

Loans

General Requirements:

Before any Lodge shall make a commitment to or acquire by purchase or otherwise any real estate, mortgage or sell the same, construct or substantially improve a building or execute any lease, it shall adopt a resolution authorizing such action at a meeting held after written notice mailed to each good standing member and obtain from the General Governor a written fraternal permit.

- All good standing lodge members must be notified of the meeting in writing: The notice can be by postcard, letter or newsletter.
- The notification must go to all good standing members of the lodge (not chapter).
- The lodge must provide the General Governor the following: a resolution, copy of notification, letter of commitment from lending institution (spelling out terms and condition of loan), and a list of how loan disbursement will be made.
- Lodge members shall not guarantee loans.

Mortgage Refinance

- If the refinance is for better or equal terms a special meeting is not required. The resolution can be approved at a regular lodge meeting.
- If refinancing will add additional funds to the mortgage, increase the interest rate or increase the term, the steps required for any loan placing a lien on lodge property must be followed (a special meeting is required).

Loans that do not place a lien on property

- Loans of this nature do not require a special meeting.
- They do require a resolution to be approved by membership.
- The General Governor requires the following: a properly completed resolution, letter of commitment from bank and a list of how loan proceeds will be disbursed.

Think About

- If lodge has Certificate's of Indebtedness outstanding, loan requests will not be granted for "improvements" to the lodge.
- Is the purpose of the loan to borrow lodge out of debt?
- Does the lodge have a plan to repay the loan?
- What has been going on at this lodge over the last 3 - 4 years?
- Is the lodge indebted to Moose International for a loan or account receivable? If unsure, check with Moose International's Finance Department. Generally, a condition of approval is that Moose International be paid in full from the loan proceeds.