

Revised By-laws
4/2/2012

Gideon Lodge No 84

ARTICLE I

Section 1. The title of this lodge shall be Gideon Lodge, NO. 84, F. and A.N,

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The officers of this lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacons, Senior and Junior Stewards, Chaplain, Marshall, Tyler and Organist.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The stated communications of this Lodge shall be held at 7:30 o'clock on the evening of the first Monday of each Month except the months of July and August. Special communications may be called at the pleasure of the Worshipful Master, or in his absence by the Senior Warden, or in the absence of both by the Junior Warden. The annual meeting of this lodge will be held during the stated communication in January.

ARTICLE IV
Election of Officers

Section 1. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Representative to Grand Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot at the stated communication in January of each year. A majority of the votes cast being necessary for choice. The remaining officers of the lodge shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master elect prior to his installation. The officers elected and appointed shall be installed as soon as practicable after election, and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed.

ARTICLE V
Officers Duties and Compensations

Section 1. The officers of this Lodge shall exercise authority and regulations and perform the duties required by the ancient Masonry regulations: together with such particular duties as are prescribed herein, or as the Lodge may from time to time require.

Section 2. The Tyler shall open and closes the Lodge room, have charge of the jewels and furniture of the Lodge, guard the outer door while the Lodge is at work.

Section 3. The Secretary and Custodian shall be paid such a sum for their services as the Lodge may approve. The Secretary's and Treasurer's dues shall be waved as part as their annual compensation.

ARTICLE VI
FEES

Section 1. The fees for the degrees conferred in the Lodge shall be Ninety Dollars determined by lodge vote at the annual meeting each year. Any increase is subject to discussion and vote. The amount of annual dues together with all assessments required by the Grand Lodge, plus shall include current year dues, all of which shall accompany the application.

For affiliation by demit or by dual membership from within the State \$15.00 plus the current year dues.

For affiliation by demit or by dual membership from without the State, \$25.00 plus the current year dues. Should the petition of an applicant be rejected, the deposit shall be returned.

ARTICLE V11 Applications

Section 1. The application for admission for every candidate for initiation into this Lodge, or application by demit, shall be made at a stated communication, read in open Lodge, placed on file, and stand proposed at least four weeks before being balloted upon.

ARTICLE V111 Conditions of Membership

Section 1. Any Mason who shall be raised in this Lodge shall sign By-Laws within six months. No member shall be granted a demit unless he be in good standing.

ARTICLE 1X Payment of Dues

Section 1. Every member of this Lodge, unless he shall be exempted by vote of this Lodge, shall pay to the Secretary, the sum voted on at the stated Meeting in September as proposed in a notice sent to all members 28 days prior to that vote, for annual dues plus the Grand Lodge per capita and any assessment, payable in advance by the Stated Communication in December.

Section 2. A brother not complying with this article may be proceeded against as provided by the Grand Constitution, Provide Nevertheless that in no case shall pecuniary inability render any brother liable to suspension from membership.

ARTICLE X Standing Committees

Section 1. The standing committees of this Lodge shall be as follows: Executive Committee, Finance Committee and Committee on Masonic Relief.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall be the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary. It shall be their duty to protect, promote and advance the interests of the Lodge in particular, and the fraternity in general.

Section 3. Finance Committee: The Finance Committee of this Lodge shall consist of the Treasurer, the Assistant Treasurer and three other members of this Lodge elected at the Annual Communication for terms of one, two and three years, and who shall be the best qualified members to deal with investments and other financial matters. The duties of this committee shall encompass all financial matters of this Lodge, corporate or trust. They shall invest and reinvest all of such funds as are needed to produce income keeping in mind the fact that safety of principal is to be considered; employ agents to invest funds when it seems advisable; report any significant change in the portfolio at the next Stated Communication of this Lodge; elect a chairman of the committee to call meetings as needed and to act as moderator of such meeting; prepare a budget of operating funds for the ensuing year and present such budget for approval at the Stated Communication in October of each year; review the monthly statements of the Treasurer to determine that the funds voted to be paid are within the budget allowances. Three members shall constitute a quorum to conduct any business.

Section 4. Charity fund Committee: The Worshipful Master shall appoint two members of this Lodge annually to authorize disbursement of such funds as required by Masons, their widows and orphans and such other persons deemed to be in need of relief. The Committee shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, and two members of their Lodge appointed by the Master. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE 11
Committee of Investigation

Section 1. The petition of every Candidate for initiation in this Lodge, must be printed or in writing, in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge, signed by the applicant with his full name, stating his age, residence, occupation, and whether he has ever made application or been rejected by, any Lodge in this or any other jurisdiction: and be accompanied by the recommendation of not less than two members of the Lodge.

Section 2: A committee of Investigation, consisting of not less than two members of this Lodge, shall be appointed by the Master at the time when application for the degree is received by the Lodge and make the necessary inquiry into his qualifications to become a mason.

ARTICLE X11
Disclosures

Section 1. No member shall for any cause or under any pretense make known how he voted nor disclose the rejection of any candidate or make known the name of any brother who might oppose his admission on the penalty of immediate expulsion: or if a visitor, never again to be permitted to visit the Lodge as such, and the Worshipful Master or presiding officer, immediately on the rejection of any candidate, shall read or cause to be read this section, for the information of all present; and after a candidate shall have been rejected and so declared by the presiding officer, no member shall make any motion, observation or debate thereon.

ARTICLE X111
Order in Debate

Section 1. Every brother who shall rise to speak shall respectfully address the Worshipful Master or presiding officer, giving the du-guard of the degree, wait to be recognized, confine his remarks to the question and studiously avoid personalities. Should more than one brother rise at the same time, the Worshipful Master shall determine who is entitled to the floor, and the other or others shall resume their seats in silence. No brother shall interrupt another while speaking, or speak more than twice on the same subject, except for the purpose of explanation, without permission, from the presiding officer.

ARTICLE X1V
Alteration or Amendment

Section 1. The foregoing by-laws may be altered or amended, provided that such alterations or amendments be submitted in writing, and do not conflict with the laws, rules, and regulations of the Grand Lodge. All propositions for alteration or amendment shall be entered on the records and lie over until the next stated meeting, published to the membership before for the next communication, when they shall be submitted for the approval of the Lodge. If adopted by a majority vote, they shall then be submitted to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge for approval before becoming effective.

ARTICLE XV
Pledge

Section 1. And we, the subscribers, members of the Gideon Lodge, No. 84, do hereby promise, on the faith and virtue of the honor of Masonry, that we will to the utmost of our ability, observe, support and defend the foregoing rules and regulations as the By-Laws of this Lodge.