

By-Laws of Red Wing Lodge No. 8 - AF & AM

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Article One - Officers and their Elections

Section One

The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Lodge Education Officer, Marshal and Tyler.

The elected officers are the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary who shall be elected annually by ballot at the Stated Communication in ~~June~~ November and duly installed on or before the Stated Communication in December, if practicable.

The Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Lodge Education Officer, Marshal and Tyler shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master ~~at the same Communication~~ immediately following his installation and ~~the those appointed~~ officers shall be subsequently installed. ~~on the same evening as on the day of the festival~~ except such festival shall occur on Sunday in which case the installation shall take place at the next Stated Communication.

Section Two

A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to constitute a choice.

Article Two - Communications

Section One

~~The Stated Communication~~ Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the first Monday evening of each month, except the months of July and August when the Lodge shall go dark, and in the month of September when the Stated Communication shall be on the second Monday of the month.

Section Two

The hour of the meeting shall be 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Section Three

The Lodge fiscal year shall be December 1st to November 30th of the following year.

Article Three - Duty of officers

Section One

The Worshipful Master shall preside at all Communications and he may convene the Lodge whenever he deems it necessary.

Section Two

~~In the absence of the W.M., the S.W. or J.W. or Past Master may preside but the Lodge shall in no case be opened without the W.M. or one of the Wardens.~~

In the event the Master is unable to serve his Lodge, either temporarily or permanently, the procedure for substitution will be governed by the appropriate provisions of the most current version of the Minnesota Masonic Code.

Section Three

The Secretary shall keep accurate Minutes of all the proceedings of the Lodge, receive all monies of the Lodge, pay them immediately over to the Treasurer, taking his receipts for the same, make out all reports except of committees required by this or the Grand Lodge, and present annually a report of all receipts and of all sums due the Lodge and from who, and he shall keep and be responsible for the seal of the Lodge. ~~And his compensation~~ An appropriate recognition for such services shall be determined at each ~~annual~~ November Communication before the election of officers.

Section Four

The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Secretary giving his receipt for the same. He shall pay them out using only one of two methods: (1) For the remuneration of claims authorized by the Lodge in the annual budget in January, the Treasurer shall pay out those monies upon demand only to an amount which is within the authorized budget amount. Those payments will be detailed in his monthly report submitted to the Lodge. (2) For claims against the Lodge which either exceed the annual budget authorization, or were not included in the approved budget, he will pay them out only upon the order of the Lodge on a warrant signed by the Secretary and or the W.M., and such warrant shall show on its face in whose favor it is drawn and for what purpose its object and, if for relief, whether a loan or gift. Make annual report of all disbursements and amount of debt due from this Lodge and to whom and for what owing. He shall give a bond with sureties to the amount of \$1000 conditioned on the faithful performance of his duties.

Section Five

It shall be the duty of the Tyler to serve all notices when required by the acting Master, ~~to see that the rooms, clothing and furniture are kept clean and fit for use;~~ and that none

enter without being properly clothed, and for his services he shall be entitled to receive one dollar for each meeting of the Lodge.

Article Four – On Fees and Dues

Section One

The fees for degrees shall be ~~\$40~~ \$125 dollars divided as follows:

with petition:			\$10.00	\$35.00	
with each degree	\$10.00	\$30.00	=	\$30.00	\$90.00
Total	\$40.00	\$125.00			

In case of rejection, the fee accompanying the petition shall be returned.

Section Two

The dues of this Lodge shall be ~~twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars~~ equal to the Grand Lodge Per Capita multiplied by a factor of two, per year ~~plus the Grand Lodge per capita~~, per member, payable in advance, and a proportional amount for the unexpired part of the Lodge year.

Article Five – Petitions for Membership

Section One

All applications for admission to membership or for initiation to this Lodge shall be ~~presented at Stated Communications only: which application shall be referred to a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to make diligent inquiry as to the moral character and standing of the applicant and report at the earliest Stated Communication thereafter governed by the current version of the general regulations of the Minnesota Masonic Code on Petitions.~~

Section Two

~~Applications must be in writing and signed by the applicant: of candidates must state age, occupation, birthplace and residence, and whether he has ever made application to any other Lodge and if so, what Lodge and for membership must state in what Lodge raised and date. Each application must be recommended by two members of the Lodge and to be elected must receive a unanimous vote.~~

Section Three

~~In the event of one negative vote against a candidate for membership or initiation, the ballot shall be immediately repassed, but if two negative votes appear at the first ballot, the candidate shall be declared rejected. Nor can the petition of the rejected candidate be received in this Lodge for a space of six months.~~

Section Four

~~No petitions can be received for initiation from any person who has not resided within the jurisdiction of this Lodge one year next preceding his application.~~

Article Six - Rules of debate

Section One

Every motion shall be reduced to writing when required by two members or the W.M. and shall be distinctly stated by the chair before it can be debated.

Section Two

Every brother, before addressing the east, shall rise and salute the W.M. He shall not be interrupted while speaking nor speak but twice on the same subject, unless it is for explanation, without permission from the members present. No brother shall speak more than ten minutes without permission from the Lodge.

Section Three

Every member shall give his vote when the question is taken unless for good cause he is excused by the Lodge.

Section Four

A majority vote shall decide in all cases except admission of members or candidates, which must be unanimous. , and provided further that a two thirds vote shall be required to inflict the penalty of expulsion.

Section Five

But ~~two~~ three modes of voting shall be known to this Lodge:

- 1st: balloting
- 2nd: by giving the ancient sign of a Mason
- 3rd: written ballot – for election of officers

All voting for candidates shall be by ballot.

Article Seven – Unmasonic Conduct

Section One

~~If any member of this Lodge shall be convicted of publicly expressing any of the transactions of the same he shall be deemed guilty of un-Masonic conduct and shall, for the first offense, be reprimanded by the W.M. in open Lodge, and suspended for a definite period for the second, and may be expelled for the third.~~

All actions of this Lodge regarding Unmasonic Conduct shall be governed by the current version of the general regulations of the Minnesota Masonic Code on Unmasonic Conduct.

Section Two

~~If any member of this Lodge shall make known to any rejected person, the brother or brethren who precessed such rejection, he shall, in correction, for the first offense be suspended for not less than three months or more than one year: for the second offense he shall be expelled from the Lodge.~~

Section Three

~~Should any visiting brother be guilty of any of the above named offenses or correction thereof he shall at once be ejected from the Lodge, and shall be forbidden the same forever after.~~

Article Eight - on Committees

Section One

There shall be two standing committees appointed ~~at the annual Communication or~~ immediately after the installation of the new Master to wit:

First, a committee of three as finance to who shall be referenced all demands against the Lodge whose duty it shall be to examine and report upon the Treasurer and Secretary's annual reports and accounts which report shall be read in open Lodge at the ~~annual~~ January Stated Communication ~~on St. John's day.~~

Second, a committee of three as relief committee to whom shall be referred all applications for relief and who shall have power with the convenience of the W.M.

to draw on the Treasurer such sums as be necessary to furnish such relief and on the first day of ~~June~~ December of each year to furnish to the Secretary of the Lodge a report of the sums so expended during the year. ~~who shall apportion the same equally among the members of the Lodge and collect the pro-rata amount from each member as a portion of and in addition to the regular yearly dues as hereinafter prescribed.~~

Section Two

All committees shall be appointed by the W.M. unless otherwise ordered.

Article Nine - on Sickness

Section One

It shall be the duty of every member of this Lodge to report to the W.M. the name of any Brother whom he knows to be sick

Section Two

It shall be the duty of the W.M. or one of the Wardens to visit ~~such a~~ brother reported sick, ~~and if he deems it necessary or~~ If the sick brother requests it the assistance of the Lodge, the W.M. will appoint at his discretion ~~either two members of this Lodge sit up with him each evening when required to provide a nurse to attend to the same at the expense of the Lodge to determine the best means of satisfying the Brother's request.~~

Article ~~Eleven~~ Ten - Order of business

The order of business at a Stated Communication shall be as follows:

- First: reading and adopting minutes of preceding Communication
- Second: reading of petitions
- Third: reports of committees
- Forth: balloting on petitions
- Fifth: unfinished business
- Sixth: new business
- Seventh: conferring degrees

Article Eleven - on Trustees

Section One

There shall be a Board of three Trustees, and each Trustee shall hold his office for a term of three years. One Trustee shall be elected each year, and the election shall be by written ballot, by majority, and shall be held immediately following the annual election of Officers at the Stated Communication in November. In case of any vacancy in the Board of Trustees, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the WM until the Stated Communication in the next November, when an election shall be had of a Trustee for the unexpired term.

Section Two

All Trustees shall be members of the Lodge, and shall have the care and control of all property belonging thereto, and shall make all contracts and transfers relating thereto, for the disposition thereof, under the direction of the Lodge. The WM and Secretary of the Lodge shall join with such Trustees in all conveyances and contracts of or relating to real property, and the same shall be attested by the Seal of the Lodge.

Article ~~Ten~~ Twelve - Miscellaneous

Section One

~~No Master Mason shall be eligible to membership in this Lodge who uses intoxicating liquor to excess or is in the habit of profaning the name of deity or is guilty of such immoral conduct as will bring the ancient and honorable fraternity into disrespect.~~

Those items pertinent to the Masonic function of this Lodge that are not found in this document shall be governed by the current version of the Minnesota Masonic Code.

Section Two

~~Any member of the Lodge who shall be guilty of intoxicating who shall be guilty of gambling shall for the first offense be subject to reprimand from the W.M. and for the second offense, suspended from the Lodge for three months and for the third offense to such penalty as the majority of the Lodge may see cause to inflict.~~

Section Three

~~No candidate shall be initiated in this Lodge unless he shall within one year after his election present himself for initiation.~~

Article ~~Twelve~~ Thirteen- Amendments

~~Any alternation or amendment to these by laws shall be proposed in writing at a regular Communication and if seconded shall lie over until the next regular Communication and if~~

~~seconded shall lie over until the next regular Communication at which time each member shall be summoned to attend to take into consideration the proposed alteration or amendment and if approved by two thirds of the members present such amendment shall be adopted and declared to be in force after the approval of the Grand Master.~~

The foregoing By-Laws or any parts thereof may be amended as provided by the general regulations of the current version of the Minnesota Masonic Code on amendments to regulations.