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# ***Election of Officers the Imperial Law reads:***

## **Section 325.9 - Representatives**

- (a) Single Ballot. Where a temple elects more than one Representative.  
All candidates must be balloted for one written ballot.
- (b) Complete Ballot. Each member voting must vote only for the total number of representatives to be elected otherwise his ballot cannot be counted as a vote.
- (c) Majority Vote. A majority vote of those present and voting is necessary to elect each Representative.
- (d) Election. Only those candidates who receive a majority vote shall be declared elected.
- (e) Successive Ballots. Successive written ballots must then be taken in the same manner on other candidates until all Representatives are elected.
- (f) Highest Vote. If more candidates receive a majority vote than the number of Representatives to be elected, then those receiving the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected.
- (g) Void Ballot. Blank ballots are not votes.

## **Section 325.10 - Election Regulation**

- (a) Electioneering. The printing, publication, circulating or distribution of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices, by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of the proposed candidates in the temple is prohibited.
- (b) Violation. For any violation of (a), the Imperial Potentate may suspend any offending Noble, and he may declare the election of the officers void and order a new election.
- (c) Notice. At least one week prior to the annual meeting or any election the temple Recorder shall mail to each member a notice thereof containing this section.

## **Profile of an Oriental Guide**

When the annual meeting takes place in January 2007, Nobles will be called upon to determine who will be chosen Oriental Guide to begin the long move through the Divan to the highest post within the Temple.

When the members of the Shrine Temple elect a Noble to the office of Oriental Guide, they are virtually starting that Noble through the Divan line on the assumption that he will prove qualified for any merit advancement to the high office of Illustrious Potentate.

Hence it is quite evident that the nominations for Oriental Guide should be based upon thorough and accurate evaluation of character, ability and interest.

A Noble can be a fellow, a hard worker and a loyal Shriner, and yet lack the basic qualifications, which make a good Potentate. Unless a Noble is fully qualified for the job, he is unfair both to himself and to this Temple in seeking the office or in permitting his fellow Nobles to support and promote his candidacy.

The normal starting point of Shrine leadership is the office of Oriental Guide. The following checklist may prove helpful in evaluating potential candidates for the Office of Oriental Guide. However, no thinking man would be so naive or presumptuous as to believe that any one Noble could possibly embody all of the virtues, talents and qualifications which are set forth in this check list for eventual evaluation of potential candidates by the voting members.

- Leadership
- Executive ability
- Business sense
- Community standing and influence
- Financially secure
- Energy and vitality
- Free to devote ample time
- Capable of building good public relations
- Good habits and moral character
- Interest in Shrinedom
- Ability to give and get cooperation

So, let's be fair, honest and wise in the all-important matter of electing to office only men who are eminently qualified for the job.