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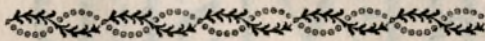
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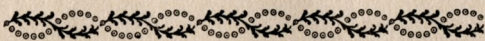
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P R E A M B L E

We, the members of North Star Lodge No. 2, F. & A. Masons, of the city of Des Moines, county of Polk and state of Iowa, hailing and working under the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, the better to promote harmony and advance the interest of our Most Ancient and Honorable Order: and to regulate its toilers by some uniform standard of laws, do hereby proclaim and declare the following code of By-Laws for our future government, which (By-Laws) may be altered or amended as hereinafter provided for.



HISTORY OF NORTH STAR LODGE

1870 — Eighty-six Years — 1956

Dispensation granted October 6, 1870, by Alexander Clark, sr., of Muscatine, Iowa, then Grand Master of Missouri and jurisdiction. Charter issued July 4, 1871. Below is a list of members of North Star Lodge who have held Grand Lodge Offices: Grand Master — John Page, Joseph Shepard, George H. Cleggett, John D. Reeler, W. H. Milligan, E. T. Banks, John L. Thompson, Branham N. Hyde, George L. Suter and Carl M. Mays; Deputy Grand Master — Joseph H. Shepard, E. T. Banks, William Coalson, W. H. Milligan, George L. Suter, B. J. Hack, J. W. Rhodes and T. M. Kelley, sr.; Senior Grand Warden—W. T. Ewing, E. T. Banks, George L. Suter, J. Frank Blagburn, W. H. Milligan, H. E. Jacobs, Branham N. Hyde, E. L. Dimitry, John W. Rhodes and T. M. Kelley, sr.; Junior Grand Wardens—William Coalson, E. C. Vaughn, E. T. Banks, J. Frank Blagburn, W. H. Milligan, C. B. Woods, B. J. Hack and Australia Grace; Grand Treasurer—H. H. Lewis, W. H. Milligan, E. T. Banks, William Coalson, John D. Reeler, Branham N. Hyde, and Carl M. Mays; Grand Secretary—George H. Clegget, John D. Reeler, M. N. Bell, J. Frank Blagburn and George L. Suter; Grand Lecturers—E. W. Vaughn, Joseph H. Shepard, E. T. Banks, George H. Cleggett, George L. Suter, Carl M. Mays, T. M. Kelley, sr., J. W. Thompson, Australia Grace and B. L. Randall.

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North Star Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M.
of Des Moines, Iowa

ARTICLE I

Section 1. This lodge shall be hailed and known as North Star Lodge No. 2, F & A. M., possessing all the powers and privileges of a subordinate lodge, holding a legal, unclaimed warrant of authority, duly granted July 15, 1887, by the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of the State of Iowa and its Masonic jurisdiction (now Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge).

Sec. 2. The regular stated meetings of this lodge shall be the first Thursday evening of each month. The regular meeting shall be for the transaction of all business that may pertain to the lodge, and the fourth Wednesday evening shall be for the general instruction, entering, passing and raising of candidates.

Sec. 3. The time of opening of this lodge is 8:00 o'clock p. m.

Sec. 4. Called meetings may be held by the W. M. (or one acting W. M.) when in his judgment it becomes necessary, but no other business shall be transacted except that for which the meeting was called.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. **Officers and Their Duty.** There shall be one Worshipful Master, two Wardens (Sr. and Jr.), one Treasurer, one Secretary, all of which shall be elected annually at the Stated meeting in December of each year.

Sec. 2. The appointed Officers shall be two Deacons and two Stewards (Sr. and Jr.), one Chaplain, one Tyler, a Finance Committee of three and a Custodian or Janitor, if the lodge think wise to have one.

Sec. 3. **Duties.** The W. M. shall preside over all meetings of the lodge, enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge and its local By-Laws, to preserve order, see that all officers discharge their duties, appoint all committees when not otherwise provided for. To issues notices to members to sit up with the sick or dead, the list to be taken from the Secretary's roll; alphabetically until the

entirety of the home residences is finished, unless in the judgement of the W. M. he may deviate from the above method, sign all authorized orders upon the Treasurer and any other legal documents presented for his signature. The W. M. shall be exempt from all regular subordinate Lodge Dues.

Sec. 4. The Senior and Junior Warden shall assist the Worshipful Master in the discharge of his duties and in his absence perform them according to the ancient Masonic custom.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall attend all Stated meetings, receive all monies and bills from the hands of the Secretary, giving his receipt therefor, keep a faithful true account of the same, pay all orders signed by the W. M. and attested by the Secretary with consent of Lodge, with seal of vouchers carefully numbered, submit semi-annually reports of all monies received and disbursed, submit books, etc., for examination by the Finance Committee, lodge or W. M. as they may direct. He shall be bonded for the sum of not less than \$1,000.00 for the faithful discharge of his duties by a reputable Bonding company, said bonds to be accepted and paid for by the lodge. And at the end of his official term he shall deliver all monies, books, papers, etc., belonging to the lodge to his successor when successor shall have been elected, installed and qualified,

taking a receipt for the same. All funds of this lodge shall be deposited in a Bank or Banking Institution designated by the Lodge in the name of North Star Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M., and no withdrawals made therefrom without the consent of the lodge. All bank books, vouchers, checks and stubs, etc., pertaining to the lodge must be given over to the Finance Committee or lodge when the same is demanded. All cash assets of North Star Lodge in excess of \$800.00 shall be deposited in the various building funds or savings accounts of the lodge. For performing these duties he shall receive his subordinate lodge dues (only) free.

Sec. 6. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of this lodge, keep a fair and impartial record of transactions between the lodge and its members, record the proceedings of the lodge when in order, or special Called meetings, write and fill out all documents of his office, draw all authorized orders on the Treasurer, signed by the W. M. and attested by himself, have the seal in his exclusive possession and to be responsible therefor, to receive all moneys from the lodge and turn them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same, to notify all members who are in arrears as specified in the Revised Constitution and

Code of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, F. & A. M. (1950), to keep a visitors' register, submit a semi-annual report of all moneys received and expended, carefully numbering and filing all vouchers, also to give the number of members, admissions, suspensions, expulsions, reinstatements, etc. He is also to furnish Surety Bond of \$500.00 to be accepted and paid for by the lodge, and he is to receive his subordinate lodge dues (only) free and a compensation of \$10.00 per month while serving as Secretary and turn over to his successor all monies and property of the lodge when elected and qualified by the lodge.

Sec. 7. The Tyler shall attend all meetings of the lodge, keep the regalia clean, keep the lodge room warm and comfortable, take charge of the lodge's personal property at the close of the lodge, and such other things as the W. M. or lodge may direct. For performing these duties he shall receive his subordinate lodge dues (only) free. The Brother performing these duties in his absence shall be entitled to the same compensation.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. Any member who shall refuse to wait on or sit up with a sick or deceased member of this lodge after being duly noti-

fied and does not furnish a substitute shall be reprimanded or be suspended, as the lodge may determine.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. **Unmasonic Conduct.** Any member guilty of any of the following specifications, to-wit: Revealing or attempting to reveal any of the secrets of this order; feign sickness for the purpose of obtaining relief from the lodge, be guilty of any criminal conduct, or make false reports or unfounded charges against a brother for the purpose of gratifying private malice or revenge, revile, or speak disrespectfully of the lodge or its members, guilty of exposing the signs or make known the passwords unlawfully, upon satisfactory proof shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the lodge may determine.

Sec. 2. **Eligibility to Office.** For eligibility to office in this lodge, be referred to the 1950 Revised Constitution and Code of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, F. & A. M., Sections 91, 163, 189 and 202.

Sec. 3. The annual report of the Finance Committee shall precede the annual election of Officers.

Sec. 4. If any candidate shall fail to appear for the degrees within six months after being balloted upon and received and having been duly notified, his fees shall be forfeited to the lodge, unless otherwise ordered by two-thirds vote of the lodge.

Sec. 5. The Worshipful Master and the Wardens shall constitute the Committee on Charity, and have power to draw on the Treasury, not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00), for the relief of any one occasion at any one time; the same to be accounted for at the next Stated Communication by the Master and Secretary signing the regular form of vouchers.

Sec. 6. No motion shall be entertained at any time to loan the funds of this lodge to any person or to use the same for making presents to any of its officers, or members (white aprons or lambskins for candidates excepted) or to permit any of said funds to be used for any other purpose other than Masonic usages or otherwise determined by the Lodge.

Sec. 7. On the death of a member, this lodge shall appropriate the sum of \$50.00 for relief purposes payable according to Sections 37, 37 (a), 37 (b), 39 and 40 of the 1950 Revised Constitution and Code of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, F. & A. M.₃

ARTICLE V

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Section 1. Every visiting brother shall be required to register his name and the number of his lodge, and where located, in a book kept for that purpose by the Secretary.

Sec. 2. The sense of this lodge shall be determined by the usual masonic sign unless otherwise ordered. All members present shall vote, unless unanimously excused.

Sec. 3. Any member of this lodge wishing to withdraw his membership for the purpose of joining another lodge may do so upon the payment of all claims against him satisfactorily to the lodge.

Sec. 4. No member shall demit from this lodge against whom charges have been preferred, until the same have been satisfactorily adjusted.

Sec. 5. The fees for the Degrees in this lodge shall be \$25.00 and at least one-half of which (\$12.50) shall accompany the petition.

Sec. 6. The annual dues of this lodge shall be \$12.00 plus all assessments due and payable quarterly in advance, viz, the first day of January, first day of April, first day of July and the first day of October of each year. All dues and assessments become delinquent thirty days after due and payable.

Sec. 7. Any member wishing to alter or amend any or all of these By-Laws shall propose such alteration or amendments in writing, naming the article and section to be altered or amended at a regular Stated meeting. The proposition shall then lie on the table until the next regular Stated meeting for consideration, after which time it may be taken up; but to adopt such alteration or amendment, it shall require two-thirds vote of the members present, subject always to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

MISCELLANEOUS RULES

Section 1. In the discussion or debate of any question before the lodge, no brother shall speak more than twice upon the same subject, nor for a longer period than five (5) minutes; nor more than once until all who desire to speak have spoken.

Sec. 2. Any brother desiring to speak upon any question before the lodge shall arise and respectfully address the officers by their respective titles; but should two or more members arise at the same time, the Worshipful Master shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

Sec. 3. Should any member interrupt another while addressing the lodge, the Worshipful Master shall call the interrupter to order, unless said interruption be to a point of order.

Sec. 4. To exempt any brother from dues and assessments assessed, or any portion thereof (members with a continuous membership of 40 years excepted) it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular Stated meeting, and no sick dues shall be allowed except for the month during sickness.

Sec. 5. Rejected candidates may renew their applications every six (6) months.

Sec. 6. Upon the death of a member there shall be an assessment of fifty cents (50c) or more made against each brother for relief purposes; the amount to be left to the discretion of the lodge.

COMMITTEE

- Branham N. Hyde, P.G.M., Chmn.
- Carl M. Mays, P.G.M.
- Herbert E. Jacobs, P.S.G.W.
- James W. Rhone, P.M.
- Robert S. Sims, Sec'y

WORSHIPFUL MASTERS FROM ORGANIZATION TO DATE

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	Years
§A. W. Carter	2
†John Page, P.G.M.	5
§William Coalson, P.J.G.W.	2
†Jefferson Logan	2
†George H. Cleggett, P.G.M.	*3
†J. H. Shepard, P.G.M.	*6
†W. H. Milligan, P.G.M.	1

§W. T. Ewing, P.S.G.W.	1
†H. H. Lewis, P. G. Treas.	1
†H. H. Hooker	1
†Archie Brown	1
‡John D. Reeler, P.G.M.	2
James E. Todd	2
‡E. T. Banks, P.G.M.	1
†B. J. Holmes	2
‡J. Frank Blagburn, P.S.G.W.	1
†Harrison Gould ..	1
Herbert E. Jacobs, P.S.G.W.	1½
†E. Tracy Blagburn	1
†John L. Thompson, P.G.M. ...	*2
†C. B. Woods, P.J.G.W.	*7
†James H. Woods	1½
Benjamin J. Hack, P.J.G.W.	1
†William T. Jones	1
†James B. Rush	1
†James B. Mitchell	1
†Gus Watkins	1
Branham N. Hyde, P.G.M.	†
William Walker	1
Harry B. Burnaugh	1
E. L. Dimetry, P.S.G.W.	4

†John W. Rhodes, P.S.G.W.	
†T. M. Kelly, Sr., P.S.G.W.	5
Carl M. Mays, P.G.M.	5
William Martin, Jr.	
Clarence Bryant ..	
†Noble F. Gray	
John W. Thompson, P.'G. Lect.	
James W. Rhone	
Australia Grace, P.J.G.W. .	
B. L. Randall	3
Frank B. Robinson	

§Suspended †Demitted †Deceased
 *Years in office not consecutive



Other Laws governing Subordinate Lodges of this Jurisdiction are to be found in the 1950 Revised Constitution and Code of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa, F. & A. M.

For further historical information or data see Clark's History of Prince Hall Freemasonry (A. G. Clark, 1947).