



BY-LAWS
Of

Barrington Lodge #522

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

312 South Cook St.

Barrington, Illinois 60010

Monitor Lodge # 522 A.F. & A.M.
Chartered – October 1, 1867
Elgin, Illinois

Lounsbury Lodge No. 751 A.F. & A.M.
Chartered – October 4, 1877
Barrington, Illinois

Two Lodges Merged to Form:

Monitor Lounsbury Lodge #522
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

Consolidation Approved – April 17, 1995

Arlington Heights Lodge #1162
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Arlington Heights, Illinois

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Two Lodges Merged to Form:
Barrington Lodge #522
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

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PREAMBLE

**This lodge shall be known by the name of
Barrington Lodge #522
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons**

ARTICLE I Meetings

Section 1. The Stated Meetings shall be held on the Third Monday of each month. The time for opening the Lodge shall be Seven O'clock PM.

The Lodge shall not be opened on any degree unless there be present at least (7) seven Master Masons; nor shall any business be transacted, except for conferring degrees, unless there are present at least (7) seven Master Masons of this lodge.

Section 2. The Annual Meeting shall be held on the Third Monday of June, and July 1 shall be deemed the beginning of the lodge fiscal year. Should a stated meeting fall during, one day before, or one day after a holiday or the Annual Communications of our Grand Lodge in October, the meeting will be changed to the next Monday of that month.

Section 3. Special Meetings may be called at the pleasure of the Worshipful Master.

ARTICLE II Officers

Section 1. The elective officers shall be: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer and Secretary.

Section 2. The appointive officers shall be: Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Marshal, Organist, and Tyler. Optional appointive officers are: Assistant Secretary, and Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE III Elections

Section 1. The elective officers shall be separately chosen by ballot at the Annual Meeting, and they shall be installed within thirty (30) days after election, to serve until their successors are duly elected and installed. A majority of the whole number of votes cast shall be necessary to reach a choice.

Section 2. Prior to the installation, the Worshipful Master-elect shall appoint a Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Marshal, Organist, and Tyler. The Senior Warden-elect may recommend to the Worshipful Master, who shall appoint a Junior Deacon, and the Junior Warden-elect may recommend to the Worshipful Master, who shall appoint the Senior and Junior Stewards. The Secretary-Elect may recommend to the Worshipful Master an Assistant Secretary. The Treasurer-Elect may recommend to the Worshipful Master an Assistant-Treasurer. No officer shall be installed by proxy, nor shall the Master or Wardens resign or demit during their official term, except in accordance with the provisions of Code 391 of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois. The resignation of any other elective office may be accepted by the Lodge; the vacancy shall be filled as soon as convenient by a special election held under the authority of a dispensation from the Most Worshipful Grand Master. The resignation of appointive officers may for good reasons be received and the vacancies filled by the Worshipful Master.

Section 3. No person not a member of this Lodge shall be eligible to any office therein.

ARTICLE IV Duties of Officers

Section 1. The Worshipful Master, in addition to what is traditionally required of him, may determine the order of business and of labor, and shall regulate all debates, and the conduct of members in the Lodge, and act as the custodian of all surety bonds. It is recommended that the Worshipful Master use "Roberts Rules of Order" for conducting the business meetings of the Lodge.

Section 2. The Duties of the Wardens and other officers, not herein specified, shall be such as are prescribed by the Constitution and the Code of the Grand Lodge and Masonic tradition has settled.

Section 3. The Treasurer of the Lodge is the proper custodian of all its money, securities, bonds and other fiscal property, and said control cannot be taken from his control and be placed in the hands of a Finance Committee. He shall keep the funds in accounts in the name of the Lodge, distinct from all others. He shall make a monthly report of all the receipts and disbursements at the stated meeting, and more frequent, if required by the Lodge or Worshipful Master.

Section 4. The Secretary shall record all the proceedings and transactions of the Lodge, keep all the accounts pertaining to his office, and conduct the correspondence of the Lodge under the direction of the Worshipful Master. He shall receive all moneys paid into the Lodge, announce the items and amounts in the minutes of each meeting, and pay the same over to the Treasurer without delay, taking his receipt thereof. He shall notify every committee of their appointment with a memorandum of the subject referred. He shall notify candidates of the action of the Lodge upon their petitions. He shall endorse on every warrant drawn on the Treasurer that the same was ordered by proper vote of the Lodge and the date of such action. He shall inform members of their dues in the notice of the annual meeting and request payment of the same at or before the said annual meeting. He shall make a full detailed report of all proceedings of the Lodge during the Masonic year and present the same at the annual meeting. For satisfactory discharge of his duties, he shall receive such remuneration as the Lodge may from time to time determine.

Section 5. The Tyler shall have charge of the hall, rooms, furniture, etc. of the Lodge under the direction of the Worshipful Master, and shall cause them to be always kept in proper order for the transaction of business and comfort of the brethren. He shall attend all meetings of the Lodge, unless prevented by sickness, and serve all summonses and other notices when required. For his services, he may receive such compensation as the Lodge may determine.

Section 6. The Lodge shall determine by a two-thirds (2/3) vote the amount of bonds to be purchased for the Treasurer and Secretary. Upon favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3), these may be incorporated in one blanket bond.

Section 7. The Organist will conduct the musical services of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V Committees

Section 1. The standing Committees shall be: Building, Fellowship, Finance, Intender, Member Retention/Suspensions, Welfare Relief, and Widows and Orphans.

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Standing Committees

Subsection a. Building Committee: The Building Committee shall be entrusted under the direction of the Lodge, with the general charge of the hall and furniture, their repair or improvement. The committee shall provide a janitor for the hall, fix his compensation and define his duties. The Chairman, with the approval of the Worshipful Master, may expend up to \$200 of the lodge's funds without prior approval at a stated meeting. However, at the next stated meeting, he must give a report detailing what the money was expended for, and he shall make a final report at the annual meeting.

Subsection b. Fellowship: The Fellowship Committee is in charge of the social events of the lodge, and the chairman of the Fellowship Committee by default is the Junior Warden. His duties include, but are not limited to, preparing the meals prior to ALL Lodge meetings and planning all Lodge social events. So that the Brethren of the Lodge are informed of ALL of the Lodge's upcoming Fellowship events, it is the Junior Warden's responsibility to communicate in a timely manner said events to the Secretary and the IT/ Social Media Committee for publication of the same. The Fellowship Committee shall hold at least one (1) event per month and shall publish a tentative calendar of events for the year at the beginning of the term. The recommended annual events for the lodge are: The Annual Lodge Picnic (August), Halloween Event at the Lodge (October), Lodge Christmas Party (December).

Subsection c. Finance Committee: The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Treasurer shall constitute the Finance Committee whose duty it shall be to examine and adjust all accounts presented to the Lodge. No claim shall be allowed by the Lodge, rent and utility bills excepted, until it shall have been reported upon by the Finance Committee, unless by unanimous consent of the Lodge. The Finance Committee shall examine and report upon the annual reports of the Treasurer and Secretary at the annual meeting, and make such financial recommendations to the Lodge as in their judgment are for the interests of this body. The Finance Committee shall also have general supervision of the finances of the Lodge, making such reports thereon as the exigencies of the case may require, or as directed by the Lodge. The Treasurer does not need prior approval of the lodge to pay monthly utility bills (including but not limited to: Gas, Electric, Water & Sewer). Internet/TV subscription and other recurring bills associated with the Lodge's website are also allowed to be paid without prior approval of the lodge at a stated meeting, if NO changes that increase the cost of said plans are made. However, if a change is made to a recurring bill that does increase the cost of said bill,

once the Lodge approves said change, no further approval is needed to pay any future recurring bills for the same.

Subsection d. Intender Committee: The duty of the Intender Committee shall be to impart such Masonic instruction to Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts of this Lodge as shall render them proficient for advancement according to the guide lines of Grand Lodge.

Subsection h. Member Retention / Suspensions Committee: The purpose of the Member Retention / Suspension Committee is to make every effort to personally contact a Brother prior to taking action to suspend. The Committee must ensure the Brother is not suffering financial hardship or other difficulties. This fulfills our obligation to assist a worthy distressed Brother Master Mason. The committee must meet the Grand Lodge's current criteria, for submitting a suspension to the Grand Master for approval. After which, the committee will make recommendations to the Lodge to either suspend the delinquent brother(s), or recommend financial assistance by waiving a portion of their delinquent dues, and getting Grand Lodge IMOS' support for the remainder of delinquent dues.

Subsection j. Welfare Relief Committee: It is the Welfare Relief Committee's duty to determine what assistance programs are available to the Brethren, whether through Grand Lodge / MORI, appendant bodies, or public sources. When the Committee is approached by a worthy Brother in financial distress, the Committee will assess the situation and make a recommendation to the Lodge to be voted on at the next stated meeting on what assistance should be offered to that Brother, if a vote of the Lodge is needed for the same. If the financial need is an emergency, the Committee will assess the situation on an expedited basis, and make a recommendation to the Worshipful Master. If the Committee AND the meeting, the Worshipful Master shall have the power to draw upon the charity fund for any sum not exceeding the current amount of the Grand Lodge IMOS matching fund for the relief of any worthy Brother Master Mason or his widow. Donations can be made to the Secretary and shall be deposited in the charity fund of the Lodge. Withdrawals on this fund shall be made by the Treasurer. The Worshipful Master shall report to the Lodge at the next stated meeting any amounts thus withdrawn, and such circumstances as they may deem proper.

Subsection k. Widows and Orphans Committee: The Widows and Orphans Committee is the liaison between the widows of the departed Brethren and the Lodge. It is the Committee's duty upon learning of the passing of a Brother to determine whether the family would like Masonic Funeral Services, and if so, the Committee will see that the same are coordinated. Further, it is the duty of the Committee to keep in touch with the widows and keep a list of them in the database (this can be done

through MORI with the assistance of the Secretary). Further, if the Committee determines a widow is in financial distress, the Committee will work with the Secretary to get them IMOS or any other financial assistance available for them. Further, the Committee will make sure the widows are invited to at least one lodge event a year (typically the Lodge's Annual Dinner).

Section 2. In addition to the Standing Committees of the Lodge, the "Recommended Committees" shall be: Appendant Bodies, Bylaws, Charity, Community Development, Grand Lodge Charities, Grand Master's Award of Excellence (GMAE), History Preservation, IT/ Social Media, Past Masters Advisory, Veterans.

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Recommended Committees

Subsection a. Appendant Bodies Committee: The role of the Appendant Bodies Committee is to be the liaison between this Lodge and the Masonic Appendant Bodies, which include but are not limited to: Scottish Rite, Shriners, York Rite, Grotto, High Twelve International, The Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees (AMD), Widows Sons, Grand Order Sword of Bunker Hill, Grand Council Cryptic Masons, Knights Templar, Knight Masons, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Sciots, Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the Amaranth, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, National Association of Masonic Scouters. The committee will update the Lodge on the appendant bodies' upcoming events, and how to join an appendant body, if requested by a Brother of this Lodge. Further, the committee will work with the Welfare Relief Committee to help determine what financial assistance programs are offered from appendant bodies for Master Masons and their widows.

Subsection b. Bylaws Committee: The Bylaws Committee will be in charge of reviewing the Lodge's bylaws to decide if modifications to the same are needed. If the committee deems modifications are needed, propose same to the Lodge.

Subsection c. Charity Committee: The Charity Committee must vet ALL requests for donations, whether from communications directed to the lodge or from Brethren, unless the committee has already vetted the same previously, and knows that no substantial changes to the Charity have

occurred since the charity was last vetted. The committee will report their findings of the charity before a vote at the stated meeting is held to approve a donation.

Subsection d. Community Development Committee: The Community Development Committee will be the liaison between the surrounding community and the Lodge. This includes but is not limited to bringing awareness to the community of the Lodge's existence and events the Lodge holds which are open to the public, as well getting the Lodge to participate in the surrounding community.

Subsection e. Grand Lodge Charities: The Grand Lodge Charities Committee, will be in charge of coordinating, at the Lodge level, the Grand Lodge's Charity Programs, in which the Lodge chooses to participate in. The current Grand Lodge Charities include: Illinois Child Identification Program (ILCHIP), The Coins for Children Program, Illinois Masonic Academic Bowl, Illinois Masonic Outreach Services (IMOS), Student Assistance Program, The Society of King Solomon. The committee will follow the Grand Lodge's guidelines for the same.

Subsection f. Grand Master's Award of Excellence (GMAE) Committee: The chairman of the GMAE Committee by default is the Senior Warden, if for some reason he is unable or unwilling to serve, the Worshipful Master will appoint someone to replace him. The GMAE is the highest award attainable by a Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The award is designed to raise the overall proficiency of a lodge by encouraging it to broaden its horizons and focus on specific challenges. It should not be considered a competition but rather a blueprint of programs that will help the lodge grow and become more active. The Committee's goal is to coordinate as many events / activities as possible, which help achieve this goal for the Lodge. (including working with other lodge committees to help the lodge obtain the same)

Subsection g. History Preservation Committee: The Lodge History Preservation Committee's task is to continually add to the historical records of the lodge to reflect achievements and noteworthy events of the Brethren as well as the Lodge as a whole. This committee will work with the lodge secretary to see that the records are kept in a central and accessible location, so that these records are preserved and passed from one generation to the next.

Subsection h. IT/ Social Media Committee: The IT/ Social Media Committee's duties shall include, but not be limited to: developing and maintaining the Lodge Website, maintaining the Lodge's presence on social media (such as the official Facebook Pages, Twitter Accounts, etc), maintaining the Lodge's Google Group Accounts, Mail Chimp Accounts,

etc. as well as purchasing, installing, setting up, and repairing the Lodge's technology (A/V equipment, PA system, Computers and Printers, etc).

Subsection i. Past Masters Advisory Committee: Unless he is unable or unwilling to serve, by default the Chairman of the Past Masters Advisory Committee is the Immediate Past Worshipful Master of this Lodge. The recommended duties of the Committee include, but are not limited to, hosting the Annual Lodge Dinner (AKA the Past Master's Dinner, typically hosted in March), organizing a stated meeting in which Past Masters fill ALL of the officer chairs, Opening and Closing the Lodge meetings (the business portion of the meeting is conducted by the current Worshipful Master and his Officers), obtaining the outgoing Worshipful Master's gift (typically his Past Masters Apron) and organizing the Past Masters for their counsel and wisdom as needed.

Subsection j. Veterans Committee: The chairman of the Veterans Committee should be a veteran himself. The committee will maintain a database of all the Lodge's veterans on active duty and retired. (This can be done by working with the Lodge Secretary to see that the data is entered into MORI) The committee will be responsible for holding at least one event a year to honor members of the Lodge who are Veterans as well as members of the community who are Veterans. The committee should access whatever Grand Lodge resources there are to help achieve this goal. Currently, the Grand Lodge offers Masonic Certificates and Pins at no cost to the Lodge.

Section 3. Special committees shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master upon all Petitions for Degrees or Membership, who shall carefully examine into the character and standing of the petitioner, and report to the Worshipful Master within four (4) weeks following their appointment.

Section 4. Special committees may be appointed upon any business coming properly before the Lodge. Members appointed to serve upon committees shall give patient and diligent attention to the matter referred to them, and report, in writing, their conclusions without fear or favor.

ARTICLE VI

Membership and Qualifications

Section 1. Candidates applying for the degrees shall be men under the tongue of good report, of good moral character, and believers in God; conform to the current Grand Lodge age limits; upright in body, with the senses of a man; in full possession of their moral and intellectual faculties; in the unrestrained enjoyment of civil and personal liberty, shall be residents of the State of Illinois, and shall meet any other requirements listed on the Grand Lodge Petition for membership.

Section 2. Every Petition for the degrees or for membership shall be made in due form and signed by the applicant with his full name, giving age, occupation and residence. Each petition shall be recommended, in writing, by three (3) Master Masons, one of whom must be a member of this Lodge, shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee, and be presented to the Lodge at a stated meeting.

Section 3. Every Petition shall be referred to a committee of inquiry, composed of three (3) members of this Lodge. It shall be the duty of each member of the committee that is referred a petition for the degrees, to diligently investigate the mental, moral and physical qualifications of the applicant. Each member of a committee that is referred a petition for membership shall in like manner investigate the mental, moral and Masonic qualifications of the brother.

A completed petition accompanied by the appropriate fees must be read at the stated meeting after being received, and the first time it can be balloted on is at the subsequent stated meeting, except by dispensation of the Grand Master, which must be petitioned for by unanimous vote of the members present at a stated meeting.

Section 4. The reports of committees on all petitions for the degrees or for membership shall be verbal to the Worshipful Master, and the nature thereof, whether favorable or unfavorable, shall NOT be entered on the record.

Section 5. No application for affiliation shall be acted upon unless accompanied by a dimit or other satisfactory evidence that the brother has honorably and constitutionally withdrawn from the Lodge of which he was last a member, or a signed request for dimit, in accordance with Code 300 of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Section 6. Any candidate failing to come forward for initiation or affiliation within one (1) year after notice of his election, must be re-proposed in the manner provided in Section 2 of this Article before he can be initiated or affiliated, unless good cause be shown for such default, in which case, the time above specified may be extended by unanimous consent of the Lodge.

Section 7. No Brother shall be advanced in Masonry in this Lodge until he has duly qualified himself in the degree or degrees to which he has been admitted, and otherwise complied with the requirements of these By-Laws.

Section 8. A member petitioning for dual membership must accompany his petition by a certificate of Good Standing or other satisfactory evidence that he is a member in good standing in a Lodge in this or another Grand Jurisdiction which permits dual membership. (G.L. Code 300A) (Form PM-19G).

ARTICLE VII Fees and Dues

Section 1. The Petition fee for all three degrees in this Lodge shall be: \$200 + a yearly \$25 Social Fee, until such time as the candidate reaches the degree of Master Mason.

Section 2. The petition fee + the first (1st) year social fee shall be paid as of the date of the stated meeting at which the Petition was received. By dispensation of the Worshipful Master, the Fellow Craft and Master Mason fees may be paid separately prior to the degree being conferred.

Section 3. The annual dues from each member shall be \$45.00 in 2017, \$55.00 in 2018, \$65.00 in 2019 and \$75.00 in 2020 and thereafter, in addition to the Annual Grand Lodged per capita (currently \$10.00). Payable in advance on or before the first day of January of each year.

Section 4. When a candidate reaches the degree of Master Mason, he will pay an amount equal to the current year's dues, if June 30th of the current year has not passed. If June 30th of the current year has passed, he will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the current year's dues. Further, if a candidate has paid his social fee for the year and reaches the degree of Master Mason prior to June 30th of the current year, his social fee shall be credited against the current year's dues owed.

Section 5. Any Brother from another lodge desiring Affiliation or Plural / Dual Membership in this Lodge shall pay an amount equal to the current year's dues, if June 30th of the current year has not passed. If June 30th of the current year has passed, he will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the current year's dues.

Section 6. A Brother who is suspended for nonpayment of dues (NPD), the fee to bring this Brother current will consist of all delinquent dues owed at the time of his suspension, plus whatever the current years dues are. If June 30th of the current year has passed, he will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the current year's dues. If the amount of the Brother's delinquent dues cannot be determined, he shall pay \$135 (or 3 years of dues at \$45) plus whatever the current year's dues are. If June 30th of the current year has passed, he will pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the current year's dues.

Section 7. No dues shall be collected from 50 Year Members and Life Members.

ARTICLE VIII Funds

Section 1. The funds of this Lodge are designed for strictly Masonic purposes, and can be used only in defraying the expenses of the Lodge and relieving cases

of absolute want and destitution, as sanctioned by the usages and customs of the order. The Lodge shall maintain at least two separate bank/ Investment accounts: a general operating account, and a charity account. ALL donations made by the Lodge will come from the Lodge Charity Account, which is and MUST remain separate from any general lodge operating account(s), and shall remain under the control of the Treasurer. The lodge can vote to allow proceeds from an event / fundraiser to fund the charity account, but may not vote to move general operating funds into the charity account. The Secretary will be required to indicate which of his receipts belong to the Lodge charity account, in order to allow the Treasurer to deposit earmarked charity funds into the correct account (this includes donations to the Charity Fund when a Brother pays his dues).

Section 2. It is hereby declared to be unlawful to loan any portion of the funds of this Lodge to any member or members thereof, and no application from any member or members of this Lodge for a loan of any portion of said funds shall be entertained by the Worshipful Master.

ARTICLE IX Alcohol

Section 1. Alcohol consumption is permitted on the premises of the Lodge, except as prohibited by the Grand Lodge Constitution and Bylaws, and if it should ever affect the Lodge's tax exempt status.

ARTICLE X Dimit

Section 1. Any brother desiring to terminate his membership in this Lodge shall give notice, in writing, at a stated meeting, which shall lay over until the next stated meeting when, if there be no charges against his character in the Lodge, and his dues be paid in full, the Worshipful Master shall, if there be no valid objections, order the Secretary to issue the proper certificate, all of which shall be entered in the records of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XI Discipline

Section 1. Any member of this Lodge owing dues for a year, or for any fractional part thereof, at the time of the annual meeting, who shall permit the same to remain unpaid until the stated meeting in April following, shall be deemed a delinquent, and subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to report to the Worshipful Master at the stated meeting in April in each year, the names of all Brethren in arrears for dues, as well read the report of the membership retention committee. If there is no motion to grant further time, or for good cause a motion to waive the dues, the Worshipful Master shall cause a ballot to be taken upon proposition to suspend the delinquent member, provided there are no additional requirements imposed by the Grand Lodge before the suspension is voted on.

Section 3. Any Brother whose dues have not been remitted under the provisions of Section 2 of this Article, and who may not desire to accept such suspension, may hand to the Secretary the amount of his remitted dues at the meeting in which the vote for suspension will occur, who will give him receipt thereof.

Section 4. Any suspended member of this Lodge seeking reinstatement shall petition thereof, in writing (unless 180 days has not passed since his suspension, then the request need not be in writing), and upon a favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Brethren present at a stated meeting, he may be restored to membership in the Lodge. In case of suspension for nonpayment of dues, the unpaid dues must be settled by the delinquent member, or remitted by the Lodge, before action can be taken on his petition for restoration.

Section 5. In case any member shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming a Mason, he shall be reported to the Lodge, who shall forthwith take such action as may be deemed necessary for his reformation, or for the good of the Lodge in accordance with the Grand Lodge Bylaws.

Section 6. Any member who shall divulge the character of his vote for a candidate for the degrees or affiliation, or any member who shall attempt to ascertain the character of the vote of any other member, shall be subject to charges of un-Masonic conduct, and may be proceeded against accordingly.

Section 7. No member present shall be excused from the voting upon any question before the Lodge, unless excused therefrom at his own request and by unanimous consent of the other members present, separately given as to each member so excused. The Tyler, if a member of the Lodge, may be excused by the Master.

Section 8. In all cases where an application for degrees or membership is rejected, the money shall be returned with the information of rejection, which information shall in no case be communicated by any member of this Lodge, or by any visitor who may be present, to one not a Mason, under the penalty of being subjected to Masonic discipline by this Lodge, or by the Lodge of which the offender may be a member. The same shall apply to the disclosure of the proceedings of the Lodge. The Worshipful Master shall cause this section to be frequently read in open lodge.

ARTICLE XII

Section 1. All former By-Laws of this Lodge not contained in the foregoing are hereby repealed and annulled.

Section 2. These By-Laws will remain in effect unless amended or annulled in accordance with Code 203 of the Grand Lodge and Section 4 of this Article.

Section 3. Any action or edict of the Grand Lodge not in conflict with the ancient landmarks of the fraternity, which has the effect to alter any part of these By-Laws, shall be deemed to be an amendment, without action on the part of the Lodge.

Section 4. Any portion or the whole of these By-Laws may be amended or annulled, or others substituted in their stead, at the will of the Lodge, provided the amendments shall be proposed, in writing, read before the Lodge for four (4) weeks before a vote shall be taken upon such proposed amendments, and when a paper ballot is taken, the assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present shall be necessary for the adoption of such proposed amendments.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1. On all motions, debates, etc., Parliamentary Rules shall be adhered to as far as the ancient usages of the Order and Regulations of the Grand Lodge will permit.