

District
Nine
Lodge
Officers
Association

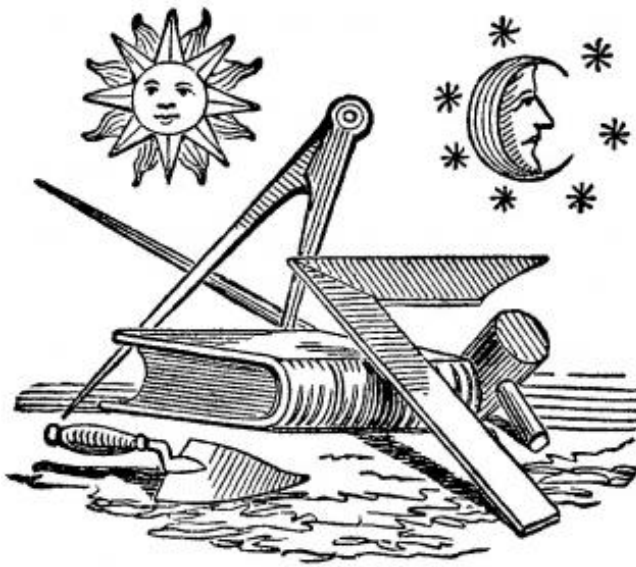
26 October

2010

Theses By-Laws were voted on by the
body which governed the association and
are current as of date;

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28 February 2018



District 9 Traveling Gavel Rules

- 1 Only the lodges in District 9 are to exchange the Gavel.
- 2 The Master, Senior Warden or the Junior Warden must be present to claim the Gavel.

- 3 The Gavel may be claimed at either a State or Special meeting, but may not be claimed at and Installation.
- 4 The visiting Master, Senior Warden or the Junior Warden, accompanied by the greatest number of brethren shall receive the Gavel. Members of other Lodges, who as dual or plural members, are members of the lodge holding the stated meeting where the Traveling Gavel is currently residing, and are serving the visiting lodge, may qualify as “visiting accompanying Brethren” for the purpose of receiving the Traveling Gave, regardless of how many they may have signed the Tyler’s Register. Honorary members may not be counted for this purpose.
- 5 The Tyler’s register shall be used to determine which Lodge has the greatest number of visiting brethren. In the event of a tie, the Gavel will be given to the Master or Warden of the Lodge that traveled the greatest distance of miles.
- 6 The Master, Senior Warden or the Junior Warden of the Lodge that has the Gavel, must report the location at the next Lodge Officers’ Association meeting.

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**Record of Changes
To
District Nine Lodge Officers Association**

2010	Original	2026	
2011		2027	
2012		2028	
2013	MBI	2029	
2014	MBI	2030	
2015	MBI	2031	
2016	MBI	2032	

2017	MBI	2033	
2018	MBI	2034	
2019		2035	
2020		2036	
2021		2037	
2022		2038	
2023		2039	
2024		2040	
2025		2041	

ARTICLE I

Section 1

The name of this Association shall be **“District Nine Lodge Officers Association”**.

Section 2

The purpose of the association shall be Masonic education pertaining to issues of Master Masons of District No. 9 to wit:

1. The study of the Masonic Code.
2. The standardization of the Ritual Work.
3. To further the good Masonry in District No. 9 in general.

Section 3

1. The regular meeting of the association shall be on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM, save for the June, July, November and December to wit the Association shall be dark or changed as necessary to accommodate holidays.

Rev. 2015-001

Section 4

The meeting location shall be Fidalgo Lodge No. 77, Anacortes, Washington. The presiding Lodge of each meeting will rotate from Lodge to Lodge throughout the District in numerical order of the Lodges. The presiding Lodge shall be responsible for the training and refreshments.

ARTICLE II

Section 1

Membership in the Association will consist of a Lodge Officers of the Lodges that comprise the District No. 9, Past Masters, and all Master Masons who are members of the Lodges within the District.

Section 2

The Officers of the Association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. A Lodge shall be selected to provide the President.

1. The Master of said selected Lodge shall appoint four brothers from his Lodge's membership who shall be members of the Association.
 - a. The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected by the membership of the Association present at the last meeting of the fiscal year, and no longer than five (5) consecutive years.

Rev. 2013-001

ARTICLE III

Section 1

1. The dues shall be Five Dollars (\$5.00) per person annually payable at the beginning of the Fiscal year.
 - a. Only dues paying members are entitled to a vote concerning the disposition of funds collected by the Treasure.
 - b. Historically dues are calculated for the lodge by the number of chairs in a lodge, being 12, meaning annuals dues for a Lodge would be \$60.00.
 - i. This is not to say each lodge need provide compensation for all 12 but at a minimum the principal 5 chairs WM, SW, JW, SD, JD, Secretary shall be required.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

Selection of the lodge to preside and election of the Secretary/Treasurer shall be held at the last regular meeting of the fiscal year (January). The Worshipful Master of the selected Lodge shall appoint the President and Vice President prior to the first meeting of the new fiscal year (February).

ARTICLE V

Section 1

The rules of procedure shall be the same as prevailing in all Masonic Lodges.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1

These By-laws may be amended at any regular stated meeting by the vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) majority of the membership present.

On the 26th day of October 2010, at the regular meeting the membership of **District Nine Lodge Officers Association**, the said foregoing By-Laws were proposed in

writing as the By-Laws of the said **District Nine Lodge Officers Association**. The said foregoing proposed By-Laws were duly adopted by a UNANIMOUS vote of the members present who constituted a quorum and the said By-laws are herewith approved.

Secretary submitted: _____

Brother: _____

President: _____

Brother: _____

Approved by the body:

Dated this 26th day of October 2010

Revision;

Secretary submitted: _____

Brother: Michael Belle Isle

President: _____

Brother: WB Marty Leukhardt

Approved by the body:

Dated this 28th day of January 2015