

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS REGARDING **MULTIPLE MEMBERSHIPS**

Office of the General Governor

1. **Question** – In how many units (lodges/chapters/Moose Legions) can a member hold membership?
Answer – There are no limitations on the number of fraternal units a member may join as long as he/she is qualified to be a member of each fraternal unit.
2. **Question** – Does a member have to complete an application to become a member of another fraternal unit?
Answer – Yes, the same as a new member.
3. **Question** – Does a member have to pay an application fee to each unit he/she wants to join?
Answer – Yes.
4. **Question** – Can a member sponsor themselves into another unit?
Answer – No. The laws of the Order require the member to be sponsored by another active member.
5. **Question** – Does a member's application in another unit have to go before the Application Review Committee of that unit?
Answer – Yes. The applicant, although a member of another unit, is a new applicant in the unit he/she wishes to join.
6. **Question** – Is the Application Review Committee required to conduct an investigation of an applicant that is already a member of the Order?
Answer – Yes, the same as any new applicant.
7. **Question** – Can the Application Review Committee reject the application of a member of another unit?
Answer – Yes.
8. **Question** – If a member is rejected, does he/she have to wait 6 months to reapply for membership in that unit?
Answer – Yes, unless the member has received a dispensation waiving the 6 months requirement. The rejected member may still apply to other units.
9. **Question** – Do multiple membership sponsor credits count towards personal and unit honors?
Answer – Yes.
10. **Question** – Can a member hold office in more than one unit at the same time?
Answer – No, unless he/she has received a dispensation from the General Governor if a lodge member and the Grand Chancellor if a chapter member.
11. **Question** – Is a member of more than one unit entitled to vote in general membership meetings of all units in which he/she is a member?
Answer – Yes.
12. **Question** – May a member holding membership in more than one unit serve on committees in all the units in which he/she holds membership?
Answer – Yes.

- 13. Question** – May a member who is an officer in one unit be an employee or receive tips for volunteering in the social quarters of another unit in which he/she is a member but not an officer?
Answer – Yes.
- 14. Question** – What rights or benefits does a member having more than one membership have in each unit in which he/she is a member?
Answer – A member holding membership in more than one unit has the same privileges and immunities as every other member of each unit in which he/she holds membership.
- 15. Question** – Is a member who holds a higher degree a member of the Higher Degree Committee of each unit in which he/she is a member?
Answer – Yes.
- 16. Question** – Does a member who holds membership in more than one unit receive a membership card for each unit in which he/she is a member?
Answer – Yes. The membership card for each unit will reflect the length of service in that unit.
- 17. Question** – Can a member who holds membership in more than one unit transfer one of the memberships to another unit?
Answer – Yes, subject to compliance with laws of the Order.
- 18. Question** – If a member is a Past Governor/Regent of a unit and becomes a member of another unit, is he a Past Governor/Past Regent of that unit?
Answer – No. He/She is only a Past Governor/Regent of the original unit in which he/she served or received the honorary designation. (Note - A Past Governor of the Order is entitled to vote at Supreme Lodge meetings. Unless qualified in some other manner, a Past Governor/Regent is not entitled to sit on the Nominating Committee of a new unit by reason of being a Past Governor/Regent in their original unit.)
- 19. Question** – If a member holds a life membership in a unit and desires to hold membership in another unit, what are the correct procedures?
Answer – The life member may apply for transfer of his/her life membership by paying the applicable transfer fee and being voted on as a new member in the new unit, or retain his/her life membership in the original unit and apply for a second membership in the new unit by paying the applicable fees and dues.
- 20. Question** – At district or association meetings, may a member holding memberships in two lodges in the same district represent each lodge of which he is a member?
Answer – He may represent either lodge at any particular meeting. He may not represent more than one lodge at any given meeting of the district/association. He may only represent one lodge at a time.
- 21. Question** – At district meetings, may a lodge member holding membership in two or more lodges in different districts represent each lodge of which he is a member?
Answer – He may represent each lodge at separate district meetings. He only has one vote and may only represent one lodge a time.
- 22. Question** - If a Co-worker joins or transfers to a Service Center will she lose her tenure and degrees earned in another unit or will she have to hold a membership in both units?
Answer - When a chapter member earns personal honors and is invested with a degree, she retains that degree forever, unless the Grand Chancellor removes it. Therefore, if a co-worker holding degrees joins a service center, she will not lose her degrees, but a WOTM Service Center program does not have the higher degree committees such as College of Regents Committee, Star Recorder Committee, Academy of Friendship Committee as WOTM Service Centers cannot earn the Award of Achievement and individuals may not qualify for personal honors through membership in a WOTM Service Center.

- 23. Question** – If a member holds multiple memberships and is arrears in the payment of dues in one unit, is he/she considered a member in arrears in that unit?
Answer – Yes. He/she would not be entitled to attend official meetings, vote, hold office, or serve as a committed chairperson of the unit in which he/she is in arrears. However, if he/she is active in another unit, he/she is entitled to enter the social quarters of all lodges in the fraternity, including the one in which he/she is in arrears.
- 24. Question** – What happens if a lodge member holding a multiple membership is nominated to receive the Fellowship Degree of Honor is active in one lodge and not in another?
Answer – The member would be qualified for consideration if he is an active member of the lodge that recommended him.
- 25. Question** – Can a member of the Moose Legion hold multiple Moose Legion memberships?
Answer – Yes, but he must at all times be an active member of a lodge within the jurisdiction of each Moose Legion in which he holds membership.
- 26. Question** – How many ID numbers will a member have who holds multiple memberships?
Answer – One (1).

(Note – The designation “fraternal unit” as used herein refers to lodge, chapter or Moose Legion, as applicable. To be a member of any fraternal unit, the applicant must meet all membership requirements. Questions may be directed to the General Governor at 630-966-2207)

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