



**The Masonic Code  
of the  
Most Worshipful Grand  
Lodge  
of  
Free and Accepted Masons  
of Utah**

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**Articles of Incorporation**

**Name:** THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF FREE  
AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF UTAH.

**Existence:** Perpetual.

**Membership:** All members of Grand Lodge.

**Officers:** Board of Three Trustees, consisting of the Grand Master and the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, two being a quorum, and other Officers per Constitution and By-laws attached, to be elected annually by majority vote by ballot of qualified members.

**Annual Meeting:** The Annual meeting of said corporation shall convene on the fifth Friday of each year at the Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah, or at such other time and/or place as may be designated pursuant to the corporation's by-laws.

**Office:** Principal office at Secretary's Office in Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Other Details:** As provided in annexed By-laws and Constitution.

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**Note:** Grand Lodge is now a corporation of the State of Utah, under corporate franchise issued by the Secretary of State on January 17, 1911. It was first organized January 16, 1872, and until incorporated, operated as an association.

The Masonic Foundation is a separate charitable corporation qualifying for appropriate estate and income taxation benefits, the members of which are the members of Grand Lodge.

It is recommended practice for separate corporations to operate and own Masonic Temples, all subject to approval by the Grand Master.

**Constitution**  
of the  
**M.: W.: Grand Lodge**  
of  
**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS**

**DECLARATION**

Whereas, Each Grand Lodge possesses the inherent power to form a Constitution, as the Fundamental Law of its Masonic actions, and to enact such By-laws, from time to time, as it may deem necessary for its own government, and to make such Rules and Regulations for the administration of its constituent Lodges as will insure the prosperity thereof and promote the general good of Masonry; and

Whereas, This power is the Supreme Masonic power and authority in the State of Utah, and is derived from organized Masonic bodies or constituent Lodges, through their legally constituted Representatives, and gives to this Grand Lodge all the attributes of sovereignty and government, legislative, executive, and judicial, limited only by a strict adherence to the ancient usages of Freemasonry, by the provisions of its own Constitution and Regulations; and by the provisions of its Articles of Incorporation;

Therefore, Upon these principles, which have never been disputed, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah does hereby ordain, establish, and promulgate the following Constitution for its future government, and does enact, make and prescribe the following Rules and Regulations for the government of the Lodges under its jurisdiction:

**ARTICLE I**  
**TITLE-SEALS**

**Section 1. Name.**

This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name and style of "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah."

**Section 2. Seals.**

It shall have a seal, bearing such device and inscription as has been, or may hereafter be, determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued under its authority.

There shall also be a seal known as the "Grand Master's Seal," to be used by him on all official instruments he may issue in his capacity as Grand Master. Said seal shall forever bear the device and inscription which may be determined upon by the Grand Lodge.

**ARTICLE II**  
**AUTHORITY AND TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION**

**Section 1.**

This Grand Lodge is the only source of authority and exercises exclusive jurisdiction in all matters pertaining to Ancient Craft Masonry in the State of Utah.

**Section 2.**

The territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Utah is co-extensive with the geographical boundaries of the State.

**Section 3.**

The Grand Lodge may elect to share such exclusive territorial jurisdiction with one other Grand Lodge by mutual consent, provided each Grand Lodge remains sovereign with sole and undisputed authority over all its members, beholden lodges, their members, and properties deriving authority from them. In addition, all provisions of the Constitution, Title II, Title III, and the Trial Code of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, shall apply only to those lodges and members, thereof, which are chartered by said Grand Lodge.

**ARTICLE III  
COMPOSITION**

**Section 1. Members.**

The Grand Lodge shall consist of a Grand Master (whose address shall be Most Worshipful); a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Secretary (whose several addresses shall be Right Worshipful); a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Orator, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Marshal, a Grand Pursuivant, a Grand Standard-Bearer, a Grand Sword-Bearer, a Senior Grand Deacon, a Junior Grand Deacon, a Senior Grand Steward, a Junior Grand Steward, a Grand Historian, a Grand Tyler, (whose several addresses shall be Worshipful), and such other Grand Officers as the Grand Lodge may provide; and also Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, Past Grand Treasurers, and Past Grand Secretaries; the Worshipful Masters and Wardens for the time being of the several chartered Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or their legally appointed proxies; Past Masters who have been duly elected Masters, and have actually presided as Worshipful Masters of Lodges in this jurisdiction, or in any other jurisdiction recognized as "regular" by this Grand Lodge and with which this Grand Lodge Maintains fraternal relations, and who are at the time members of Lodges within this jurisdiction; provided, that no Lodge shall be entitled to representation unless its annual dues are paid in full.

**Section 2. Proxies.**

Whenever the Worshipful Master and Wardens of any Lodge, or either of them, shall be unable to attend the communications of the Grand Lodge, they, or either of them who cannot so attend, may with approval of his Lodge, depute any member of their own Lodge who is of equal or superior rank as a proxy to represent their Lodge at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, and the proxy so deputed shall be entitled to the same privileges and perform the duties of him or them deputing him. Such representative shall produce a letter of proxy, signed by the officer deputizing him, together with the resolution of his Lodge, under its seal, authorizing the appointment of such proxy. Provided, however, that if such Master or Wardens shall subsequently attend any session of such Grand Lodge, then, and in that case, the proxy so given shall be considered revoked during the attendance of such Master or Wardens.

A Lodge represented at a communication of the Grand Lodge by either its Master or a Warden shall be considered fully represented; provided, that any Lodge in the absence of its Master and both Wardens may be represented by a proxy duly elected by such Lodge at a regular or special meeting called for that purpose, and such proxy shall have all the rights and privileges of the Master or Wardens when present.

**Section 3. Qualifications of Members.**

Every member of this Grand Lodge must be affiliated with some Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, and on dimission, suspension, or expulsion of any Grand Lodge member by his Lodge, or by any other authority of Ancient Craft Masonry, his name shall be dropped from the roll of Grand Lodge membership.

**Section 4. Reinstatement by Grand Lodge.**

Any member who shall be dropped from the roll of Grand Lodge membership, if by reason of dimission from his Lodge, shall be reinstated on producing evidence of affiliation with some Lodge in this Grand Lodge Jurisdiction; and if by reason of suspension, he may be reinstated by producing evidence of restoration by his Lodge.

**ARTICLE IV  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**Section 1. Communications.**

The Grand Lodge shall hold a regular communication at least once in each year, at such place as may be designated in its By-laws; but special communications may be ordered by the Grand Master (or in his absence from the State, or inability to attend to his duties, by the Deputy Grand Master, or the other presiding officer for the time being) whenever in his opinion the welfare of the Fraternity shall require it, and every such order for a special communication shall state the object thereof, so far as it is proper to be written, and each constituent Lodge under this jurisdiction shall have due notice of such communication, and no business shall be transacted thereat except such as is specified in said order.

**ARTICLE V**  
**QUORUM**

**Section 1. Quorum.**

The Grand Lodge shall not be opened, nor shall any business be transacted therein, unless a majority of the chartered Lodges under its jurisdiction be represented, but a less number may meet and adjourn from day-to-day, until the above provided representation shall attend. Provided that at special communications called for ceremonial purposes, the Grand Master, or his duly authorized representative, with a sufficient number of Brethren to fill the stations and places, may at any time, open the Grand Lodge and perform the ceremony for which it was convened; and provided further, that when the communication has been called for the purpose of laying a cornerstone, the Grand Lodge shall be opened on the Entered Apprentice Degree.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**ELIGIBILITY**

**Section 1. Eligibility.**

No brother shall be eligible to office in this Grand Lodge who is not at the time of election or appointment a member thereof and a member in good and regular standing of a Chartered Lodge constituent to this Grand Lodge, and no Brother shall be eligible to the office of Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, who is not a Past Master, having been duly elected and having presided over a Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Grand Wardens must be Past or Acting Masters.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**ELECTIONS-APPOINTMENTS-INSTALLATIONS**

**Section 1. Elective Officers.**

At each Annual Communication there shall be elected by ballot a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand

Warden, a Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Secretary. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

**ARTICLE V**

The Deputy Grand Master will be considered the Grand Master-elect, and will be installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master at the succeeding Annual Communication. At the succeeding Grand Lodge Communication, should the Deputy Grand Master (Grand Master-elect) be unable, for any reason, to be installed to the office of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, there shall be elected by ballot from the Brethren who are constitutionally eligible, a Grand Master, a Deputy Grand Master, a Senior Grand Warden, a Junior Grand Warden, a Grand Treasurer, and a Grand Secretary. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

**Section 2. Appointive Officers.**

All other Grand Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master-elect, but no Grand Officer shall assume the duties of his office until he shall have been duly installed.

All officers shall hold their offices until their successors are elected or appointed and installed.

**Section 3. Installation.**

All Grand Officers must be installed in person, and reelection or reappointment to the same office shall not relieve any officer from the necessity of being re-installed.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**VOTES**

**Section 1. Voting.**

Each of the Grand Lodge Officers present and each elective Past Grand Officer, when present at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to one vote; each Lodge shall be entitled to three votes by its proper officers, or in their absence, their representatives; and Past Masters present and not otherwise entitled to vote shall each be entitled to vote except when voting for officers, in which event Past Masters shall be entitled collectively to a single vote. The voting on all questions shall be by a show of hands, by written ballot, or by yeas or nays, when properly ordered. When a show of hands vote is called

for, a member having more than one vote will vote his preference by holding up a voting card, which will designate by number or by color the number of votes he is casting. When the vote is by ballot, the member having more than one vote will be issued the number of ballots entitled by his voting card. If yeas and nays are called for, a member having more than one ballot will so indicate verbally when his name is called.

**Section 2. Two Votes.**

If a Brother is present as a member of the Grand Lodge by virtue of his past or present official rank and is also a representative in attendance for his Lodge, he may vote in each capacity.

**Section 3. Representatives of Lodges.**

In case a constituent Lodge has but one representative present, he may cast three votes; if two representatives be present, the highest in rank shall cast two votes, and the lowest, one; if three representatives be present, they shall cast but one vote each.

**Section 4. As a Unit.**

On every constitutional amendment and on every other question that may come before the Grand Lodge for decision upon which a vote by Lodges only is lawful, each constituent Lodge shall vote as a unit, by its representative or representatives present, who by a majority vote shall decide on which side of the question the vote of the Lodge shall be cast.

**Section 5. Deciding Vote.**

On all questions, excepting those decided by ballot and by Lodges, the presiding officer shall have the casting vote in case of a tie.

**Section 6. Yeas and Nays.**

The yeas and nays shall be ordered upon the demand of five representatives. In taking the yeas and nays, the Lodges in their order shall be called first, the Past Masters secondly, the Past Grand Officers thirdly, and the Grand Officers last.

**Section 7. Blanks.**

In all cases where paper ballots are used in voting, blanks shall not be counted.

**Section 8. Must Vote.**

Every member entitled to vote shall, unless excused by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, vote on all questions coming before the Grand Lodge.

**Section 9. Electioneering.**

Electioneering in any way for office in Grand Lodge is positively prohibited, and any member guilty of the offense shall be ineligible to office, and if an officer, shall forfeit the office held by him. Visitors electioneering for any candidate for office shall be prohibited visiting the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

**ARTICLE IX  
VACANCIES**

**Section 1. Succession.**

In case of the death, disability or absence of the Grand Master, his place shall be filled in regular succession by the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden, and the Junior Grand Warden; in case of the death, disability, or absence of all these Grand Officers, the youngest Past Grand Master present within this jurisdiction and able to act shall be Grand Master.

**Section 2. Vacancies.**

All vacancies shall be filled by the Grand Master for the time being. The office of Grand Master is never vacant.

**ARTICLE X  
POWERS AND JURISDICTION**

**Section 1. Dispensations.**

This Grand Lodge may grant dispensations and charters for holding regular Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Utah, and in other territory where no Grand Lodge exists, with the right to confer therein

the several degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason, and when deemed expedient, and for good cause, may annul, revoke or amend such dispensation or charter.

**Section 2. Jurisdiction.**

This Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation and administration, appellate and administrative jurisdiction from the decisions of Worshipful Masters, and from the decisions and acts of Lodges; and when expedient, has original jurisdiction over its officers, members, and Worshipful Masters, and its enactments and decisions upon all questions shall be the supreme Masonic law in the State of Utah.

**Section 3. Bounds. Controversies.**

This Grand Lodge may assign the limits and fix the location of each lodge under its jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between different Lodges, and has the final decision and determination of all controversies or grievances which may be brought up by appeal or otherwise.

**Section 4. Law for Lodges.**

It may make and adopt general laws and regulations for the government of the several Lodges under its jurisdiction, and at pleasure may alter, amend, or repeal the same.

**Section 5. Assess and Collect Fines.**

It may assess and collect from the several Lodges under its jurisdiction such sums of money annually as may be provided for by law and found necessary for the support and maintenance of the Grand Lodge.

**Section 6. Charity Fund.**

It may establish a Charity Fund, and provide for its maintenance by appropriating at each annual communication a sum not to exceed ten per cent of its annual receipts, or by assessing and collecting from each Lodge in the jurisdiction such sums as may be deemed expedient.

**Section 7. Finances.**

It may supervise the state and condition of its own finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be deemed necessary.

**Section 8. Discipline.**

It may reprimand, suspend, or expel any member from its own body for a violation of the Constitution, By-laws, and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or for any other unmasonic conduct; and shall have power to adjudicate upon all appeals from constituent Lodges.

**Section 9. General Oversight.**

This Grand Lodge shall at each communication consider and review the reports and doings of its Grand Officers for the past year, as well as those of the several Lodges under its jurisdiction. And, finally, may do whatsoever may be considered necessary to the well-being and prosperity of Ancient Craft Masonry in the State of Utah.

**ARTICLE XI  
SOVEREIGNTY**

**Section 1. Sovereignty.**

This Grand Lodge is the only sovereign body over Symbolic Masonry in the State of Utah, and has the exclusive right to establish and maintain Masonic Lodges for conferring the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason within its jurisdiction.

**Section 2. Legitimate Masonry**

This Grand Lodge has the sole right to declare what legitimate Freemasonry is, and any organization, association, parties, or persons professing to have any authority, powers or privileges in Freemasonry, and practicing the same within the geographical boundaries of the State of Utah, which are not recognized by this Grand Lodge, are hereby declared clandestine, and all intercourse with, or recognition of, them by any Lodge constituent to this Grand Lodge, or any member thereof, is hereby declared a Masonic offense and subject to trial, as provided for in the Trial Code.

**ARTICLE XII**  
**THE GRAND MASTER**

**Section 1. Powers of Grand Master.**

The Grand Master is invested with all the power and authority and is entitled to all the privileges and prerogatives which attach to his high office by the ancient usages of Freemasonry, subject to limitations of this Constitution and the requirements of Grand Lodge, as expressed by its laws.

The Grand Master shall, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, have the following more defined power and authority:

First. He may grant dispensations for new Lodges, subject to the provisions of the By-laws of the Grand Lodge.

Second. He may arrest the charter of any Lodge for good cause, until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, informing the Lodge of the cause, and setting forth in his annual message the reasons for such arrest, and such charter so arrested shall not be restored except by the action of the Grand Lodge. He may also suspend the functions of any Lodge, pending investigation.

Third. He may convene the Grand Lodge at his pleasure, and when for any business affecting the welfare of the Craft shall give due notice, through the Grand Secretary, to the Lodges and members of the time, place, and object of such meeting.

Fourth. He may authorize any Past or present Grand Officer, or Past or present Master of a Lodge, to convene a Grand Lodge for the following purposes: To lay the cornerstone of a Masonic hall or public edifice, to dedicate and consecrate a Masonic hall, to constitute a new Lodge, and to set a Lodge under dispensation to work.

Fifth. He may, for good cause, and with the written concurrence of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens, or any two of them, suspend from office any officer of the Grand Lodge until the next annual communication.

Sixth. He may, for good cause, arrest the jewel of any Worshipful Master or Warden of any Lodge, pending investigation, or until the

next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Seventh. He may in person or by Deputy convene any Lodge within the jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect its proceedings and books, and require its conformity to Masonic law and usage.

Eighth. He may appoint Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge near other recognized Grand Lodges, receive and accredit Grand Representatives of those recognized Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge, revoke the commission of any Grand Representative who fails to comply with the By-laws of this Grand Lodge and request other Grand Masters to do likewise if their Grand Representatives near this Grand Lodge fail to comply with the By-laws.

Ninth. He may grant such dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

Tenth. He may render official decisions, which shall be binding only until approved at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Eleventh. He may exercise such powers as are warranted, and perform such duties as are required of him by the Ancient Regulations or customs of the Craft; provided, always, that he shall have no power to suspend the operation of any law of the Grand Lodge.

Twelfth. He may "heal" or re-obligate a Mason irregularly made in a regular Lodge, but healing must take place in a Chartered Lodge duly opened.

Thirteenth. On the first day of each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as possible, the Grand Master shall lay before the Grand Lodge his annual address, giving an account of his official acts during recess, the state and condition of Masonry in the jurisdiction, and recommend to the Grand Lodge such measures as he may deem necessary and expedient.

**ARTICLE XIII**  
OTHER GRAND OFFICERS

**Section 1. Other Officers.**

The powers and duties of all other officers of the Grand Lodge shall be declared and defined in its By-laws.

**ARTICLE XIV**  
ARRAIGNMENT OF MASTER

**Section 1. Arraignment of Master.**

Charges may be preferred against the Master of a Lodge by any three members thereof for abuse of his power, violation of the Constitution or Regulations, or for unmasonic conduct of any kind, which charges shall be in writing over their signatures, and shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, if in session, or to the Grand Master during recess, and shall be tried and determined in the manner prescribed by the Trial Code of this Grand Lodge.

**ARTICLE XV**  
AMENDMENTS

**Section 1. Amendments.**

Any amendment, alteration, or change of this Constitution must be proposed in writing at an Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for its opinion, and if then, by two-thirds of all the members present and voting, the same shall be approved, such amendment, alteration, or change must be submitted to the Grand Lodge at its next Annual Communication, and if then approved by a vote of two-thirds of the Lodges represented therein, the same shall become a part of this Constitution, and take effect within ten days after its adoption.

**By-Laws and Regulations**  
of the  
**M. W. Grand Lodge**  
of  
**Free and Accepted Masons**  
of Utah

**Title I - The Charges of a Freemason**

**Section 1-1-1. The Charges of a Freemason.**

Except as they are inconsistent or in conflict with the Articles of Incorporation, The Constitution and these By-laws, "The Charges of a Freemason," published herewith are recognized and adopted by this Grand Lodge as fundamental laws, rules and regulations for the government of all Masons; and it is further declared that they should frequently be read by Masters, and all other Craftsmen, as well within as without Lodges, to the end that none may be ignorant of the excellent principles and precepts inculcated therein.

**Title II - By-Laws Relative To Grand Lodge**

**CHAPTER I**  
COMMUNICATION-ELECTION-INSTALLATION

**Section 2-1-1. Annual Communication.**

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall commence on the fifth Friday of each year and shall be held on the Master Mason Degree, in the Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. A different time or place may be designated by a majority of the members present at the preceding Annual Communication, or if necessitated by special circumstances, by the Grand Master with a consensus of the elected Grand Lodge officers. The proposed change must fall between January 15<sup>th</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> of the same Masonic year.



**Section 2-1-2. Election.**

The annual election of Grand Lodge officers shall be held at two o'clock P.M. on the second day of each Annual Communication.

**Section 2-1-3. Installation.**

The installation of Grand Lodge officers shall be either public or in a tiled meeting at the discretion of the Grand Master-elect and shall take place as soon after the election as practicable, and before the close of the Annual Communication.

**CHAPTER II  
POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 2-2-1. The Grand Master.**

The Grand Master shall have the powers and perform the duties set forth in the Constitution of Grand Lodge, together with such other duties as pertain to his high office by ancient Masonic usage. He shall sign all checks against Grand Lodge funds.

(A) All decisions of the Grand Master rendered during the recess of Grand Lodge shall be in writing and shall take effect as of the date they are rendered, and he shall forthwith transmit a duplicate copy of such decisions to the Grand Secretary.

(B) The Grand Master shall transmit to the Grand Secretary duplicate copies of all his official correspondence.

**Section 2-2-2. The Deputy Grand Master and Wardens.**

The Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden and Junior Grand Warden shall perform such duties as pertain to these respective Grand Offices by ancient Masonic usage. While the Grand Master is within the Jurisdiction the Deputy Grand Master shall perform only those duties specially authorized and directed by the Grand Master.

**Section 2-2-3. Grand Treasurer.**

The Grand Treasurer shall have charge of all the funds of Grand Lodge. He shall have the following duties:

First. To attend the communications of Grand Lodge, and, when required, to meet Grand Officers and committees with his books and all necessary documents relating to his office.

Second. To countersign all checks against Grand Lodge Funds.

Third. To present on the first day of each Annual Communication an itemized report of receipts and disbursements, and the amount of funds in his hands.

Fourth. He shall, at the commencement of his term of office, be insured with a corporate surety bond to Grand Lodge in such amount as Grand Lodge shall determine, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office. The cost of said bond shall be paid by Grand Lodge.

Fifth. To deliver promptly to his successor in office the moneys remaining on hand, together with all books and records and other things in his possession belonging or pertaining to Grand Lodge, taking duplicate receipts for the same, one of which shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary.

**Section 2-2-4. Grand Secretary-Duties.**

The Grand Secretary shall have the following duties:

First. To attend the communications of Grand Lodge, observe and record the proceedings thereof, and preserve the same in the annual printed proceedings.

Second. To receive all monies due the Grand Lodge and deposit the same in a bank account of Grand Lodge and deliver to the Grand Treasurer the deposit receipts for each deposit made. Sign and countersign checks against Grand Lodge Funds when by reason of absence, illness or death, the Grand Master is unable to sign checks or the Grand Treasurer is unable to countersign checks against Grand Lodge Funds.

Third. To keep suitable books of accounts, and carefully record therein all accounts of the several Lodges.

Fourth. To keep a Grand Lodge Register, and inscribe therein the names and Masonic records of all new members reported to him by the Secretaries in the annual Lodge returns.

Fifth. To receive all petitions, applications, and appeals, and lay them before Grand Lodge.

Sixth. To have the custody of the seal and jewels of Grand Lodge.

Seventh. To prepare, sign, and duly seal all charters, dispensations, certificates, commissions, and other instruments of writing issued by Grand Lodge.

Eighth. To report annually the amount of money received by him, by items, and the specific sources from which it was received; also the Lodges that have neglected to render proper returns or are in arrears.

Ninth. To cause the Annual Proceedings of Grand Lodge to be printed, and to forward one copy to each constituent Lodge in the Jurisdiction, one copy to each Grand Officer and each elective Past Grand Officer, one copy to each of the Grand Lodges in the United States and Canada, and one copy to each Grand Representative of this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges. He shall not include in the Proceeding the name of any member suspended or expelled, and in the report of the Committee on Grievance and Appeals he shall leave the name of the defendant blank. In the publication of the list of Officers and Members of constituent Lodges he shall state only the number of members suspended or expelled, and whether the suspension was for the non-payment of dues or upon judgment after trial.

Tenth. To include in the Proceedings every year a list of all Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, and members of Grand Lodge, present at its communications; also a tabular statement which shall show the number initiated, passed, raised, affiliated, and reinstated, together with the number of deaths, dimissions, suspensions and expulsions, and the total membership of each Lodge in the jurisdiction.

Eleventh. To furnish each Lodge suitable blank forms for the systematizing of Lodge records of the election, initiation, passing and

raising of all candidates for the degrees and of their proficiency in the catechisms thereof.

Twelfth. To furnish each Lodge duplicate blanks for annual returns, both to be filled in, one to be returned to the Grand Secretary and the other to be retained by the Lodge.

Thirteenth. To conduct the correspondence of Grand Lodge, and to report periodically to each Lodge all suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements. At least thirty-five days before each Annual Communications of Grand Lodge he shall transmit to the Secretaries of the Constituent Lodges, and to the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Lodge, copies of all proposed amendments to the By-laws, and memoranda of any matters of unfinished business to be considered at such Annual Communication.

Fourteenth. On the first day of each Annual Communication he shall make such report to Grand Lodge on the condition of the Lodges and the Craft in the Jurisdiction as may be necessary for its guidance.

Fifteenth. He may, with the approval of the Grand Master, appoint an Assistant Grand Secretary, for whose official acts he shall be responsible.

Sixteenth. He shall, ex officio, be Grand Librarian, and shall have charge of the Grand Lodge Library subject to such regulations as Grand Lodge may describe.

Seventeenth. He shall, at the commencement of his term of office, be insured with a corporate surety bond to Grand Lodge in such amount as Grand Lodge shall determine, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office.

Eighteenth. He shall promptly deliver to his successor in office all funds, securities, jewels, vouchers, books, papers and other property in his possession belonging or pertaining to Grand Lodge, taking duplicate receipts for the same, one of which shall be delivered to his successor in office.

Nineteenth. He shall prepare and furnish to the Lodges an abstract of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge within thirty days after the close of the Annual Communication. Such abstract shall cover all legislation and such other matters as determined by him. Each Lodge shall be

furnished sufficient copies for its elected officers and Past Masters.

Twentieth. He shall purchase and maintain an insurance policy consistent with the Utah Grand Lodge insurance requirements that will cover the Grand Lodge of Utah and all participating constituent Blue Lodges.

The cost of said policy will be borne by a per-capita assessment on each covered Blue Lodge due and payable to Grand Lodge within 60 days from the annual renewal policy date. Said assessment shall be calculated by taking the annual cost of the policy divided by the total number of masons in the participating Blue Lodges. This per-capita assessment will then be billed to each participating Utah Blue Lodge based upon the membership numbers reported in the annual returns of the Lodges. An individual Blue Lodge can elect to be excluded from said policy and its assessment if it can provide Grand Lodge with proof of insurance covering said Lodge with comparable or greater coverage than that set by Grand Lodge.

**Section 2-2-5. Assistant Grand Secretary.**

The Assistant Grand Secretary shall assist the Grand Secretary and perform such duties as may be delegated to him by the Grand Secretary.

**Section 2-2-6. Grand Lecturer.**

The Grand Lecturer shall have the following duties:

First. When he deems it necessary, he shall visit each constituent Lodge and instruct the officers and members thereof in the Utah Standard Work. He may visit any Lodge in the jurisdiction at any time and require the officers to exemplify the Work. He may supervise the examinations in open Lodge of candidates on the catechisms of the degrees or otherwise satisfy himself that the provision with reference to said examinations is being observed.

Second. He shall have power to appoint such deputies as in his judgment may be necessary, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. The duties of a Deputy Grand Lecturer are limited to (a) teaching the Utah Standard Work, and (b) making recommendations to the Grand Lecturer. Such Deputies shall receive no compensation for their services, except when directed by the Grand Lecturer to hold Lodges of Instruction in places at a distance from their homes, in

which event they shall receive the same compensation as is allowed the Grand Lecturer. The Grand Lecturer may use funds appropriated for his use by Grand Lodge to pay the expenses of his Deputies on official visits made by them. The terms of office of all Deputy Grand Lecturers shall expire with that of the Grand Lecturer who appointed them.

Third. He shall make a detailed statement of all his official acts to Grand Lodge on the first day of each Annual Communication, together with such information and recommendations as he may deem necessary.

Fourth. He shall hold a Lodge of Instruction in the evening of the first day of each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, unless otherwise ordered by Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master, and at any other time upon direction of the Grand Master.

Fifth. He shall, in conjunction with the Committee on Ritual, compile, publish and distribute the official cipher.

Sixth. He shall compile and distribute to each Lodge in the Jurisdiction a list of Brothers qualified and available to give degree lectures when any lodge is unable to provide such among its own members. The list of Brothers so qualified shall be revised from time to time whenever changes occur.

**Section 2-2-7. Other Appointees.**

All other appointed Grand Officers shall perform such duties as by ancient usage and custom pertain to their respective offices and as directed by the Grand Master.

**Section 2-2-8. Compensation and Expenses.**

Grand Lodge officers shall receive such sums for their services and for expenses as Grand Lodge may determine.

**Section 2-2-9. Grand Lodge Historian.**

First. To prepare and maintain a written historical record of Masonry in Utah. It shall consist of two (2) parts: (a) Grand Lodge History and (b) Individual Lodge History.

Second. To prepare and distribute a suitable historical data form to all Lodge Secretaries.

Third. To present a statement of activities of the Historian to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

### CHAPTER III COMMITTEES

#### **Section 2-3-1. Classification.**

The Committees of Grand Lodge shall be Ex Officio, Session, Standing and Special.

#### **Section 2-3-2. Ex Officio Committees.**

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall be Ex Officio a Committee on Charity.

#### **Section 2-3-3. Ex Officio Committees -- Duties**

It shall be the duty of the Committee on charity to investigate all applications for financial assistance from Grand Lodge, and to draw upon The Masonic Foundation of Utah for such amounts, not exceeding \$100.00 during any one year for any one person or object, as in the judgment of the committee, or a majority thereof, are necessary; provided that, in case of death or other serious emergency, not to exceed \$200.00 may be expended as provided above.

#### **Section 2-3-4. Session Committees - Appointment.**

The Grand Master shall at least forty-five days prior to each Annual Communication appoint three members to each of the following committees to serve the Annual Communication: Credentials, Grand Master's Address, Necrology, Returns of Lodges, Condition of Lodges, Unfinished Business and Examining Visiting Brethren.

#### **Section 2-3-5. Session Committees - Duties.**

The duties of the session committees are:

First. **Credentials.** This committee shall receive and examine the credentials of representatives to Grand Lodge, and report thereon as soon as practicable after the opening of Grand Lodge.

Second. **Grand Master's Address.** To this committee shall be referred the annual address of the Grand Master and the report of the Grand Secretary, for comment, distribution, and report thereon in the

afternoon of the first day's session.

Third. **Necrology.** It shall be the duty of this committee to report and comment upon the death of deceased Brothers in this and other jurisdictions.

Fourth. **Returns of Lodges.** This committee shall examine the returns of the constituent Lodges and report to Grand Lodge such facts and information regarding the condition and work of the Lodges as may be deemed advisable and necessary.

Fifth. **Condition of Lodges.** To this committee shall be referred the records and other books of Lodges under dispensation and all cases of arrested charters and suspension of the functions of Lodges by the Grand Master. It shall not recommend the granting of a charter to any Lodge under dispensation unless the officers of such Lodge are proficient in conferring the Utah Standard Work.

Sixth. **Unfinished Business.** This committee shall carefully examine the printed proceedings of the previous communication, and report all unfinished business.

Seventh. **Examining Visiting Brethren.** This committee shall examine all visitors not properly vouched for, and report their names, addresses, and Masonic affiliations to Grand Lodge.

### **Section 2-3-6. Standing Committees - Appointment**

Before the close of each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, elected at such Annual Communication, shall appoint the following standing committees and members thereof for the terms hereinafter stated; unless otherwise stated, members of committees shall serve one year: Jurisprudence, consisting of five members; Grievance and Appeals, consisting of three members; Fraternal Relations, consisting of three members; Masonic Education, consisting of seven members, one of whom shall be the Grand Secretary; Ritual, consisting of three members, one of whom shall be appointed annually for a term of three years and the Grand Lecturer shall be an Ex Officio member; Youth, consisting of six members; Land and Building, consisting of four members, Preservation of Records, consisting of four members, one of whom shall be the Grand Secretary; and Community Service and Public Relations, consisting of six members; and Finance, consisting of five members, one of whom

shall be the Deputy Grand Master.

### **Section 2-3-7. Standing Committees - Duties.**

The duties of the standing committees are:

First. **Jurisprudence.** To this committee shall be referred all matters of Masonic law and usage; all propositions to amend the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-laws of Grand Lodge; and all decisions of the Grand Master.

The Action on the submission for approval of the Report from the Jurisprudence Committee shall be an approval for the report to be spread upon the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Utah, and shall not in any way, serve to usurp the individual delegates rights to vote upon any issue which has been properly placed before the Grand Lodge of Utah for consideration by that body.

Second. **Grievance and Appeals.** To this committee shall be referred all grievances between members of Grand Lodge while in session and it shall examine and report on all trial records and appeals sent from Lodges to Grand Lodge and shall consider and make recommendation to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge on all applications for restoration submitted to Grand Lodge after suspension or expulsion.

Third. **Fraternal Relations.** It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the printed proceedings of other Grand Lodges, to submit reports on the same to Grand Lodge, to report to Grand Lodge on all correspondence relating to recognition of other Grand Bodies and to make recommendations pertaining to the functioning of Grand Representatives.

Fourth. **Masonic Education.** It shall be the duty of this committee to consider and devise ways and means of stimulating and fostering among the Craft interest in Masonic education and the study of Masonic history and principles. To such end it may collect, prepare and furnish to the Lodges such educational material on Masonic and related subjects as it deems appropriate and useful. It shall direct the policy of the Library and select and purchase all books and other material and have control of the expenditures for the library. It shall hold at least three meetings each year and shall present a report of its

activities at each Annual Communication.

Fifth. **Ritual.** This committee shall have exclusive charge of and diligently preserve the Utah Standard Work as adopted by Grand Lodge, and it shall be the duty of said committee and each member thereof to enforce the practice of that Work in every Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, through the Grand Lecturer and his deputies. It may make such changes in the Utah Standard Work as are necessary to correct grammatical errors, or to harmonize different sections, and may agree upon details not specified. It is not authorized to make any other changes in the work without the authority of Grand Lodge. "It shall be the duty of the committee, in conjunction with the Grand Lecturer, to compile, publish and distribute the official cipher."

Sixth. **Youth.** This Committee shall be responsible for the promotion of the welfare of all Youth organizations in this Grand Jurisdiction which have been approved by Grand Lodge. To this end it may spend, when and as approved by the Grand Master, such monies as are appropriated to it by Grand Lodge or received from other sources, in any manner it deems proper and must make a full accounting to the Grand Lodge for money spent.

Seventh. **Land and Building.** All matters pertaining to the purchase by constituent Lodges of ground, the building, remodeling, reconstruction or changing of Temples, Halls, Lodge Rooms, or any other building that is or may be used for Masonic purposes, shall be referred to this Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to carefully investigate every request so received, and after conferring with the Master of the Lodge making the request, to make proper recommendations to the Grand Master. No action proposed or taken by this Committee shall become operative until it shall have received the approval of the Grand Master.

Eighth. **Preservation of Records.**

- (a) Safeguard permanent records for future reference.
- (b) Set up and maintain an index to provide ready accessibility to inactive records.
- (c) Eliminate maintenance of unnecessary or obsolete records.
- (d) Provide for correct refiling of inactive records removed for reference or research.

Ninth. **Community Service and Public Relations.**

This Committee shall:

- (1) Act as a clearing house for the collection and dissemination of information regarding the subordinate Lodges' activities and involvement in community services; i.e., public emergency preparedness, disaster relief, public health and general civic support.
- (2) Provide support and assistance to the subordinate Lodges in maximizing utilization of the 'news media,' both at the local Lodge site and on a state level when appropriate.
- (3) Act as the Grand Master's media representative to obtain news coverage of visitations, special observances, etc.
- (4) Assist in those areas suggested by the Grand Master from time to time.

This Committee shall have a minimum of three meetings annually, shall report its activities to the Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication, shall make recommendations for future activities and shall offer its services to other Masonic bodies in the state.

Tenth. **Finance.** This committee shall be responsible for overseeing all financial matters pertaining to operation of the Grand Lodge, except for those assets and functions assigned to the Board of Trustees. These duties include:

- (a) Cause the official records of income and disbursements, including the books and accounts for the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary to be audited each year, and report the results of the audit at the Annual Communication.
- (b) Prepare an operational budget of estimated income and expenses for the ensuing Grand Lodge year and present the same for action at the Annual Communication. Such action shall include setting the per capita assessments for the ensuing year.
- (c) Monitor the income and expenses of the Grand Lodge throughout the year and recommend adjustments as necessary to maintain a balanced budget. The Committee and/or Committee Chairman shall meet with the Grand Master quarterly to appraise him of the financial

status.

### **Section 2-3-8. Special Committees**

Special committees may be appointed by the Grand Master whenever it may be deemed necessary by him or by Grand Lodge. At the time of the appointment of any special committee, the duties of said committee shall be designated by the Grand Master.

## **CHAPTER IV BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Section 2-4-1. Composition.**

The Board of Trustees of Grand Lodge shall consist of the Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden, and their successors in office, in whom shall vest, in trust for the Grand Lodge of Utah, the title to all its property, real and personal, and whose duties in regard thereto, and in other respects, are as hereinafter provided.

### **Section 2-4-2. Duties.**

The Trustees shall exercise general supervision over the property, both real and personal, of Grand Lodge; shall except as otherwise provided in these By-laws, receive and hold the title, together with the papers pertaining thereto, as Trustees to all such property; shall execute all conveyances for and on behalf of Grand Lodge; and shall make contracts, leases, and agreements in their own names as Trustees, as they may be authorized by acts of Grand Lodge or by law. They are expressly authorized, whenever in their judgment or that of a majority of them it shall be necessary, to institute, prosecute, and defend legal proceedings for the preservation and protection of the property and rights of Grand Lodge.

### **Section 2-4-3. Powers.**

During recess of Grand Lodge they shall take such action, and shall have power to make such orders and contracts, as may from time to time be deemed necessary for the preservation and protection of the property of Grand Lodge.

### **Section 2-4-4. Report.**

On the first day of each Annual Communication the Trustees shall make a report to Grand Lodge, setting forth all their acts and doings, together with such information and recommendations relative to the property of Grand Lodge as they may deem necessary.

## **CHAPTER V FINANCE**

### **Section 2-5-1. Fiscal Year.**

The fiscal year of Grand Lodge shall begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

### **Section 2-5-2. Fees.**

Grand Lodge shall charge and collect fees as follows: For a dispensation to form a new Lodge, Thirty-five Dollars; and for granting a charter to a new Lodge, Sixty-five Dollars. The fee for each shall be received prior to or at the time the dispensation or charter is issued.

### **Section 2-5-3. Dues from Constituent Lodges.**

Grand Lodge shall charge and collect from each Chartered Lodge, annual dues as follows: For each degree conferred by the Lodge, One Dollar; for each Master Mason reported in the annual returns of the Lodge, a per capita amount determined at the preceding Annual Communication; for each Master Mason raised, One Dollar, as his contribution to be transmitted to the George Washington National Memorial Association until such time as Grand Lodge by resolution may designate another beneficiary. Dues from each Lodge shall be collected at the time the Lodge files its annual return and shall be for the fiscal period of the Lodge as proved by the Regulations.

### **Section 2-5-4. Special Levy.**

Grand Lodge may assess and collect from the several Lodges under its jurisdiction such additional sums of money as may be deemed necessary for the benefit of the Craft, which sums shall always be equal and uniform in proportion to the membership of the Lodges.

**Section 2-5-5. Disposal of Money Received.**

All money received by Grand Lodge shall be deposited by the Grand Secretary in a depository or depositories as may be designated by Grand Lodge or the Board of Trustees. The delivery of evidence of such deposit, by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Treasurer, shall constitute delivery of said money to the Grand Treasurer.

**Section 2-5-6. Withdrawal of Money.**

Money may be withdrawn from a depository only upon order or check signed by any two of the following, to wit: Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary.

**Section 2-5-7. Expenditures.**

Except as hereinafter provided, all expenditures shall be approved by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication. No proposal for appropriation or expenditure shall be finally considered by Grand Lodge until it shall have been considered and reported upon by the Finance Committee. In case of emergency and to avoid hardship the Board of Trustees, by unanimous action of all members, may authorize expenditures not previously approved by Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication.

**Section 2-5-8. Grand Lodge Endowment Fund.**

- (a) A special fund is hereby created, known as the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund ("the Fund").
- (b) All gifts and other subventions received by the Grand Lodge and designated for the Fund shall be segregated from all other funds of the Grand Lodge and shall be placed in the Fund established herein
- (c) All gifts and other subventions received by the Grand Lodge and designated for the Fund are not tax deductible.
- (d) All gifts and other subventions received by the Grand Lodge and designated for the Fund and any and all funds received by the Grand Lodge, regardless of the source, not specifically designated for a special purpose, together with any and all

funds realized from the conversion of any assets which are likewise not specifically designated for a special purpose, shall be invested and reinvested in the Fund at the discretion of the Board of Trustees in such a manner as to realize the best possible income, interest or return.

- (e) The income, interest or return from the investments so made shall be utilized solely and only for the operations and functions of the Grand Lodge, as requested by the Finance Committee and approved by the Grand Lodge, and that any income, interest or return received and not so utilized shall be reinvested, at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, and shall become a part of the principal.
- (f) The principal of the Fund shall be allowed to accumulate and shall not be utilized for any purpose whatever, except at the discretion of the Board of Trustees, and only then to be invested and reinvested in such manner so as to ensure a proper and safe return upon any such investment.
- (g) No officer of the Grand Lodge, any Constituent Lodge or Lodges, or any other body, association, corporation or natural person is deemed to have a pecuniary interest in the Fund.
- (h) If, at any time, monies remain in the Fund when such fund is abolished by action of the Grand Lodge, such remaining monies may only be transferred to the Grand Lodge General Fund.

**CHAPTER VI  
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

**Section 2-6-1. Types.**

Grand Representatives are those representing this Grand Lodge near other Grand Lodges and those representing other Grand Lodges near this Grand Lodge.

**Section 2-6-2. Appointment of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge.**

The Grand Master may appoint Grand Representatives near other



Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations. If any said representative fails to perform his duties the Grand Master may recall his commission.

**Section 2-6-3. Term of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge.**

The term of office of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall be five years.

**Section 2-6-4. Duties of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge.**

Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge shall have the following duties:

First. To attend the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to which he is accredited and to deposit with its Grand Secretary copies of all official documents emanating from this Grand Lodge.

Second. To acquaint himself with the constitution, laws, and customs of this Grand Lodge and give information on these subjects should he be requested to do so.

Third. To welcome, vouch for and introduce Masons from this jurisdiction visiting in his jurisdiction and to extend them every fraternal courtesy.

Fourth. To strengthen the ties of friendship, encourage exchange of inter-jurisdictional visits and endeavor to promote good will and understanding among the Craft.

**Section 2-6-5. Nomination of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges.**

The Grand Master shall recommend the appointment of Grand Representatives to this Grand Lodge by Grand Masters of Grand Lodges with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations. The Grand Master may request the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge appointing to recall the commission of a Grand Representative who does not comply with the rules of the Grand Lodge from which he is accredited, or for failure to perform his duties.

**Section 2-6-6. Term of Office of Grand Representative of other Grand Lodges.**

The term of office of a Grand Representative of another Grand Lodge is that provided by the Grand Lodge to which the Grand Representative is accredited.

**Section 2-6-7. Duties of Grand Representatives of other Grand Lodges.**

A Grand Representative of another Grand Lodge shall have the following duties to perform for this Grand Lodge:  
First. To attend the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge and to deposit with the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge all official documents emanating from the Grand Lodge he represents.

Second. To acquaint himself with the constitution, laws, and customs of the Grand Lodge he represents and give information on these subjects should he be requested to do so.

Third. To welcome, vouch for, and introduce Masons from the jurisdiction he represents and to extend to them every fraternal courtesy.

Fourth. To strengthen the ties of friendship, encourage exchange of jurisdictional visits, and endeavor to promote good will and understanding among the Craft.

**CHAPTER VII  
LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION**

**Section 2-7-1. Requirements.**

Seven or more Master Masons in good standing, one of whom must be a Past Master, may petition for a dispensation to form a new Lodge. The petition shall set forth the place in which they desire to locate such new Lodge, the names and locations of the Lodges whose territorial jurisdiction will in any manner be affected by the establishment of such new Lodge, and the names of three of their number whom they have elected to serve as the first Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden. The petition shall be accompanied by a recommendation of the Lodge nearest the place where the new Lodge

is to be held and if there is more than one Lodge in the city, then the recommendation must be from all the Lodges therein, provided, that if, in the judgement of Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master, such recommendation is unreasonably withheld, the dispensation may be granted without such recommendation.

**Section 2-7-2. Proficiency.**

Before any constituent Lodge shall recommend the granting of a petition for a dispensation to form a new Lodge it shall require the Brother named as Master, or one of the Wardens, to appear in open Lodge or before a committee of three Past Masters of the Lodge designated for such purpose by the Master thereof and be examined as to his proficiency in the ceremonies of Opening and Closing, and of the three degrees in Masonry, as contained in the Utah Standard Work, which shall be to the satisfaction of the Lodge. If the petition has been filed without a recommendation from a Lodge, the Grand Master shall direct the Grand Lecturer or some Lodge in the Jurisdiction to conduct the prescribed examination.

**Section 2-7-3. Certification.**

Every petition for a dispensation to form a new Lodge must be accompanied by a certificate from the Grand Lecturer or some Lodge in the Jurisdiction, stating explicitly that the examination as directed in the preceding section has been held, and that the Brethren petitioning for the dispensation have provided a suitable lodge room.

**Section 2-7-4. Action on Petition.**

Upon compliance with the foregoing provisions, Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master during recess, may grant the dispensation. A member's status is not affected by his participation in a Lodge under dispensation.

**Section 2-7-5. Must Be Instituted.**

Every Lodge under dispensation shall be set to work by the Grand Master or by his special representative, and after a Lodge has been instituted no signature can be added to the petition for a dispensation. The Master shall appoint all officers of the Lodge except the Wardens and shall fill any vacancies that may occur during the life of the dispensation.

**Section 2-7-6. Powers.**

In addition to the powers named in its dispensation a Lodge under dispensation may exercise all the powers of a Chartered Lodge, with the following exceptions: It may not elect or install its officers, grant dimits, affiliate members, have a seal, issue regular receipts for dues, grant waivers of jurisdiction, make By-laws, or assemble on public occasions, except to conduct funerals.

**Section 2-7-7. Jurisdiction.**

Lodges under dispensation shall have the same territorial jurisdiction as Chartered Lodges.

**Section 2-7-8. Delegate to Grand Lodge.**

A Lodge under dispensation may send delegates to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, but such delegates shall not be entitled to participate in the business of Grand Lodge.

**Section 2-7-9. Return of Dispensation.**

Each Lodge under dispensation shall return its dispensation to the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge following the date of its issuance, together with its records and all other books, dimits or certificates of good standing of all members, and its petition for a charter if one is desired. No charter shall be granted to such Lodge unless it shall have conferred the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

**Section 2-7-10. Must Be Constituted.**

Before any newly chartered Lodge can work or transact business it must be constituted and its officers appointed by the Grand Master and must be installed by the Grand Master or his representative at an Occasional Communication of Grand Lodge called for that purpose.

**Section 2-7-11. Record.**

Every dispensation for a new Lodge shall be copied in full in the

minute book of such Lodge; and the Charter, when issued, shall be recorded in like manner.

## **CHAPTER VIII MASONIC DISCIPLINE**

### **Section 2-8-1. Of Masons.**

Any Mason who shall be charged with a Masonic offense shall be dealt with as provided in the Trial Code.

### **Section 2-8-2. Restoration of Expelled Masons.**

An expelled Mason can be restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry by Grand Lodge only, as provided in the Trial Code. When so restored, his standing is that of an unaffiliated Mason. The Grand Master has no authority to restore an expelled Mason during the recess of Grand Lodge.

### **Section 2-8-3. Of Lodges.**

Any Lodge which shall act with contumacy to the authority of the Grand Master, or of Grand Lodge, or be willfully disobedient to the Constitution and laws of Grand Lodge, or neglect to be represented at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge for two consecutive years, or fail to make annual returns and meet its obligations to Grand Lodge for two years, or fail to follow the Utah Standard Work, after an opportunity for healing before Grand Lodge and upon being found guilty, shall forfeit its charter, and shall transfer to Grand Lodge all of its funds and property.

### **Section 2-8-4. Restoration of Charter.**

Presentation of satisfactory reasons for failure to comply with the foregoing requirements and evidence of correction of this failure, and upon making full returns and paying all back dues, the charter and other effects of such Lodge may be restored, either in full or conditionally, by Grand Lodge upon a vote of the majority of members present and voting at an Annual Communication.

Conditional restoration shall place the Lodge on probation for a one year period or until the next Annual Communication. During this period, the Lodge shall labor under the supervision of a committee to determine if the conduct of the Lodge is in harmony with the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge. This committee shall report its findings and recommendation to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication. Subsequent to this report, the Lodge charter shall be restored in full, shall be revoked, or probation shall be continued for and additional year, upon the vote of the majority of members present and voting.

### **Section 2-8-5. Trial Code and Forms.**

The Grand Lodge shall prescribe rules of procedure in matters of discipline, controversies between Lodges, and Masonic offenses, trials and punishments, which shall be applicable, as nearly as may be, to cases before a Lodge as well as to cases before Grand Lodge, and shall also prescribe general forms for the proceedings. These rules and forms may be amended or repealed, and additional rules and forms prescribed, at any annual communication, if the proposed change shall be authorized by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

## **CHAPTER IX MASONIC CEREMONIES**

### **Section 2-9-1. Private and Public Ceremonies.**

Grand Lodge shall prescribe the rules and forms for conducting the private and public ceremonies of the Craft, and these may be changed at any annual communication, if the proposed change shall be authorized by a majority of all the members present and voting.

During public installations of Grand Lodge or Constituent Lodge Officers, "Public Grand Honors" will be accorded the Most Worshipful Grand Master or Worshipful Master being installed. If such installations are tiled, the Grand Master or Worshipful Master will be accorded Private Grand Honors. Public Grand Honors will be "Three Times Three" and Private Grand Honors will be "Due Guards and Signs" of the Blue Lodge Degrees.

## Title III - Regulations Relative To Lodges

### CHAPTER I. ORGANIZATION, COMPOSITION and POWERS OF A LODGE

#### Section 3-1-1. Organization.

No lodge of Free and Accepted Masons can legally assemble in this Jurisdiction, unless authorized to do so by a dispensation from Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, or by a charter granted by Grand Lodge.

#### Section 3-1-2. Composition.

A lodge shall consist of not less than seven members, with officers as follows: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and three Trustees who shall be elected; and a Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and Tyler, to which may be added a Marshal and an Organist, all of whom shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master.

#### Section 3-1-3. Powers.

The powers of a Lodge are such as are prescribed in its charter or dispensation, by the Constitution, By-laws, and Regulations of Grand Lodge, and by its own By-laws; and they are defined as follows:

First. **The Executive**, which relates to the discretionary performance of work under the control of the Master, who is the executive officer of the Lodge.

Second. **The Legislative**, which embraces all matters of legislation relating to the internal concerns of the Lodge, which are not in violation of its own By-laws, the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of Grand Lodge, and the orders and edicts of the Grand Master.

Third. **The Judicial**, which embraces the exercise of discipline over its own members and other Masons within its jurisdiction, and the settlement of any difficulties that may arise within the Lodge, or

between members of the Lodge and other Masons or non-affiliates within its jurisdiction, subject to review by Grand Lodge.

### CHAPTER II. DUTIES OF A LODGE

#### Section 3-2-1. Duties.

It shall be the duty of a lodge:

First. To provide a suitable lodge room for its meetings.

Second. To keep a full and proper record of its transactions.

Third. To transmit to the Grand Secretary on or before January 10th of each year, its Annual Returns, covering a period of January 1, to December 31, inclusive, in such form as the Grand Secretary shall provide, which shall embrace a list of officers and members, whose names must be given in full, of initiations, passings, raisings, admissions, dismissions, suspensions, expulsions, restorations, and deaths, with their respective dates, together with such other matters as the Grand Secretary may require, which returns shall be signed by the Master and Secretary and attested under seal of the Lodge; and with such annual returns it shall pay to the Grand Secretary all sums due Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be entitled to representation in Grand Lodge unless the provisions prescribed in this section have been complied with, and if a Lodge fails or refuses to comply with them for two successive years its charter shall be subject to forfeiture as provided in these Regulations.

Fourth. To keep a Lodge Register, the spaces of which shall correspond with the Grand Lodge Register, in which shall be entered and consecutively numbered the names of all members and their Masonic record including, as to any member holding membership in any other Lodge, his name, number, and location of the other Lodge or Lodges in which such membership is held, with similar data as to any known change occurring with respect thereto.

Fifth. To have a Seal, which shall bear in its center some appropriate design, surrounded by the name and number of the Lodge, and the date of its charter. An impression of the Seal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary.

Sixth. To have and publish a Code of By-laws, which shall conform to the Constitution, By-laws, and Regulations of Grand Lodge. No such By-laws or any amendment thereto shall be valid until approved by Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master.

Seventh. To provide for at least one examination in the catechism of each of the degrees in open Lodge during the year. "And to have read in open Lodge at least once during each year Section 3-2-4, Offenses Punished, Chapter 2, and all of Chapter 5 of this Code."

Eighth. To notify the Grand Secretary of all Master Masons raised, affiliations, suspensions, expulsions, and reinstatements immediately after the meeting at which such action was taken.

Ninth. To be represented in every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

#### **Section 3-2-2. Notices.**

A Lodge may use postal cards or unsealed envelopes for any notice of a regular or special meeting, official visits of the Grand Master and invitations to Masonic festivals. If the name of a candidate appears upon any notice a sealed or closed envelope or form must be used.

#### **Section 3-2-3. Official Correspondence.**

All official communications from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary must be read in open Lodge at the regular meeting next following their receipt. Communications from the Grand Master must be recorded in full in the minutes of the meeting at which they were received.

#### **Section 3-2-4. Offenses Punished.**

"It is the duty of every Lodge to punish by reprimand suspension or expulsion, any member who may be found guilty of (1) a violation of the laws of the United States, or of the State in which the offender may reside or be, involving commission of a felony or other offense involving moral turpitude; (2) Willful violation of the offender's obligation of a Mason, the Constitution or laws of Grand Lodge or the By-laws of the Lodge in which the offender holds membership; (3) Any other act which tends to impair the standing and reputation of the Fraternity before the world; (4) Any misrepresentation made for the

purpose of obtaining the degrees of Freemasonry. "

#### **Section 3-2-5. Insurance.**

It shall be the duty of every Lodge to have its Temple furniture and paraphernalia insured against loss by fire, and the amount of such insurance shall be given in the annual returns of the Lodge. Each Lodge shall provide a vault or fire-proof safe for its records, and if unable to make such provision, its records and other valuable papers shall be kept in some place which will secure them against burglary and fire.

#### **Section 3-2-6. Surety Bond.**

Every officer or member of any Lodge who shall have custody of funds or property of a Lodge shall file with the Lodge a corporate surety bond, in such amount as the Lodge shall determine, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of the office and will deliver on demand of the Master of the Lodge, or to his successor in office, all moneys, books, papers, vouchers, securities, and other property, belonging or pertaining to the Lodge. The cost of such bond shall be paid by the Lodge.

#### **Section 3-2-7. Receipts.**

It shall be the duty of every Lodge to issue receipts for dues on forms procured through the office of the Grand Secretary. These receipts must not be used for any other purpose than that for which they are designed.

### **CHAPTER III MEETINGS**

#### **Section 3-3-1. Kinds.**

Lodge meetings are of two kinds, regular and special.

(a) All business of the Lodge may be transacted, at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, on the Entered Apprentice Degree when there are at least seven members present or the Fellowcraft Degree when there are at least five members present, else it will be held on the Master Mason Degree, at its regular meetings, except as hereinafter

provided. Every Lodge must hold at least one regular meeting in each calendar month. At the regular meeting in December of each year, the Lodge may, by a majority vote, designate January and February or July and August, as dark months. All regular meetings shall be held at the time specified in the Bylaws of the Lodge, and no Lodge shall remain closed beyond the time prescribed in its By-laws for holding regular meetings, except by dispensation of Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master; provided, that if the date of any regular meeting falls on a legal holiday, election day or during the Grand Lodge Annual Communication, such meeting may be held within seven days thereafter, but notice thereof shall be given to the membership.

(b) Special Meetings may be called at the discretion of the Master, proper notice thereof being given. No business other than conferring degrees, conducting funeral services, installing officers, receiving official visitations from Grand Lodge or any of its officers, or other like ceremonial purposes shall be transacted at a special meeting and that if other urgent business should require immediate action the Master may petition the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, for a dispensation to authorize the same, but no business other than that specified in the dispensation shall be transacted at any such meeting.

#### **Section 3-3-2. Change of Regular Meeting Place.**

No Lodge shall change its regular place of meeting from the city, town or village named in its dispensation or in its charter except by special dispensation of Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master. Such authority shall be granted only upon a written petition which has been concurred in by three-fourths of the members present at a regular meeting; provided that the proposed change has been called to the attention of all members of the Lodge, and has received the approval of any other Lodge or Lodges whose jurisdiction may be affected thereby.

#### **Section 3-3-3. Change of Lodge Room.**

No Lodge shall change its place of meeting from one room or hall to another in the same town, village, or city, except by special dispensation of Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master.

#### **Section 3-3-4. Sunday Meetings.**

No Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall be convened on Sunday except for

funeral purposes.

#### **Section 3-3-5. Joint Meetings.**

(a) On invitation or with the approval of the Worshipful Master of any other Lodge concerned a Lodge may hold a special meeting, jointly with another Utah Lodge, or alone, in the lodge room of any other Utah Lodge for the purpose of work and instruction, including installation of officers, conducting funeral services, receiving official visitations from Grand Lodge or any of its officers, or other like ceremonial purposes.

(b) By dispensation of the Grand Master, who must obtain the concurrence of the Grand Master of the foreign jurisdiction concerned as to suitability of time, place and purpose, a Lodge may hold a special meeting in the Lodge room or some other suitable place within or without the jurisdiction, jointly with any regular lodge of such other Masonic jurisdiction or alone, for the purpose of work and instruction, including conducting funeral services, provided that except for the opening, closing, lecture and charge when the Utah Lodge is visiting outside of its jurisdiction, the Utah Standard Work only shall be done by the Utah Lodge or conferred upon the candidate of the Utah Lodge.

#### **Section 3-3-6. Opening and Closing Lodge.**

The Lodge can be opened and closed by its Master, by either of its Wardens, by a Past Master if neither the Master or a Warden is present or by the Grand Master or his representative. In the absence of all these officers, the Lodge cannot be opened for any purpose whatsoever.

#### **Section 3-3-7. Visit of the Grand Master.**

It shall be the duty of the Master of a Lodge when notified of the intended visit of the Grand Master, or of his representative, to make all suitable and necessary arrangements for his reception and comfort; to convene the Lodge; on the date of his arrival to extend to him the usual courtesies; if requested to do so, to submit for his inspection the By-laws and records of the Lodge; and to present a written report of its activities and condition since the last Annual Return.

**Section 3-3-8. The Charter.**

The charter of a Lodge must always be in the Lodge room when the Lodge is open and at work.

**CHAPTER IV  
OFFICERS**

**Section 3-4-1. Qualifications.**

No Brother shall be eligible for any office in a Lodge unless he is a member in good standing and clear on the books of that Lodge. No Brother shall be eligible for the office of Master of a chartered Lodge unless he has been elected and installed as a Master or Warden of a legally chartered Lodge in this, or some other recognized Grand Jurisdiction. No member shall hold more than one office in the Lodge at the same time, except the Trustees who may occupy that office, and if necessary, fill an appointive office or one other elective office in the same Lodge.

**Section 3-4-2. Election.**

At the first regular meeting in November each Lodge shall elect by ballot the following named officers: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, each for a term of one year; and one Trustee for a term of three years. No member is entitled to vote unless he is clear on the books of the Lodge. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. Blank ballots shall not be counted.

**Section 3-4-3. Electioneering.**

Any form of electioneering for an office in a Lodge is prohibited, and any member guilty of this offense shall be ineligible for office, and if an officer, he shall forfeit the office held by him. Visitors electioneering for any candidate shall be dealt with by the Master.

**Section 3-4-4. Failure to Elect.**

In case any Lodge shall fail to hold the election as set forth in these Regulations, an election may be held on another date upon dispensation granted by the Grand Master.

**Section 3-4-5. Appointment.**

Following the election and before the date provided for installation the Worshipful Master elect shall appoint the other officers of the Lodge.

**Section 3-4-6. Installation.**

Installation of officers must be in a public or in a tiled meeting at the discretion of the Worshipful Master-elect. Without dispensation from the Grand Master, installation of officers must be held in December of each year after the regular annual meeting, and on or before St Johns Day. All officers installed shall hold their offices until their successors are installed. Officers of a Lodge must be installed after each election or appointment to office. No officer, of a Lodge, can be installed by proxy. The installing officer must be in good standing and have been elected and installed a Master in a chartered Lodge of this or of a recognized Grand Lodge.

**Section 3-4-7. Special Requirements for Installation of a Master.**

No Master-elect can be installed without a certificate of qualification by the Grand Lecturer that the Master-elect is familiar with Title III of these regulations and the Trial Code; and is proficient as defined in this section, in the Utah Standard Work and Lectures. The Utah Standard Work is defined as follows:

- #1 - All portions of the then current official cipher.
- #2 - All portions of the then current official Monitor.
- #3 - All portions of the then current Books of Ceremonies.

Relating only to this section, proficiency shall, in part, be defined as committing to memory all portions of the Utah Standard Work as defined, except the following:

- #1 - The opening and closing prayers.
- #2 - Prayer for use at the opening a Funeral Lodge.
- #3 - Charge at closing.
- #4 - Entered Apprentice Degree constitutional questions.
- #5 - Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master

- Mason Degree Scripture readings.
- #6 - Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason Degree Charges to the candidate.
- #7 - Funeral Dirge.
- #8 - Master Mason Degree second section prayer.
- #9 - All portions of the Books of Ceremonies except those portions of the Funeral Service specifically designed to be memorized.

Proficiency shall be further defined as having a working knowledge of those portions of the Utah Standard Work not committed to memory. Proficiency mandates memorization of one of then current versions of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, or Master Mason Degree Lectures. In case of an emergency the Lodge may elect any member not so qualified who may be installed by Dispensation from the Grand Master applied for by a petition authorized by the Lodge and signed by the Master and Wardens upon procuring the necessary certificate at any time ninety days from the date of election or such further time as may be granted by the Grand Master. If no extension of time is permitted or the first dispensation is not granted, the Lodge must then apply to the Grand Master for Dispensation to elect and install a Master who is qualified.

**Section 3-4-8. Notice of Installation.**

Within five days after the election of officers each Lodge will transmit to the Grand Secretary a certified list of the names of the newly elected and installed officers, with the dates of their installation and the name and title of the installing officer.

**Section 3-4-9. Resignation of Officers.**

Neither the Master nor a Warden of a Lodge can resign or dimit during the term for which he was elected. Any other officer of a Lodge may resign and if any such officer dimits his office shall be vacant.

**Section 3-4-10. Vacancies Filled.**

Should the Master or one of the Wardens die or move from this jurisdiction during his term in office, the Lodge shall submit the facts to the Grand Master, who may issue a dispensation for an election and installation to fill the vacancy, and such other vacancy or vacancies, if

any, as may result from the advancement of an officer or officers theretofore elected. Other vacancies shall be filled by the Master.

**Section 3-4-11. Powers of the Master.**

The Master shall have the following powers:

- First. To convene his Lodge in special session whenever he may deem it proper and necessary.
- Second. To preside at every meeting of his Lodge.
- Third. To cause to be issued all notices and summons which may be required.
- Fourth. To appoint all non-elective officers of the Lodge, and if he deems it right and proper, to declare an appointive office vacant, and appoint and install to fill such vacancy.
- Fifth. To fill all vacancies for the time being that may occur at any meeting of the Lodge, or as provided in Section 3-4-10.
- Sixth. To appoint all committees.
- Seventh. To discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge.
- Eighth. To perform such other acts as by ancient usage pertain to his office, which shall not contravene any of the provisions of the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, or orders of the Grand Master.

**Section 3-4-12. Duties of Master.**

The Master shall have the following duties:

- First. To convene his Lodge in regular meeting at the time prescribed in these Regulations and the By-laws of the Lodge.
- Second. To superintend the official acts of the officers of his Lodge, to see that their respective duties are properly performed and to rule and govern his Lodge.
- Third. To guard carefully against any infraction of the By-laws of his



Lodge and the laws of Grand Lodge, and to suffer no departure therefrom upon the plea of convenience or expediency, except in cases of emergency, and then only by dispensation of the Grand Master.

Fourth. To see that proper returns of the Work, together with the dues and fees, are transmitted annually to the Grand Secretary as required by these Regulations.

Fifth. To cause summons to issue only when the welfare of Masonry, the interests of the Lodge, or the rights of a Brother demand it; and to take special care that disobedience to a regularly served summons be promptly followed by discipline, unless the offender render excuse for the offense satisfactory to the Lodge.

Sixth. To cause all necessary notices to be issued in the prescribed manner and form.

Seventh. To permit no appeal from his decision to be made to the Lodge. There can be no appeal to the Lodge from the decisions of the Master. Any appeal to the Grand Lodge from his rulings shall be made in open Lodge, shall recite the facts of the case, and shall be authenticated and transmitted to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Eighth. To have read in open Lodge, so that no Brother can plead ignorance of the acts of Grand Lodge, such abstract or abridgment of the proceedings of Grand Lodge as shall have been prepared for such purpose under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

Ninth. To use only such printed forms for reports, dimits, etc., as may be prescribed by Grand Lodge or the Grand Secretary.

#### **Section 3-4-13. Powers of Warden.**

The Wardens shall have the following powers:

A special meeting of the Lodge may be called by the Senior Warden, or in his absence from the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge or his inability to authorize a call, by the Junior Warden, when the Master is absent from the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge or unable to authorize a call.

#### **Section 3-4-14. Duties of the Warden.**

The Wardens shall have the following duties:

First. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the discharge of his duties, and to perform such other acts as Masonic usage has assigned to their respective stations.

Second. In the absence of the Master the duties of his office shall be discharged by the Senior Warden.

Third. In the absence of the Master and the Senior Warden the duties of the office of Master shall be discharged by the Junior Warden.

#### **Section 3-4-15. Duties of Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

First. To receive and safely keep all moneys and property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by the Secretary, or by order of the Lodge, and to give proper receipts therefore.

Second. To disburse or transfer the same, or any part thereof, upon the order of the Master, with the consent of the Lodge, duly attested by the Secretary.

Third. To keep a book or books which shall contain a correct statement of his receipts and disbursements on account of the Lodge.

Fourth. To make to the Lodge an annual report of its receipts, disbursements, and financial condition.

Fifth. To perform such other duties pertaining to his office as the By-laws may require or the Lodge at any time may direct.

Sixth. To provide a bond as provided in these Regulations.

#### **Section 3-4-16. Duties of Secretary.**

The Secretary shall have the following duties:

First. To record all the proceedings of the Lodge proper to be written including its current receipts, disbursements, and all financial reports,

and to subject such record to the Lodge at its next regular meeting for approval or correction, and to the Master for his signature, but minutes cannot be read and approved unless regularly entered in permanent form.

Second. To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or any part thereof, to Grand Lodge or to the Grand Master, when required to do so.

Third. To collect and receive all moneys due the Lodge, giving his receipt thereof, and to pay them promptly to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same.

Fourth. To make to the Lodge an annual report of its work, of the condition of its accounts with its officers and members, and of all other matters relating to its finances and business which may be under his care.

Fifth. To keep a cash book and ledger, and such other books as are required by and described in these Regulations.

Sixth. To keep the seal of the Lodge, and to affix it with his attestation to all papers issued under authority of the Lodge, or in obedience to the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Seventh. To preserve the By-laws of the Lodge, the Book of Constitutions, By-laws and Regulations of Grand Lodge, its published proceedings, Rituals, and the Book of Ceremonials.

Eighth. To notify any member of the Lodge who may have been suspended, expelled or reinstated immediately after the action of the Lodge, and also to notify the Secretary of any other Lodge of which such suspended or expelled member is a member as shown by the Lodge records of the fact of such suspension, expulsion or reinstatement.

Ninth. To study the rules and forms prescribed by Grand Lodge, and to keep the records, books, and other papers in accordance therewith.

Tenth. To include in his annual returns to the Grand Secretary the names of members of the Lodge who have died during the year and submit to the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the initiation, passing and raising of all candidates for the degrees, and of their

proficiency in the catechism of the Master Mason Degree.

Eleventh. To provide a bond as provided in these Regulations.

Twelve. To submit an annual "Historical Data Sheet" with his annual report to the Grand Lodge Secretary.

#### **Section 3-4-17. Duties of Other Officers.**

All other officers of a Lodge shall perform such duties as may be required by the Master and Wardens, not in conflict with the By-laws of the Lodge, the By-laws and Regulations of Grand Lodge and the usages of Masonry.

### **CHAPTER V. PROHIBITIONS**

#### **Section 3-5-1. Lodge Indebtedness.**

No Lodge shall purchase lands for Lodge purposes, create a corporation, purchase, erect, lease or occupy a building, or any part thereof, or be a member of a company, or delegate such authority to any person or organization, or pledge its resources, or obligate the Lodge in any manner for such purposes, until the method of financing and the plans for the acquisition, lease or building shall have been submitted to and approved by the Land and Building Committee; but no action recommended or taken by this committee shall become operative until it shall have received the approval of the Grand Master.

#### **Section 3-5-2. Transfer of Property.**

No Lodge shall transfer any portion of its funds, or equity in, or title to its property, to any organization, corporation, or association for any purpose whatever, except as provided herein or by its By-laws, whereby it shall divest itself of ownership and control of such funds or property, until such proposed action shall have been submitted to and approved by the Land and Building Committee but no action proposed or taken by this committee shall become operative until it shall have received the approval of the Grand Master.

**Section 3-5-3. Special Tax.**

No Lodge shall levy a special tax or assessment upon its members, other than the dues or assessments prescribed in its By-laws, except by special dispensation of Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master.

**Section 3-5-4. Discussions.**

The discussion in Lodge of political, sectarian, or other subjects not of a proper Masonic nature is prohibited.

**Section 3-5-5. Begging Letters.**

No Lodge, officer, or member thereof shall give a certificate whereby any Mason may, in an itinerant manner, apply for relief to sister Lodges in this Jurisdiction or elsewhere.

**Section 3-5-6. Processions.**

No Lodge shall take part in any public procession, except to perform or to assist in some ceremony recognized as strictly Masonic, unless approved by and under the guidelines of the Grand Master; nor shall any Mason in this Jurisdiction appear in any public procession or in private or public assembly in Masonic clothing, unless under the supervision of some regular Lodge.

**Section 3-5-7. Smoking.**

Smoking in the Lodge Room is prohibited while the Lodge is at Labor.

**Section 3-5-8. Lending Money to Members.**

No Lodge shall lend money to any of its members.

**Section 3-5-9. Use of Masonic Name.**

No Mason shall use, or be a party to the use of the Masonic name as a part of the title or designation of any business, firm, concern, company, association, or enterprise organized or prosecuted for profit or for a livelihood, unless such business shall consist exclusively of the printing or publishing of Masonic books, papers, or periodicals, or the manufacture and sale of Masonic supplies.

**Section 3-5-10. Use of Emblems.**

The use of Masonic emblems and devices on business cards or signs, or by way of advertisement, is strictly forbidden.

**Section 3-5-11. Lotteries.**

All Lodges and members thereof are strictly forbidden to give, or attempt to give, the aid or countenance of Masonry in organized or individual form to any lottery or gift enterprise.

**Section 3-5-12. Intoxicating Beverages.**

All Lodges and members thereof are strictly forbidden to provide, offer, sell, serve drinks or use beverages containing more than three and two-tenths percent of alcohol, by weight, at any gathering or function held by or under the auspices of, or in connection with, a Lodge chartered by and operating under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, or by or under the auspices of any organization related to or sponsored by such Lodge, or an organization the prerequisite of membership wherein is membership in a Lodge of Master Masons, in or appurtenant to a Masonic Temple or other building wherein a Lodge holds its regular meetings.

**Section 3-5-13. Solicitation for Additional Degrees.**

No member of the Craft within this Jurisdiction shall apply for or receive membership in any Masonic Affiliated Organization that bases its membership on being a member of a regular Lodge until he shall have qualified himself in the catechism of the Master Mason Degree.

No Master Mason shall solicit an application for said membership from any Mason who is not so qualified.

**CHAPTER VI.  
MEMBERSHIP AND JURISDICTION**

**Section 3-6-1. How Acquired.**

Membership in a Lodge may be acquired:

First. By having regularly received the degree of Master Mason

therein and signing the By-laws thereof.

Second. By affiliation as provided in these Regulations.

Third. By being named in a charter issued to a Lodge under dispensation.

**Section 3-6-2. Membership in Some Lodge.**

It is the duty of every Master Mason to be a member of some Lodge.

**Section 3-6-3. Plural Membership.**

A member of a lodge in any other jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge whose laws permit the same may affiliate with a Utah Lodge without dimission from such other lodge, and a member of a Utah Lodge may affiliate with other Utah Lodges and may affiliate with as many Lodges as he desires outside the Jurisdiction of Utah whose laws permit the same, without dimission from any other Lodge of which he may be then a member. The rules governing membership by affiliation shall apply to any person seeking membership, except as otherwise expressly provided. Any person holding membership in a Utah Lodge who is also a member elsewhere shall have all the rights and privileges appertaining to regular membership, including the right to hold office, provided he may not hold any elective office except Treasurer, Secretary, or Trustee at the same time in more than one lodge. He shall be required to pay dues in all Lodges in which he holds membership and he is subject to all other duties and obligations arising from regular membership in each Lodge of which he is a member.

**Section 3-6-4. Honorary Membership.**

Any Lodge may confer honorary membership upon any Master Mason who is a member of some other regular Lodge, but such honorary membership shall not confer any of the rights of regular membership.

**Section 3-6-5. Life Membership.**

A life membership may be conferred by any lodge in this jurisdiction upon members thereof who shall have regularly paid dues to the Lodge for a period of twenty-five years, or upon those who, in the

judgment of the Lodge have rendered valuable services to the Fraternity.

Any life member of a Lodge is entitled to a duly authenticated certificate, showing such life membership and shall also be issued an annual dues card.

**Section 3-6-6. Dues Card.**

Every Master Mason in good standing and a member of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction, shall be furnished with an annual dues card, authenticated by its Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, and by the Grand Secretary and the seal of the Grand Lodge.

**Section 3-6-7. Membership Terminated.**

Membership in a constituent Lodge can be terminated only:

- First. By dissolution of the Lodge.
- Second. By voluntary formal dimission therefrom.
- Third. By becoming a charter member of a new Lodge.
- Fourth. By suspension or expulsion.
- Fifth. By death.

**Section 3-6-8. Masonic Organizations.**

All Masonic Clubs, Temple Associations, and other organizations in this jurisdiction, which require as a prerequisite to membership that the members thereof shall be Masons, shall be subject to the regulatory supervision of Grand Lodge. All such organizations shall submit to the

Grand Master for his approval their constitution and by-laws and a statement of the scope of their intended activities. Such organizations shall not commence their proceedings or activities without approval from the Grand Master, and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master, whenever it comes to his attention that such an organization is in existence, to require such organization to comply with the terms of this Regulation. No such organization shall engage in any activity which is in conflict with the established customs and practices of the Craft. With the approval of the Grand Master, an organization so designated shall be subject to or governed by any of the provisions of the Code applying to Lodges operating under charter or dispensation

emanating from this Grand Lodge, except as provided in the By-laws adopted by such organization and approved by the Grand Master.

**Section 3-6-9. Jurisdiction.**

Every constituent Lodge shall have certain personal and territorial jurisdiction. The personal jurisdiction of a Lodge shall extend over all of its members wherever they may reside, including elected candidates wherever located who have not received the degrees.

**Section 3-6-10. Territorial Jurisdiction.**

The territorial jurisdiction of a Lodge extends in every direction to a point equidistant between it and the nearest Lodge, but in no case beyond the boundaries of this Grand Jurisdiction. Each Lodge has exclusive territorial jurisdiction over all candidates residing in its territory, and for the exercise of penal powers for any violation of moral or Masonic law over all Masons unaffiliated as well as affiliated within its territorial jurisdiction. Two or more Lodges located in the same incorporated town or city shall have concurrent territorial jurisdiction over candidates, as well as Masons not members of such Lodges. The Lodges concerned may agree on territorial jurisdiction subject to Grand Lodge approval.

**Section 3-6-11. Residence.**

The residence of a Mason or of an applicant for the degrees is defined to be his permanent settled domicile or fixed abode from choice, and as a rule is identical with his legal residence.

**CHAPTER VII.  
CANDIDATES.**

**Section 3-7-1. Qualifications.**

Every candidate applying for the degrees in Masonry must:

- First. Be a man, free born.
- Second. Have the senses of a man.

- Third. Be a believer in the Grand Architect of the Universe.
- Fourth. Be of mental worth, capable of reading and writing.
- Fifth. Have a record of a moral upright life.
- Sixth. Possess physical ability to earn a livelihood.
- Seventh. Be able to conform substantially to the forms and ceremonies of Masonry, and to be instructed in its mysteries.

**Section 3-7-2. Disqualifications.**

No Lodge shall receive a petition from an applicant who is less than eighteen years of age, and who has not been an actual resident of the State of Utah for at least six months and of the jurisdiction of the Lodge at least six months next preceding the date of such petition with the following exceptions; (a) and (b)

(a) The petition for the degrees of an applicant in the United States Armed Forces may be received by the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he may be stationed without regard to the period of such residency requirements, if at least one of the recommenders shall have known the applicant personally for at least one year.

(b) The petition for affiliation of an applicant who is a member of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, may be received by a Lodge without regard for any residency requirements.

**Section 3-7-3. Petitions.**

All petitions for the degrees, or for membership by affiliation, shall be in writing, signed by the applicant with his own hand, with his name in full and shall state his place of birth and present residence, age, occupation, and such other facts as are called for in the form adopted by Grand Lodge. Every question on the petition must be answered before it can properly be received by the Lodge. Petitions for the degrees shall be accompanied by a sum not less than the fee prescribed in its By-laws for the Entered Apprentice Degree. Every applicant must be recommended in writing by two members of this

Jurisdiction, or of a Jurisdiction recognized as "Regular" by this jurisdiction, one of whom shall have known him for at least six months, and the application must be presented at a regular meeting, provided that the period of time during which at least one of the recommenders on a petition for affiliation must have personally known an applicant who is a member of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, is waived.

#### **Section 3-7-4. Reference.**

Petitions for the degrees shall be referred to a Committee on Investigation, consisting of three members of the Lodge, who shall diligently inquire into the moral, mental, and physical qualifications of the applicant, his economic situation, and whether he has been an actual resident of the State of Utah for six months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge for six months. The committee shall make a written report, and no one shall demand from the committee the reasons for its conclusions or the facts on which such conclusions were based. Members of a Lodge who recommended the applicant and those named as references cannot be appointed on the Investigating Committee.

#### **Section 3-7-5. Petition for Advancement.**

A petition for advancement from Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall state the name, number, and location of the Lodge in which the applicant received such degrees, and the name of the Grand Lodge under which such Lodge is or was working. This petition must be accompanied by a duly authenticated certificate or waiver of jurisdiction from the Lodge in which the applicant has received such degrees provided, that no Lodge can receive such a petition unless the applicant is a resident of its territorial jurisdiction at the date of petition.

#### **Section 3-7-6. Relinquishment.**

Such written consent either with respect to a petition for the degrees or for advancement shall constitute a permanent relinquishment of jurisdiction over the individual involved in favor of the Lodge to which such consent is given only in the event that such last mentioned Lodge shall within six months thereafter receive and act favorably on such petition.

#### **Section 3-7-7. Withdrawal of Petition.**

No petition for the degrees may be withdrawn or returned to the petitioner after having been received by a Lodge, unless it shall have been balloted upon and rejected, in which case the fee accompanying the same shall be returned to the applicant; provided, that where a Lodge has by mistake received and referred a petition of an applicant who resides within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, or from one disqualified by lack of residence or otherwise, the petition, with the fee, shall be returned without balloting; provided, further, that a petition which has been acted upon favorably by the Lodge may be returned, together with the fee, to an applicant who has moved his residence out of this Jurisdiction before receiving the Entered Apprentice degree.

#### **Section 3-7-8. Petition for Affiliation.**

All petitions for membership by affiliation shall state the name, number, and location of the Lodge of which the applicant is or was last a member, and the name of the Grand Lodge under which it is, or was working; also the name of the Lodge in which he received the Entered Apprentice degree. The petition, unless the application is for dual membership, must be accompanied by a dimit or other satisfactory evidence that the petitioner has lawfully withdrawn from the Lodge of which he was last a member; or if such membership has been lost in any other manner, or if the applicant hails from a jurisdiction where no dimits are issued to members, or from one which does not issue a dimit until the Brother has been elected to membership in another Lodge, he must submit other satisfactory evidence of his standing in the Fraternity. If he is elected, unless such applicant is seeking dual membership, he shall not sign the By-laws of the Lodge and shall not be considered a member, until a dimit has been filed showing that he has withdrawn from his former Lodge. A petition for affiliation, or for advancement, must be proceeded within all particulars as a petition for the degrees.

#### **Section 3-7-9. Petition by Non-Affiliates.**

A non-affiliated Master Mason residing in the State of Utah may petition for affiliation in any lawfully constituted Lodge in this or any other Grand Jurisdiction.

**Section 3-7-10. Withdrawal of Petition for Affiliation.**

The petition of a Master Mason for affiliation may be withdrawn or returned at any time before ballot.

**Section 3-7-11. Preservation of Petitions.**

All petitions for the degrees, for affiliation and for advancement shall be filed and kept as a part of the permanent records of the Lodge. Reports of Committees on Investigation shall be destroyed.

**Section 3-7-12. Time for Balloting.**

No ballot shall be taken upon a petition for the degrees, or for affiliation, within less than three weeks from the time the same is presented to the Lodge and referred to the Committee on Investigation, or at other than a regular meeting.

**Section 3-7-13. Number of Ballots.**

There shall be but one ballot for the three degrees, which must be free and secret. In balloting for the degrees or for affiliation if more than one negative vote appears the balloting shall cease, and the candidate shall be declared rejected; if only one negative vote appears a second ballot shall immediately take place, and if the result is the same the candidate shall be declared rejected. Under no circumstances shall more than two ballots be permitted. No discussion on a petition shall be permitted, except to establish the identity of the petitioner.

**Section 3-7-14. Separate Ballot.**

Each petition shall be acted upon separately, and every member of the Lodge present must vote.

**Section 3-7-15. Must Ballot.**

A ballot must be taken on all petitions for the degrees, or affiliation, whether the report thereon is favorable or unfavorable. Only Master Masons may vote.

**Section 3-7-16. Secret Ballot.**

The secret ballot is the Masonic method for the expression of the opinion of a member. The right of every member of a Lodge to the secret ballot for the degrees or for affiliation is inherent and absolute, and the lawful and legitimate exercise of such right shall not be questioned by the

Lodge, the Master, the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge. Any member who has been actuated by unworthy motives in the exercise of this right, or who shall willfully use the ballot to interrupt the legitimate labors or mar the peace and harmony of the Lodge by exposing the character of his own vote before, at the time of, or after casting it, or who shall attempt to ascertain the character of the vote of any other member, shall be liable to Masonic discipline and punishment.

**Section 3-7-17. Declaration.**

After the ballot has been taken and duly examined, first by the Wardens and then by the Master, the result shall be final and shall be then and there so declared by the Master. The result only, viz: "Elected," or "Rejected," shall be made known; and such declaration cannot be set aside by the Master, the Lodge, the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge.

**Section 3-7-18. Renewal of Petitions for Degrees.**

Any candidate for the three degrees who has been rejected in a Lodge in this jurisdiction may renew his application after the expiration of six months from the date of such rejection to the same Lodge, or to any other if he has resided within its jurisdiction the lawful length of time.

**Section 3-7-19. Renewal of Petitions for Affiliation.**

Any Mason whose application for affiliation has been rejected may renew his application to the same Lodge or to any other without regard to time or place. The rejection of the petition of a Mason for affiliation shall not affect his Masonic standing.

**Section 3-7-20. Renewal of Petitions for Advancement.**

Any Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft whose petition for advancement has been rejected may renew his petition at any time to

the Lodge which rejected him, or to any other under whose jurisdiction he may reside.

**Section 3-7-21. Notice of Rejection.**

When any candidate for the degrees is rejected, notice thereof shall be promptly communicated to him by the Secretary, and the fee shall be returned with the communication.

**Section 3-7-22. Penalties.**

Any Mason shall be liable to Masonic discipline who shall knowingly recommend a candidate for initiation who has been rejected by a Lodge in this jurisdiction within less than six months. Any candidate who may have received any of the degrees by false representation, or through deception, shall be subject to trial and punishment as provided in the Trial Code.

**Section 3-7-23. Objections after Ballot.**

Any member of a Lodge of this Jurisdiction may raise well-grounded objections to the initiation or advancement of candidates in such Lodge. An objection to the advancement of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, when made by a Mason who is not a member of the Lodge, will not be considered valid unless the objector prefers charges.

**Section 3-7-24. To Initiation.**

If any member in good standing of the Lodge shall express to the Master any objection to the initiation of a candidate, even after such candidate shall have been elected, such objection shall be respected, nor shall the objector's reasons be demanded by the Master or the Lodge, or his name be made known. The fact of the objection shall be entered in the minutes, and shall be the equivalent of a negative vote. The fee accompanying the petition shall immediately be returned to the petitioner with a notice of his rejection.

**Section 3-7-25. To Advancement.**

Whenever objection is made by any member of the Lodge to the advancement of a candidate therein to the second or third degree, the reason therefor must be made known to the Lodge or to the Master,

and the matter shall be referred to a committee of three members, with power to inquire into such reasons. This committee shall report to the Lodge as soon as practicable. If the reasons assigned are deemed insufficient by a majority of those present and voting by written ballot, the work shall proceed as though no objection had been made. If, however, the objection appears to be well founded the candidate shall be entitled to a trial on the alleged offense.

**FEEES**

**Section 3-7-26. Minimum.**

No Lodge shall confer the three degrees for a sum less than fifty dollars. The apportionment of the total fee to the degrees shall be regulated by the By-laws of each Lodge. Where two or more Lodges have concurrent Jurisdiction, the fees for the degrees must be the same for all such Lodges. In case of the failure of such Lodges to agree upon the amount of such fees, Grand Lodge shall prescribe the amounts thereof.

**Section 3-7-27. For Affiliation.**

No Lodge shall charge a fee for affiliation.

**Section 3-7-28. Must Be Paid.**

No Lodge shall confer any degree until the prescribed fee shall have been paid in full. No written or oral promise to pay the same shall be received in lieu thereof, nor shall any portion of the fee be remitted, either directly or indirectly.

**Section 3-7-29. Forfeiture.**

A Lodge may retain the Entered Apprentice fee of a candidate elected to receive the degrees if he does not present himself for initiation within a period of twelve months after election.

**Section 3-7-30. Time Limit.**

A Lodge shall drop from its roll any Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft who does not present himself for advancement within a period of two years; provided that the Grand Master, on application of the



Lodge involved, may extend the time within which a candidate of such Lodge must present himself for advancement, but such extensions may be granted only with respect to a candidate in the Armed Forces of the United States, or who is absent from the United States, or because of illness is unable to present himself for advancement.

**Section 3-7-31. How Reinstated.**

(a) An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft who has been dropped from the rolls of a Lodge constituent to this Grand Lodge shall nevertheless remain subject to the Masonic Jurisdiction of such Lodge until waiver therefrom has been granted as hereinafter provided:

(b) An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft who has been dropped may be reinstated by a favorable unanimous vote by secret ballot at a regular meeting of the Lodge upon a written application for reinstatement. Such application shall take the course provided for petitions for affiliation and the balance of the fee shall accompany the petition.

(c) However, any such Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft who shall, before being advanced to the next degree, move permanently to another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge or within the jurisdiction of another Utah Lodge, may, with a view to advancement in the jurisdiction of his residence, apply to the Lodge in which he was initiated or passed, for a waiver of Jurisdiction and a certificate of the fact that he has received the degree or degrees conferred by such Lodge, and the Lodge may, on a favorable unanimous vote by secret ballot of the members present at a regular meeting, waive jurisdiction and grant such certificate.

(d) This will not only settle the question of jurisdiction over an applicant who has received less than all three degrees in one of our Lodges, but also provide a procedure whereby such an applicant who, after being dropped from the rolls of that Lodge in pursuance of Section 3-7-31, has permanently moved his residence to the Jurisdiction of another Lodge either in this Grand Jurisdiction or in another Grand Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge, can take, on his own motion, appropriate steps to secure a waiver of such jurisdiction so as to clear the way for his seeking advancement in such other Lodge.

**CHAPTER VIII.  
WORK AND INSTRUCTION**

**Section 3-8-1. Requirements.**

No Lodge shall confer any degree upon a person who declines to conform to any requirement of Masonry.

**Section 3-8-2. Standard Work.**

No degree shall be conferred otherwise than in accordance with the Utah Standard Work.

**Section 3-8-3. Who May Confer Degrees.**

No Master Mason who has not been installed as a Master or Warden shall confer the first or second section of the Master Mason degree, or obligate the candidate in the degree of Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft. The remainder of the Work, including the lectures and charges, may be conferred by any Master Mason.

**Section 3-8-4. Number of Degrees.**

No candidate shall receive more than one degree on the same day. No Lodge shall confer the first section of the degree of Entered Apprentice or of Fellow Craft, or any part of the degree of Master Mason except the lecture and charge, upon more than one candidate at the same time.

**Section 3-8-5. Time Between Degrees.**

Two weeks shall elapse between the conferring of each of the degrees upon a candidate; provided that when the candidate's business requires him to leave the Jurisdiction, or some other emergency occurs, dispensation may be requested from the Grand Master to waive such time requirements.

**Section 3-8-6. Lectures.**

The Lectures pertaining to the several degrees must be delivered from memory at the time the degrees are conferred.

**Section 3-8-7. Proficiency.**

(a) No candidate shall be advanced to the, second or to the third degree until after he shall have passed a satisfactory examination as to his proficiency in a Grand Lodge approved catechism of the preceding degree. Such examination shall be held either in open Lodge or before a committee of not less than two appointed for that purpose. The proficiency of the candidate shall be decided by the Master.

(b) Each Master Mason must present himself for examination as to his proficiency in the Master Mason degree, including the Test Oath, within sixty days after having been raised, unless for good cause further time is granted by the Master.

(c) No Master Mason raised in this Jurisdiction shall be entitled to a certificate of membership, or a receipt for dues, or a dimit, or to vote in the Lodge, until he shall have been examined and found proficient in the catechism of the Master Mason Degree. Dues must be paid by all candidates commencing the first day of the month after he shall have been examined and found proficient in a Grand Lodge approved Catechism of the Master Mason Degree. Dues must be paid by all candidates commencing the first day of the month after he shall have been examined and found proficient in the Catechism of the Master Mason Degree.

**Section 3-8-8. Apron Presentation.**

Each Lodge shall present to every candidate a lambskin or white leather apron upon which shall be inscribed his name and the dates of his initiation, passing and raising.

**Section 3-8-9. Courtesy Work.**

A Lodge may at the duly authenticated request of a sister Lodge of this or any other Grand Jurisdiction, confer a degree, or degrees, upon a candidate of the requesting Lodge, and in such a case the Lodge can have no jurisdiction over the candidate it has thus advanced. All such requests to or from foreign Grand Jurisdictions must be approved by the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary the better to determine the regularity of the Lodge asking such courtesy.

**Section 3-8-10. Official Cipher.**

The Committee on Ritual and the Grand Lecturer are authorized to compile an official letter cipher covering the ritual and catechism of the three degrees, the opening and closing ceremonies, changing from one degree to another, balloting and reception of visitors. This cipher shall be designated the "official cipher" and no changes shall be made therein without the authority of Grand Lodge. All official ciphers shall remain the property of Grand Lodge.

Catechism ciphers shall also be compiled containing only the catechism portion of the 'official cipher' pertaining to each degree.

**Section 3-8-11. Distribution of Cipher.**

(a) The publication of the official Cipher shall be under exclusive direction and control of the Committee on Ritual and the Grand Lecturer.

(b) Constituent Lodges, at a price of ten dollars (\$10.00) each, may purchase Official Ciphers from the Grand Lecturer for distribution or resale to members in good standing in their respective Lodges. Lodges shall sell or distribute copies of the Official Cipher only upon written request from a member in good standing, as certified by the Worshipful Master or Senior Warden and the Secretary of the Lodge.

(c) Catechism cipher(s) may be purchased from the Grand Lecturer.

**Section 3-8-12. Replacement of the Cipher.**

Replacement of the Cipher will be through purchase only.

**Section 3-8-13. Surrender of the Cipher.**

The Ritual Committee or the Grand Lecturer may demand the surrender of any copy of the Cipher held by a Brother who has been suspended, expelled, or who has been deemed by the Ritual Committee or the Grand Lecturer to have misused the Cipher. The purchase price of the Cipher will be returned upon its surrender.

**Section 3-8-14. Use of Cipher.**

No brother shall use the official cipher, or any other cipher, while engaged in the ceremony of conferring any degree, nor shall any brother present keep any cipher open during any Lodge meeting.

**Section 3-8-15. Use of Cipher by Candidate.**

A candidate may be presented with a catechism cipher of the degree through which he has passed to assist in attaining his proficiency in that degree. After completion and demonstration of such proficiency, the catechism cipher shall be returned to the Lodge Secretary. Proper use of the catechism shall be the responsibility of the coach assisting the candidate.

**Section 3-8-16. Copying of Cipher Prohibited.**

The copying of the official cipher or causing or permitting the same to be done, or sale, gift, printing or use of any cipher or secret work other than herein authorized shall be deemed a Masonic offense.

**Section 3-8-17. Accelerated Initiation.**

Any or all of the requirements for membership in Section 3-8-4, 3-8-5, and 3-8-7 of this chapter may be waived by the Grand Master acting upon the request of five or more Lodges for the purpose of conducting an annual Accelerated Initiation class. Such class will be conducted in accordance with all other provisions of the Grand Lodge Code and in a format approved by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge Ritual Committee.

**CHAPTER IX.  
VISITORS**

**Section 3-9-1. Not a Right.**

A Master Mason in good standing may be extended the privilege to visit any Lodge in this Jurisdiction, subject to the right of any member thereof to object to his admission as a visitor.

**Section 3-9-2. Qualifications.**

No visitor shall be admitted to any Lodge unless he is lawfully vouched for, or sufficiently examined and found to be a Master Mason or a brother of the degree in which the Lodge is working. Documentary evidence alone shall not be sufficient to justify avouchment. In addition to strict trial and due examination, no Mason shall be permitted to visit a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction unless he can and does produce written evidence under the seal of his Lodge that he is in good standing and this evidence must be attested by the Grand Secretary's signature and the Seal of the Grand Lodge under which the Lodge of the visitor is working; provided, that it shall not be necessary to have such evidence so attested by the Grand Secretary when the visitor comes from a Junction where this is not required.

**Section 3-9-3. Examining Committee.**

The committee appointed to examine one who presents himself to visit must consist of at least two members. The Worshipful Master alone may not conduct the examination.

**Section 3-9-4. Inspection of Charter.**

A visitor has no right to demand an inspection of the charter.

**CHAPTER X.  
DIMITS**

**Section 3-10-1. Application for Dimit.**

An application for dimit shall be made in person in open Lodge or by written application presented at a regular meeting of the Lodge. If the applicant's dues are paid and no charges are pending against him, the dimit shall be granted. The brother so dimitted shall be entitled to a certificate, but should the Secretary neglect to furnish it, such neglect shall not invalidate the joint action of the applicant and the Lodge.

**Section 3-10-2. Transfer of Membership.**

Any member desiring to transfer his membership to another Lodge may file his petition for affiliation with the Lodge to which he desires to transfer his membership, without first terminating his membership

in his own Lodge. He shall give written notice, which must be presented to his Lodge at a regular meeting, of his intention to affiliate with some other Lodge, stating the name, number, and location of the Lodge with which he desires to affiliate. If the provisions pertaining to dimitts have been fully met, a Certificate of Good Standing shall be issued, which shall be valid for ninety (90) days only or until the expiration of the period for which the applicant's dues are paid, whichever is shorter. This Certificate shall accompany the petition for affiliation. If the petitioner is elected and notice thereof is given to the issuing Lodge while such certificate is still valid, the Lodge issuing such certificate shall immediately upon receipt of notice, and without further payment of dues, forward the dimit to the Lodge in which application for membership was made. If, however, the issuing Lodge does not receive notice of such election while such certificate is still valid, dimit shall be issued in case of subsequent election only if the requirements pertaining to dimitts are fully met. The Lodge may in such case waive payment of such portion of the dues then due from such member as it may deem equitable and just. Should the ballot be unfavorable on the petition for affiliation, applicant's membership shall remain in the Lodge which issued the Certificate of Good Standing.

**Section 3-10-3. Date.**

A dimit shall bear the date when granted and membership ceases from that date; provided, that a dimit issued pursuant to the Regulation pertaining to transfer of membership shall bear the date of election into the Lodge to which membership is transferred.

**Section 3-10-4. Duplicate.**

If any Brother shall lose the certificate of his dimission, the Secretary of the Lodge shall, upon request and satisfactory proof of such loss, furnish him a duplicate certificate, under the original date, and the facts shall be entered upon the record.

**Section 3-10-5. Certificate.**

As Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are not members of a Lodge, they cannot be given dimitts. They may, however, be granted a certificate, or a waiver of jurisdiction, showing their status in the Lodge.

**CHAPTER XI.  
NON-AFFILIATED MASONS.**

**Section 3-11-1. Duty.**

It is contrary to the spirit and precepts of Masonry for a Mason not affiliated with a Blue Lodge to reside within the jurisdiction of a Lodge without making an effort to become a member thereof.

**Section 3-11-2. Privileges and Penalties.**

A non-affiliated Mason sojourning in this Grand Jurisdiction shall have the privilege of visiting Lodges for a period of six months. Unless such non-affiliate shall petition some Lodge for membership within thirty days thereafter, and if rejected shall contribute to some chartered Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction its regular dues he shall be debarred from Masonic rights and privileges as follows:

- First. He shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge.
- Second. He shall not be allowed to appear in any Masonic procession.
- Third. He shall not be entitled to Masonic charity.
- Fourth. He shall not be entitled to a Masonic funeral.
- Fifth. He shall be deemed a drone in the hive of Masonry and unworthy of the protection of Masons.

**Section 3-11-3. Discipline.**

A non-affiliated Mason shall be subject to Masonic discipline as provided in the Trial Code.

**CHAPTER XII.**  
DUES AND SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT

**Section 3-12-1. Dues.**

Each Lodge shall provide in its By-laws for the amount of dues to be paid by the members thereof. Dues for two or more Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction must be the same. In case of disagreement Grand Lodge shall prescribe the amounts thereof.

**Section 3-12-2. Notice and Penalty.**

Any member of a Lodge twelve months in arrears for dues and residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be notified by the Secretary that unless within four weeks, or if residing outside of this Jurisdiction, within eight weeks, from the date of regular meeting at which such a delinquency shall be made known to the Lodge, in such manner as the Worshipful Master may direct, his dues shall be paid, or sickness, or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he will be liable to suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. A copy of such notification shall also be forwarded to the Grand Master via the Grand Secretary's Office. If neither the foregoing excuses be made, he may, at the first regular meeting after the expiration of the specified time be declared by the Master of the Lodge to be suspended, unless the Lodge remits his dues or grants further time for payment.

**Section 3-12-3. Dual Members.**

Any member of such Lodge holding dual membership in any other Lodge who shall be suspended by such other Lodge for non-payment of dues shall be forthwith suspended from such Utah Lodge, at the next regular meeting thereof after it has received word of such suspension by such other Lodge.

**Section 3-12-4. How Restored.**

Any member thus suspended who shall thereafter pay the arrearages due at the time of his suspension, or who shall have such arrearages remitted by his lodge, and who shall request reinstatement, may be restored to membership and to all the rights and privileges of Masonry upon a favorable vote of a majority of all members present and

voting. If such member has been suspended for nonpayment of dues by any other Lodge in which he holds dual membership he shall not be reinstated in any Utah Lodge in which he holds dual membership until such other Lodge shall have voted favorably upon his reinstatement and so advised the Utah Lodge in which he has dual membership. However this shall not prevent action being taken on his application for reinstatement in any Utah Lodge of which he is a member to become effective only on his reinstatement or honorable dimission from such other Lodge from which he has been suspended.

**Section 3-12-5. Time and Manner of Voting on Reinstatement.**

No vote upon any request for reinstatement shall be taken earlier than at the regular meeting following the regular meeting at which such request is presented, nor until there shall have been submitted to the Lodge the written report of a committee of three appointed by the Worshipful Master, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the character and conduct of the applicant for reinstatement and the circumstances attending his suspension, and who shall, when possible, consult with the persons who held the offices of Worshipful Master and Secretary at the time of such suspension; and such vote, when taken, shall be by written ballot.

**CHAPTER XIII.**  
SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS

**Section 3-13-1. Petitions.**

Application to the Grand Master for dispensation may emanate from a Lodge at a regular meeting by a majority vote of the members present and voting, or may emanate from the Master, and may be signed by either or both the Master and Secretary. The application shall set forth fully and clearly the necessity for the requested dispensation.

**Section 3-13-2. Record.**

Every dispensation shall be entered in the minutes of the Lodge at the first regular meeting after its receipt.

**Section 3-13-3. Replacing Charters.**

Whenever the charter of a Lodge shall be destroyed, lost, or become illegible, it shall be the duty of Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, upon satisfactory proof of such fact, to have a duplicate charter issued without fee.

**CHAPTER XIV.  
DISSOLUTION OF LODGES**

**Section 3-14-1. How Dissolved.**

A Lodge may be dissolved:

- First. By the voluntary surrender of its charter.
- Second. By a revocation of its charter by Grand Lodge.

**Section 3-14-2. How Surrendered.**

The charter of a Lodge may be surrendered if the proposal be presented at a regular meeting thereof, and the same be acted upon at a subsequent regular meeting, of which all the members of the Lodge whose residences are known shall have had due and timely notice; but no charter can be surrendered as long as seven Master Masons, members of the Lodge, and residing within its jurisdiction, desire to continue work under such charter.

**Section 3-14-3. Revocation.**

The charter of a Lodge may be revoked or suspended:

- First. For disobedience of any provision of the Constitution, or Regulations of Grand Lodge.
- Second. For violation or neglect of the generally recognized usages of the Craft.
- Third. For disregard of the authority of the Grand Master.

Fourth. For a failure to meet during a period of six successive months.

Fifth. For a failure to make returns or pay its dues to Grand Lodge for two successive years.

**Section 3-14-4. Notice.**

No charter shall be suspended or revoked except for cause, of which the Lodge shall have due notice and an opportunity to be heard.

**Section 3-14-5. Property.**

Upon the revocation or suspension of the charter of any Lodge, or if from any other cause a Lodge shall become dormant, it shall be the duty of the last Master, Treasurer, and Secretary thereof to surrender to the Grand Secretary (subject to the orders of the Grand Master), the charter, books, papers, jewels, furniture, moneys, and other property belonging or pertaining to said Lodge, within two months from the time of such revocation, suspension, or becoming dormant; and any member of a Lodge who shall refuse to make such surrender, or who shall, by vote or otherwise make any other disposition of said effects than as herein designated, shall be liable to Masonic discipline. All moneys accruing as herein prescribed shall be placed in the general fund of Grand Lodge.

**Section 3-14-6. Discipline.**

If, on account of irregular or unmasonic conduct, it is found necessary to revoke or suspend the charter of any Lodge in this Jurisdiction, the members of such Lodge, except the Master, implicated in such conduct shall be subject to trial and discipline by the Lodge acquiring jurisdiction; and the Master, if implicated in such conduct, shall be subject to trial and discipline as provided in the Trial Code.

**Section 3-14-7. Certificates.**

Upon the dissolution of a Lodge for any cause, any member who is not subject to the provisions of the last preceding section, upon

payment of any back dues to the Grand Secretary, shall be entitled to a certificate from him, setting forth his Masonic standing. This certificate shall be recognized in this Jurisdiction as the equivalent of admit.

**Section 3-14-8. Jurisdiction of Dormant Lodges.**

Whenever any Lodge shall cease to work for six months, the nearest Lodge or Lodges, upon giving notice to the Grand Secretary of their intention to do so, may exercise jurisdiction over the territory, and act upon petitions from citizens residing therein, unless Grand Lodge or the Grand Master shall order otherwise.

**Section 3-14-9. Unfinished Business.**

Matters of business requiring further action, left by a Lodge that has ceased to exist, shall be disposed of by the Lodge which has acquired jurisdiction.

**Section 3-14-10. Dormant Lodge Clandestine.**

Any Mason who shall be present at or assist in the work of a Lodge, knowing its charter to have been suspended or revoked, shall be liable to Masonic discipline and punishment.

**Section 3-14-11. Charter Erased.**

When any charter shall be declared vacated by Grand Lodge it shall be erased from the register, and its number shall not again be used upon a charter in this jurisdiction.

**CHAPTER XV.  
CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES**

**Section 3-15-1. Method.**

Any two or more Lodges may consolidate their membership into one Lodge upon obtaining the consent of Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master; provided, that the proposal for such consolidation shall be presented at a regular meeting of each of the Lodges interested, and

shall not be acted upon until a subsequent joint meeting, of which all the members whose residence is know in shall have due notice. Such consolidation shall not be effected if seven or more members of either Lodge residing within the Jurisdiction thereof, shall vote against it.

**Section 3-15-2. New Charter.**

When any consolidation shall have been so effected, Grand Lodge or the Grand Master shall forthwith be informed of the action, and a new charter shall be issued without fee, containing the names of the new officers, and bearing the number of one of the said Lodges and such name as may have been selected. This new Lodge shall be duly constituted, and its officers installed by the Grand Master or his representative, before it can lawfully act under said charter.

**Section 3-15-3. Property.**

All property and effects of the Lodges so consolidated shall be held by the Lodge named in the new charter.

**CHAPTER XVI.  
SUMMONS**

**Section 3-16-1. Form and Service.**

Every summons issued by a Chartered Lodge shall be written or printed, attested by the seal of the Lodge, and signed by the Master and Secretary. It shall be, served either personally or by registered mail, except as provided in the Trial Code. The Master shall in every case require due return to be made upon each summons of the service thereof.

**Section 3-16-2. General Summons.**

No general summons shall be issued except for purposes of importance to the Lodge or to Masonry.

**Section 3-16-3. Obedience.**

Every Mason shall faithfully obey, if within his power, a summons

issued by a Lodge and duly served upon him. For a failure to do so he shall be liable to discipline in the manner provided by law, unless excused for reasons satisfactory to a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

## **CHAPTER XVII. FUNERALS**

### **Section 3-17-1. For Whom.**

No Mason shall be buried with Masonic honors unless he was at the time of his death a Master Mason in good standing. The Worshipful Master may decline to give Masonic burial to a deceased member or sojourner whose conduct in life reflected discredit upon the Fraternity.

### **Section 3-17-2. By Lodge.**

Masonic burials must be conducted by a Lodge of Master Masons. The pall bearers may be appointed according to the wishes of the family and/or at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

### **Section 3-17-3. Labor.**

The burial of a deceased Mason is Masonic Work; and during the entire service the Lodge is at labor.

### **Section 3-17-4. Precedence.**

A Lodge may conduct either the public or interment portion of the funeral service, or both, as requested. Because of the antiquity of the Masonic institution the Lodge conducting any part or all of such funeral shall have exclusive control of such portion as it conducts, with no intermingling of services. A military or other service, or dedication of a grave, may follow the Masonic interment service.

### **Section 3-17-5. Conduct.**

All funerals shall be conducted in accordance with the approved ritual of Grand Lodge.

## **CHAPTER XVIII. OCCASIONAL LODGES**

### **Section 3-18-1. Occasional Lodges**

Upon approval of the Lodge membership, Lodges of this Jurisdiction may, through prescribed procedure, petition the Grand Lodge, and upon approval of the Lodge by-laws by the Grand Master, may be designated an Occasional Lodge. A Lodge under dispensation may petition to be considered Occasional. The regulations which pertain to Occasional Lodges shall include:

- (a) Meetings. Regular Lodge meetings shall be held at least quarterly, as established by the Lodge's by-laws.
- (b) Location of Meetings. Lodges may receive a traveling warrant and may hold meetings wherever it's members may decide upon thirty days notice to the membership and the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and permission of the Grand Master of such other jurisdictions where meetings may be held.

## **Title IV - Regulations Relative To Lodges**

### **TITLE IV. AMENDMENTS**

All proposed amendments to these By-laws and Regulations shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary at least ninety days before the next annual communication. At least THIRTY-FIVE days before such annual communication of Grand Lodge the Grand Secretary shall transmit to the Secretaries of the several constituent Lodges of this Jurisdiction, and to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Lodge, copies of any such proposed amendments. All proposed amendments shall include an estimate of the cost to implement the amendment. Such costs shall include the cost of printing new books, ciphers, forms, mailings, etc.

All proposed amendments shall first be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for its opinion and report. Any proposed amendment, ruled by the Committee on Jurisprudence to be "not" in proper form,



shall not be placed upon the floor of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, for vote, until said amendment shall have been put in proper form. Responsibility for Proper Form shall be with the author of the amendment.

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall advise the author, or authors, of proposed amendments, prior to the annual communication, if such amendments are 'not in proper form'. If the amendment is then approved in annual communication by a majority of the votes then cast, such amendment shall become effective. Grand Lodge may suspend the foregoing provisions by two-thirds vote at any time.

After the Committee on Jurisprudence shall have determined the proposed amendment is in proper form, it shall be referred to the Finance Committee for assessment of impact to the operating budget. If the estimated cost is not deemed to be accurate, the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall inform the Committee on Jurisprudence and the author of the amendment of the revised estimate for inclusion in the final draft of the proposed amendment.

## Rules Of Order

For the Government of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Utah

(These Rules shall be read immediately after the Grand Lodge has been opened.)

### **Rule 1. Call to Order.**

At the first stroke of the Grand Master's gavel there shall be a general silence, and he who breaks silence without leave from the Chair shall be subject to a general reprimand. Upon the same penalty, every Brother shall keep his seat and observe strict silence whenever the Grand Master or presiding officer shall call to order.

### **Rule 2. Speak Once.**

No brother is to speak more than once on the same question, unless by permission.

### **Rule 3. Transgression of Rules.**

Any member who is twice called to order at one session of the Grand Lodge for transgressing these rules, and is guilty of the third offense of the same nature, may peremptory be ordered by the Chair to leave the Lodge-room for that-day.

### **Rule 4. Penalty for Ridicule.**

Whoever shall be so rude as to ridicule a Brother, or what another says or has said, may be forthwith solemnly excluded from the Communication, and be declared incapable of ever being a member of the Grand Lodge unless he publicly owns his fault and is excused.

### **Rule 5. Remain Seated.**

All members shall keep their seats except the Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Deacons, and Grand Tyler, who are allowed to move from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

### **Rule 6. Must Address the Grand Master.**

Every Brother who speaks shall rise and remain standing addressing

himself to the "Most Worshipful Grand Master", and no member shall interrupt him, unless to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed, if he observes due order and decorum. No Brother shall speak until he is recognized by the Grand Master.

**Rule 7. Silence.**

While the Grand Master is addressing the Grand Lodge, or putting a question, or a Brother is speaking, no Brother shall entertain any private discourse, or pass between the speaker and the Chair.

**Rule 8. Committee Work.**

Committees shall not sit while the Grand Lodge is actually in session, unless on leave obtained.

**Rule 9. First Order of Business.**

After the Grand Lodge has been called to order on the first day of the Annual Communication, the following order of business and proceedings shall be observed:

- First. Calling the Roll of the Grand Officers and Lodges by the Grand Secretary.
- Second. The usual solemn ceremonies of opening the Grand Lodge in Ample Form.
- Third. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.
- Fourth. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- Fifth. Introductions and Recognitions.
- Sixth. Reading and approving the minutes of any previous communication not before read and approved.
- Seventh. Address of the Grand Master.
- Eighth. Report of the Deputy Grand Master.
- Ninth. Report of the Grand Treasurer.

Tenth. Report of the Grand Secretary.

Eleventh. Reports of special committees appointed at the previous Annual Communication with instructions to report at the present Communication.

**Rule 10. Subsequent Order of Business.**

After the order of business provided in Rule 9 shall have been finished the order of business during the Annual Communication shall be as follows:

- First. Reading and approving minutes of the preceding session.
- Second. Presentation for reference or other disposition of memorials, petitions, communications, and resolutions.
- Third. Report of Senior Grand Warden for Charity Committee.
- Fourth. Annual Meeting and Report of The Masonic Foundation.
- Fifth. Report of Junior Grand Warden for Trustees.
- Sixth. Reports of standing and session committees, the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence having preference.
- Seventh. Reports of special committees.
- Eighth. Special orders.
- Ninth. Unfinished business of previous sessions.
- Tenth. Miscellaneous business.

**Rule 11. Succeeding Sessions.**

Should the order of business not be concluded at the session at which it is first called, it shall be commenced at the succeeding session where it was left off, and so on throughout the communication, taking up the order of business as in Rule 10.

**Rule 12. Reports Written.**

All reports of committees of the Grand Lodge shall be reduced to writing in a legible hand, or typewritten, on one side only of the paper and shall be signed by at least a majority of the committee. A dissenting minority may also submit a report in similar form and manner. The first named Brother on each committee is chairman.

**Rule 13. Resolution Written.**

Every resolution or motion submitted to the Grand Lodge shall, if required, be reduced to writing, and referred to an appropriate committee.

**Rule 14. Motions Debatable.**

No motion shall be debatable until seconded, and stated from the Chair, when it shall be in possession of the Grand Lodge, and cannot be withdrawn, except by the mover previous to decision or amendment. A question after being put by the Grand Master cannot be debated.

**Rule 15. Not Admissible.**

No motion to close or call off is admissible, that responsibility resting alone with the Grand Master, who must allow nothing tending to interrupt or defeat the regular course of any business legitimately coming before the Grand Lodge.

**Rule 16. Parliamentary Rules.**

On all other matters the rules which govern deliberative assemblies shall be observed, except as to "the previous question," which is not permissible.

**Rule 17. Reconsidering a Vote.**

No vote of the Grand Lodge shall be reconsidered by a less number of members than were present at the passing of the same.

**Rule 18. Votes Counted.**

When voting is required by show of hands, or rising, the votes shall

be counted by the Grand Marshal. Before the question on the original motion is put, its mover may demand the counting of the members present, and again on a motion for reconsideration.

**Rule 19. Leaving Lodge Room.**

No member of the Grand Lodge shall leave the Lodge room during the session without permission from the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

**Rule 20. Suspension of Rules.**

These rules of order may be suspended or amended at any time by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

## The Charges of a Freemason

A.D. 1723, A.L. 5723

Extracted from the Ancient Records of Lodges beyond Sea, and of those in England, Scotland, and Ireland, for the Use of the Lodges in London: To be read at the making of New Brethren, or when the Master shall order it.

The General Heads, Viz:

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.
- IV. Of Master, Wardens, Fellows, and Apprentices.
- V. Of the Management of the Craft in working.
- VI. Of Behavior. viz:
  1. In the Lodge while constitute
  2. After the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
  3. When Brethren meet without Strangers, but not in a Lodge.
  4. In presence of Strangers not Masons.
  5. At home and in the neighborhood.
  6. Toward a strange Brother.

### I. Concerning God and Religion

A Mason is oblig'd by his Tenure, to obey the moral Law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be found a stupid Atheist, nor an irreligious Libertine. But though in ancient Times Masons were charged in every Country to be of the Religion of that Country or Nation, whatever it was, 'yet 'tis now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that Religion in which all men agree, leaving their particular Opinions to themselves; that is, to be good Men and true, or Men of Honour and Honesty, by whatever Denominations or Persuasions they may be distinguish'd; whereby Masonry becomes the Center of Union, and the means of conciliating true friendship among persons who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual Distance.

### II. Of the Civil Magistrate Supreme and Subordinate

A Mason is a peaceable Subject to the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and never to be concerned in Plots and Conspiracies against the Peace and Welfare of the Nation, nor to behave himself

undutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath been always injured by war, Bloodshed, and Confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been much dispos'd to encourage the Craftsmen, because of their Peaceableness and Loyalty, whereby they practically answer'd the Cavils of their Adversaries and promoted the Honour of the Fraternity who ever flourish'd in Times of Peace. So that if a Brother should be a Rebel against the State, he is not to be countenanc'd in his Rebellion, however he may be pitied as an unhappy Man; but, if convicted of no other crime, though the loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his Rebellion, and give no Umbrage or ground of political Jealousy to the Government for the time being, they cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his relations to it remain indefeasible.

### III. Of Lodges

A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work: Hence that Assembly, or duly organiz'd Society of Masons, is call'd a Lodge, and every Brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its By-laws and General Regulations. It is either particular or general and will be best understood by attending it, and by the Regulations of the General or Grand Lodge hereunto annex'd. In ancient Times, no Master or Fellow could be absent from it, especially when warn'd to appear at it, without incurring a severe Censure, until it appear'd to the Master and Wardens that pure Necessity indeed him.

The Persons admitted Members of a Lodge must be good and true Men, free-born, and of mature and discreet Age, no Bondmen, no Women, no immoral or scandalous Men, but of good Report.

### IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows, and Apprentices

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real Worth and personal Merit only; that so the Lords may be well served. the Brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despis'd: Therefor no Master or Warden is chosen by Seniority, but for his Merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and every Brother must attend in his Place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this Fraternity. Only Candidates may know, that no Master should take an Apprentice, unless he has sufficient Employment for him. and unless he be a perfect Youth, having no Maim or Defect in his Body, that may render him incapable of learning the Art of serving his Master's

Lord, and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow-Craft in due time, even after he has served such a Term of Years as the Custom of the Country directs; and that he should be descended of honest Parents; that so, when otherwise qualify'd he may arrive to the Honour of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his Merit.

No Brother can be a Warden until he has pass'd the part of a Fellow-Craft; nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master unless he has been a Fellow-Craft before his Election, who is also to be nobly born, or a Gentleman of the best Fashion, or some eminent Scholar, or some curious Architect, or other Artist, descended of honest Parents, and who is of singular great Merit in the Opinion of the Lodges. And for the better, and easier, and more honourable Discharge of his Office, The Grand-Master has a Power to choose his own Deputy Grand Master, who must be then, or must have been formerly, the Master of a particular Lodge, and has the Privilege of acting whatever the Grand Master, his Principal, should act, unless the said Principal be present, or interpose his Authority by a letter.

These Rulers and Governors, supreme and subordinate, of the ancient Lodge, am to be obey'd in their respective Stations by all the Brethren, according to the old Charges and Regulations, with all Humility, Reverence, Love, and Alacrity.

## **V. Of the Management of the Craft In Working**

All Masons shall work honestly on working Days, that they may live creditably on holy Days; and the time appointed by the Law of the Land, or confirm'd by Custom, shall be observ'd.

The most expert of the Fellow-Craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master, or Overseer of the Lord's Work; who is to be call'd Master by those that work under him. The Craftsmen are to avoid all ill Language, and to call each other by no disobliging Name, but Brother or Fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the Lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of Cunning, shall undertake the Lord's Work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his

Goods as if they were his own; nor to give more Wages to any Brother or Apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Masons receiving their Wages, justly, shall be faithful to the Lord, and honestly finish their Work, whether Task or, Journey; nor put the Work to Task that hath been accustom'd to Journey.

None shall discover Envy at the Prosperity of a Brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his Work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no Man can finish another's Work so much to the Lord's Profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the Designs and Draughts of him that began it.

When a Fellow-Craftsman is chosen Warden of the Work under the Master, he shall be true both to Master and Fellows, shall carefully oversee the Work in the Master's Absence to the Lord's profits; and his Brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employ'd shall meekly receive their Wages without Murmuring or Mutiny, and not desert the Master till the Work is finish'd.

A Younger Brother shall be instructed in working to prevent spoiling the Materials for want of Judgment, and for increasing and continuing of Brotherly Love.

All the Tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No labourer shall be employ'd in the proper Work of Masonry; nor shall Free Masons work with those that are not free, without an urgent Necessity; nor shall they teach Labourers and unaccepted Masons, as they should teach a Brother or Fellow.

## **VI. Of Behavior, viz.**

### **1. In the Lodge While Constituted.**

You are not to hold private Committees, or separate Conversation, without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinent or unseemingly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother

speaking to the Master: Nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming Language upon any Pretense whatsoever; but to pay due Reverence to your Masters, Wardens, and Fellows, and put them to worship.

If any Complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the Award and Determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent Judges of all such Controversies (unless you carry it by Appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be refer'd, unless a Lord's Work be hindered the meanwhile, in which Case a particular Reference may be made; but you must never go to Law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute Necessity apparent to the Lodge.

## **2. Behavior After The Lodge Is Over and The Brethren Not Gone.**

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent Mirth, treating one another according to Ability, but avoiding all Excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink beyond his Inclination, or hindering him from going when his Occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free Conversation; for that would blast our Harmony, and defeat our laudable Purpose. Therefore no private Piques or Quarrels must be brought within the Door of the Lodge, far less any Quarrels about Religion, or Nations, or state Policy, we being only, as Masons, of the Catholic Religion above mention'd; we are also of all Nations, Tongues, Kindreds, and Languages, and are resolved against all Politics, as what never yet conduc'd to the Welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will. This Charge has been always strictly enjoin'd and observed; but especially ever since the Reformation in Britain, or the Dissent and Secession of these Nations from the Communion of Rome.

## **3. Behavior When Brethren Meet Without Strangers, But Not In a Lodge.**

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other Brother, freely giving mutual Instructions as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that Respect which is due to any Brother, were he not a Mason: For though all Masons are as Brethren upon the same Level, yet

Masonry takes no Honour from a Man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his Honour, especially if he has deserved well of the Brotherhood, who must give Honour to whom it is due, and avoid ill Manners.

## **4. Behavior in Presence of Strangers not Masons.**

You shall be cautious in your Words and Carriage, that the most penetrating Stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the Honour of the worshipful Fraternity.

## **5. Behavior At Home, and In Your Neighborhood.**

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise Man; particularly not to let your family, Friends, and neighbors know the Concerns of the Lodge, &c., but wisely to consult your own Honour, and that of the ancient Brotherhood, for Reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your Health, by not continuing together too late, or too long from home, after Lodge Hours are past; and by avoiding of Gluttony or Drunkenness, that your Families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

## **6. Behavior Towards a Strange Brother.**

You are cautiously to examine him, in such a Method as Prudence shall direct you, that you may not be impos'd upon by an ignorant false Pretender, whom you are to reject with Contempt and Derision, and beware of giving him Hints of Knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine Brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be reliev'd: You must employ him some Days, or else recommend him to be employ'd. But you are not charged to do beyond your Ability, only to prefer a poor Brother, that is a good Man and true, before any other poor People in the same Circumstances.

Finally, all these Charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating Brotherly Love, the Foundation and Cape-stone, the Cement and Glory of this ancient Fraternity, avoiding all Wrangling and Quarrelling, all Slander and

Backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his Character, and doing him all good Offices, its far as is consistent with your Honour and Safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you Injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, and from thence to the annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable Conduct of our Fore-fathers in every Nation; never taking a legal Course, but when the Case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly Advice of Master and Fellows, when they would prevent your going to Law with Strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy Period to all Law-Suits, that so you may mind the Affair of Masonry with more Alacrity and Success; but with respect to Brother or Fellows at Law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their Mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must however carry on their Process, or Law-Suits, without Wrath and Rancor (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly Love, and good Offices to be renew'd and continu'd; that all may see the benign Influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the Beginning of the World, and will do to the End of time.

**Amen, so mote it be**

We owe this famous version of the Old (charges to the fact that His Grace The Duke of Montagu, Grand Master 1721-2, found fault with the manuscript versions of the Constitutions (I. e. Legendary History of the Fraternity) previously in use, and ordered Rev. James Anderson "to peruse, correct, and digest, into a new and better Method the History, Charges and Regulations, of the Ancient Fraternity." The progress of the revision is shown by the following extracts from the second (1738) edition of Anderson's book:

29 Sept., 1721.- "His Grace's Worship and the Lodge (Grand Lodge) findings fault with all the Copies of the old Gothic Constitutions, order'd Brother James Anderson, A. M., to digest the same in a new and a better Method."

27 Dec., 1721.- "Montagu, Grand Master, at the Desire of the Lodge, appointed 14 learned Brothers to examine Brother Anderson's Manuscript, and to make Report."

25 March, 1722.- "The said Committee of 14 reported that they had perused Brother Anderson's Manuscript, viz: the History, Charges, Regulations and Master Song, and after some Amendments had approv'd of it: Upon which the Lodge desir'd the Grand Master to order it to be printed."

17 January, 1722-3.- "G. Warden Anderson produced the new book of Constitutions now in Print, which was again approv'd with the Addition of the ancient Manner of Constituting a Lodge." W. H. Upton, Code Commissioner Grand Lodge of Washington, 1897.

## The Masonic Foundation Of Utah

The Masonic Foundation of Utah, authorized by Grand Lodge at its Fifty-Seventh Annual Communication, was Incorporated under the laws of Utah, February 13, 1929. It is a Nonprofit, tax exempt Corporation, under the Internal Revenue Code.

The Foundation is an arm of Grand Lodge composed of all members entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, with responsibility for the management of its business and accomplishment of its intentions entrusted to, and imposed upon, a Board of Trustees. These are the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, during their term of office, and three others elected from the membership of Grand Lodge, one each year at the Annual Communication for a three year term. This Board is charged with faithful performance of all duties related to the Foundation, receipts of funds, investment thereof and carrying out the objectives for which the Foundation was organized.

The Tax Reform Act of 1969 and subsequent amendments as passed by Congress places strict guidelines on the operation and distribution of income of public and private Foundations. The regulations, as promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service, require that income be distributed only to qualified nonprofit, tax exempt organizations for philanthropic, charitable, or educational purposes. Any distribution to non-qualified organizations or individuals is strictly prohibited and places severe penalties on the Trustees as well as the Foundation.

This, the Tax Reform Act, limits some of the original purposes of the Foundation. Distributions to Masonic Lodges, Masonic related organizations, or individual Masons are considered "Self Dealing," and would invoke the aforementioned penalties. Despite these limitations, the Foundation is accomplishing a tremendous amount of relief to the distressed and educational opportunities to our youth throughout this jurisdiction.

Initially our capitalization in 1929 came from the Grand Lodge charity fund of \$16,296.60. The fund was maintained by appropriating, at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge a sum of not to exceed 10% of its annual receipts. At the 1972 Annual Communication of Grand Lodge it was suggested that the annual 10% be dropped and it has not been collected since.

The dedicated support of Masons has resulted in a steady growth of

the Foundation's assets and made it unnecessary to access or appropriate funds from constituent Lodges.

Response to the Grand Master's appeal each year has been generous and substantial funds have come from bequests, memorials, wills and trusts.

Every Utah Mason should be proud of this charitable Foundation which can be important to the future of our Fraternity.



**UNIFORM CODE OF BY-LAWS**

For the Government of Constituent Lodges Under  
the Jurisdiction of the

**M. W. GRAND LODGE**

**OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF UTAH**

By-laws of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, Free and Accepted  
Masons

**ARTICLE I**

**THE LODGE--IT'S NAME AND WARRANT**

**Section 1.1 Name.**

The name of this Lodge shall be \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 1.2 Warrant.**

The warrant of this Lodge is the charter, granted on the \_\_\_\_ day of  
, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, by The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and  
Accepted Masons of Utah, to whose Regulations and Edicts the most  
explicit respect and obedience shall ever be paid by its members.

**ARTICLE II  
MEETINGS**

**Section 2.1 Regular.**

The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the  
in each month, except that, at the regular meeting in December of  
each year, the Lodge may, by a majority vote, designate January and  
February, or July and August as dark months. (See Section 3-3-1(a))

**Section 2.2 Special.**

Special meetings may be called from time to time, as the Lodge or  
Master may direct, but the Lodge shall not convene on Sunday except  
for funeral purposes.

**Section 2.3 Time.**

The hour of regular meetings shall be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Section 2.4 Representatives.**

This Lodge shall be represented at each Annual Communication of  
Grand Lodge.

**ARTICLE III**

**OFFICERS--THEIR ELECTION AND INSTALLATION**

**Section 3.1 Officers.**

The officers of this Lodge shall be the Worshipful Master, Senior  
Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior  
Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tyler, and  
three Trustees; to these may be added a Marshal and an Organist.

**Section 3.2 Election.**

The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer,  
Secretary, and one Trustee for a term of three years, shall be elected  
annually by ballot. All other officers shall be appointed by the Master  
on or before the date of his installation.

**Section 3.3 Time and Method of Voting.**

At the first regular meeting in November of year, the election of  
Officers shall be held. No member is entitled to a vote, nor can he be  
elected or appointed to any office, who is not clear on the books of  
the Lodge. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a

choice. Blank votes shall not be counted.

**Section 3.4 Electioneering.**

Electioneering in any way for office is positively prohibited, and any member guilty of the offense shall be ineligible to office, and if any officer, shall forfeit the office held by him. Visitors electioneering for any candidate for office shall be dealt with by the Master.

**Section 3.5 Eligibility.**

No member can be elected Worshipful Master who has not been duly elected and regularly installed as a Master or a Warden of some legally chartered Lodge.

**Section 3.6 Dual Office.**

No member shall hold more than one office in this Lodge at the same time, except as provided in Section 3-4-1, "Regulations Relative to Lodges."

**Section 3.7 Installation.**

The installation of officers shall take place on or before St. John's Day, in December of each year, except as otherwise provided in Grand Lodge Regulations.

**Section 3.8 Not by Proxy.**

No officer of this Lodge can be installed by proxy.

**ARTICLE IV  
DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

**Section 4.1 The Worshipful Master.**

In addition to those duties which are set forth in the Regulations of Grand Lodge, those which appertain to every individual Mason, and those which are traditional and therefore unwritten, the duties of the Worshipful Master are:

First. To open and preside over the Lodge when present, and make

all necessary provisions for the faithful performance of those duties when absent.

Second. To preserve the charter of the Lodge with unfailing care, and deliver it to his successor in office, or to Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master, when demanded.

Third. To see that these By-laws are duly understood, respected, and obeyed by its members.

Fourth. To take command of the other officers, and claim of them at any time, advice and assistance on any business relative to the Craft.

Fifth. To see that the proper officers collect and truly keep the moneys of the Lodge; to see that the furniture and other valuables are not wasted, damaged, or lost, and in the event of the charter being forfeited or surrendered, to preserve these things subject to the order of Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master.

Sixth. To see that all unmasonic conduct that comes to his knowledge is faithfully dealt with according to the By-laws of this Lodge and the Trial Code of Grand Lodge.

Seventh. To guarantee a fair trial to every one charge with a Masonic offense.

Eighth. To preside at the burial services of deceased Master Masons buried by the Lodge.

Ninth. To see that worthy Brothers, visitors from other Lodges, have courteous attention and a welcome to this Lodge.

Tenth. To give the casting vote at any time, in the event of a tie.

Eleventh. To decide all questions of order and procedure, subject to an appeal to Grand Lodge or to the Grand Master.

**Section 4.2 The Senior Warden.**

In addition to those duties which are set forth in the Regulations of Grand Lodge which appertain to every individual Mason, and those which are traditional, and therefore unwritten, the duties of the Senior Warden are:

First. To succeed to, and to exercise all the powers of the Worshipful Master in the event of his absence.

Second. To take charge of the Craft during the hours of labor.

#### **Section 4.3 The Junior Warden.**

In addition to those duties which are set forth in the Regulations of Grand Lodge which appertain to every individual Mason, and those which are traditional, and therefore unwritten, the duties of the Junior Warden are:

First. To succeed to, and to exercise all the powers of the Worshipful Master in the absence of the two officers above him.

Second. To take charge of the Craft during the hour of refreshment.

#### **Section 4.4 Treasurer.**

The Treasurer shall have the following duties:

First. To receive and safely keep all moneys and property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by the Secretary, or by order of the Lodge, and to give proper receipts therefore.

Second. To disburse or transfer the same, or any part thereof, upon the order of the Master with the consent of the Lodge, duly attested by the Secretary.

Third. To keep a book or books which shall contain a correct statement of his receipts and disbursements on account of the Lodge.

Fourth. To make to the Lodge an annual report of its receipts, disbursements, and financial condition.

Fifth. He shall execute and file a corporate surety bond in the amount not less than the funds in his possession at the close of the fiscal year prior thereto.

#### **Section 4.5 Secretary.**

The Secretary shall have the following duties:

First. To record all the proceedings of the Lodge proper to be written including its current receipts, disbursements, and all financial reports, and to submit such record to the Lodge at its next regular meeting for approval or correction and to the Master for his signature, but minutes cannot be read and approved unless regularly entered in permanent form.

Second. To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or any part thereof, and to pay them promptly to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same.

Third. To collect and receive all moneys due the Lodge, giving his receipt thereof, and to pay them promptly to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same.

Fourth. To make to the Lodge an annual report of its work, of the condition of its accounts with its officers and members, and of all other matters relating to its finances and business which may be under his care.

Fifth. To keep a cash book and ledger, and such other books as are required by the Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Sixth. To keep the seal of the Lodge, and to affix it with his attestation to all papers issued under authority of the Lodge, or in obedience to the requirements of Grand Lodge.

Seventh. To preserve the By-laws of the Lodge, the Book of Constitutions, By-laws, and Regulations of Grand Lodge, its published proceedings, Rituals, and the Book of Ceremonials.

Eighth. To notify any member of the Lodge who may have been suspended, expelled, or reinstated immediately after the action of the Lodge, and also to notify the Secretary of any other Lodge of which such suspended or expelled member is a member as shown by the Lodge records of the fact of such suspension, expulsion, or reinstatement.

Ninth. To study the rules and forms prescribed by Grand Lodge, and to keep the records, books, and other papers in accordance therewith.

Tenth. To include in his annual returns to the Grand Secretary the

names of members of the Lodge who have died during the year and submit to the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the initiation, passing, and raising of all candidates for the degrees, and of their proficiency in the catechisms of the Master Mason Degree.

Eleventh. He shall execute and file a corporate surety bond in the amount not less than the funds in his possession at the close of the fiscal year prior thereto.

**Section 4.6 Tyler.**

The Tyler, in addition to the necessary duties of his office, shall serve all notices and summonses, except as the Master shall otherwise order; shall preserve the jewels and other paraphernalia of the Lodge, and perform such other services as the may be required of him by the Lodge, or designated by the Master. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may determine.

**Section 4.7 Trustees.**

The Trustees of this Lodge shall hold and take title to, and invest all funds as Trustees of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_; they shall collect all interest due the Lodge, and pay the same over to the Secretary, and they shall at least annually examine and audit the books, accounts, vouchers, and records of the Treasurer and Secretary. All their acts shall be subject to revision by the Lodge or the Master. At the regular meeting preceding St. John's Day in December they shall make a written report to the Lodge of all their acts, and of the funds and securities of the Lodge in their custody. They shall execute and file corporate surety bonds to the Lodge in the amount not less than the funds in their possession at the close of the fiscal year prior thereto for the faithful performance of their duties.

**ARTICLE V  
STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Section 5.1 Standing Committees.**

There shall be four standing committees of the Lodge, which shall be appointed by the Master immediately after his installation, viz: a Committee on Charity, a Committee on Grievance, an Auditing

Committee, and a Committee on Education.

**Section 5.2 Charity.**

The Committee on Charity shall consist of the Master and Wardens, and shall have the power to draw upon the Treasurer any sum not exceeding \$50.00 during any one year in any individual case, for the relief of a distressed worthy brother, his wife, widow, or orphans, without express authority from the Lodge, except in case of death or other serious emergency, when not to exceed \$100.00 may be expended without authority.

**Section 5.3 Grievances.**

The Committee on Grievances shall consist of three members of the Lodge, of which the Senior Warden shall be chairman, to which all differences between brethren shall be referred. It shall be the duty of this committee to reconcile brethren to each other, where ill-feelings exists, as soon as the same shall come to their knowledge.

**Section 5.4 Auditing.**

The Auditing Committee shall consist of three members, of which the Junior Warden shall be chairman, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all claims presented against the Lodge.

**Section 5.5 Education.**

The Committee on Education all consist of three members one of whom shall be the Senior Warden and shall be responsible for carrying on programs of Masonic Education in the Lodge.

**Section 5.6 Special Committee.**

The Master shall appoint such special committees as he may deem necessary.

**ARTICLE VI**  
PETITIONS, BALLOTING, AND MEMBERSHIP

**Section 6.1 Petitions.**

All petitions for the degrees or for membership by affiliation or for advancement shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant with his own hand, with his given name or names in full; shall state the place and date of birth and present residence, age, occupation, and such other facts as are called for in the Form of Petition for the Degrees, adopted by Grand Lodge, and shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in these By-laws. Every petition shall be recommended in writing by two members of the Lodge, except as provided in Sections 3-7-2 and 3-7-3, "Regulations Relative to Lodges," and be presented at a regular meeting and noted upon the records.

**Section 6.2 Reference.**

Every such petition shall be referred to a Committee on Investigation, consisting of three members who shall after investigation pursuant to Grand Lodge Regulations, report thereon in writing, at the regular meeting not less than three weeks thereafter, unless for good cause further time is granted.

**Section 6.3 Ballot.**

Upon the reception of the report of at least a majority of the Committee on Investigation the petition shall be balloted upon whether the report is favorable or unfavorable, and the Master shall declare the result of the ballot. In case the applicant is rejected, the fee accompanying the petition shall be returned to him. No ballot shall be taken upon any petition at any other than a regular meeting of the Lodge.

**Section 6.4 Withdrawal.**

A petition for the degrees cannot be withdrawn or returned after having been received at a regular meeting of the Lodge, except for want of jurisdiction; provided, that a petition which has been acted upon, favorably by the Lodge may be returned, together with the fee, to an applicant who has moved his residence out of the Jurisdiction

before receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree.

**Section 6.5 Affiliation.**

The petition of a Master Mason for affiliation may be withdrawn at any time before the ballot.

**Section 6.6 Number of Ballots.**

There shall be but one ballot for the three degrees, which must be free and secret; and in balloting for the degrees or for affiliation, if more than one negative vote appear the balloting shall cease, and the candidate shall be declared rejected. If only one negative vote appears a second ballot shall immediately take place, and if a negative still appears the candidate shall be declared rejected; under no circumstances shall more than two ballots be permitted. No discussion on a petition shall be allowed, except to establish the identity of the petitioner.

**Section 6.7 Separate Ballot.**

In balloting upon petitions for the degrees or for affiliation, each petition shall be acted upon separately, and every member of the Lodge present must vote.

**Section 6.8. By-laws and Apron.**

Every Master Mason becoming a member of this Lodge shall sign his name in full to these By-laws before being entitled to vote therein.

This Lodge shall present to every candidate a copy of these By-laws and a lambskin or white leather apron upon which shall be inscribed his name and the dates of his initiation, passing, and raising.

**Section 6.9 Life Membership.**

This Lodge may confer life membership only upon members who have regularly paid dues for a period of twenty-five years, or upon those who have, in the judgment of the Lodge, rendered valuable services to the Fraternity.

Any life member of this Lodge is entitled to a duly authenticated certificate showing such life membership and shall be issued an

annual dues card.

**Section 6.10 Honorary Membership.**

This Lodge may confer honorary membership upon any Master Mason who is a member of some other regular lodge, but such honorary membership shall not confer any of the rights of regular membership.

**ARTICLE VII  
FEES AND DUES**

**Section 7.1 Fees.**

The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows: For the degree of Entered Apprentice, \$ \_\_\_\_\_; for the degree of Fellow-Craft, \_\_\_\_\_; for the degree of Master Mason, \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The fee for the Entered apprentice degree must always accompany the petition.

**Section 7.2 Fee Must Be Paid.**

This Lodge shall not confer any degree until the prescribed fee shall have been paid; nor shall any written or verbal promise to pay the same be received in lieu thereof, nor shall any portion of the fee be remitted, either directly or indirectly.

**Section 7.3 Forfeiture.**

This Lodge may retain the Entered Apprentice fee of a candidate elected to receive the degrees if he does not present himself for initiation within a period of twelve months after election.

**Section 7.4 Dues.**

The dues of each member of the Lodge shall be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per annum, payable in advance.

**Section 7.5 Suspension.**

Any member of this Lodge being twelve months in arrears for dues, and residing within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be notified by the Secretary, that unless within four weeks, or if residing outside of this jurisdiction, within eight weeks from the date of the

regular meeting at which such delinquency shall be made known to the Lodge in such manner as the Worshipful Master may direct, his dues shall be paid, or sickness, or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he will be liable to suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. If neither of the foregoing excuses be made, he may at the first regular meeting after the expiration of the specified time, be declared by the Master of the Lodge to be suspended, unless the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for payment.

**Section 7.6 How Restored.**

Any member thus suspended who shall thereafter pay the arrearages due at the time of his suspension, or who shall have such arrearages remitted by this Lodge, and who shall request reinstatement, may be restored to membership and to all the rights and privileges of Masonry upon a favorable vote of a majority of all the members present and voting. In the event of his rejection, the amount of arrearages paid by him shall be refunded.

**Section 7.7 Time and Manner of Voting.**

No vote upon any request for reinstatement shall be taken earlier than at the regular meeting following the regular meeting at which such request is presented, nor until there shall have been submitted to the Lodge, the written report of a committee of three appointed by the Master, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the character and conduct of the applicant for reinstatement and the circumstances attending his suspension; who shall, when possible, consult the persons who then held the offices of Worshipful Master and Secretary at the time of such suspension; and such vote, when taken, shall be by written ballot.

**ARTICLE VIII  
VISITORS**

**Section 8.1 Visitors.**

A Master Mason in good standing may be extended the privilege to visit this Lodge subject to the right of any member thereof to object to his admission as a visitor.

**Section 8.2 Avouchment.**

No visitor shall be admitted to this Lodge unless he is lawfully vouched for, or sufficiently examined and found to be a Master Mason or a brother of the degree in which the Lodge is working. Documentary evidence alone shall not be sufficient to justify a vouchment. In addition to strict trial and due examination, no Mason shall be permitted to visit this Lodge unless he can and does produce written evidence under the seal of his Lodge that he is in good standing and this evidence must be attested by the Grand Secretary's signature and the Seal of the Grand Lodge under which the Lodge of the visitor is working; provided, that it shall not be necessary to have such evidence so attested by the Grand Secretary when the visitor comes from a Jurisdiction where this is not required.

**Section 8.3 Committee.**

The committee appointed to examine one who presents himself to visit must consist of at least two members. The Worshipful Master alone may not conduct the examination. A visitor has no right to demand an inspection of the charter.

**ARTICLE IX  
NON-AFFILIATED MASONS**

**Section 9.1 Non-Affiliated Masons.**

It is contrary to the spirit and precepts of Masonry for a Mason not affiliated with a Blue Lodge to reside within the jurisdiction of this Lodge without making an effort to become a member hereof.

**Section 9.2 Penalty for Non-Affiliation.**

A non-affiliated Mason sojourning in this Grand Jurisdiction shall have the privilege of visiting this Lodge for a period of six months. Unless such non-affiliate shall petition some Lodge for membership within thirty days thereafter, and if rejected shall contribute to some chartered Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction its regular dues he shall be debarred from Masonic rights and privileges as follows:

First: He shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge.

Second: He shall not be allowed to appear in any Masonic procession.

Third: He shall not be entitled to Masonic charity.

Fourth: He shall not be entitled to a Masonic funeral.

Fifth: He shall be deemed a drone in the hive of Masonry and unworthy of the protection of Masons.

**Section 9.3 Discipline.**

This Lodge has the right to exercise discipline for any violation of Masonic law over all non-affiliated Masons residing or sojourning within its jurisdiction.

**ARTICLE X  
DIMITS**

**Section 10.1 Dimitts.**

With the exception of the Master and the two Wardens, any member of this Lodge, against whom no charges are pending, may withdraw therefrom upon payment of all dues, and giving notice, in person or in writing signed by himself, of such withdrawal at a regular meeting; and a dimit (or certificate of standing) shall be issued to him without a vote of the Lodge. (See Chap. X, G.L. Regulations)

**ARTICLE XI  
DISCIPLINE**

**Section 11.1 Offenses.**

Any member of this Lodge who wilfully violates the moral law, the Regulations of Grand Lodge, the Ancient Charges of a Freemason, the By-laws of the Lodge, or the laws of the country--or disregards his obligations and the established usages of Freemasonry, or does any act which shall tend to impair the purity of the Fraternity, or makes

any misrepresentation for the purpose of obtaining the degrees of Freemasonry, is liable to Masonic discipline as provided in the Trial Code of Grand Lodge.

**Section 11.2 Revealing Transactions.**

Any member or visitor who shall reveal any of the transactions of this Lodge, either directly or indirectly, or who shall disclose any of its proceedings not proper to be made public, is liable to Masonic discipline.

**Section 11.3 Obedience to Summons.**

Every member of this Lodge shall faithfully obey, if within his power, a summons issued by this Lodge and duly served upon him. For a failure to do so he shall be liable to discipline in the manner provided by law unless excused for reasons satisfactory to a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

**ARTICLE XII  
PROHIBITIONS**

**Section 12.1 Use of Masonic Name or Emblem.**

No member of this Lodge shall use, or be a party to the use of the Masonic name as a part of the title or designation of any business, firm, concern, company, association, or enterprise organized or prosecuted for profit or for a livelihood, unless such business shall consist exclusively of the printing or publishing of Masonic books, papers, or periodicals, or the manufacture and sale of Masonic supplies.

The use of Masonic emblems and devices on business cards or signs, or by way of advertisement, is strictly forbidden.

**Section 12.2 Discussions.**

The discussion of political, sectarian, or other subjects not of a proper Masonic nature is prohibited in this Lodge.

**Section 12.3 Begging Letters.**

No member of this Lodge shall give a certificate whereby any Mason may, in an itinerant manner, apply for relief to sister Lodges in this Jurisdiction or elsewhere.

**Section 12.4 Processions.**

This Lodge shall not appear in public processions on any other than purely Masonic occasions unless approved by and under the guidelines of the Grand Master.

**Section 12.5 Lending Money to Members.**

This Lodge shall not lend money to any of its members.

**Section 12.6 Lotteries.**

This Lodge and all members thereof are strictly forbidden to give, or attempt to give, the aid or countenance of Masonry in organized or individual form to any lottery or gift enterprise.

**Section 12.7 Smoking.**

Smoking in the Lodge Room is prohibited while the Lodge is at Labor.

**ARTICLE XIII  
RULES OF ORDER**

**Section 13.1 Order of Business.**

The normal order of business at meetings of this Lodge shall be as follows:

- |        |  |
|--------|--|
| First  | Reading of the minutes.                |
| Second | Reports of committees.                 |
| Third  | Balloting.                             |
| Fourth | Reception of petitions.                |
| Fifth. | Miscellaneous and unfinished business. |
| Sixth  | Conferring of degrees.                 |



**ARTICLE XIV  
AMENDMENTS**

Any amendment to these By-laws shall be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and the Secretary shall promptly give written notice thereof to all members whose residence is known. The proposal shall lie over until the next regular meeting, when by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting such amendment may be adopted; provided, however, that no amendment shall have effect unless and until approved by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

**General Forms For Lodges**

**MINUTES FOR LODGES**

**NOTE** --- Head with Regular or Special meeting, as the case may be. Lodge meetings are called Meetings, those of the Grand Lodge, Communications.

The Grand Master opens a Lodge in ample form, his Deputy in due form, a Worshipful Master in form.

If during the meeting the Grand Master or an elective Grand or an elective Past Grand Officer from a sister Grand Jurisdiction, or a distinguished Mason from abroad visits the Lodge, state the particulars of his reception and a synopsis of the addresses delivered on the occasion, etc.

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ A. D. 20

Regular meeting.

**PRESENT**

Brother A.B., Worshipful Master.	Brother P.Q., Senior Deacon.
Brother C. D., Senior Warden.	Brother R. S., Junior Deacon.
Brother E. F., Junior Warden.	Brother T.U., Senior Steward.
Brother G.H., Treasurer.	Brother V.W., Junior Steward.
Brother I.K., Secretary.	Brother N.O., Marshal.
Brother L.M., Chaplain.	Brother X.Y., Tyler.

Members and visiting Brethren as per Tyler's register.

The Lodge opened on the Master Mason (or Entered Apprentice) degree, in form.

The minutes of the last regular meeting, held \_\_\_\_\_ and subsequent special meetings, held \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, were read, approved, and signed by the Worshipful Master. (If corrected by the Master or any member, state it.)

The Investigating Committee on the petition of Mr. A.B. (or Brother) for the three degrees (or for affiliation) having reported, the ballot was spread and he was declared elected (or rejected).

The Worshipful Master instructed the Secretary to notify the Grand Secretary of the above rejection (if such as the result of the ballot) and to inform Mr. A. B. of the action of the Lodge, and to return to him the fee which accompanied his petition.

Petitions for the degrees were received from Messrs. X. R. and T. V. and referred to committees as follows. (Give names.)

A petition for affiliation--accompanied by a regular dimit (or certificate of standing)--was received from Brother R. S. and referred to a committee, as follows: Brothers Z.O., A.N., and C.M.

Bills as follows were audited, presented, and ordered paid.

(Give complete list with amounts and totals.)

Communications:

From the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Utah, as follows: (Copy the entire communication.)

(All communications from the Grand Master, or from Grand Lodge, must be spread in full in the minutes.)

From Brothers A.Z. and L.X. acknowledging courtesies received from the Lodge (or whatever the nature of the communications; also make record of other communications).

Brother A.B. offered the following amendment to Section \_\_\_\_\_, (of Article \_\_\_\_\_) of the By-laws, which the Worshipful Master ordered to be spread on the minutes in full, and, in accordance with Section 141 of the By-laws of this Lodge, to lie over till the next regular meeting. (Here copy the amendment.)

The following resolution was offered by Brother C.D.: (Copy resolution in full.)

After some time spent in consideration of the resolution, a motion

prevailed that the matter be laid on the table until the next regular meeting (or such other action as was really taken.)

Brother E.F., Junior Warden, presented the following charges and specifications: (Copy charges and specifications in full.)

The Worshipful Master ordered the secretary to issue notice to all members residing in this city to be present at the next regular meeting, for the purpose of electing five Commissioners to try the charges in accordance with the Trial Code of Grand Lodge.

The report of the Hall Committee, laid on the table at the last meeting, was taken up, and after a full discussion, on motion adopted.

The amendment to Section \_\_\_\_\_, (of Article \_\_\_\_\_), of the By-laws of this Lodge, offered by Brother A.B. at the last regular meeting, was taken up and thoroughly discussed. It was then moved, seconded, and carried that the amendment be adopted. The Worshipful Master instructed the Secretary to transmit a copy of the proposed amendment to the Grand Secretary for approval of the Grand Master.

(All amendments to By-laws must be approved by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, and such approval must be recorded in the minutes.)

By order of the Worshipful Master, labor on the Master Mason degree was suspended and a Lodge of Fellow-Crafts opened in lieu thereof. Brother T.L. was then examined as to his proficiency in this degree, after which the Lodge closed on the Fellow Craft degree and labor was resumed on the Master Mason degree.

The Lodge being satisfied with the examination, Brother T.L. being in waiting was prepared, introduced, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, according to ancient custom, received the lectures and charge pertaining to this degree, was welcomed by the Worshipful Master in the East, signed the By-laws of the Lodge and took a seat among the brethren.

Following are the receipts since the last regular meeting, and of this evening:

Trustees' interest . . . . .	\$17.50
Brother T.L., Master Mason degree . . . . .	10.00
Brother A.B., dues . . . . .	6.00

Brothers C.D., dues ..... 12.00  
 Mr. R.S., initiation fee ..... 50.00  
 Total ..... \$95.50

This sum was paid to the Treasurer, and his receipt taken.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in form at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock p.m., peace and harmony prevailing.

I.K., Secretary

**NOTES.**--When a special meeting is called for the purpose of conferring degrees, the Master after opening the Lodge should state the object of the meeting, and the following rules should be observed and accordingly entered by the Secretary in the minutes of the evening.

The vote on proficiency is taken in the degree the candidate has received; in all other matters the Secretary may be guided by the instructions given for raising in the regular meeting.

When called for the purpose of conferring the Entered Apprentice degree, the Lodge will be opened, do the work, and close in that degree.

When a Lodge is called for the purpose of conferring the Fellow Craft degree, it must be opened in that degree, suspend labor, and open on the Entered Apprentice degree for examination; when the examination is concluded, the Lodge is closed in that degree and labor resumed in the Fellow Craft degree, the work done and the Lodge closed in that degree.

When a Lodge is called for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason degree, it must be opened on that degree, suspend labor, and open in the Fellow Craft degree for examination; when the examination is concluded the Lodge is closed, labor resumed in the Master Mason degree, the work done, and the Lodge closed in that degree.

**NOTE**--If the examination has been conducted by a committee, the Master will state the result of the examination.

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION TO FORM A NEW LODGE

To the Most Worshipful \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of Masons in Utah:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are Master Masons in good standing in the respective Lodges named opposite their several signatures hereunto; that they reside in or near the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Utah; that among them is a sufficient number of Brethren well qualified to open and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and to discharge all its various duties in the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry, and to conform with the established usage; that they have provided a safe and suitable Lodge-room; and that, having the prosperity of Masonry at heart, and being desirous to use their best endeavors for the diffusion of its beneficent principles, they pray for a dispensation empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular Lodge at the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, aforesaid, to be called \_\_\_\_\_.

They have nominated and fraternally recommend, Brother \_\_\_\_\_, the first Master; Brother \_\_\_\_\_, as the first Senior Warden; and Brother \_\_\_\_\_, as the first Junior Warden of the said Lodge, they being in all respects competent to perform all the duties of the several stations for which they are proposed; and, if the prayer of the petitioners is granted, they promise in all things strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and undeviating conformity to the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_.

*Signature	Name of Lodge	Number	State or County
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(Sign name in full.)

\* Must be signed by at least seven known and approved Master Masons. Section 2-7-2. Requirements.

RECOMMENDATION OF A PETITION FOR THE FORMATION  
OF A NEW LODGE

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A.M.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_

To the Most Worshipful \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of  
Masons in Utah:

At a stated meeting of this Lodge, held at the date above written,  
the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

Whereas, A petition for a dispensation to open and form a new  
Lodge at \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
State of Utah, has been presented to this Lodge for recommendation;  
and Whereas, It is known to this Lodge that the signers to said  
petition, \_\_\_\_\_ in number, are all Master Masons in  
good standing, and that a safe and suitable Lodge-room has been  
provided by them for their meetings; it is -----

Resolved, That the establishment of said new Lodge is of manifest  
propriety, and will conduce to the good of the Fraternity, and that this  
Lodge recommends to the Grand Master the granting of the  
dispensation prayed for in said petition.

A true copy from the minutes.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the  
seal of the Lodge aforesaid, at the date above written.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Secretary

(Seal)

CERTIFICATE OF QUALIFICATIONS OF THE MASTER  
PROPOSED IN A PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE

To the Most Worshipful \_\_\_\_\_, Grand Master of  
Masons

in Utah:

The petition of \_\_\_\_\_ Brethren, residing at  
the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, in  
the County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
State of Utah, praying the Grand Master for a dispensation to open  
and hold a new Lodge at said \_\_\_\_\_, to be  
called \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, having been  
presented to me; and Brother \_\_\_\_\_ being recommended  
therein for nomination as the first Master of said proposed new  
Lodge, having been examined in open Lodge; (or before me as Grand  
Lecturer) now I, \_\_\_\_\_, Master of (or Grand  
Lecturer) of the Grand Lodge \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
do hereby certify that said Brother \_\_\_\_\_ is fully  
competent properly to open and close a Lodge, and to confer the three  
degrees of Masonry.

Given at \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_,  
this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_.

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Master

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Secretary

or

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Grand Lecturer

PETITION FOR CHARTER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah:

The undersigned respectfully represent that on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_, a dispensation was issued by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge at \_\_\_\_\_, in the County of \_\_\_\_\_, State of Utah, by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge; that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ next ensuing said Lodge was opened and organized, and has since continued successfully to work during the period named in said dispensation, as will appear from its records, and returns, herewith presented; and that it is the desire of the members of said Lodge that its existence shall be perpetuated.

They therefore pray that a charter be granted to said Lodge under the name of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, with such number as the usage of the Grand Lodge may assign to it; and recommend that Brother \_\_\_\_\_, be named therein as Master; Brother \_\_\_\_\_ as Senior Warden; and Brother \_\_\_\_\_ as Junior Warden; promising, as heretofore, strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and undeviating conformity to the Constitutions and Regulations of Grand Lodge.

Given by instruction from and on behalf of said Lodge, at \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20 \_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(sign all given names in full)

\*Must be accompanied by the dimit or the Certificate of Good Standing of each subscriber.

CERTIFICATE FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GRAND LODGE

\_\_\_\_\_, Utah, \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_\_

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Utah:

This is to certify that Brother \_\_\_\_\_ is the duly elected and installed Worshipful Master; Brother \_\_\_\_\_ the Senior Warden, and Brother \_\_\_\_\_ the Junior Warden of the above Lodge, and that as such they are entitled to represent this Lodge at the \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Utah.

Given under my hand and seal of the Lodge, on the day first above written.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Secretary

(Seal)

NOTE--Please fill this out and return to the Grand Secretary. Given names of Officers must be written in full.

CERTIFICATE OF INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF A  
LODGE  
Office of the Secretary

of \_\_\_\_\_ F. & A. M.

To the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of F. & A. M. of Utah:

This is to certify that at a regular meeting of the above named

Lodge held on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ was elected Worshipful  
Master

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ “ ” Senior Warden

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ “ ” Junior Warden

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ “ ” Treasurer

Bro. \_\_\_\_\_ “ ” Secretary

and that on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, they were  
installed in their respective offices by Bro.  
(state rank).

Given under my hand and seal of the above Lodge on the day last  
above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

(Seal)

Note -- Please fill this out and return to the Grand Secretary without delay. Give title  
of Installing Officer and write all given names in full.

CREDENTIALS WHERE AN OFFICER OF A LODGE  
HAS APPOINTED A PROXY

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Utah:

This is to certify that I have deputed Brother

(state rank) to represent me at the \_\_\_\_\_ Annual

Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah. I attach hereto the

resolution of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, authorizing  
me

to depute said Brother as my proxy.

\_\_\_\_\_, A. D. 20\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(state rank)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A PROXY



Whereas, Brother \_\_\_\_\_, Worshipful Master (Senior Warden or Junior Warden) of this Lodge cannot attend the \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Utah, to be convened \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That he be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint Brother \_\_\_\_\_, (state rank) as his proxy to act for him at the said Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Lodge, this, the \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Worshipful Master

(Seal)

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

PETITION OF MR.:

For the Three Degrees  
**FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF UTAH**  
Presented \_\_\_\_\_ Elected \_\_\_\_\_  
**COMMITTEE**

**RECORD OF DEGREES** Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_

Conferred Examination	Conferred Examination	Conferred Examination
E.A. _____	F.C. _____	M.M. _____

*This Authorized Statement must be read before filling out the Petition.*  
**INFORMATION FOR APPLICANT**

The question of becoming a Freemason is a matter for very serious consideration and since you have expressed desire to be a member, we deem it advisable that you should be informed on certain points which may affect your decision to apply.

In all ages Freemasonry has insisted that men should come to its doors unsolicited and entirely of their own free will and accord. Moreover, those joining in the hope of selfish personal gain will be bitterly disappointed.

Freemasonry has for its foundation the great basic principles of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. No Atheist can be made a Mason.

Freemasonry is not in any way an insurance Society nor does it provide benefits in case of sickness or death. In a correct and broad sense it is a charitable association, but it only extends such charity as it feels willing and able to grant, not as a matter or right to the recipient, but in its desire to do good and exemplify its moral teachings. The yearly dues are entirely inadequate to permit other than temporary assistance to a member or his family in case of need.

A universal custom requires that, through oral instruction, certain portions of the work is to be memorized after each degree, and before a candidate is advanced.

Every Member is expected to pay promptly the annual dues fixed by his Lodge.

The Fee for the Three Degrees is \$ \_\_\_\_\_, payable with the Petition; or \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with the Petition, \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Before receiving the Fellowcraft Degree, and \$ \_\_\_\_\_ before receiving the Master Mason Degree. After becoming a Master Mason the Annual Dues are \$ \_\_\_\_\_, payable in advance.

Fee Received with Petition: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check, Cash: \_\_\_\_\_  
Received \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDERS**

**We, members in Good Standing, recommend this applicant as a fit and proper candidate.**

*(At least one recommender must have known the applicant for at least six months.)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work#: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Print or word process clearly* Lodge & Location \_\_\_\_\_ *Print or word process clearly*  
Location \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge &

I have known him for \_\_\_\_\_ years. I have known him for \_\_\_\_\_ years

**PETITION FOR THE DEGREES OF MASONRY**

\_\_\_\_\_ Utah, \_\_\_\_\_,

20 \_\_\_\_\_  
To: The Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Members of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge  
No. \_\_\_\_\_ F. & A. M. of Utah:

I, the undersigned, freely and voluntarily offer myself as a candidate for the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry and respectfully petition that I may become a member of your Lodge.

I make this request unbiased by the solicitation of friends and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, being prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge and a sincere wish to be serviceable to my fellow men. If found worthy and elected, I will conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the fraternity.

**I have carefully read the Authorized Statement on the reverse side of this Petition.**

Name (*Print or word process*): \_\_\_\_\_

(*All names in full, including middle name*)

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Residence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Street Apt. City State Zip

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Street City State Zip

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please state explicitly your occupation for the past ten years and where conducted (*use additional paper if needed*):

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal residence for last six months: \_\_\_\_\_

During the past five years I have resided in: \_\_\_\_\_

If more than one place, state the years in each.

I have ( ) have not ( ) previously presented a petition to any Masonic Lodge.

If so, when, to what Lodge and what action was taken?

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Wife's name: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_   
If you have a physical condition that would affect your participating in the conferring of the degrees, please describe:

\_\_\_\_\_   
I will see that my family understands that Masonry is NOT an Insurance or Benefit Society.

What other organizations or groups do you belong to?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_   
List two character references, preferably Masons, other than your recommenders.  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever been convicted of a Felony? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

I believe in the existence of a Supreme Being. Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Upon my honor, I declare all the foregoing statements to be true.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Usual Signature of Applicant*

**NOTE: PRINT or WORD PROCESS ALL INFORMATION LEDGIBLY AND COMPLETE THE ENTIRE APPLICATION OR THE PETITION WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT FURTHER PROCESSING. REFERENCE OF PETITION FOR THE DEGREES**

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.

Brothers: \_\_\_\_\_ (The Secretary will make this note in triplicate, listing all three

\_\_\_\_\_ of the committeemen, and check one name of each, indicating

to \_\_\_\_\_ whom it is to be sent.)

You have been appointed to act as a Committee of Investigation on the petition for the Three Degrees, received by this Lodge at its last regular meeting, presented by \_\_\_\_\_

A copy of his petition is enclosed and must be returned with your report.

You will diligently inquire into the moral, mental, and physical qualifications of the applicant, his economic situation, and whether he has been an actual resident of the State of Utah for six months and within the



jurisdiction of this Lodge for six months.\*

\*If the Committee finds the applicant disqualified by lack of residence or physical disability, and finds no other objection, it should make a special report. The Master may then direct the withdrawal of the petition, as provided by Section 3-7-8, G. L. Code.

Your investigation should be personal and as searching as possible, in order to determine whether the applicant is proper Masonic material.

The suggestions listed on the reverse side of this sheet are not all-inclusive, but should aid you in your investigation.

Ballot on this petition will be at the regular meeting,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Please mail or hand your report to the Secretary as soon as your investigation is completed, at least two days before the meeting.

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**REPORT OF COMMITTEE MEMBER**

I hereby affirm that I have made a strict and careful examination into the character, reputation, and qualifications of the above name applicant and report \_\_\_\_\_ favorably.

(Date) \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

If for any reason you cannot act on this committee, inform the Secretary or Master immediately. Failure to report is unfair to the applicant and the Lodge.

**SUGGESTIONS TO INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE**

The best interests of the Masonic Fraternity demand a prompt and careful investigation of the character and standing of those seeking admissions. Many points other than those listed here will suggest themselves to you in your investigation.

A personal interview with the applicant is desirable. It is proper either to call on him or to ask him to get in touch with you.

Always contact his recommenders and those to whom he refers.

Satisfy yourself of his mental and physical ability to earn a livelihood, to conform substantially to the ceremonies and to be instructed in the mysteries of Masonry.

Check carefully on his residence. One may have been employed and lived in the city for more than six months and yet not have established "legal residence." Grand Lodge Code, Sec. 3-16-12: "the residence of an applicant for the Degree is defined to be his permanent settled domicile, or fixed abode, from choice; and , as a rule, is identical with his legal residence."

Ascertain his credit standing if possible. Is he a man of his word? Is he intemperate or an habitual gambler? Make a general inquiry among his friends, neighbors, and business associates.

If married, is applicant living with and supporting his family? Does his wife approve the idea of his entering the Fraternity? Not always will it be found necessary to interview the wife but in some cases it may be essential. Use your judgment after the interview with applicant. If his parents are living, what is their attitude in the matter? Usually this can be determined by questioning the applicant.

It is essential to know his belief in a Supreme Being.

If the applicant has resided in other parts of this state or within the past few years resided in another state, the first named on the committee should write or contact the Secretary of the Lodge there for a report on his character, and previous conduct.

**RETURN THE COPY OF THE PETITION WITH YOUR REPORT.**

**NOTICE OF ELECTION TO CANDIDATE**

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING  
FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINING ANOTHER LODGE

To Mr. \_\_\_\_\_:

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.,  
A. D. 20\_\_\_\_\_.

Dear Sir: I have the pleasure to inform you that at a regular meeting  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M., held on  
, 20\_\_\_\_\_, you were elected to receive the degrees of Masonry in  
said Lodge.

Please present yourself for initiation at the Masonic Hall on next  
\_\_\_\_\_ evening, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
at  
\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock.

Fraternally yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

(Seal)

(If elected by affiliation, change form and add request that he  
present himself to sign the By-laws.)

\_\_\_\_\_, Utah, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren of  
Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M., \_\_\_\_\_, Utah.

Brethren: I hereby apply for a certificate that I am in good standing  
and not in arrears for dues, nor under charges, nor indebted in any  
official capacity to this Lodge, for the purpose of transferring my  
membership to \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, located at  
.

Fraternally yours,

\_\_\_\_\_

### CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

#### For the Purpose of Plural Membership or of Transferring Membership

**IMPORTANT:** If this certificate is not used within ninety day form the date thereof, it will be void and of no effect.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Lodge Name & Number)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Issue)

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and the Members of:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Brethren:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother

\_\_\_\_\_ is a member in good standing of this Lodge; his dues are paid up to the date of this certificate, and through to \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_; he is not in any way indebted to this Lodge and is not under charges. This certificate is issued on authority of this Lodge at his request, for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_:

If the purpose of this request is for the Transferring of Membership; kindly notify this Lodge on the form attached hereto, of the action taken by your Lodge on his petition for membership by affiliation. Upon receipt of same, a demit will be forwarded to you promptly.

Fraternally

yours,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge Seal Secretary

#### MASONIC DATA

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_  
Initiated \_\_\_\_\_  
Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Raised \_\_\_\_\_  
Office served \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS TO CERTIFY that Brother \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Whose present address is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Was on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, elected to membership by affiliation in this Lodge, \_\_\_\_\_ he having previously submitted his petition for affiliation, accompanied by a Certificate of Good Standing issued by your Lodge and bearing the date of \_ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ A. F. & A. M.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Seal of Lodge

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
20\_\_\_\_ (City or Town) (Date)

TO THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER,  
WARDENS, AND MEMBERS OF

\_\_\_\_\_, Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ F. & A. M.  
I, the undersigned, \_\_\_\_\_ respectfully state that I am a Master Mason in  
good standing and submit herewith as evidence thereof a  
\_\_\_\_\_ issued

(Certificate of Good Standing or Dimit)  
at my request by \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of \_\_\_\_\_  
And now fraternally petition to become a member of your Lodge, if found worthy. I  
am \_\_\_\_\_. (state whether single, married, divorced, or widower).

My occupation is: \_\_\_\_\_  
In connection with: \_\_\_\_\_  
My business address is \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
My residence is \_\_\_\_\_ Res. Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Please send mail to \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Zone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_ City and State

I was Initiated \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Passed \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Raised \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

List two character references, preferable Masons, other than your recommenders:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant)

We, members in Good Standing, recommend the above named petitioner as a proper  
Candidate for membership in this Lodge.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have known him for \_\_\_\_\_ years.  
\_\_\_\_\_ I have known him for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Investigation  
Committee Address  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate elected \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Committee notified \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Candidate notified \_\_\_\_\_

RENUNCIATION

\_\_\_\_\_, Utah, \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Know All Men by These Present: That I, \_\_\_\_\_ a  
citizen of Utah, age \_\_\_\_\_ years; occupation  
; residence \_\_\_\_\_, Utah; do hereby swear and declare on  
my honor that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, I became  
identified with an association pretending to be a Lodge of Free and  
Accepted Masons known as \_\_\_\_\_; that I did  
not know it to be an irregular and a clandestine body; and that I  
hereby, on my own free will and accord, with full knowledge of the  
consequences of my act, completely renounce all allegiance to said  
clandestine organization. I further declare that on the \_\_\_\_ day of  
, 20\_\_\_\_, I gave notice in writing to the officers of said association  
that I have permanently severed my relation therewith and affiliation  
thereto.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name in Full

Witnesses:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

SUMMONS

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, Dear Sir and Brother:

You are hereby summoned to attend a  
meeting of the above Lodge on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_ M.

On this take due notice, and govern yourself accordingly.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Worshipful Master

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Secretary

TO ALL FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS  
*Wheresoever Dispersed Around the Globe, Greetings*

**DIMIT**

This is to Certify that Brother \_\_\_\_\_ whose  
signature appears in the margin hereof, is a MASTER MASON in good standing  
(TYPE ALL NAMES IN FULL)  
and was, until this date, a member of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ F. &  
A. M., under the jurisdiction of the M. W. GRAND LODGE, F. & A. M. Of  
UTAH. Having paid all dues and being in good fellowship with the Brethren, he has  
voluntarily withdrawn from said Lodge; and now by its order, receives this  
CERTIFICATE, recommending him to the friendship and good will of the Fraternity,  
wherever he may be.

Issued by the authority of the aforesaid Lodge, at \_\_\_\_\_ in the State of  
Utah, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_, as witness my hand, the  
Seal of the Lodge and the attestation of the Secretary.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Worshipful Master

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Secretary

(SEAL)

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ Named in the foregoing  
dimit is a legally constituted Lodge of the M. W. Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. Of Utah.  
Given under my hand the Seal of said Grand Lodge this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Secretary

Masonic Data:

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Initiated \_\_\_\_\_

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

Raised \_\_\_\_\_

In \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Offices Held  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other Information  
\_\_\_\_\_

WAIVER OF JURISDICTION

(Back of Dimit)

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Utah, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_\_

NON-AFFILIATED MASON

Sec. 3-11-1 -- Grand Lodge Code:

It is contrary to the spirit and precepts of Masonry for a Mason not affiliated with a Blue Lodge to reside within the jurisdiction of a Lodge without making an effort to become a member thereof.

Sec. 3-11-2 -- Grand Lodge Code:

A non-affiliated mason sojourning in this Grand Jurisdiction shall have the privilege of visiting Lodges for a period of six months. Unless such non-affiliate shall petition some Lodge for membership within thirty days thereafter, and if rejected shall contribute to some chartered Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction its regular dues, he shall be debarred from Masonic right and privileges as follows:

FIRST He shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge.

SECOND He shall not be allowed to appear in any Masonic procession.

THIRD He shall not be entitled to Masonic charity.

FOURTH He shall not be entitled to Masonic burial.

FIFTH He shall be deemed a drone in the hive of Masonry and unworthy of the protection of Masons.

This Section shall be printed on the back of each dimit granted in this Jurisdiction.

To all Free and Accepted Masons,  
wheresoever dispersed, Greetings:

Sirs and Brothers: This is to certify that Brother \_\_\_\_\_ was on the day \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ initiated (or passed \_\_\_\_\_ give date of both) in our Lodge. At his own request all further jurisdiction over him is waived by consent of the Lodge.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Worshipful Master

(Seal)

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_,  
Secretary

REQUESTING ANOTHER LODGE IN THIS JURISDICTION TO  
CONFER DEGREES

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Utah, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_\_

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Members  
of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.

Dear Brethren: You are hereby fraternally requested to confer the  
degree of (Entered Apprentice or Fellow-Craft or Master Mason) on  
\_\_\_\_\_ for this Lodge, he having been duly  
elected to receive the same.

\_\_\_\_\_,  
Secretary

(Seal)

\*REQUESTING A LODGE IN ANOTHER JURISDICTION TO  
CONFER DEGREES AS A COURTESY

Hall of \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.  
\_\_\_\_\_, Utah, A.D. 20\_\_\_\_\_

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Members of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.:

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Dear Brethren:

You are fraternally requested to confer the degrees of (Entered  
Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, or all of them) on Mr. (or Brother)  
As a courtesy to this Lodge. (Or to \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No.  
)

The address of the candidate is (give full name, street number, and city).  
Will you please coach and examine the candidate (or Brother) in the  
catechism of the \_\_\_\_\_ Degree (or he has passed a  
satisfactory examination in the \_\_\_\_\_ Degree. If the Master  
Mason Degree is to be conferred, the following instructions should be given.)  
Our law requires that a Master Mason must present himself for examination  
as to his proficiency in the catechism of the Master Mason Degree, including  
the Test Oath, within sixty days after having been raised unless for good  
reasons further time is granted by the Master. Will you be so good as to have  
the necessary coaching done and examination given, and advise us of the date  
when Brother \_\_\_\_\_ passed this examination.

An identification slip is enclosed, the other portion of which has been sent  
to the candidate with instructions to present it to the Secretary of your Lodge  
when called to receive the work (or to be coached).

We shall greatly appreciate the courtesy if this request meets with your  
approval.

Fraternally yours,

(Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_, Secretary

\*All such requests to (or from) Lodges of a Foreign Jurisdiction must be  
approved by the Grand Master or the Grand Secretary of Utah.

PETITION FOR RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION  
FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Members of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M.:

The undersigned respectfully represents that he was suspended for non-  
payment of dues by \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_,  
F. & A. M. of Utah on \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

He now petitions said Lodge for restoration to membership and encloses  
herewith  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover all arrearages in dues.

He promises, if restored to membership, to comply strictly with the  
regulations of the Lodge and the usages of Freemasonry.

Born \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_  
City State

Resides \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_

Respectfully,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name in full

Referred to the following Committee for Investigation:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

(Note Sections 3-12-4 and 3-12-5 Code)

STANDARD FORM FOR RECEIPT FOR DUES

Date Issued

Card

\_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT BROTHER

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

is a Master Mason in good standing in

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M., at

\_\_\_\_\_, Utah, for the year.

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Secretary

(Seal of issuing Lodge must appear on dues card)

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, F. & A. M., at  
, Utah, is a legally constituted Lodge, working under authority of a  
Charter issued by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Utah.

(Grand Seal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grand Secretary



**CODE REVISIONS FROM GRAND LODGE  
PROCEEDING AMENDMENTS FROM THE YEARS  
1980-2006**

**Constitution of the M.W. Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Utah**

**Article II – Authority and Territorial Jurisdiction  
Section 3.**

(Section deleted and subsequent Sections renumbered. Section was to obtain a waiver for Petitioners to receive the Degrees.)  
(1996 Proceedings, Page 95, Resolution #4)

**Article III - Composition, Section 1, Members**

(Addition of Grand Historian)  
(1984 Proceedings, Page 58, Resolution #1)

**Article VII – Elections-Appointment-Installations**

**Section 1. Elective Officers**

(This change was to make the Deputy Grand Master the Grand Master Elect.)  
(2005 Proceedings Page 60, Resolution #1)

**Article VIII – Votes**

**Section 1. Voting.**

**Section 2. Two Votes.**

(Changed to allow Delegates to hold more than one vote.)  
(1989 Proceedings, Page 74, Resolution #2)

**Article VIII – Votes**

**Section 1. Voting.**

**Section 2. Two Votes.**

(Changed to allow Delegates to hold more than one vote.)  
(1989 Proceedings, Page 74, Resolution #2 & 1990 Proceedings Page 89)

**By-Laws and Regulations**

**Section 2-1-1. Annual Communication.**

(Stipulates that the annual Communication will only be on the Master Mason Degree.)  
(Proceedings, Page 75 – Carry over from 118<sup>th</sup> Communication)

**Section 2-1-1. Annual Communication.**

(Changed in order to allow a different time and place to hold the Annual communication due to conflicts with local trade.)  
(1999 Proceedings, Page 98, Resolution #2)

**Section 2-1-3. Installation.**

(Changed from Tiled to Public or Tiled Installations)  
(1982 Proceedings, Page 62, Resolution #2 Part A)

**Section 2-2-3. Grand Treasurer.**

**Fourth.**

(Clarification that Treasurer must have a Surety Bond.)  
(2003 Proceedings, Page 121, Resolution #6 Part A)

**Section 2-2-4. Grand Secretary-Duties.**

**Ninth.**

(Reduced the amount of copies required to be made, reducing the cost of printing hard bound copies and copies for foreign Jurisdictions.)  
(1991 Proceedings, Page 83, Floor Resolution #9)

**Section 2-2-4. Grand Secretary-Duties.**

**Thirteenth.**

(Removed reporting rejections.)  
(1991 Proceedings, Page 77, Resolution #1 Part A)

**Section 2-2-4. Grand Secretary-Duties.**

**Seventeenth.**

(Clarification that Secretary must have a Surety Bond.)  
(2003 Proceedings, Page 121, Resolution #6 Part B)

**Section 2-2-4. Grand Secretary-Duties.**

**Twentieth.**

(This paragraph was added to provide for insurance coverage.)  
(2003 Proceedings, Page 122, Resolution #6 Part C)

**Section 2-2-6. Grand Lecturer.**

**Sixth.**

(Paragraph added to assist Lodges who do not have a ritualist available to give the Lectures from memory.)  
(1993 Proceedings, Page 86, Resolution #2)

**Section 2-2-9. Grand Lodge Historian.**

(Section 2-2-9 added to define the duties of the Grand Historian)  
(1986 Proceedings, Page 71, Resolution #6)

**Section 2-3-4. Session Committees - Appointment.**

(Moved Finance Committee from Session Committees to Standing Committees.) (1995 Proceedings, Page 116, Resolution #8 Part A)

**Section 2-3-5. Session Committees - Duties.**

**Third.**

(Moved Finance Committee from Session Committees to Standing Committees. Third paragraph deleted and subsequent Sections renumbered.)

(1995 Proceedings, Page 116, Resolution #8 Part B)

**Section 2-3-6. Standing Committees - Appointment**

(1983 Proceedings, Page 58, Resolution #2 Part A and 1984 Proceedings, Page 66, as a correction to the 1983 Proceedings)

**Section 2-3-6. Standing Committees - Appointment**

(Added the Community Service and Public Relations Committee) (1985 Proceedings, Page 63, Resolution #3 Part A)

**Section 2-3-6. Standing Committees - Appointment**

(Changed term of appointments for Standing Committees.) (1989 Proceedings, Page 76, Revised Resolution #4)

**Section 2-3-6. Standing Committees - Appointment**

(Moved Finance Committee from Session Committees to Standing Committees.) (1995 Proceedings, Page 116, Resolution #8 Part C)

**Section 2-3-7. Standing Committees - Duties.**

**Eighth. Preservation of Records.**

(Added the duties of the Preservation of Records Committee) (1983 Proceedings, Page 58, Resolution #2 Part B and 1984 Proceedings, Page 66, as a correction to the 1983 Proceedings)

**Section 2-3-7. Standing Committees - Duties.**

**Ninth. Community Service and Public Relations.**

(Added the Community Service and Public Relations Committee Duties) (1985 Proceedings, Page 63, Resolution #3 Part B)

**Section 2-3-7. Standing Committees - Duties.**

**Tenth. Finance.**

(Moved Finance Committee from Session Committees to Standing Committees.)

(1995 Proceedings, Page 116, Resolution #8 Part D)

**Section 2-5-3. Dues from Constituent Lodges**

(Increase dues from \$3.75 to \$5.75)

(1980 Proceedings, Page 69, Resolution #5)

**Section 2-5-3. Dues from Constituent Lodges**

(Increase dues from \$3.75 to \$5.75)

(1981 Proceedings, Page 61, Resolution #1)

**Section 2-5-3. Dues from Constituent Lodges**

(Increase dues from \$5.75 to \$8.00)

(1982 Proceedings, Page 62, Resolution #1)

**Section 2-5-3. Dues from Constituent Lodges**

(Increased dues from \$8.00 to \$11.00)

(1986 Proceedings, Page 74, Resolution #9)

**Section 2-5-3. Dues from Constituent Lodges**

(Increase dues from \$11.00 to be determined at Annual Communication.)

(1995 Proceedings, Page 116, Resolution #8 Part E)

**Section 2-5-8.**

(Section deleted from Code. Federal Legislation conflicted with the Masonic Foundation of Utah from allocating funds to most Masonic Organization.)

(1985 Proceedings, Page 62, Resolution #1)

**Section 2-5-8. Grand Lodge Endowment Fund**

(This change further clarifies the funds to be invested for Grand Lodge purposes.)

(2005 Proceedings Page 61, Resolution #2)

**Section 2-8-4. Restoration of Charter.**

(Revised to include options for restoration including a probationary period.)

(1994 Proceedings, Page 69, Resolution #5)

**Section 2-9-1. Private and Public Ceremonies.**

(Allowing and defining Public Grand Honors)

(1986 Proceedings, Page 68, Resolution #3)

**Section 3-3-1. Kinds.**

(Revised to allow the change of Regular Meetings dates when conflicting with Grand Lodge Annual Communication.)

(1987 Proceedings, Page 92, Resolution #6)

**Section 3-3-1. Kinds.**

(Revised voting on Dark Months)

(1987 Proceedings, Page 93, Resolution #7)

**Section 3-2-1. Duties**

**First.**

(Revised to allow the use of dedicated Masonic rooms by non-Masonic entities.)

(1997 Proceedings, Page 101, Resolution #3 Part A)

**Section 3-2-1. Duties.**

**Third.**

(Removed reporting rejections.)

(1991 Proceedings, Page 77, Resolution #1 Part B)

**Section 3-2-1. Duties.**

**Eighth.**

(Removed reporting rejections.)

(1991 Proceedings, Page 77, Resolution #1 Part C)

**Section 3-2-1. Duties.**

**Ninth.**

(Elections changed from December to November.)

(1987 Proceedings, Page 91, Resolution #5)

**Section 3-3-1. Kinds.**

(Added Regular Business can be on the Entered Apprentice Degree.)

(1990 Proceedings, Page 83, Resolution #4 Part B & 1991 Proceedings, Page 75 – Carry over from 118<sup>th</sup> Communication)

**Section 3-3-1. Kinds.**

(Added to allow regular meetings to be held on the Fellowcraft Degree.)

(2001 Proceedings, Page 97, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-4-1. Qualifications.**

(Changed to allow a member to hold dual offices in the same Lodge.)

(1990 Proceedings, Page 81, Resolution #1)

**Section 3-4-1. Qualifications.**

(Allows Trustees to also hold and Elected or Appointed Office.)

(1995 Proceedings, Page 115, Resolution #7)

**Section 3-4-2. Election.**

(Elections changed from December to November.)

(1987 Proceedings, Page 90, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-4-6. Installation.**

(Changed from Tiled to Public or Tiled Installations)

(1982 Proceedings, Page 62, Resolution #2 Part B)

**Section 3-4-6. Installation.**

(Revised to clarify that installations will be in December.)

(1988 Proceedings, Page 76, Resolution #1)

**Section 3-4-6. Installation.**

(Revised to state that installations must be held after the Regular Annual Meeting in December.)

(1989 Proceedings, Page 75, Resolution #3)

**Section 3-4-7. Special Requirements for Installation of a Master.**

(Revised to change requirement for proficiency in the Degree lectures.)

(1988 Proceedings, Page 77, Resolution #2)

**Section 3-4-7. Special Requirements for Installation of a Master.**

(Revised to define Utah Standard Work memorization required for the Master.)

(1989 Proceedings, Page 72, Resolution #1)

**Section 3-4-7. Special Requirements for Installation of a Master.**

(Revisions to Master's proficiency. No. 4 in defined section was added, No. 9. in the exceptions deleted, No. 10 renumbered to No. 9, and the sentence "Proficiency in the three degree Lectures does not mandate their memorization." was deleted from the last paragraph.)

(1996 Proceedings, Page 94, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-4-7. Special Requirements for Installation of a Master.**

(No. 4 in defined section was deleted and the sentence "Proficiency mandates memorization of one of then current versions of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, or Master Mason Degree Lectures" was added to the last paragraph.)

(1997 Proceedings, Page 100, Resolution #2)

**Section 3-4-16. Duties of Secretary. Twelve.**

(Paragraph Twelve added to include the submission of a “Historical Data Sheet.”)

(1986 Proceedings, Page 72, Resolution #7)

**Section 3-5-6. Processions.**

(Change made to allow Public processions.)

(2006 Proceedings - Not yet published, Floor Resolution)

**Section 3-5-13. Solicitation for Additional Degrees.**

(Deleted 60-day requirement between Becoming a Master Mason and receiving the Scottish or York Rite Degrees.)

(1988 Proceedings, Page 79, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-5-14. Solicitation for Membership in Masonic Affiliated Organizations.**

(Revised to not allow a Master Mason to petition for other Masonic Organizations until after passing the proficiency.)

(2003 Proceedings, Page 119, Resolution #1)

**Section 3-6-3. Plural Membership.**

(Portion added to prevent members from giving up membership to hold multiple memberships outside of this Jurisdiction.)

(1993 Proceedings, Page 86, Resolution #1)

**Section 3-6-3. Plural Membership.**

(Revised to state that “A member may not hold more than one elected office at the same time in more than one lodge.”)

(1995 Proceedings, Page 117, Resolution #9 Brought on the Floor during Communication)

**Section 3-6-3. Plural Membership.**

(Original change to this section was to allow a member to belong to no more than Two Utah Lodges. It was amended on the floor and changed to Four Utah Lodges and passed.)

(2000 Proceedings, Page 115, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-6-3. Plural Membership.**

(Allows a Member to hold an office in one Lodge and not hold any elective office except Treasurer, Secretary, or Trustee at the same time in more than one lodge.)

(2001 Proceedings, Page 94, Resolution #2)

**Section 3-6-8. Masonic Organizations.**

(Temple Associations added for clarification.)

(1985 Proceedings, Page 68, Resolution #7)

**Section 3-6-10. Territorial Jurisdiction.**

(Addition of Jurisdictional boundaries for Canyon Lodge #13 and Twin Peaks Lodge #32 and restating boundary for Christopher Diehl Lodge #19.)

(1984 Proceedings, Page 64, Resolution #5)

**Section 3-6-10. Territorial Jurisdiction.**

(Territorial Jurisdictions removed from Midvale and Magna Lodges.)

(2006 Proceedings - Not yet published, Resolution #1 Part A)

**Section 3-6-11. Reporting Candidates.**

(This section removed to eliminate notification to other Lodges holding concurrent Jurisdiction of membership applications.)

(2006 Proceedings - Not yet published, Resolution #1 Part B)

**Section 3-6-11. Residence.**

(Section renumbered from 3-6-12 to 3-6-11.)

(2006 Proceedings - Not yet published, Resolution #1 Part C)

**Section 3-7-2. Standing Resolution and Decision.**

(Section deleted from Code. Subsequent Section No’s. changed due to deletion. Note: Section disqualifying members of the LDS church from Masonic Membership in this Jurisdiction.)

(1984 Proceedings, Page 62, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-7-2. Disqualifications.**

(The time limit for Mason’s wishing to affiliate or hold dual memberships was waived.)

(1994 Proceedings, Page 69, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-7-3. Petitions.**

(Changed from Two to One Member of the Jurisdiction must know candidate for one year.)

(1986 Proceedings, Page 76, Resolution #11)

**Section 3-7-3. Petitions.**

(Added a member could be recommended by two members from a Jurisdiction recognized as “Regular”.)

(1993 Proceedings, Page 88, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-7-3. Petitions.**

(Reduced the time of knowing and applicant to six months.)  
(1999 Proceedings, Page 97, Resolution #1)

**Section 3-7-6. Waiver.**

(Section deleted and subsequent Sections renumbered. Section was to obtain a waiver for Petitioners to receive the Degrees.)  
(1990 Proceedings, Page 83, Resolution #3)

**Section 3-7-15. Must Ballot.**

(Stipulates that only Master Masons can vote.)  
(1990 Proceedings, Page 83, Resolution #4 Part C & 1991 Proceedings, Page 75 – Carry over from 118<sup>th</sup> Communication)

**Section 3-7-24. To Initiation.**

(Stipulates a member in good standing may object to the initiation.)  
(1990 Proceedings, Page 83, Resolution #4 Part D & 1991 Proceedings Page 75 – Carry over from 118<sup>th</sup> Communication)

**Section 3-7-32. How Reinstated.**

(Reinstatement of an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft.)  
(This Section is Section 3-7-31 in the current code)  
(1983 Proceedings, Page 57, Resolution #1 and 1984 Proceedings, Page 65, as a correction to the 1983 Proceedings)

**Section 3-8-6. Lectures.**

(Changed to clarify “from Memory”.)  
(1989 Proceedings, Page 79, Resolution #7)

**Section 3-8-7. Proficiency.**

(Changed to allow an alternate to proficiency.)  
(2001 Proceedings, Page 92, Resolution #1)

**Section 3-8-7. Proficiency.**

(Dues paid by a candidate was changed from after Raising to after proficient.)  
(2003 Proceedings, Page 119, Resolution #2)

**Section 3-8-10. Official Cipher.**

(Compile individual Catechism Ciphers for the three degrees.)  
(1985 Proceedings, Page 66, Resolution #5)

**Section 3-8-10. Official Cipher.**

(Second paragraph added to provide Cipher specific to each Degree.)  
(1995 Proceedings, Page 111, Resolution #2 Part B)

**Section 3-8-11. Distribution of Cipher.**

(Changed the distribution, mainly to include enough copies for the Lodge Coaching Committees.)  
(1986 Proceedings, Page 73, Resolution #8)

**Section 3-8-11. Distribution of Cipher.**

(Addition of sub-paragraph (d) to allow any Master Mason in good standing to obtain a copy of the Cipher.)  
(1987 Proceedings, Page 88, Resolution #3)

**Section 3-8-11. Distribution of Cipher.**

(Changed to reduce the yearly paperwork of the Grand Lecturer. Price of Cipher reduced to encourage number of Coaches.)  
(1989 Proceedings, Page 80, Resolution #8 Part A)

**Section 3-8-11. Distribution of Cipher.**

(Added paragraph “c” to indicate that the Ciphers could be purchased from the Grand Lecturer.)  
(1995 Proceedings, Page 111, Resolution #2 Part C)

**Section 3-8-12. Replacement of the Cipher.**

(Changed to state that the Replacement of the Cipher will be through purchase only.)  
(1989 Proceedings, Page 80, Resolution #8 Part B)

**Section 3-8-13. Surrender of the Cipher.**

(Changed to clarify conditions of Surrendering the Cipher)  
(1989 Proceedings, Page 80, Resolution #8 Part C)

**Section 3-8-15. Use of Cipher by Candidate.**

(Section was replaced to clarify use of the Cipher by a Candidate.)  
(1995 Proceedings, Page 111, Resolution #2 Part A)

**Section 3-8-17. Accelerated Initiation.**

(Section added to the code to allow an Accelerated Initiation.)  
(1997 Proceedings, Page 102, Resolution #4)

**Section 3-12-2. Notice and Penalty.**

(Revised to inform Grand Master of Suspensions)  
(1986 Proceedings, Page 75, Resolution #10)

**Section 3-17-2. By Lodge.**

(Changed to allow non-Masonic pall bearers.)  
(1990 Proceedings, Page 82, Resolution #2)

**Section 3-18-1. Occasional Lodges**

(This resolution was brought on the floor and replaced Resolution No. 1 to address changes to the Grand Lodge Code. This section was added to provide the means by which St. Andrews Lodge could be formed and operate.)  
(2002 Proceedings, Page 98, Resolution #1A)

**Title IV - Amendments**

(Addition to insure amendments are not brought to the floor unless they are in proper form.)  
(1987 Proceedings, Page 87, Resolution #2)

**Title IV - Amendments**

(Increased time required to file Amendments.)  
(1995 Proceedings, Page 110, Resolution #1)

**Title IV - Amendments**

(Changes made to control the financial impact on the Grand Lodge operating budget.)  
(1995 Proceedings, Page 112, Resolution #3)

**Uniform Code of By-Laws. Section 12.4 Processions.**

(Change made to allow Public processions.)  
(2006 Proceedings - Not published at this time.)

**Rules of Order for the Government of the Grand Lodge, F. & A.M. of Utah**

**Rule 5**

(Allows Grand Tyler to move around to perform his duties at Grand Communication.)  
(1988 Proceedings, Page 78, Resolution #3)

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