

Bye Laws

for the governing of

& Amicable Lodge

Constituted June A. S. 5805



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Article 1st.

Section 1st This Lodge shall meet at such place as the majority shall think fit on the second Wednesday in every Month, and case of removal from such place report thereof shall be made to the Grand Lodge at the next quarterly communication; But the master and warden for the time being shall have power to call special Lodges on any emergency.

Sect 2^d This Lodge shall consist of forty Members unless a majority shall think it expedient to alter the number.

Sect 3^d That the greatest decency may be observed; it is strongly recommended that every member appear cleanly dressed each Lodge night; and that no Member presume to appear in the Lodge, without being properly clothed as becometh a Mason.

Sect 4th In all debates every Brother while speaking shall stand and address the Master; and whoever shall interrupt a Brother when speaking shall be reprimanded by the Master. No Brother shall speak more than twice to the same question unless to explain himself; and when the Master shall call to order there shall be a profound silence.

Sect 5th

Sect 5th A Lecture or part of a Lecture shall be given by the Master or his appointment, every Lodge night, during which time no one shall be permitted to enter or leave the room; and the strictest attention shall be given. —

Sect 6th No Brother shall quit the Lodge during Lodge hours without permission from the Master. —

Sect 7th Any Brother who shall in the Lodge or in the Lodge Room after the Lodge is closed behave in any manner derogatory to the character of a good Mason shall for the first offence be publicly admonished by the Master, the next time he appears in the Lodge; and for the second offence shall be expelled the same. —

Article 2^d of Officers.

Sect 1st The choice of officers shall be annually on the third Wednesday in December. —

Sect 2^d The Master, Wardens, Treasurer & Secretary shall be chosen by written votes, a majority of votes making a choice; The other Officers shall be chosen agreeable to the constitution —

Sect 3^d It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a just and fair account of all monies received, and paid by him on acc^t of the Lodge; and to exhibit the Lodges stock once every three months to the chairman of the standing committee; if required he shall give bonds for the faithful discharge of his office to the Master and Wardens; and —

- and when a new choice is made he shall deliver all the Lodge's property that he possesses to the new Treasurer. * and when the sum amounts to fifty dollars on hand he shall acquaint the Chairman of the standing committee thereof. ---

Sect. 4th It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a just and fair Record of all the proceedings of the Lodge and at every meeting he shall read the Records of the preceding evening, to send printed notifications to every member of the time and place of meeting of each regular and special meeting (unless otherwise determined by the Lodge,) to collect all monies in the Lodge and pay the same to the Treasurer taking his receipt therefor, to read the By. Laws and Petitions when desired by the Master and to attend if required on all committees of the Lodge. ---

Sect. 5th The Stewards shall furnish the Table when directed by the Junior Warden, and on the meeting prior to the choice of Officers they shall exhibit to the Lodge in writing an Inventory of all the utensils and furniture belonging to their Departments and shall deliver the same to the new Stewards, and a copy of the Inventory to the Secretary for record. ---

Sect. 6th The Tiler shall deliver the notifications to the Members and be subject to the direction of the Master. ---

Article 3^d of Members.

- Sect. 1st No candidate for membership shall be balloted for unless a majority of Members shall be present, seafaring members and those living out of town excepted, —
- Sect. 2^d Every Brother, who is initiated, passed to a fellow craft, and raised to the Sublime degree of Master Mason in this lodge, and who is desirous to become a Member shall stand proposed one month when he shall be balloted for and if not more than three negatives appear against him he shall be admitted; and shall be entitled to the usual priviledges of a member after signing the By. laws and paying the usual fees. —
- Sect. 3^d Every Brother not made in this lodge desirous to become a Member shall be balloted for and if not more than two negatives appear against him he shall be admitted, after signing the By laws and paying the usual fees. —
- Sect. 4th Every Member who shall propose a candidate to be made shall deposit in the hands of the Secretary Five dollars; which if the candidate is accepted shall be passed to his Cr. — If the candidate does not attend the deposit shall be forfeited; but if he attend and is not accepted it shall be returned. —

Sect. 5th Every Member who shall propose a Candidate to be made shall be accountable for the fees. —

Sect. 6th Every member who shall neglect paying his quarterages for three successive quarters, after being duly notified of the same shall forfeit his Membership, and all rights to the stocks belonging to the Lodge unless he can give satisfactory reasons to the Lodge for his delinquency. —
Seafaring Brethren shall be subject to these regulations only when at home. —

Sect. 7th Any Member absenting himself from the Lodge three regular meetings successively shall be considered as having relinquished his membership unless he can give a satisfactory reason for so doing, and shall be notified of such delinquency by the Secretary. —

Article - 1th

Of Candidates for admission as Masons.

Sect. 1st Every Candidate for initiation shall stand proposed one month, and if he then obtain the unanimous consent of the Brethren present he may be entered an Apprentice, should two negatives appear against him no farther proceedings shall be taken at that time; but if only one negative should appear he may have the benefit of a second and even a third trial, if proposed again it shall be in the same manner as though he never had been mentioned in —

- in the Lodge; in case of emergency the Dis-
- pensation of the Grand Master shall supersede
the necessity of standing propos'd one month,
and any Candidate desiring a Special Lodge
to be called for his benefit alone shall pay
the expences of the evening in addition to
the usual fees. —

Sect. 2^d Every Brother made in this Lodge shall be pass'd
a Fellow Craft whenever the Lodge shall judge
him deserving that degree, but Brethren not
made in the Lodge, desiring to be pass'd, must
obtain the unanimous consent of the Brethren
present, which obtained they shall receive
that degree paying the usual fees. —

Sect. 3^d Every Brother desirous to be raised to the sublime
degree of Master Mason shall be examined by a
Committee appointed for that purpose resp-
- ecting the proficiency he has made in the former,
after which and obtaining the unanimous consent
of the members present he shall receive that
degree paying the usual fees. —

Sect. 4th If the Candidate for initiation be a Clergyman
a vote ^{of the Lodge} shall be taken whether he shall receive
the degrees gratis. —

Omission of fees —

Every Brother made in this Lodge on being admitted
a member shall pay — \$5.

Every Brother not made in this Lodge on being
admitted a member shall pay — \$7.

Article 5th

Sec¹ 1st Any Brother who shall disclose the private trans-
actions of the Lodge to any one not a member
shall for the first offence receive a publick ad-
monition by the Master the next time he appears
in the lodge and for the second he shall be ex-
pelled the same. — — —

Sec² 2nd Any Member of this Lodge who shall be present
at the clandestine making of a Mason, or who
shall associate with those who are thus made
shall be expelled the lodge. — —

Article 6th of Fees.

Every Candidate made a Mason shall pay
for his being made and papered — — — — — Dolly 6^{ths}
15th —

Every Brother not made in this lodge who
shall be papered a Fellow Craft shall pay — — — — — 2nd —

Every Brother raised to the Sublime
degree of Master Mason if made in this
Lodge shall pay — — — — — 5th —

Every Brother not made in this Lodge
who shall be raised shall pay — — — — — 7th —

Every member of this Lodge (the Secretary
excepted) shall pay Quarterly — — — — — " 7th —

Every seafaring member for the time
of absence pay half quarters — — — — — " 3th 1/2 —

Every Brother visiting this Lodge shall pay — — — — — " 3th 1/2 —

Any Brother not made in this Lodge who
shall apply for a Letter of Recommendation
shall withdraw until the lodge have come.
to —

to a determination thereon, and if in his favour shall on receiving the same, pay to the Secretary therefor — — — — —	Dolls. 6 ^{ts} 1" —
The Secretary shall receive for every person made a Mason — — — — —	1" —
for every Diploma — — — — —	" 50
for every recommendatory Letter — — — — —	1" —
The Tyler shall be paid for notifying the members. — — — — —	" 50
for Tiling the Lodge each Lodge night — — — — —	1" —

Article 7th Respecting Committees

Sec^t 1st Every Brother chosen on a committee on business of the Lodge, and who accepts his appointment shall duly attend thereto at the time and place appointed by the Chairman under penalty of one dollar for neglect unless he can assign a sufficient reason therefor. — — —

Sub^d 2^d The first Brother chosen on all Committees shall ~~not~~ be Chairman, and shall notify the others chosen to attend on the business by serving each of each of them with a copy of their appointment, and all Committees shall make report of their proceedings the next Lodge after their appointment under penalty of one dollar for each neglect, —

Article 8th

There shall be no smoking of Tobacco in
the Lodge Room - - -

Article 9th

Provisionary

Sec^t 1st All transactions in this Lodge not
specially regulated by the preceding By
Laws shall be determined on by the votes
of a majority of the Brethren present,
which votes shall be fairly Recorded with
their dates and shall be considered binding.

Sec^t 2^d Whenever the breach of any of the pre-
-ceding By. Laws shall come to the knowledge
of the Secretary he shall inform the Lodge
of the same, under penalty of paying Five
dollars, for the use of the Lodge for each neglect.

Article 10th

These By. Laws shall be subject to a re-
-vision whenever they shall found inadequate
for the purposes for which they were intended,
and shall in no case be dispensed with -

The the Subscribers agree to abide ^{by} with
the foregoing by laws -

- ✓ Andrew Adams
- ✓ Nathan Crane
- ✓ Elijah Learned
- ✓ Ma Ellis -
- ✓ ~~Lucas Hanningway~~
- ✓ Joseph Cypres
- ✓ ~~Nathl Whitney Jun~~
- ✓ James Pillsbrow
- ✓ ~~Nathan Fish~~
- ✓ William Hanson
- ✓ Samuel Cutler
- ✓ Nath. Livermore
- ✓ ~~Samuel Water~~
- ✓ ~~Benjamin~~
- ✓ ~~Chas. Fish~~
- ✓ Benj. Bigelow
- ✓ ~~Chas. Fish~~
- ✓ Dan Warren
- ✓ ~~Nathan Barnes~~
- ✓ Daniel Smith
- ✓ ~~John Bartlett~~
- ✓ ~~Oliver Haller~~
- ✓ Sam. Hancock

- ✓ ~~John Stroud~~
- ✓ ~~Robert Douglas~~
- ✓ ~~Robert Blake~~
- ✓ John Horrocks -
- ✓ ~~Asa~~
- ✓ Richard Boardman
- ✓ ~~John~~
- ✓ ~~Am. P. Fay~~
- ✓ ~~John Smith~~
- ✓ ~~William Sumner~~
- ✓ Henry Dana
- ✓ ~~Isaac Bangs~~
- ✓ ~~John Goodnow~~
- ✓ ~~Ami Child~~
- ✓ John Kimball
- ✓ Frederick Manson
- ✓ ~~Thos. L. Parker~~
- ✓ ~~Ephraim Gorber~~
- ✓ ~~Fornum Mott~~
- ✓ Francis Wymman.

The following Declaration and Recommendation
was voted to be inserted as a part of the by laws

I ^{upon my honor} — — — Do seriously declare, that unbiassed
by friends and uninfluenced by unworthy
motives I freely and voluntarily offer my-
self a Candidate for the Mysteries of Free-
masonry; and that I am only prompted
thereto by a favorable Opinion conceived
of the Institution a desire of knowledge, and
a sincere wish to be serviceable to my
fellow Creatures and that I will cheerfully
conform to the Ancient Established Usages
and Customs of the Society

Witness my hand

} Witnesses

We the Subscribers Members of Amicable
Lodge freely and voluntarily Declare, that
we are intimately acquainted with
the Subscriber to the Above Declaration
that we are convinced he is a man of fair
Reputation and promising Talents and
that we sincerely believe he will be an
honorable Member of Society; we will
vouch for his Integrity and Reputation
and shall feel a pleasure in greeting him
as a Brother and fellow Labourer in
our Mysteries