



**Hiram Lodge No. 1
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
of New Haven, Connecticut**

BYLAWS

**ARTICLE I
Communications**

Section 1. The Stated Communications of Hiram Lodge No.1 shall be held on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at 7:30 O'clock P.M.; unless otherwise specified by due notice to brethren 14 days in advance pursuant to a vote of the Lodge. Stated Communications for July shall occur only on the third Thursday of the month and on the second Thursday for the month of August. 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. *(GLR&R §3400 through §3404 and §3408)*

Section 2. All Stated Communications shall be held in the Lodge room located at 285 Whitney Avenue, in the City of New Haven. *(GLR&R §3400)*

Section 3. Special Communications may be held at any time pursuant to the call of the Worshipful Master. *(GLR&R §3405, §3406, §3407, and §3408)*

Section 4. The Annual Meeting of the Lodge shall be held at the first Stated Communication in the month of December. *(GLR&R §3205)*

**ARTICLE II
Officers and Elections**

Section 1. The officers of this Lodge shall be a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Chaplain, Marshal, Organist, Tiler, and Historian. *(GLR&R §3200)*

Section 2. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Lodge. All other Officers shall be appointed by the Master-Elect, with the exception of the Junior Deacon, who shall be appointed by the Senior Warden-Elect, the Assistant Treasurer, who shall be appointed by the Treasurer-Elect, and the Assistant-Secretary, who shall be appointed by the Secretary-Elect. The Master-Elect must approve each respective appointment by the Treasurer-Elect and the Secretary-Elect. *(GLR&R §3201, §3202, §3203, §3204, and §3205)*

Section 3. The Officers of the Lodge shall be installed on or before the first Stated Communication in January. *(GLR&R §7200 through §7204)*

Section 4. The duties of the several Officers shall be those prescribed by the Ancient Constitutions, Charges and Usage's of the Order, and by the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. *(GLR&R §3208, §3219, §3221, §3222, and §3224)*

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to prepare or cause to be prepared, all required tax filings including, but not limited to, the annual Form 990; Form 1099; Connecticut Sales & Use Tax and municipality taxable property declaration and provide the Secretary with copies of the filings, as well as proof of their filing, for retention in the lodge records.

Section 6. No officer of this Lodge, elective or appointive, shall be entitled to or paid any compensation or remuneration for services rendered, however, any such Officer shall not be precluded from receiving a gratuity from the Lodge, provided such gratuity is authorized by a majority vote at the Annual or any regular Stated Communication. *(GLR&R §3502)*

ARTICLE III

Committees

Section 1. The Worshipful Master shall appoint a Committee on Finance, consisting of three, whose duty it shall be to examine the books and accounts of the Lodge in the custody of the Treasurer, Secretary, Committees, and Trustees.

The Treasurer, Secretary, Committee chairman, and Trustees shall promptly deliver to the Committee on Finance all financial records in their custody for the purpose of an annual audit covering all financial transactions of the Lodge, for the immediately ended fiscal year. The Committee shall provide a written report to the Lodge at the first Meeting in June, and as often as may be required by the Lodge.

Section 2. The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary shall constitute a Master's Relief Fund Committee, and said Committee, or a majority of them, may draw at any time from said Master's Relief Fund, for the purpose of charity, and shall report their action(s) to the Lodge at the next Stated Communication. *(GLR&R §3001 and 3501)*

Section 3. The Worshipful 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. *(GLR&R §4104, §4106, and §4115)*

Section 4. Special Committees may be appointed by the Worshipful Master upon any matter, and may consist of as many members as the Lodge may direct, or as the Worshipful Master may determine in the absence of such direction by the Lodge. The Worshipful Master shall serve as the ex officio chairman of all committees. *(GLR&R § 3207 and §3215)*

Section 5. 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 Worshipful Master or requested by the Lodge.

ARTICLE IV

Trustees (GLR&R §3205)

Section 1. There shall be six Trustees, two of whom shall be elected at each Annual Meeting 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, disburse and re-invest the same as the Lodge may direct. The funds and other property shall be held in the name of the Lodge.

Section 2. 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 3. The Trustees shall furnish to the Lodge, at the Annual Meeting, or at such other times as directed by the Lodge, a written report of the income collected and disbursements made since the last report to the Lodge; as well as the monies, investments and other property currently held by the Trustee(s).

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. In addition to the above, he shall pay any fees or assessments as may be levied by this Lodge and/or the Grand Lodge. *(GLR&R §3500 and §4118)*

Section 2. The fee for Affiliation shall be the amount set by the Lodge, and shall be in addition to such fees and assessments as may be levied by this Lodge and/or the Grand Lodge.

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

Section 4. The fees assessed by the Lodge for petition, the three degrees of Masonry, Affiliation, or any other purpose shall be the sum determined by vote of the Lodge at any stated communication. *(GLR&R §3403)*

ARTICLE VI

Dues

Section 1. There shall be paid as dues by each member of this Lodge the sum to be determined by vote of the Lodge at a (Stated or Annual) Communication. In addition to the above, each member shall pay such fees, per-capita tax and assessments as levied by the Grand Lodge and/or this Lodge. *(GLR&R §3500)*

Section 2. The Lodge may levy an assessment upon the members, in addition to the dues, for the relief of a needy Brother, Lodge maintenance, its support and self-preservation, by a vote of the members present at a Stated Communication. *(GLR&R §3501)*

Section 3. Any member of this Lodge neglecting or refusing to pay his dues and assessments for the calendar year may be stricken from the Rolls at the Annual Meeting, thirty days previous notice having been served, in accordance with Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations §4700 thru §4706.

Section 4. 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. *(GLR&R §4402)*

Section 5. The Lodge may, by a majority vote, excuse any member from the payment of dues and/or assessments for good cause.

Section 6. The payment of all indebtedness to the Lodge shall be a condition preceding the granting of a dimit. *(GLR&R §4600 and §4601)*

ARTICLE VII

Masonic Temple Association Members

Section 1. At the Annual Meeting 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 (“MTA”), per share owned, and as is consistent with the MTA Bylaws to vote at the Board of Managers meeting of said Corporation.

ARTICLE VIII

Miscellaneous

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Lodge shall be December 31.

Section 2. All accounts and other assets owned by the Lodge, held in trust by the Trustees, or held for the benefit of a Committee, shall be titled in the name of the Lodge. Except as provided for in Grand Lodge Rules and Regulation no funds, accounts or assets of the Lodge may be transferred to a member of the Lodge.

Section 3. The Lodge may communicate its notices, minutes and other correspondence to all members of the lodge, by electronic means. If a brother cannot receive communications in this manner, a written copy will be mailed. Care shall be exercised to prevent disclosure of the name of a rejected petitioner or candidate. *(GLR&R §3414 and §4207)*

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. These By-laws may be amended or repealed at any Stated Communication of the Lodge, by a vote of two-thirds the members present, notice of such proposed amendment or repeal having been given 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. (~~GLR~~^R
§3004 and §3403

Section 2. Such By-Laws shall not take effect until approved by Grand Lodge as per Section §3003 of the Grand Lodge Rules and Regulations.

Section 3. All By-Laws heretofore made by this Lodge are hereby repealed.

Approved by _____ Lodge, No. ____, Date _____

Attest _____, Date _____
 Lodge Master or Secretary

Print Name: _____

Certified by Grand Lodge Committee on Legal Matters,

By _____, Date _____
 Chairman

Print Name: _____

Approved by Grand Lodge,

By _____, Date _____
 Grand Master (or his designee)

Print Name: _____