits in with the style and display purposes of the Shrine and includes all powered motor vehicles; and to promote cordiality and good fellowship among its members.

SECTION 3. This Association, as a body, shall not use its influence in any way nor take sides in any matter whatsoever in the affairs of the Imperial Council or the Mid-Atlantic Association nor shall it enter into collusion with others having that intent.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP:

SECTION 1. Membership in this Association shall be composed of active members, members-at-large and honorary as elected by the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2. An active member shall be a Shriner who is a member of a Motor Corps affiliate with this Association. All officers of the Association shall be a captain, director or president, or past captain, director or president of his Temple's Motor Unit or Club, (if from a Temple where there is a large Temple Motor Corp that covers a number of different motor units or clubs under it, the caption, director or president of those units or clubs would qualify to be a Officer of the Association), and shall be considered active members of the Association for the duration of their term of office.

SECTION 3. A member-at-large shall be a Shriner, formerly an active member of a Motor Corps of this Association, who has moved his place of residence from the jurisdiction of the corps of which he was a former member or who has become a member of a "retired veterans" group that is recognized by his Corps. In order to qualify, as a member-at-large, such Shriner shall pay dues to the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps.

SECTION 4. Shrine Motor Corps desiring to affiliate with this Association shall submit an application on a form furnished by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps listing its officers and members, and signed and approved by the Potentate of their Temple, together with the current year's dues and upon the approval of the Executive Committee shall then become members of this Association.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS AND OFFICERS

SECTION 1. There shall be two (2) semi-annual meetings of the Board O Governors to transact the business of this Association.

- (A) The spring meeting shall be held at a location determined by the first Vice President for the purpose of acting on any business and the election and installation of officers for the ensuing year.
- (B) The fall meeting shall be held during the Mid-Atlantic Session A.A.O.N.M.S.: at such time and place as may be determined by the convention committee of this Association.

SECTION 2. One representative from each member Temple affiliated with this Association, together with the Officers of the Association, as enumerated in Section 4 hereof, and the Past Presidents of the Association, that are in good standing herein, shall constitute the Board of Governors of the Association. Representatives of the Board of Governors from member Temples affiliated with the Association shall at the semi-annual meeting of the Association, or prior thereto, furnish satisfactory credentials of his election or appointment to the Secretary-Treasurer of this Association. If the regularly designated representative is unable to attend a semi-annual meeting, an alternate may be selected from the member Temple and he shall qualify and function as a representative.

SECTION 3. Active members and members-at-large shall have the right to attend all meetings of the Board of Governors and may participate therein, but shall have no vote and may not propose any motion, unless he is a member of the Board of Governors.

SECTION 4. The officers of this Association shall be President; First, Second, and Third Vice Presidents; Organizer; and Secretary – Treasurer, all of whom shall be elected; Sergeant At Arms and Chaplain, whom shall be appointed by the President – Elect following the election. All officers shall serve a term of one (1) year.

SECTION 5. The offices of this Association cannot be filled by two (2) nobles of the same Temple except for Secretary – Treasurer. The only exception would be if there was no member from a Temple not already on the officers line submitting their name for an open position on the line. At that point it would be permitted to have two members from the same Temple on line at the same time. However at any time with the exception of the Secretary Treasurer there could only be two members from the same Temple on line. It is also understood that no two Officers from the same Temple can follow each other in line.

SECTION 6. The officers of this Association shall constitute the Executive Committee which may transact any interim business. The President shall be Chairman and the Committee shall have the authority to fill any vacancy in an elected office until the next semi-annual meeting, at which time the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Governors.

SECTION 7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and carry out all orders and resolutions of the Association; he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees; he shall appoint all committees and fill vacancies occurring therein; he shall, at least thirty (30)

days prior to the fall semi-annual meeting, appoint an auditing committee of not less than three (3) to audit the books and accounts of the Association and report their findings to the Association at said semi-annual meeting; he shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to the spring semi-annual meeting, appoint a nominating committee of not less than three (3) to report their nominations for officers at said semi-annual meeting.

SECTION 8. The First Vice President shall in the absence of the President perform the duties of the President; he shall prepare an operating budget, based on anticipated income, for presentation and acceptance by the Board of Governors at the spring semi-annual meeting.

SECTION 9. The Second, and Third Vice Presidents shall, in the absence of the President and First Vice President, perform the duties of the President. They shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the President.

SECTION 10. The Organizer shall encourage and assist in the organization of Motor Corps in the various Temples of the Shrine and shall promote the affiliation of such Motor Corps with this Association. He shall report the names of all new Motor Corps and their officers to the President and the Secretary – Treasurer of the Association.

SECTION 11. The Secretary – Treasurer shall keep all the records of the Association, record its minutes and within thirty (30) days mail a copy to unit representatives, Officers and Past Presidents; he shall receive all dues and funds of the Association and deposit same in a reputable bank, covered by Federal Deposit Insurance, in the name of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps; he shall pay out the funds of this Association on the order of the Executive Committee or Board of Governors all bills incurred, including expenses for the First Vice President and the Secretary – Treasurer to attend the spring M.A.S.A. meeting, these expenses not to exceed the amount of the M.A.S.A. registration and two (2) nights lodging; he may expend funds to support the normal business expenses of the Association (postage, printing of Scrambler / letterhead / envelopes, internet access Insurance, Web Page) as well as \$200 without prior approval; he shall give good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in such an amount as the Executive Committee shall require, and the cost of said bond shall be paid out of the Association's treasury. This bond shall be kept in custody of the President.

SECTION 12. The Sergeant At Arms shall maintain proper order in all meetings of the Association, as directed by the President; he shall provide a registration book wherein each person attending meetings of the Association shall register his name and Temple, and shall deliver the same to the Secretary – Treasurer of the Association at the conclusion of the spring semi – annual meeting; he shall also provide identification badges or insignia for the members of the Board of Governors, cost of the same to be paid by the Association.

SECTION 13. The Chaplain shall provide spiritual guidance at all meetings of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. DUES

SECTION 1. The annual dues shall be set by the Board of Governors, at the spring semi-annual meeting, for the ensuing year and shall be paid into the treasury of this Association on or before February 28, accompanied by a roster including the names of their elected officers. Dues shall be paid by all members and members-at-large for each unit in Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps.

SECTION 2. Should the dues of any affiliated corps or any member-at-large not be paid before May 1, it and all its members or the offending member-at-large shall be denied all of the rights and privileges of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps, and shall be immediately suspended and not eligible for reinstatement until the following year, and resubmit the following year.

SECTION 3. Membership cards in this Association signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary – Treasurer shall be issued to active members and members-at-large upon payment of annual dues.

SECTION 4. A charter shall be issued to each member Corps of this Association upon receipt of its first year's dues by the Secretary – Treasurer.

SECTION 5. The official insignia for the Association shall be a circle 3" in diameter. Around the circle shall be the words "Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps," circle divided into (9) equal sections and in the sections will be the abbreviation of each of the nine (9) states representing the Mid-Atlantic states and an inner circle $\frac{3}{4}$ " in diameter with the words "Organized 1966" centered around the circle and the Shrine insignia centered in the circle. This seal will be sold only to member Motor Corps.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The President shall appoint an editor whose duty shall be to publish a paper, magazine or periodical which would be recognized as the official organ of the organization, to be known as Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps (M.A.A.S.M.C.). Said editor will select his staff of reporters or assistants, preferably being to publicize the Association at every opportunity and also keep each member of the organization informed on current events and activities of the Association.

SECTION 2. The First Vice President shall appoint a convention chairman for the spring semi-annual meeting. The Chairman shall appoint his own committee and shall make all arrangements for meetings and entertainment to be held by the Association. All expenditures shall have the approval of the First Vice President and a report of their transactions shall be made at the next semi-annual meeting. The Chairman for the spring convention shall be from the host Corps.

ARTICLE VI. ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 1. Unless otherwise ordered, the order of business at meetings shall be as follows:

- (a) Roll call and validation of credentials
- (b) Reading of minutes
- (c) Bills and communications
- (d) Reports of officers
- (e) Report of standing committees
- (f) Report of special committees
- (g) Unfinished business
- (h) New business
- (i) Election of officers
- (j) Adjournment

SECTION 2. All business shall be conducted as governed by Robert's Rules of Order where not specifically covered by the foregoing Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any Board of Governors meeting of the Association by a two-third (2/3) majority vote of those present and qualified to vote, provided said amendments are submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer sixty (60) days prior to said meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer shall notify each unit contact member, Officer and Past Presidents by mail thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

SECTION 2. Any proposed changes, additions or deletions to these Bylaws must be submitted to the Bylaws Committee (as appointed by the President) for its review and recommendations. This committee shall submit the proposals to the Executive Committee along with recommendations. After compliance with Section 1 is met the Board of Governors shall vote on the proposals at the next semi-annual meeting.

SECTION 3. Amendments to these Bylaws will become effective upon approval by the President of M.A.S.A. and the Imperial Potentate.

M.A.A.S.M.C. OFFICER QUALIFICARIONS

To become an Officer of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Shrine Motor Corps, you must comply with Article ii, Section 2, of the Bylaws. You need to submit a letter of your intent, a resume, a letter of support from your Unit, and a letter of support from your Temple signed by the Potentate, to the Secretary of M.A.A.S.M.C.