

BY-LAWS OF HIRAM LODGE, No. 1 A.F. & A.M.

ARTICLE I: Communications of the Lodge

SECTION 1. The Stated Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:30 o'clock p.m.; except that by vote of the Lodge, Stated Communications may be omitted during July and August, upon legal and religious holidays; and upon the week of the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. All Stated Communications shall be held in the Lodge room, located in the Town of New Haven, Connecticut.

SECTION 3. The Annual Communication of this Lodge shall be held on the second Thursday in December.

SECTION 4. Special Communications may be called at the option of the Worshipful Master, and the hour of opening the same shall be at his discretion.

ARTICLE II: Officers and Elections

SECTION 1. The officers of this Lodge shall be a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Historian, and Tyler.

SECTION 2. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary shall be elected annually at the first Stated Communication in the month of December. All other officers shall be appointed by the Master, with the exception of the Junior Deacon who shall be appointed by the Senior Warden.

SECTION 3. The officers of the Lodge shall be in stalled on or before the first Stated Communication in the month of January.

SECTION 4. The duties of the several officers shall be those prescribed by the Ancient Constitutions, Charges and Usages of the Order, and by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 5. At the Annual Communication of the Lodge, there shall be elected a representative agent to vote the stock held by the Lodge in the Masonic Temple Association of New Haven, Connecticut, Incorporated and to vote at the Board of Managers meeting of said Corporation.

ARTICLE III: Committees

SECTION 1. The Worshipful Master-elect shall, at the time of the Annual Communication, appoint a Committee on Finance, consisting of three, whose duty it shall be to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary (and Trustees); and to audit all accounts referred to them by the Lodge. They shall make a report to the Lodge at the first Stated Communication in February, and as often as may be required by the Lodge.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees shall each year submit their records and annual reports (as of December 31st) to the Finance Committee for audit prior to representing the same at the first Stated Communication in February. The Finance Committee shall report its findings to the Lodge at the first Stated Communication in February.

SECTION 3. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary shall constitute a Master's Relief Fund Committee to whom all applications for relief shall be made; and said Committee, or a majority of them, may draw at any time from this Fund for the purpose of relief, and shall report their action(s) to the Lodge at the first Stated Communication in February.

SECTION 4. The Master shall appoint a Committee of three upon the application of every candidate, whose duty it shall be to diligently inquire into their internal and external qualifications, and report thereon at the next Stated Communication.

SECTION 5. Special committees may be appointed by the Master upon any matter, and consist of as many members as the Lodge may direct, or as the Master may determine in the absence of such direction by the Lodge.

SECTION 6. The reports of the Finance, Master's Relief Fund, and Investigating Committees shall be in writing. Other committee reports may be written or verbal as directed by the Master or requested by the Lodge.

ARTICLE IV: Trustees

SECTION 1. Six Trustees shall be chosen by ballot, two of whom shall be elected at each Annual Communication of the Lodge for a term of three years, who shall hold in trust for the Lodge all funds entrusted to their care, together with such property of the Lodge as may also be entrusted to them; and shall have the power to invest, collect, and reinvest the same as the Lodge may direct.

SECTION 2. Any Trustee may resign his office at any Stated Communication by tendering his resignation in writing to the Lodge, the same to take effect at the next Stated Communication.

SECTION 3. Any vacancy in the office of Trustee may be filled by ballot at any Stated Communication, notice of such election having been given at the preceding Stated Communication.

SECTION 4. The Trustees shall each year, at the first Stated Communication in February, submit in writing a report of the principal and income transactions for the year together with a detailed list of investments.

SECTION 5. The Trustees shall review investments on a quarterly basis, and report the same in writing to the Lodge at the last Stated Communication of February, May, August, and November.

ARTICLE V: Fees

SECTION 1. The fees to be paid for the three degrees of Masonry by each candidate shall be at least that minimum fee as prescribed by Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations, the amount being determined at the Annual Communication of said Lodge. In addition to the above, he shall pay any fees and assessments levied by Hiram Lodge #1 and/or the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. (GLR&R #3500 and 4118.)

SECTION 2. The fee for Affiliation shall be Ten dollars, in addition to such fees and assessments as may be levied by the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. The petition fee shall be returned to the petitioner if he is rejected; but if he be accepted, and neglects to present himself for initiation for the space of six months, he shall forfeit his petition fee and his right to initiation.

ARTICLE VI: Dues

SECTION 1. There shall be paid as Dues by each member of the Lodge a sum to be voted upon at a Stated Communication and which is due and payable on January 1, annually. In addition, each member shall pay such per capita tax and assessments as may be levied by the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. Any member of the Lodge neglecting or refusing to pay his dues and assessments for the calendar year may be stricken from the rolls at any Stated Communication in the month of December, thirty days previous notice to pay dues or show cause having been served upon such member in accordance with the specific provision of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 3. A member stricken from the rolls may regain membership upon his written application and payment of the amount in arrears together with the dues and assessments for the current year, by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a Stated Communication, notice of intention to take such a vote having been given at a previous Stated Communication.

SECTION 4. The Lodge may, by a majority vote, excuse any member from the payment of dues and/or assessments for good cause. Grand Lodge per capita tax and assessments for the excused are to be drawn from the Master's Relief Fund.

SECTION 5. The payment of all indebtedness to the Lodge shall be a condition precedent to the granting of a demit.

ARTICLE VII: Amendments

SECTION 1. These By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any Stated Communication of the Lodge, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such proposed amendment or repeal having been given in writing and entered upon the minutes of a preceding Stated Communication, and due notice thereof having been given in writing to each member of the Lodge at least ten days in advance.

SECTION 2. All By-Laws heretofore made by this Lodge are hereby repealed.

(Last amended September 24, 2004)