

BY-LAWS



PERRY LODGE # 185

***FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS OF OHIO***

ARTICLE I

The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon and Tyler, who shall be elected annually at the Stated Meeting in November and together with a Chaplain, Senior Steward, Junior Steward and a Lodge Education Officer* (which officers shall be appointed by the Master at the time of his installation) shall be installed into office within sixty (60) days therefrom. There shall also be one trustee elected. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

***Code Chapter 18 provides for Chaplain, Stewards and Lodge Education Officer.**

ARTICLE II

The stated meeting of this lodge shall be held on the first Wednesday of each month excluding July and August. When at the June meeting of each year a majority vote will be held for the secretary and treasurer to pay the bills of the lodge for the months of July and August. The hour of assembling shall be 7:30 p.m. Special meetings may be called as provided by Section 21.03 of the code. When a stated meeting falls on a legal holiday, it may be held on the following Wednesday.

ARTICLE III

Applications for initiation or membership accompanied by the necessary fee, shall be made in writing, signed by the petitioner, specifying his age, residence and occupation, and be

recommended by two (2) members of the lodge in good standing.

They shall be presented at a stated meeting, and, if received, be referred to a committee of three (3) members, for inquiry and report. They shall lie over to the next or subsequent stated meeting before any action thereon.

ARTICLE IV

The fees for conferring the degrees shall be \$150.00 divided as follows: \$75.00 for the Entered Apprentice, \$50.00 for the Fellow Craft and \$25.00 for the Master Mason Degree. The fee for membership on dimit shall be the same as annual dues.

While the full amount of the fee may be deposited with the application for initiation, the fee for the Entered Apprentice Degree shall be in actual deposit before the one ballot for the three degrees is taken. The amount of the fee heretofore specified for the Fellow Craft Degree and the Master Mason Degree shall be in actual deposit before the conferring of those respective degrees.

ARTICLE V

After a petition has been received and noted upon the minutes, it shall not be withdrawn without the consent of three-fourths of the members present: but it cannot be withdrawn after the report of the committee thereon, if only one black ball appears, a second ballot shall be taken immediately, but in no case shall a third ballot be held.

ARTICLE VI

Every candidate for passing or raising shall, before the degree is conferred be examined in open lodge, in the degree already taken, and shall be found to possess a complete knowledge of that degree, before he progresses. After the Master Mason Degree is conferred upon the candidate, he shall learn and be examined upon the lecture of that degree in accordance with the provisions of the code.

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ARTICLE VII

Each member shall pay annually, in advance, the sum of \$ 50.00 dollars into the funds of the lodge, at or before the stated meeting for the election of officers.

ARTICLE VII

Each member who shall be in arrears for dues as of the last day of December of each year is hereby declared to be suspended indefinitely for non-payment of dues and shall be entered against his record.

ARTICLE IX

Any member is good standing and not in arrears for dues shall be entitled to a diploma, on proper application, and on payment of the Grand Secretary of one dollar for the use of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE X

The Master and Wardens shall be exofficio a committee of charity and have power, during recess of the lodge, to draw orders on the treasury for any sum not exceeding \$ 50.00 dollars, for the relief of any one applicant.

ARTICLE XI

No Masonic punishment shall be inflicted upon a brother, except suspension for non-payment of dues, unless it be done upon written charges and specifications made and presented to the lodge in the manner prescribed in the code; and the secretary shall furnish the accused brother a copy of such charges and specifications and the proceedings thereon, and trial, shall in all respects be conducted in conformity to the code.

ARTICLE XII

The Master shall at the time of installation, appoint a standing committee of three (3) members of the lodge, whose duty it shall be to take cognizance of the conduct of brethren within the jurisdiction of the lodge, reconcile difficulties that may arise among the brethren, and when proper, prefer charges and specifications for the action of the lodge.

ARTICLE XIII

When the lodge is opened, unless the Master shall otherwise direct, the following order of business may be observed:

- 1.) Reading of the minutes
- 2.) Reading and referring petitions
- 3.) Receiving reports of committees
- 4.) Balloting for candidates or admission
- 5.) Conferring degrees
- 6.) Receiving and considering resolutions
- 7.) Considering unfinished business
- 8.) Disposing of such other business as may lawfully come before the lodge.

ARTICLE XIV

There shall be three (3) Trustees, one of whom shall be elected annually by ballot to serve for a period of three (3) years, or until his successor has been duly elected

The lodge shall prescribe the duties of these Trustees from time to time.

ARTICLE XV

No alteration or amendment of these by-laws shall be made unless the same be proposed in writing at a stated meeting, when it shall be entered upon the minutes and lie over until the next stated meeting, when it shall require the sanction of three fourths of the member present, and unless the amendment be an alteration of the times of the stated meetings of the lodge or of the amount of annual dues, it shall further

require the approval of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master for its adoption.

These By-Laws supersede and make null and void any previously adopted by-laws.

Signed – J. Russell Moore, W.M.
Approved November 29, 1952

Thomas A. Reber, Grand Master
Attest – Clem H. Knowles, Secretary

The lodge adopted the following standing Resolutions on December 3, 1952.

1.

Resolved – The secretary be empowered to obtain a suitable book in which to place a copy of the By-Laws and with blank pages for signatures and the date of the signature.

Each raised brother and members received on demit to sign this book in expression of their acceptance of the By-Laws. After signing the book, the secretary is to give the member a personal copy of the By-Laws.

2.

Resolved – That the fees for all newly raised candidates and for all members admitted on demit shall entitle them to a current dues card at no additional cost

Provided that no newly raised candidate shall receive his card until he has satisfactorily passed his Master Mason examination.

3.

Resolved – The fee for application for restoration to membership for a member who has been “Indefinitely Suspended” shall be an amount equal to the sum of the dues for the year preceding his application and the current year’s dues.

4.

Resolved – The fee for application for restoration to membership for a member who has been “Expelled” shall be the amount of the initiation fee, plus such assessments as set by the Grand Lodge and the current years dues.

5.

Resolved – The fee for application for Demit shall be the same as the annual dues, \$ 50.00.

6.

Resolved – That in addition to the fees named in Article # 4 of the Uniform Code of By-Laws, any assessment made by the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for any purpose, shall be on actual deposit with the fee for the Entered Apprentice Degree before any ballot shall be taken.

At the present time, these fees are \$ 20.00 for the Ohio Masonic Home and \$ 5.00 for the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association.

7.

Resolved – The salary of the Secretary shall be \$ 200.00 per year, the salary of the Tyler shall be \$ 50.00 per year annually and the Treasurer dues shall be remitted. These salaries are to be paid on the Annual Meeting for Election of Officers.

8.

Resolved – That when a member of Perry Lodge # 185 received his fifty (50) Year pin, his dues shall be remitted each year for the rest of his life.