

RESOLUTION 2007-06
(requires a 5/6 majority to adopt)

Synopsis: This legislation provides Lodges with greater flexibility to identify the availability of its members' free time by providing the ability to experiment with various meeting times and dates without having to modify their bylaws.

Whereas all Lodges in Arizona must continually monitor their performance to insure that they are meeting the needs of their members; and

Whereas the demographics of the population in our communities is continually changing; and

Whereas it is a poor use of both Grand Lodge and Lodge resources to write bylaw changes regarding meeting times only to have to modify them again to try another option to improve attendance;

It is therefore increasingly more important to provide Lodges greater flexibility in controlling their meeting times and dates.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Sections 65.1 and 173.14 of the Constitution be amended by as follows (added text in **bold type**, deletions in ~~striketrough~~):

Section 65.1 Each Lodge shall have not less than ten stated meetings in each calendar year and the month or months in which the Lodge is to be dark to be specifically stated in the by-laws. **However, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to a Lodge to hold two (2) stated meetings in any Grand Lodge Year at a time and/or on a date different from that specified in the Lodge bylaws, provided that all members of the Lodge are given 60 days written notice via first class mail of the changed time(s) and/or date(s).**

Section 173.14 Stated Meeting. The stated meeting of a Lodge is the designated meeting in each month at which all business may be done, as specified in sec. 65. It shall be designated as such in the by-laws of each Lodge (**except as provided in Section 65.1**), and no adjourned or called meeting shall ever be considered as a part of such stated meeting.

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