

BY-LAWS

of

MADISON

LODGE

No. 762 F & A M



Chartered March 28, 1956

Constituted April 5, 1956



LODGE HALL

210 Woodruff St.
MADISON, TENNESSEE

MADISON LODGE

LIFE - TIME MEMBERSHIP

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING MOTION BE ADOPTED AND BE ADDED AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE PRESENT BY-LAWS OF MADISON LODGE NUMBER SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY TWO FREE AND ACCEPTED MASON OF TENNESSEE.

ARTICLE VIII SECTION I

Be it moved that a life membership be adopted for Madison Lodge based on the following procedures.

1. That the full cost of this life membership shall be \$300.00 and provided
2. That each member in good standing of the Lodge shall have the right to purchase said life membership under the following conditions;
 - A. The Lodge shall provide application forms to be used.
 - B. That a period of three (3) years will be provided for payment of the life membership using the following procedures;
 - a. The full purchase price of \$300.00 may be submitted with the application.
 - b. That if time payment is selected, not less than \$15.00 will accompany the application, then an amount equal to \$100.00 including the \$15.00 that accompanied the application, will be paid on or before one year after date of application, \$100.00 will be paid the second year and \$100.00 will be paid the third and final year.
 - c. That no monies shall be refundable but in the event of forfeit the amount paid shall be applied to annual dues.
 - d. That life memberships shall not be transferrable to another member or to another Lodge.

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Grand Lodge of Tennessee
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ARTICLE I

Stated Meetings

Section 1. The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second Thursday of each month, and shall begin at 7:30 o'clock, 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 and Chaplain.

Section 2. Of said officers the following shall be elected annually: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary; and the others shall be appointed.

Section 3. At the election of officers it shall be decided by vote of the Lodge, immediately prior to the election, whether or not 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 in 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. The compensation, if any, of the Treasurer, Secretary, Tiler, for services for the ensuing year, shall be fixed by the Lodge at the first stated meeting in December and prior to the annual election of officers.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall furnish bond to the Lodge in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in a Bonding or Surety Company acceptable to the Lodge; the premium on said surety bond shall be paid by the Lodge in the manner as provided in Section 1 of this Article.

ARTICLE IV

Fees And Dues

Section 1. The fees for degrees shall be:

First Degree.....	\$25.00
Second Degree.....	\$20.00
Third Degree.....	\$15.00

Section 2. No petition for the degrees shall be considered unless the fee 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 member in good standing, not raised, admitted or restored since the close of the Lodge's preceding fiscal year, shall pay annually in advance at the beginning of each fiscal year, the sum of 15 dollars to the Lodge as dues.

Section 4. Each member raised, admitted or restored shall pay to the Lodge in advance, a pro rata amount at the rate specified in Section 3 of this Article, but, not less than the amount charged by the Grand Lodge as per capita tax, as dues for the balance of that fiscal year.

Section 5. The Secretary shall read to the Lodge each year at a stated meeting in September or October, 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 Grand Lodge law, not later than the first 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 a stated meeting in January and at such other times as the Worshipful Master may direct.
- B - A Charity Committee, consisting of three members of the Lodge, who shall have authority during recess of the Lodge to expend not more than \$10.00 for that purpose.
- C - A Conduct Committee, consisting of three members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to take cognizance of the conduct of 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 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.

ARTICLE VI

Delinquency Of Investigator

Section 1. Whenever a member to whom a petition has been referred for investigation shall fail to report there-on at the proptime or to present a 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

Order Of Business

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 - Disposing of such other business as may lawfully come before the Lodge.
- J - Conferring degrees.

Adopted April 6, 1956

Russell B. Tandy, Worshipful Master

Lex A. Poteete, Secretary

