



## Revision History

- April 13, 2006 – Adopted in current format
- December 9, 2006 - Grand Lodge approved current format and changes
- September 11, 2008 – Articles III and IV Amended
- March 22, 2012 – Articles III and IV Amended

## Article I – Stated Communications

The Stated Communications of this lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 7:30 pm, except November and December when the only Stated Communications shall be on the 2nd Thursdays.

## Article II – Officers

**Section 1:** In addition to the officers whose election is provided for by the Grand Lodge, namely, the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, this lodge will elect the Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon. The Worshipful Master, at the time of his installation, will appoint a Chaplain, Master of Ceremonies, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Tiler.

**Section 2:** The election of officers shall be held at the first stated communication in November of each year. Between that time and Installation the new Worshipful Master shall appoint a representative to the St. John's Mite Association, and a representative to serve on the Board of Directors of the MESH, Inc., and a representative to the Masonic Foundation of the District of Columbia.

**Section 3:** The elected and appointed officers shall be installed prior to the 3rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

**Section 4:** The Worshipful Master, upon completion of his year, shall be presented with a Past Master's Jewel and Apron. If additional years are served, a gift of his choice not to exceed \$300 will be given for each year served. In the event a Master does not serve a full year, a vote of the Lodge will determine award of the jewel. Upon presentation, the jewel becomes the property of the recipient; however, the return of the jewel to the Lodge upon the death of the recipient is encouraged.



## **Article III – Degree and Affiliation Fees**

**Section 1:** The petition fee for the membership in the Lodge (degrees or affiliation) shall be \$300.00, which must accompany the petition in order to be received by the Lodge.

**Section 2:** The petition fee (degrees or affiliation) does not include the current year's dues.

## **Article IV – Dues**

**Section 1:** The annual dues for a Masonic Year (October 1 – September 30) shall be \$150.00 including Grand Lodge regular assessments, and is due as of the first day of October. Any member failing to make payment by the first meeting of September of the Masonic year, shall be proposed to the Lodge for Non-Payment of Dues (N.P.D.) status.

**Section 2:** Dues are in addition of the petition fee (degrees or affiliation) for the Masonic year in which the member is raised or elected to affiliation.

## **Article V – Life Membership**

Any Brother who is current in his dues may purchase a Life Membership at the cost of 20 times the lodge's current annual dues. All monies paid under this plan shall be deposited by the Trustees in the investment fund.

## **Article VI – Life Membership (50 years)**

Any member fulfilling 50 years of service in the Fraternity may, by vote of the Lodge, be exempted from payment of any future dues or assessments.

## **Article VII**

**Section 1:** A Brother may be elected an Honorary Member of this Lodge for extensive services to Masonry or to advance the interests of this Lodge

**Section 2:** No action shall be taken on any recommendation for Honorary Membership until one month after a name has been presented to the Lodge at a stated communication. A unanimous ballot shall be necessary to elect a Brother to Honorary Membership.

**Section 3:** An Honorary Member shall be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments, and shall not be entitled to vote on Lodge business, ballot on candidates, or hold Lodge office. However, if an Honorary Member of this Lodge chooses to purchase a Life Membership, he shall then be considered a regular member of this lodge.

## **Article VIII - Committees**

There shall be such committees as the Worshipful Master shall determine are useful for the lodge.



## Article IX - Trustees

**Section 1:** There shall be 3 Trustees of the Lodge elected by ballot for a period of 3 years each, one of whom shall be elected annually. Any vacancy that may occur, or that shall be declared to exist by vote of the Lodge, shall be filled by ballot at the second Stated Communication after the vacancy occurs and after due notice shall have been given to the Lodge membership. The Trustees shall elect a Chairman.

**Section 2:** The title to all property, real and personal, tangible and intangible, except funds of the Lodge in custody of the Treasurer, shall be vested in the Trustees in trust for use of the Lodge. No part of the principal of investment funds vested in the Trustees shall be used for Lodge operations unless a request to do so is presented at a Stated Communication, held over one month, with timely notice given to the members of the Lodge, and approved by majority vote of the members present.

**Section 3:** The Trustees may institute or defend any action by and in behalf of the Lodge.

**Section 4:** The Trustees shall employ a Management Agent who shall supervise the Lodge's building subject to the direction of the Trustees.

## Article X – Awards

The Lodge may make any awards, such as for 25-year members, or other awards as it deems proper.

## Article XI - Standing Resolutions

The Lodge may adopt, change, or delete Standing Resolutions by majority vote at any meeting, so long as notice of the proposed Standing Resolution or amendments are publicized to the members at least 7 days before a vote is taken. The purpose of Standing Resolutions is for the Lodge to have an easily accessible list of policies that it will follow on various subjects, while still allowing the Lodge flexibility to change policies when necessary.

## Article XII - Amendments

Any proposed amendment to these bylaws must be presented in writing and be distributed or read at a Stated Communication, and shall lie over at least one month during which time the members shall be notified of the proposal and the date on which it shall be put to lodge vote. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to adopt.