

## By-Laws

### THE NORTH STAR GUARDSMEN

#### Article I NAME

The name of this organization shall be the North Star Guardsmen.

#### Article II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization shall be the stimulation of a greater interest in North Star Lodge #2 and in all of its activities; the fostering of a greater interest in the interpretations of the code of the M.W. Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F. & A. M. and its approved ritualistic work; the creation of additional mediums for social expression and opportunities for fellowship among the members of North Star Lodge #2 and their guests.

#### Article III OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, 1st vice-president, 2nd vice-president, secretary-treasurer, sergeant-at-arms and advisory board which shall consist of all Past-Masters of North Star Lodge #2 who are members in good standing of the North Star Guardsmen.

#### Article IV DUTIES OF OFFICERS

##### Section 1. President:

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the organization and to speak for and represent the organization. He shall call all special meetings and appoint all committees, the selection of which is not otherwise provided for. He shall perform such other duties as his office may require.

##### Section 2. 1st Vice-President:

The 1st vice-president shall perform the duties of the president in his absence. He shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the committees for: Ways, Means and Audit; Membership and Constitution; By-Laws and Rules of Order.

##### Section 3. 2nd Vice-President:

The 2nd vice-president shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the president and 1st vice-president. He shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the committees for Social and Program.

Section 4. Secretary-Treasurer:

The secretary-treasurer shall record the business proceedings of all meetings. He shall notify all members as to the time and place of the meetings and perform such other duties as shall be delegated to him.

He shall receive all money belonging to the organization unless otherwise provided for. He shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures and his signature solely shall be the authority for the disbursements of funds acted upon by the majority of the organization unless otherwise provided for.

Section 5. Sergeant-At-Arms:

The sergeant-at-arms shall maintain proper decorum at all meetings. He shall be responsible for the availability of the place of meeting and shall serve as the official receptionist.

Section 6. Advisory Board:

It shall be the duty of the advisory board to maintain harmony between the aims, purposes and programs of the North Star Guardsmen and the principles and policies of North Star #2 and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of Iowa.

The chairman of the advisory board shall be the present Master of North Star Lodge and in his absence the Senior Past Master in good standing with the North Star Guardsmen shall be designated chairman.

Article V DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Section 1. Ways, Means and Audit:

It shall be the duty of this committee to submit to the membership ways and means for obtaining revenue of current operations and the retirement of debts.

It shall no later than the 3rd Tuesday in November of each year submit to the membership an audit of the books of the secretary-treasurer.

Section 2. Constitution By-Laws and Rules of Order:

It shall be the duty of this committee to frequently review the constitution, by-laws, and rules of order of this organization and to recommend to the membership any amendments and additions thereto.

Section 3 Membership:

It shall be the duty of this committee to promote the numerical growth of this organization and to investigate and report on the delinquencies of members.

Section 4 Social:

It shall be the duty of this committee to recommend, plan and execute all affairs of a social nature which the majority of the organization deem necessary.

Section 5. Program:

It shall be the duty of this committee to provide at regular intervals a diversified program aimed at stimulating the interest of the membership in the work of the masonic institution.

Article VI MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Requirements:

The North Star Guardsmen shall be composed of Master Masons in good standing and hailing from North Star Lodge #2 F. & A.M. only, and who, in addition, must have fulfilled the following requirements:

A. Have been invited to file application for membership in the North Star Guardsmen by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting.

B. Have signed an application which includes a pledge to be of active service to the North Star Guardsmen, North Star Lodge #2 and the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa.

C. Have pledge to post proficiency in the first lecture of the Master Masons Degree as set forth in the adopted ritual of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa.

D. Have included with his application the membership fee.

Section 2. Suspension:

Any member absent from four consecutive meetings of the North Star Guardsmen without just cause and having previously notified of his delinquency by the membership committee shall be automatically suspended from the roster of the North Star Guardsmen.

Section 3 Reinstatement:

No member suspended under Section 2, Article VI can be reinstated unless by unanimous ballot of the membership present at a regular meeting. The fee for reinstatement in this instance shall be \$5.00.

All other applications for reinstatement must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting. The fee for reinstatement in this instance shall be \$2.50.

Section 4. Quorum:

The quorum for conducting a business meeting of the North Star Guardsmen shall be (7) seven members.

Article VII MEETINGS

The North Star Guardsmen shall meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:45 P.M. except during the months of July, August, and December.

Article VIII ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

The election of officers of the North Star Guardsmen shall be held on the third Tuesday in November of each year and the term of each officer shall commence at the meeting following his election.

Section 2.

All officers of the North Star Guardsmen shall be elected for a period of one (1) year and by secret ballot unless by acclamation.

Section 3.

In case of a vacancy occurring in any office of the North Star Guardsmen, it shall be filled by an election on the first regular meeting after such vacancy has been declared.

Article IX DUES

Section 1.

The dues of this organization shall be two (2) dollars per year due and payable on the third Tuesday in November of each year.

(Article IX Dues Cont'd:)

Section 2.

Each new member shall be required to purchase the masonic pocket piece adopted by this organization as it's official emblem.

Section 3.

All expenses incurred by this organization and previously approved by majority vote shall be met by a pro-rata assessment upon the membership unless otherwise provided for. Said assessment shall not exceed five (5) dollars for any occasion.

Article X AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

The by-laws of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership provided said amendment has been proposed in writing at a regular meeting prior to the meeting which action is taken and further provided that each member has been notified of proposed amendment.

Section 2.

This organization shall be governed in all matters not specified by these By-Laws by the procedures set forth in Roberts Rules of Order.

Article XI ADOPTION

These By-Laws shall be adopted and accepted at the next regular meeting following the final reading of same, provided that adoption can be accomplished by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

President: \_\_\_\_\_

1st Vice-President: \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Vice-President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary-Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_