

Bylaws of

Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10
Free And Accepted Masons of
the District of Columbia
Washington DC

These Bylaws are in effect as
of September 11, 2008

Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10
FAAM (Free And Accepted Masons) of the District of Columbia
Washington DC

Lodge Bylaws

Adopted by the Lodge at its Stated meeting April 13, 2006
The Grand Lodge approved these Bylaws at its meeting December 9, 2006
On September 11, 2008, the lodge voted to amend the bylaws as shown. These
amendments relate to fees and dues, so grand lodge approval is not required.

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 Fees

Section 1. The fee for conferring the degrees must accompany the petition prior to the

petition's presentation before the lodge. The fees are \$150 for men 26 years of age or older and \$55 for men \$25 years of age or younger. No petition will be presented before the lodge without proper fees having first been submitted with the petition. [This section was amended by the lodge on September 11, 2008, and since it related to fees grand lodge approval is not required so it was effective immediately.]

Section 2. The fee for affiliation shall be \$25 to be paid with the petition for affiliation.

Section 3. Clergymen not engaged in secular occupation may, if the lodge so votes annually, receive the degrees without payment of fee.

Article IV - Dues

Section 1. The lodge may vote to exempt any of the following members from payment of dues: Secretary, Treasurer, Tiler, active duty U.S. servicemen, and Clergymen not engaged in secular occupation. [This section was amended by the lodge on September 11, 2008, and since it related to dues grand lodge approval is not required so it was effective immediately.]

Section 2. The dues of each member, except those exempted from the payment of dues, shall be \$40 per year, payable on the first day of October. The disposition of special assessments levied by the Grand Lodge shall be determined by the Lodge. Dues shall be charged pro rata from the first date of the month in which the member was raised, affiliated, or reinstated.

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

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 - Honorary Membership

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

Hiram-Takoma Lodge #10, FAAM (Free And Accepted Masons) of the District of Columbia, Washington DC
Lodge Bylaws - adopted by the Lodge at its Stated meeting April 13, 2006
The Grand Lodge approved these Bylaws at its meeting December 9, 2006
On September 11, 2008, the lodge voted to amend the bylaws as shown. These amendments relate to fees
and dues so grand lodge approval is not required.
Page 5 of 5

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.