

RULE 50. Membership shall be open to any man regardless of age, race, color or religion that will participate in SIR activities, events, luncheon meetings, and is also willing to volunteer and bring guests for the purpose of perpetuating the organization.

(Revised 1/11/93) (Revised 11/8/11) (Revised 7/7/18) (Revised 10/30/18)

RULE 240. The Branch Director is an integral part of the Branch Executive Committee. He has equal voting rights with other members of the committee and shares equal responsibility for the conduct of all Branch operations and activities. A Branch Director shall serve one-year terms and be restricted to three consecutive terms, excluding any partial year immediately preceding the first such year. If a Branch Director vacates the position for one or more calendar years, eligibility is reestablished. Upon request by the Big Sir, the Regional Director or the State President may make an exception to this rule. (Revised 9/12/18) (10/30/18)

RULE 100. A member shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period unless the Branch BEC has approved a different attendance requirement(s).

A member shall be notified in writing, e-mail, and/or telephone by his Branch if he is in violation of the Attendance Rule 100 and is subject to the termination of his Branch membership. See Rule 107 (Revised 10/30/18)

RULE 2i. "Active member" means " Member". (Revised 10/30/18)

Rule 90 – 94 Inactive (DELETED 10/30/18)

RULE 55. A Branch BEC may grant a member attendance relief who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to prolonged illness, acting as a caregiver to a family member or companion, or an extended absence from the Branch locale. A member that is granted attendance relief is still considered a member and subject to Branch rules. (New 11/04/2014) (Revised 10/30/18) (Revised 10/30/18)

24g. In situations where a Branch has determined that a past HLM recipient can no longer attend or participate in branch functions, the Branch Executive Committee with two-thirds approval may request that the Area Governor approve assigning that member HLM Emeritus status so that he would no longer count toward the Branch's HLM limit. This Branch request shall be initiated by letter to the Area Governor over the Big Sir's signature outlining the circumstances that prompt the requested action including steps taken to contact the HLM. The Area Governor shall approve or disapprove the request by return correspondence with a copy to the State Certificates Chairman. If approved, the individual shall remain a member of that Branch and be reflected as HLM Emeritus in that Branch's and State Roster membership records.

(Revised 6/10/08) (11/8/11) (6/4/13) (1/31/17) (10/30/18)

Rule 80 Membership in more than one Branch at the same time is permissible. The member is required to pay dues to both Branches, if applicable. (Rev10/30/18)