



FORT MCMURRAY LODGE #195



**INSTITUTED AUGUST 23rd, 1968
CONSECRATED SEPTEMBER 20th, 1969**

BY-LAWS

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AMENDMENTS UP TO AND INCLUDING JANUARY 2023

ACCEPTED 2023

We certify that the foregoing are the full and complete By-Laws as adopted at the Regular Meeting of Fort McMurray Lodge No. 195 on the 6th day of November, A.D. 2023

Angus MacLean
Worshipful Master

William Brook
Secretary

A.D. 2018, A.L. 6018

APPROVED

M.W. Bro. Kyle Scott
Grand Master

ATTESTED

R. W. Bro. Bill Kostenuk
Grand Secretary

Dated at _____ this ____ day of _____ A.D. _____, A.L. _____

CONFIRMED

Dave Boutilier
Senior Warden

A.D. 2023, A.L. 6023

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ACCEPTED

THE LODGE, ITS NAME, WARRANTS AND MEETINGS

- 1) This Lodge shall be known by the name FORT McMURRAY LODGE #195 Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons on the Grand Registry of Alberta.
- 2) The Warrant of this Lodge is a Charter granted on the 20th day of September, A.O. 1969, A.L 5969 by the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A.F. & AM. to whose Constitutional, Regulations and edicts the most implicit respect and obedience will ever be paid by its members.
- 3) The work practiced by this Lodge shall be the Canadian Rite. (Definitions 0)
- 4) The Regular Meeting of this Lodge shall be held in the City of Fort McMurray, Alberta, on the first Monday of each month, at the hour of 7:30 o'clock pm, the exact location of the meeting will be indicated in the Summons. (Ref. II.3.F.1)
 - a) The following shall be the order of Business for all Regular Meetings held by the Lodge:
 - i) Approval of Minutes
 - ii) Reports on Committees on Petitions
 - iii) Balloting
 - iv) Reception of Petitions
 - v) Reports on Committees General
 - vi) Accounts and Communications
 - vii) Unfinished Business
 - viii) New Business
 - ix) Conferring of Degrees
 - x) Education
 - xi) Regrets
 - xii) Sick and Visiting
 - xiii) Activities
 - xiv) For the Good of Freemasonry
- 5) No meetings of this Lodge shall be held during the months of July or August or in case or cases of emergency, then every brother will receive due notice. (Ref. 11.3.F.3)
- 6) The election of officers shall take place at the Regular Meeting of the Lodge held during the month of November (Ref 1. I.S.17-21 and 11.3.B) and be installed at the installation and Investiture of Officers to be held at the December Regular Meeting to be held on the first (1st) Saturday of that month at the hour of 2:00 o'clock p.m.
 - a) The Following Officers of the Lodge shall be elected:
 - i) The Worshipful Master
 - ii) The Senior Warden
 - iii) The Junior Warden
 - iv) The Secretary*
 - v) The Treasurer*
 - vi) The Tyler
 - vii) Auditors (2)
 - b) If there are not two separate individuals to take on these roles, then these two roles can be amalgamated together as one Secretary/Treasurer.
 - c) All other officers shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master upon his election.

COMMITTEES

- 7) There shall be six (6) standing Committees of the Lodge.
 - a) Those Committees are:
 - i) A General-Purpose Committee comprised of all Officers.
 - ii) A Finance Committee comprised of the Senior Warden, Secretary/Treasurer and Two Master Masons who shall, in addition to overseeing the general financial health of the Lodge, prepare the annual budget and make recommendations to the membership on items not in the budget.
 - iii) A Benevolence Committee comprised of the Worshipful Master and the Wardens, who shall have the power to draw upon the Treasurer for a sum not exceeding \$250.00 at a time for the relief of any worthy applicant (limited to twice per annum).
 - iv) A Sick and Visiting Committee chaired by the Almoner and two Master Masons appointed by the Chair, who shall have the power to draw upon the Treasurer for a sum not exceeding \$250.00 at a time for the relief of any worthy applicant (limited to twice per annum),
 - v) A Masonic Education Committee comprised of a Chairman plus two Master Masons appointed by the Chair who may or may not be Officers of the Lodge.
 - vi) An Activities Committee comprised of the Junior Warden plus the Senior and Junior Stewards.
 - b) The Worshipful Master is a member, ex-officio, of all committees.
 - c) The Worshipful Master shall appoint the Masonic Education Committee at the meeting of installation and Investiture of Officers.
 - d) The Committee members will commit to a 1-year term and will be selected Post-Installation.

FEES & DUES

- 8) Fees for Initiation and Affiliation and, Dues for Resident and Non-Resident members shall be determined annually by the Finance Committee. Notice of motion for Fees and Dues will be given one month prior to being ratified in open Lodge.
- 9) Whereas Grand Lodge and/or District per capita fees increase/decrease, will be reflected in an increase/decrease to the base annual dues structure.
- 10) The Initiation Fee must accompany the Petition. Dues for the year shall be on a pro-rated basis for the year. The fee for initiation shall include the fees to Grand Lodge for Registration, a Master Masons Certificate, a copy of the by-laws, the ritual workbook, a Master Masons Apron, a personalized attaché leather bound briefcase, a personal Volume of the Sacred Law and annual Grand Lodge & District per capita fees.
- 11) The fee for Affiliation, will be the same as one-year resident dues (non-prorated), together with the prorated dues for the balance of the year must accompany the petition. The fee for affiliation shall include a copy of the Constitution, Regulations of Grand Lodge, and a copy of the by-laws of this Lodge and, annual Grand Lodge & District per capita fees.
- 12) The Annual Dues of each member shall be payable on January 1st of each year. The service of the Secretary or Secretary-Treasurer and Tyler shall be deemed equivalent to payment of dues. The Secretary and Tyler therefore shall be exempted from paying annual dues.
- 13) Any member who resides more than eighty kilometers (80) from the Lodge, may at his written request to the Secretary, be deemed a Non-Resident Member. Dues shall not be refunded, and the reduced rate shall become effective on January 1st following his application.
- 14) Any member of the Lodge on attaining the age of 65 years and 15 years of uninterrupted service, may, on the recommendation of the General-Purpose Committee, be granted a reduction to the base minimum of the District & Grand Lodge annual dues.
- 15) Any member of the Lodge on attaining the age of 75 years and 15 years of uninterrupted service, on the recommendation of the General-Purpose Committee, be granted a Life Membership.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

16) The by-laws regarding Life Membership are as follows:

- a) Have been revised as laid out in the fee structure and are no longer available to any others who do not fall in line with the parameters as prescribed above.

DISPOSITION OF LIFE MEMBERSHIP DUES

17) Life Membership pre-payment shall be placed in the General Lodge Account. Each fiscal year, the Lodge expenses for all such Life Members shall be calculated and the expenses withdrawn from the General Lodge Account. The Life Membership shall be tracked by the Treasurer in a General Ledger account highlighting each Life Membership.

- a) Honorary Life Membership will be followed as stated in the C and R.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

18) The Lodge shall maintain a General Account; however, all items must be budgeted for and balloted on before any expenditures are permitted.

- a) The operation of all Accounts shall be the responsibility of the Finance Committee and the Treasurer. An annual report shall be given each fiscal year {Ref 11 .3. D)

DISCLOSURES AND CONDUCT

19) No members or visiting brother shall disclose or make known by any means whatsoever, out of this Lodge any of the proceedings of any of the decisions or business of any kind transacted within the Lodge to anyone not a mason and no member or visitor shall presume in open Lodge, either at Labor or refreshment, to make use of any profane or irreverent or improper sentiments, or to introduce any conversation or remarks tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political or religious subjects under the penalty, if a member, of severe censure and reprimand or, if a visiting brother of not again being permitted to visit at this Lodge until after a unanimous vote of the Lodge for that purpose. On the initiation of each candidate and on the joining of each Brother, the Worshipful Master shall cause this article to be read so that no Brother ever after shall plead ignorance.

MAINTENANCE OF THESE BY-LAWS

20) Any action of Grand Lodge or edict of the Grand Master that may conflict with any part of these By-Laws shall have the effect of an amendment without any action on the part of the Lodge. These Bylaws, or any part thereof, may be amended or repealed and others substituted in their stead by a notice of motion given at a regular meeting which can be entered on the minutes and inserted in the notices for the next regular meeting when the proposed alteration shall come before the Lodge for discussion. The assent of two-thirds present shall be necessary for the adoption of such amendment, repeal, or alteration, which must then be submitted to the Grand Master for his approval before it becomes a law.

- a) To ensure these By-laws are current, the Senior Warden shall, every three years, conduct a review and update as necessary.

SIGNATURES TO THE BY-LAWS

21) These By-laws, when fairly written shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary and shall have the Seal of the Lodge affixed. Each brother is required to sign them at the time of his Initiation or Affiliation as a declaration of submission there to and one copy shall be delivered to each member free of charge.

a) A copy of the Summons for the meeting at which this amendment was carried is attached hereto:

Lodge Seal

Attested By:

(Secretary)

Confirmed by:

(Worshipful Master)

Grand Secretary

Grand Master

Dated at Calgary, Alberta this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____, A.L. _____