

**BY-LAWS OF CHARLES H. McKINNEY
LODGE NO. 433 F. & A. M.
HELD AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**ARTICLE I
STATED MEETINGS**

SECTION 1. The Stated Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first Thursday of each month and shall begin at 7:00 p.m.

**ARTICLE II
OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS**

SECTION 1. The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a WORSHIPFUL MASTER, SENIOR WARDEN, JUNIOR WARDEN, TREASURER, SECRETARY, SENIOR DEACON, JUNIOR DEACON, SENIOR STEWARD, JUNIOR STEWARD, TILER, CHAPLAIN, and 3 TRUSTEES serving a 3 year staggered term.

SECTION 2. Of said officers, the following shall be elected annually: WORSHIPFUL MASTER, SENIOR WARDEN, JUNIOR WARDEN, TREASURER, SECRETARY, and all vacant TRUSTEE positions, and the others shall be appointed.

SECTION 3. At the election of officers, nominations may be made.

**ARTICLE III
DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS**

SECTION 1. The Treasurer shall pay out funds of the Lodge only on an order signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and (except as provided Article V, Section 1, B) only after the same has had the prior approval of the Lodge.

SECTION 2. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Lodge lawful to be written; preserve all papers and records belonging to the Lodge; keep a separate ledger account of each member, showing the amount of dues he has paid, date of his birth when possible, and the date of his admission, initiation, passing, raising, restoration, withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, or death; keep the financial records of the Lodge in such manner and condition that they may be verified and audited at any time; and perform the duties generally expected of a Secretary.

SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of the Trustees to oversee the accounting books and all records of the Lodge, to act as an Auditing Committee, and to see that the Secretary performs his duties in sending out notices of dues, etc. They may order such changes as they deem necessary in the accounting records and methods reporting same at the next Stated Meeting of the Lodge. They shall have authority to employ necessary auditors or assistants to satisfy themselves that all Lodge funds have been properly accounted for and corresponding credits given to the Lodge members.

It shall be the duty of the Trustees to make investments as directed by the Lodge, and to report at the February Stated Meeting all business transacted by them, or more frequently as the Lodge may direct, such investments to be audited by the Worshipful Master, Senior, and Junior Wardens.

SECTION 4. The compensation, if any, of the Treasurer, Secretary, or Tiler for services for the ensuing year, shall be fixed by the Lodge at the Stated Meeting in December prior to the annual election of officers and upon the recommendation of the Trustees; however, this does not deprive any member of his rights to make a motion concerning compensation.

SECTION 5. The Lodge shall reimburse the Worshipful Master, Secretary, Senior and Junior Wardens when they attend the annual Communications of the Grand Lodge. The rate of reimbursement is to be set by the Trustees at the December Stated Meeting prior.

ARTICLE IV FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1. The fees for degrees shall be:

First Degree	\$40.00
Second Degree	\$40.00
Third Degree	\$40.00

SECTION 2. No petition for degrees shall be considered unless the fees for the First Degree accompanies it, and no degree shall be conferred until after the fee for that degree has been paid. No petition for advancement on certificate and waiver shall be considered unless the fee for the next degree to be conferred upon the applicant accompanies it.

SECTION 3. Each regular member in good standing shall pay annually in advance at the beginning of each fiscal year to the Lodge as dues the assessments listed in Sections 3a, 3b, and 3c. below.

A regular member is a Master Mason who is not: a 50 year Mason, a Lodge Life Member (see 3d), a Grand Lodge Life member, or a member of any other Grand Lodge

category which excuses the Lodge from paying per capita and assessment on that member.

SECTION 3a. Lodge dues for fiscal year 2011: \$36.00; and for each fiscal year beginning in 2012 an additional \$3.00 over the previous year's dues.

SECTION 3b. The Grand Lodge per capita tax.

SECTION 3c. Any other fees or assessments of the Grand Lodge which are compulsory.

SECTION 3d. Any member of Charles H. McKinney Lodge who has served as its Worshipful Master and has been a mason in good standing for 35 continuous years shall become a Life Member.

SECTION 4. Each member raised shall pay the Lodge, in advance, a pro rata amount at the rate specified in SECTION 3 of this Article, as dues for the balance of that fiscal year with a minimum of \$10.00.

SECTION 5. Each member affiliated (*from a Demit from this Lodge*) or restored (*from N.P.D. or Charges*) shall pay to the Lodge a fee of \$20.00, which must accompany the application therefore. There is no fee for a Brother in good standing to transfer to this Lodge from another Lodge.

SECTION 6. The Junior Warden shall read to the Lodge each year, at the Stated Meeting in September, the names of those members whose dues for the Lodge's current fiscal year have not been paid or remitted: and Charges shall be preferred against such members, in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge Law, not later than the first stated meeting in October. Final action per Grand Lodge Law to be no later than the Stated Meeting in November.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

SECTION 1. The Worshipful Master shall, as soon as possible after the installation of officers each year, appoint the following Standing Committees, of each of which a majority shall constitute a quorum:

A. An Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to audit the books, vouchers, records and all reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary, and report fully thereon at the Stated Meeting in March and at such other times as the Worshipful Master may direct.

B. A Charity Committee, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of the Lodge, shall have authority during recess of the Lodge to expend not more than \$50.00 as relief in any situation of need that may arise.

C. A Conduct Committee, consisting of three members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to take cognizance of the conduct of the Brethren within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge, reconcile differences which may arise among Brethren, and when proper prepare and prefer charges to the Lodge for its action.

D. A Visiting Committee, whose duty it shall be to visit sick and distressed Brethren and their families and sick and distressed widows and orphans of deceased Brethren, and report to the Worshipful Master and the Lodge.

E. An Inquisitorial or Interview Committee, consisting of three or more members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to interview each prospective candidate from whom a petition for the degrees has been received, and obtain from him such information relative to his motives and moral fitness as may appear advisable. No ballot on such petition shall be taken until after said committee has reported thereon.

F. A Banquet Committee, whose duty it shall be to supervise the planning for the Lodge banquets. They are charged with supervising a minimum of two banquets per year. The minimum two banquets will be a Past Masters Banquet and a Family Night Banquet.

ARTICLE VI

SECTION 1. Whenever a member to whom a petition has been referred for investigation shall fail to report thereon at the proper time or to present satisfactory explanation of his failure to do so, he shall be summarily discharged by the Worshipful Master, if necessary, and another appointed in his stead.

ARTICLE VII

SECTION 1. The following shall be the order of business at all Stated Meetings, unless the Worshipful Master shall otherwise direct:

A. Reading and approving all unapproved minutes of previous meetings.

B. Reading and referring petitions.

C. Reports of committees on petitions.

- D. Balloting on petitions.
- E. Reports of committees other than on petitions.
- F. Unfinished business.
- G. Receiving and considering resolutions.
- H. Bills and communications.
- I. Depositing of such other business as may lawfully come before the Lodge.
- J. Conferring degrees.

ARTICLE VIII INVESTED CAPITAL FUNDS

SECTION 1. Administration of Invested Funds

- A.** Nothing in this article shall interfere with the normal duties of the Trustees, or the duties of the Secretary and Treasurer in the proper use of the Lodge check book(s) (*operating funds*) as specified in Article III. This article addresses the preservation of the invested capital funds of the Lodge.
 - B.** That the principal of the invested capital funds, *i.e.* CDs, stocks, bonds and similar accounts shall not be withdrawn *except* for the action of the Trustees in Article III, to improve the rate of return to the Lodge.
 - C.** Only extreme emergencies of the Lodge could mandate the redemption of the invested capital funds. Extreme emergencies would be: (a). having to move to or purchase a new lodge building, (b). lawsuits, (c). natural disasters and similar items as differentiated from Lodge "Projects."
 - D.** To redeem any capital invested fund it must first be considered by a committee appointed by the Worshipful Master, composed of 4 Past Masters who are active in the month to month activities of the Lodge, and, the three Trustees. Their recommendations must be presented at a Stated Meeting and layover one month, then balloted on by a standing $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of Lodge members present.
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Adopted by vote of the Lodge on February 6, 2014

(Signed)

Secretary: Edward D. Bryson

Worshipful Master: Bobby L. Kimbrough Jr.
