

SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTION NUMBER 6

SPECIAL PRIVILEGES

1. **Definition**

- (a) A special dispensation may be granted to a Bethel by the Supreme Guardian for Bethels under Supreme, or the Grand Guardian to permit a deviation from or a temporary suspension of a portion of the Bethel's Bylaws. Approval of this request results in the issuance of a special dispensation.

2. **Request and Filing** - (See SI 14.22)

- (a) A special dispensation shall be requested by a majority vote at a Bethel meeting, except in case of an emergency, in which case the Bethel Guardian shall consult with the elective officers of the Bethel and Executive members of the BGC.
- (b) Requests from Bethels under Supreme shall be submitted on Form 200 and sent to their Supreme Deputy.
- (c) Special dispensations granted shall be attached to the minutes of the Bethel meeting affected by the privilege.

3. **Special Privileges with Fee** - (See SI 14.22)

A fee of two dollars (\$2.00) shall accompany the request for a special dispensation to:

- (a) dispense with regular meetings for a vacation period, or the extension of such vacation period, when no vacation period is provided for in the Bethel's Bylaws.
- (b) elect officers at a time other than provided in the Bethel's Bylaws.
- (c) install officers at a time other than provided in the Bethel's Bylaws.
- (d) dispense with regular meetings.
- (e) hold special meetings.
- (f) change meeting place.
- (g) change hour of meeting.
- (h) change date of meeting.

4. **Special Privileges without Fee** - (See SI 14.22)

No fee shall be charged for a special dispensation to:

- (a) hold a special election to fill a vacancy in an elective Bethel office and to install officers so elected.
- (b) exemplify the ritualistic ceremony for Masonic or appendant orders.
- (c) hold meeting for official visits of the Supreme or Grand Guardian.
- (d) change date or hour of meeting when the meeting:
 - (1) falls on a legal holiday
 - (2) falls during the week of the Annual Session of the SGC or GGC
 - (3) place is required for other purposes.

5. **A Special Dispensation is not required to:**

- (a) Install an officer in an appointed office to fill a vacancy.
- (b) Install a Bethel Choir member.
- (c) Install members of a BGC at a Bethel meeting.

6. The Supreme Guardian may issue a special dispensation for the purpose of permitting:

- (a) Bethel members in one state to assist in instituting Bethels in a state not under GGC jurisdiction.
- (b) Election and installation of Bethel Officers and Choir at a time other than specified in the Constitution of a Bethel.

7. The Supreme or Grand Guardian shall issue, for her term of office, a Special Dispensation to place a Bethel under reorganization. (See C-Bethel Art XII, Sec 1 (e), SI-14.28 and SI 18)