

BY-LAWS
NORTH STAR GUARDSMEN
the working body of
NORTH STAR LODGE no 2 F&AM
Des Moines, Iowa

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By-Laws (Revised)

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 and 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 G.L. of Iowa, F & AM and its approved ritualistic work; the creation of additional mediums for social expression and opportunities for fellowship among the members of North Star Lodge and their guests.

Article III
OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall ^{be} consist of the following: a President, vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Advisory Board which shall consist of all Past Masters of North Star Lodge. All officers must remain in good standing.

Article IV
OFFICER DUTIES

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. Vice President

The 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; Social programs.

Section 3. Secretary

The Secretary shall record the business of the organization at all meetings. Notify members as to time of meetings and perform such other duties as his office requires and which may be delegated to him. He shall receive all monies and transmit same to Treasurer.

Section 4. Treasurer:

Treasurer shall receive all money belonging to the organization from the hands of the Secretary. He shall keep an account of all receipts and expenditures and his signature along with the Chairman's shall be the authority for the disbursements of funds acted upon by the majority of the organization (unless otherwise provided for.)

Section 5. Advisory Board.

The Advisory Board shall maintain harmony between the aims purposes and programs of the North Star Guardsmen and the principles and policies of North Star Lodge and the M.W. Prince Hall G.L. of the state of Iowa.

The Chairman of the Advisory Board shall be the present Worshipful Master of North Star Lodge and in his absence the Senior Past Master in good standing with the Guardsmen shall be 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 obligations.

It shall annually submit to the membership an audit of the books of the Treasurer. Said audit to occur during the month of January.

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

This committee shall frequently review the constitution, by laws and to recommend to the membership any amendments and additions to be made thereto.

Section 3. Membership:

This committee shall stimulate the growth of the organization and investigate delinquency of members. Active participation is always in order.

Section 4. Program and Social:

It shall be the duty to provide at regular intervals a diversified program aimed at stimulating interest among the membership in the work of the mason's institution.

Article VI
MEMBERSHIP

The North Star Guardsmen shall be composed of Masons in good standing and hailing from North Star Masonic Lodge #2 only.

The member must pledge to be of active service to the Guardsmen as well as continuing service to North Star Lodge.

X He must post proficiency in the first lecture of the Master Masons Degree before joining the Guardsmen.

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

No member who has been dropped from the active roster may be reinstated without a quorum of the members present approving the reinstatement request.

Article VII
MEETINGS

The North Star Guardsmen shall meet on the first Saturday of each month at 5pm, unless exception is made at a previous meeting.

The quorum for conducting a business meeting shall consist of one more than the majority present at a given meeting.

Article VIII
ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1.

The election of officers shall be held at the December meeting. The term of each officer shall commence at the following meeting.

Section 2.

All officers shall be elected for a period of one year by secret ballot, unless otherwise stated during the meeting. Show of hands.
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Section 3.

Any vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled by the next highest officer in line at the meeting after such vacancy has been declared.

Article IX
DONATIONS

X Each member shall donate to the organization, at the regular

meeting in January, a sum of not less than \$5 to go into the general treasury of the organization. It shall be understood that emergencies are not included in this donation and will be handled accordingly.

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

All expenses incurred by this organization and previously approved by majority vote shall be met by special donation otherwise. No donation shall exceed more than \$5 for any one occasion.

Article X AMENDMENTS

Section 1.

Members shall be required of the action

The by-laws of this organization shall be amended as necessary by 2/3 of the membership present at any regular meeting. Said amendment must be circulated among the membership and would become official at the next regular meeting.

Section 2.

This organization shall be governed in all matters not specified, by the decision of the Advisory Board. Said decision to be final and without discussion or negative connotations.

Section 3.

Each member of the organization shall have his own, or have access to the by-laws of the organization. Secretary shall retain the official copy for the use of the organization.

Revised this 3rd day of May in the
year of our Lord, One thousand, nine
hundred and seventy-five.