

**ROCKY RIVER LODGE NO. 703 F. & A. M.
20149 LAKE ROAD
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September 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming Dates:

- 09/12/19 Stated Meeting -
Welcome back to Lodge
- 09/19/19 Entered Apprentice Degree
- 09/26/19 Stated Meeting
- 10/03/19 Grand Masters Night
- 10/10/19 Stated Meeting - Fellow Craft Degree
- 10/17/19 Dark - Grand Lodge Communication
- 10/24/19 Stated Meeting
- 10/31/19 Dark - Happy Halloween!
- 11/07/19 Special Meeting - CCBLA meeting
- 11/14/19 Annual Elections and fish fry!
- 11/21/19 Special Installation practice
- 11/28/19 Dark - Happy Thanksgiving!
- 12/05/19 Installation of Officers

See inside for more information.

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From The East

Welcome back to Lodge Brethren!
 I hope you had a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you in Lodge on September 12th for our first stated meeting of the fall.

We have several candidates planning to attend the Grand Masters class on September 14th in Medina. If you our interested in attending ask our Secretary for the times.

On the 19th we will be doing an EA degree.

On the 26th we will be voting on several by-law changes including a 7:00 pm start time for Stated meetings.

October 3rd will be a special program for Master Masons to hear the Masonic Stories of three Past Grand Masters who are going to share stories of their Masonic journey. All three are Honorary members of Rocky River Lodge. MW Bro Tom Galyen MW Bro Steven J. Krekus and MW Bro Eric R. Schau.

The evening’s program will be proceeded by a Spaghetti Diner at 6:00 pm with contributions going to the Special Olympics

Welcome back – see you on the 12th.

Fraternally,
 Mark W. Rantala, W.M.

PROPOSES STANDING RESOLUTION CHANGES

Brethren, The standing Resolution Review committee has proposed changes to Rocky River Lodges Standing Resolutions. The Review committee consists of WB Ben Farah, WB Brian Spooner, and WB Russ Kilpatrick.

Some of the changes are just house keeping to keep things neat and to purge un-needed or outdated resolutions. There are also changes that you should be aware of such as Lodge opening at 7:00 pm instead of 7:30 pm.

The 1st. reading of these proposed changes was read on May 23rd. And we will have the 2nd reading on September 12th. Please attend this meeting to express your opinion on these changes.

(All of the additions or corrections are underlined and all of the omissions or corrections are stuck through)

#6 HONORARIUM & REIMBURSEMENT

Resolved that the following officers and committee chairman shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses they shall incur in the performance or their duties, in addition to an honorarium as indicated in the following:

- A) Secretary \$200 ~~175.00~~ per month
- B) Treasurer \$75 ~~30.00~~ per month
- C) Trestleboard Editor \$75 ~~55.00~~ per month for each month the newsletter is issued.
- D) Webmaster/Social Media **\$50.00**
- E) Organist as arranged \$25.00 per performance or otherwise arranged if not a member of Rocky River Lodge #703.

Date of latest amendment 9/11/2008-- /2019

#10 STATED MEETINGS

Resolved that the stated meetings of this Lodge shall be on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, commencing on the second Thursday in September, through, to the second Thursday in June, except when such Thursday falls on a legal holiday in the State of Ohio, the fourth Thursday in December, or the week before Easter. The hour of assembling shall be 7:00 ~~7:30~~ P.M. Special meetings may be called as provided by Section 21.03 of the Code.

Date of latest amendment 10/8/2015 / /2019

#14 RESTORATION & UNUSED DIMIT

Resolved that former members making "Application for Restoration from Sentence of Suspension or Expulsion" and "Application for Affiliation from Unused Dimit", shall be handled in a manner as detailed below:

A) Application for Restoration from Sentence of Suspension or Expulsion shall be made in writing by the applicant to the Lodge and shall then be transacted as defined in Code Section 48.02

B) Application for Affiliation from Unused Dimit

1) A dimit returned within six months of the date of issue shall be accepted without a ballot and then be transacted in accordance with Code Section 33.04(a) to show continuous membership. A dimit returned after six months of the date of issue, requesting restoration to membership, must be submitted at a stated meeting and then be referred to a committee of three members appointed by the Master. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to investigate and report on such petitioners in the same manner as is followed on petitions for membership or as otherwise proscribed in Code Section 33-04(b).

Date of latest amendment 1/22/1998

#15 INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Resolved upon the first reading of an Application for Membership, ~~that each incumbent~~ Master shall appoint a Investigating Committee consisting of three ~~five~~ members. The duty of a minimum of any three of the committee members is to advise the petitioner of the fees due for all three degrees before the petition can be considered, investigate the worthiness of each petitioner for the degrees of the Lodge and to verify to the extent possible, the accuracy of oral and written answers made in the petitioner's application for membership. The Investigating Committee shall report its favorable or unfavorable opinion of the candidate's application for membership prior to the lodge voting for acceptance of the petitioner for membership. Said committee shall make an annual report detailing all petitioners so investigated during its year and the opinion they reached in respect to each.

Date of latest amendment 11/9/2006 / /2019

#16 DUES, FEES & ASSESSMENTS

A) Resolved that effective for the year beginning September 1, 2018, Article VII of the Uniform Code of By-laws shall be amended to read: "Each member shall pay annually, in advance, annual membership dues of \$50.00 prior to the annual stated meeting for the election of officers. ~~Effective for the year beginning September 1, 2017, Article VII of the Uniform Code of By laws shall be amended to read: "Each member shall pay annually, in advance, annual membership dues of \$60.00 prior to the annual stated meeting for the election of officers."~~ Effective for the year beginning September 1, 2018, Article VII of the Uniform Code of By laws shall be amended to read: "Each member shall pay annually, in advance, annual membership dues of \$70.00 prior to the annual stated meeting for the election of officers." Dues for years prior to 2017 were \$50.00 and for the year 2017 were \$60.00

B) Resolved that Article IV of the Uniform Code of By-laws shall be amended to provide that the

total charges for conferring of degrees shall be ~~\$220.00~~ ~~\$200.00~~ to be paid with the petition which shall also cover the annual dues until the first stated meeting in November next following the petitioner becoming a member of the lodge, together with \$20.00 to the Ohio Masonic Home and \$5.00 to the George Washington National Memorial.

C) Resolved that Article IV of the Uniform Code of By-laws shall be amended to provide that the fee for membership on dimit shall be as follows: an amount equivalent to the dues currently assessable for the current year only; dimits received from Non-Ohio Grand Lodge jurisdiction lodges shall also include the assessment currently stipulated in Chapter 6.01(b) of the Grand Lodge by-laws for the Ohio Masonic Home if not previously paid.

D) Resolved that the fee for restoration to membership on dimits granted by the Lodge and not acted upon by the requesting brother shall be an amount equivalent to the dues currently assessable for the current year only.

E) Resolved that the amount due for reinstatement after suspension for non-payment of dues shall ~~only include~~ be a fee equivalent to the dues currently payable when the suspension for non-payment was first entered ~~in addition to~~ together with the dues presently in effect for the current year in which the reinstatement is granted.

F) Resolved that the fees and assessments payable upon application for Restoration from Expulsion shall include an amount equivalent equal to the dues currently assessable for the current year in addition to plus the assessment currently stipulated in Chapter 6.01 (b) of the Grand Lodge by-laws for the Ohio Masonic Home.

G) Resolved that the fees and assessments payable upon application for a Dual Membership shall be an amount ~~equivalent~~ equal to the dues currently assessable for the current year in ~~addition to~~ plus the assessment currently stipulated in Chapter 6.01(b) of the Grand Lodge by-laws for the Ohio Masonic home if not previously paid.

H) Resolved that the fees and assessments payable upon application for a Plural Membership shall be an amount equivalent to the dues currently assessable for the current year.

OLD SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Rsltn	Description	Dues	Fees	Assmt	Total
16-A	Annual Membership	\$50.00 †			\$50.00 †
16-B	Degree Petitions:				
	Entered Apprentice		\$105.00	\$20.00 *	\$125.00
	Fellowcraft		\$35.00		\$35.00
	Master Mason		\$35.00	\$5.00 **	\$40.00
	total		\$175.00	\$25.00 **	\$200.00
16-C	Dimit Membership:				
	Ohio Grand Jurisdiction		\$50.00 †		\$50.00 †
	Non-Ohio Jurisdictions		\$50.00 †	\$20.00 *	\$70.00 ‡
16-D	Restoration from Dimit		\$50.00 †		\$50.00 †
16-E	Restoration after SNPD	\$50.00 †	\$50.00 †		\$100.00 •
16-F	Restoration after Expulsion		\$50.00 †	\$20.00 *	\$120.00 ‡
16-G	Dual Membership		\$50.00 †	\$20.00 *	\$70.00 ‡
16-H	Plural Membership		\$50.00 †		\$50.00 †

*Ohio Masonic Home if not previously paid

** George Washington National Memorial

‡ \$50.00 for 2015-2016 year and prior
\$60.00 for 2016-2017 year
\$70.00 for 2017-2018 year and thereafter
‡ \$70.00 for 2015-2016 year and prior
\$80.00 for 2016-2017 year
\$90.00 for 2017-2018 year and thereafter
• \$100.00 for 2015-2016 year and prior
\$110.00 or \$120.00 for 2016-2017 year, depending on year of suspension
\$120.00 to \$140.00 for 2017-2018 year and thereafter, depending on year of suspension

Date of latest amendment 10/8/2015

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF CHARGES

Resolution	Description	Dues	Fees	Assessment	Total
16-A	Annual Membership	\$70.00 †			\$70.00 †
16-B	Degree Petitions:				
	Entered Apprentice		\$105.00	\$20.00 *	\$125.00
	Fellowcraft		\$35.00		\$35.00
	Master Mason		\$35.00	\$5.00 **	\$40.00
	total		\$175.00	\$25.00 **	\$220.00
16-C	Dimit Membership:				
	Ohio Grand Jurisdiction		\$70.00 †		\$70.00 †
	Non-Ohio Jurisdictions		\$70.00 †	\$20.00 *	\$90.00 ‡
16-D	Restoration from Dimit		\$70.00 †		\$70.00 †
16-E	Restoration after SNPD	\$70.00 †	\$50.00 †		\$120.00 •
16-F	Restoration after Expulsion		\$70.00 †	\$20.00 *	\$90.00 ‡
16-G	Dual Membership		\$70.00 †	\$20.00 *	\$90.00 ‡
16-H	Plural Membership		\$70.00 †		\$70.00 †

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\$120.00 to \$140.00 for 2017-2018 year and thereafter, depending on year of suspension

Date of latest amendment 10/8/2015 / /2019

#17 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Resolved that the incumbent Master shall appoint a Budget Committee of five members whose responsibility it shall be to approve an annual budget for the lodge prepared by the master. The

Master and the Committee shall meet within the first weeks of a master's term. It is hereby stipulated that any Lodge commitment of \$250.00 or more which is not included in the budget, shall be subject to majority approval of the Budget Committee prior to the commitment. Should discussion within the Lodge disclose the need for such approval, discussion shall be tabled until such time as a majority opinion of the Budget Committee is received. The Budget Committee may meet in private session if a majority of the members are present and return to Lodge during current session to resolve the issue of approval. No expenditure in excess of \$500.00 for any event or activity properly categorized as "Entertainment" shall be committed without prior Lodge approval. The 5 member committee shall consist of the following:

- A) Senior Warden
- B) Treasurer
- C) Secretary
- D) Two members who are not elected officers

Date of latest amendment 9/11/2008

#19 HONORARY MEMBERSHIP

Resolved that for the following purposes and for the brethren here-in listed, Honorary Membership is hereby conferred:

Whereas courtesy, affability, kindness, tolerance, wisdom and dedication to duty are the attributes which distinguish a man and cause him to rise above his fellows, and...

Whereas the recognition of such virtue is most properly the continuing aim of all leaders of Masonry in Ohio and throughout the world, and ...

Whereas the following distinguished brethren have been and are pre-eminent in the practice of the aforesaid virtues, and in so doing have endeared themselves to all who have had the privilege of their association,

Now therefore, be it resolved that, in recognition of these and their many other admirable characteristics, Rocky River Lodge #703 F. & A.M. does hereby confer the status of Honorary Member upon them as a token of the esteem in which they are held and the affection which is felt for them by our Lodge:

- 1) Brother Samuel N. Squires (Deceased, 1929)
- 2) Most Worshipful William R. Pringle (Deceased, 1997)
- 3) Right Worshipful John W. Barkley (Deceased, 1986)
- 4) Right Worshipful Colin B. Montis (Deceased, 1972)
- 5) Right Worshipful Laurence W. Hogstrom (Deceased, 1985)
- 6) Most Worshipful Donald M. Thompson (Deceased, 1994)
- 7) Right Worshipful Charles N. Berry (Deceased, 2018)
- 8) Most Worshipful Vernon E. Musser
- 10) Most Worshipful George O. Braatz
- 11) Most Worshipful Thomas H. Galyen
- 12) Right Worshipful James O. Gillahan
- 13) Most Worshipful Steven J. Krekus
- 14) Right Worshipful Donald C. Morgan
- 15) Most Worshipful Brother Eric R Schau

Date of latest amendment 10/8/2015

#20 ASST. CHAPLIN, TREASURER & SECRETARY.

Resolved that the position of Assistant Chaplain, Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary shall be created, the brethren to serve in those capacities to be appointed with their consent and to perform the duties of the incumbent Chaplain, Treasurer and Secretary during their temporary absence.

Date of latest amendment 1/22/1998

#21 TRUSTEE ELECTION, APPOINTMENT & DUTIES

A) Resolved that Article XIV of the Uniform Code of By-laws be amended to read:

A) “There shall be THREE 3 Trustees, one of which shall be elected annually by ballot to serve for a period of three years or until his successor has been duly elected.

B) That the Worshipful Master shall appoint one ~~a~~ member as a Trustees, to serve for one year.

C) That it shall be the duty of the trustees to look after and care for the paraphernalia and other property of the lodge. The trustees shall also serve as the Lodge’s trustees on the Templeboard. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Trustee, the Master shall appoint a successor to serve until the next annual meeting at which time a Trustee shall be elected to the unexpired term of his predecessor. One of the trustees shall report the activities of the Templeboard to the Lodge at the first stated meeting following every Templeboard meeting. The Templeboard report shall be scheduled as a regular business item on the Master’s agenda.

Date of latest amendment 9/11/2008

#24 ENDOWMENT FUND

Resolved that an Endowment Fund shall be created.

A) It shall be the option of each member of the lodge at the time annual dues are remitted or at any other intervening time, to remit an amount in addition to the dues for the purpose of building an endowment fund.

B) Such a fund shall be invested at the best available rates and maintained separately by the Treasurer from the other accounts of the lodge and an accounting of such funds shall be made annually to the Auditing Committee for their satisfaction.

C) The earnings from such endowment funds shall be allowed to “roll-over” and be reinvested within said fund unless the Treasurer receives direction from the Lodge to otherwise withdraw such earnings for some other directed purpose.

D) Absent a specific designation for the Ohio Masonic Home or other specified use, the Secretary shall allocate all such ~~under-signed~~ undesignated receipts to the Lodge into the Endowment Fund and direct the Treasurer to deposit such receipts accordingly.

E) The Treasurer, at the annual meeting shall give an accounting of the receipts and disbursements from such endowed funds.

F) No disbursement of principal shall be made for any purpose without the consent of the Lodge.

G) At such time as the purpose of the endowed fund principal shall become unnecessary for the above stated purpose, the Treasurer shall pay over to the general fund of the Lodge an amount determined by the Lodge.

Date of latest amendment /9/2002

#26 ~~AUDIT RESPO#NSIBILITIES~~ COMMITTEE

Resolved that the incumbent Master shall appoint an Audit Committee.

A) Prior to the annual meeting in each year, the Treasurer shall provide the Audit Committee with financial statements which shall include ~~audit responsibilities shall include:~~

A. In respect to the Lodge, the Audit Committee shall:

—I. ~~Be provided financial statements by the Treasurer, prior to the annual meeting which shall include a:~~

1a. a Summary of cash receipts and disbursements

2b. a Balance sheet reflective of all assets and liabilities

B) It shall be the duty of the Audit Committee to:

1. Review the financial statements and verify that all known assets are reported and that those reported, exist.
2. Review and satisfy themselves with the accuracy of information reported in the following Section B, I
3. Issue a signed annual report stating their opinion of the consequence of their review of items contained in Section A, I, II & III. The report shall be ~~Said report to be:~~
 - a. Read at the annual meeting
 - b. Included within the minutes
 - c. Included in the annual inspection report given to the District Deputy Grand Master.

Date of last amendment / /2019

#27 TEMPLEBOARD.

~~B. Resolved, that with In respect to the Templeboard,~~ the Trustees shall provide the following financial reports:

~~I A) . An~~ A ~~T~~ T Audit Report issued by the Templeboard shall provide an Audit Report to the Audit Committee no later than the first stated meeting in February of each year. for review by the Audit Committee on an annual basis in The Report shall provide sufficient detail to enable the verification of assets and accuracy of ~~F~~ financial records no later than the first stated meeting in February.

~~B)II. No later than the first stated meeting in February of each year,~~ the Templeboard shall present A to the Lodge budget on an annual basis no later than the first stated meeting in February for presentation before the lodge.

~~C)III. The Templeboard shall provide Q~~ quarterly financial statements from the Templeboard which shall include year-to-date receipt and disbursement detail no later than the first stated meeting in January, April , July and October of each year for review by the Treasurer.

Date of latest amendment 2/27/2003

#27 ORGANIST

~~Resolved that the position of Organist shall be created, the brother to serve in this capacity to be appointed with his consent and installed at the Annual Installation of Officers. His duties shall include the playing of the organ or piano at all degree portrayals and at such other times as Worshipful Master may request. It shall also be his responsibility to inform the lodge of required maintenance on the organ or piano and otherwise insure they are kept in proper playing condition.~~

Date of latest amendment 2/27/2003

#28 NEWSLETTER

Resolved that ~~9 times a year~~ it shall be the responsibility of the Editor to issue and circulate to the brethren 9 times a year, a newsletter informing the membership of lodge activities. The newsletter shall have advertising space available for sale, the revenue from which shall be used to offset a portion of the cost of publication and dissemination, the balance of such expense to be borne by the Lodge.

Date of latest amendment 2/27/2003