



# MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

## National Rules Committee

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From: Bruce R. Rakfeldt, Chairman

Committee Members: Jim Breen, Hugh Nisbet, Bonita Johnson,  
Bill Brown, Juan Pascacio, Sean Downey

To: National Commandant, TJ Morgan  
All Members of the Marine Corps League

2026 Midwinter Report:

The National Rules Committee proposes the addition of a new rule inserted as Rule #3 to the 2026 Rules of Convention:

***“Monetary donations may be accepted during meetings when the Bible is open, provided such contributions are intended to support outreach initiatives, charitable assistance, or the care of individuals in need.”***

This rule reflects the Convention’s commitment to charitable and outreach efforts in a dignified and consistent manner, eliminating the need for repeated opening and closing of the Bible.

Contributions may include, but aren’t limited to, donations to the Marine Corps League Foundation, emergency relief efforts and scholarship funds. Activities involving raffles, games of chance, or any form of gambling shall remain prohibited, regardless of purpose, and the Bible will be closed during such activities.

Robert’s Rules of Order does not provide specific guidance on this matter; however, our bylaws and adopted rules take precedence. The committee has reviewed applicable state laws and found no conflicts.

Since the Rules of Convention are read and voted on by the membership, the members retain the right to accept or reject this newly proposed rule.

Respectfully submitted,

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