

Lodge Management Rules

A. Members

1. Number:
 - Not to exceed 60.
 - Base membership not to exceed 25 Master Masons raised in Lodges other than Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 357.
 - The remainder of the membership to be made up of Master Masons raised in Tabula Rasa Lodge No. 357.
2. Qualifications:
 - Be a man.
 - Be 30 years old at the time of signing petition.
 - Believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.
 - Be able to read and write English.
 - Must have a working e-mail address.
 - Must have attended one festive board.
 - Be honest.
 - Be trustworthy.
 - Be fair.
 - Treat everyone equally.
 - Give of oneself to assist others.

B. Requirements for Eligibility for Promotion of Candidates (Inquiry Committee)

1. At least one-year interval between degrees.
2. Education, testing and proficiency requirements of Candidate:
 - a. Entered Apprentice.
 - What is Freemasonry?
 - The First Degree - Its Teachings & Symbolism.
 - Understanding Freemasonry.
 - Furniture and Regalia.
 - The Structure & Government of Freemasonry.
 - Visiting.
 - Write and deliver to the Lodge an abstract of what was covered in the assigned readings.
 - Testing by Education Committee.
 - Lodge Proficiency.
 - Recommendation of Inquiry Committee.
 - b. Fellow Craft.
 - The 2nd Degree - Its Teachings & Symbolism.
 - Historical Background of Freemasonry.

The Spread of the Craft Worldwide.

The Future of Freemasonry.

Testing by Education Committee.

Write and deliver to the Lodge an abstract of what was covered in the assigned readings.

Lodge Proficiency.

Recommendation of Inquiry Committee.

c. Master Mason.

The 3rd Degree - Its Teachings & Symbolism.

Masonic Charity.

Involvement of Master Masons in the Lodge.

Other Degrees and Orders of Freemasonry.

Write and deliver to the Lodge an abstract of what was covered in the assigned readings.

Testing by Education Committee.

Lodge Proficiency.

Recommendation of Inquiry Committee.

C. Attire for Meetings

1. Officers.

Tux.
White Gloves.
Collars.
Aprons.

2. Members and Visitors.

Dark suit, white shirt and dark tie. (Tux is preferred.)
White Gloves.
Aprons.

Members will purchase the approved design apron from the Lodge.

Lodge behavior.

1. From 5:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. is social time in the reception room.
2. From 5:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. is reflection time in the Lodge room.
3. The Lodge meeting will be held from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
4. The Festive Board is immediately following the meeting.

D. Officers - Qualifications

1. Master.
 - a. Grand Lodge proficiency examination in 2-204.
 - b. Must have been installed as a Warden in a regularly chartered Lodge.
 - c. Be proficient in opening and closing in all three degrees in the East and all lower stations or places.
 - d. Be proficient in conferring the first section of the Master Mason, Fellowcraft and Entered Apprentice degrees in the East and all lower stations and places.
 - e. Demonstrate such proficiency in the Masonic ritual for such station or place through a tryout process conducted by the Promotions Committee.
 - f. Recommendation and consent of the Promotions Committee.

2. Senior Warden.
 - a. Grand Lodge proficiency examination in 2-204.
 - b. Be proficient in opening and closing in all three degrees in the West and all lower stations or places.
 - c. Be proficient in conferring the first section of the Fellowcraft and Entered Apprentice degrees and all lower stations or places.
 - d. Demonstrate such proficiency in the Masonic ritual for such station or place through a tryout process conducted by the Promotions Committee.
 - f. Recommendation and consent of the Promotions Committee.

3. Junior Warden
 - a. Grand Lodge proficiency examination in 2-204.
 - b. Be proficient in opening and closing in all three degrees in the South and all lower stations or places.
 - c. Be proficient in conferring the first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree and all lower stations or places.
 - d. Demonstrate such proficiency in the Masonic ritual for such station or place through a tryout process conducted by the Promotions Committee.
 - f. Recommendation and consent of the Promotions Committee.

4. Senior and Junior Deacons
 - a. Grand Lodge proficiency examination in 2-204.
 - b. Be proficient in opening and closing in all three degrees in the station or place and all lower stations or places.
 - c. Demonstrate such proficiency in the Masonic ritual for such station or place through a tryout process conducted by the Promotions Committee.

- d. Recommendation and consent of the Promotions Committee.
- 5. Senior and Junior Stewards.
 - a. Grand Lodge proficiency examination in 2-204.
 - b. Be proficient in opening and closing in all three degrees in the place and all lower places.
 - c. Demonstrate such proficiency in the Masonic ritual for such place through a tryout process conducted by the Promotions Committee.
 - d. Recommendation and consent of the Promotions Committee.
- 6. Secretary and Treasurer
 - a. Grand Lodge proficiency examination in 2-204.
 - b. Be proficient in opening and closing in all three degrees in the station.
 - c. Demonstrate such proficiency in the Masonic ritual for such station through a tryout process conducted by the Promotions Committee.
 - d. Recommendation and consent of the Promotions Committee.

E. Festive Boards

- 1. Festive Board to be held after each meeting. Wives, significant others and family members allowed to attend the Festive Board after installation only.
- 2. Meals to be held in local restaurants as determined by Dining and Social Committee.
- 3. Visiting Brethren can only attend the Lodge meeting except as approved by the Master. The Grand Master or his representative will be invited to every Festive Board. The dining fee for the Grand Master or his representative will be paid for by the Lodge.
- 4. Any alcoholic drinks will be available through a cash bar. Only responsible consumption of alcohol will be tolerated.
- 5. Toasts and speeches may be given with the permission of the Master.
- 6. All members must inform the Social and Dining Committee chairman in advance of the Festive Board by the announced deadline. No refunds for meals missed.
- 7. Festive Board log will be kept of members attending.
- 8. Potential candidates must attend one Festive Board at the expense of the members proposing the candidate for membership.