

Bylaws of Brandywine Chapter #9 Royal Arch Masons

Article I

This Chapter shall be known as Brandywine Royal Arch Chapter No. 9 of Claymont, DE.

Article II

Convocations

Section 1: The stated convocations of this chapter shall be held on the 1st Thursday of every month from September to June Inclusive. The Chapter shall be closed during the months of July and August. The time of the meeting shall be 7:30pm

Section 2: Special convocations may be called by the High Priest upon any emergency, which he in his judgment may deem necessary, but no business shall be transacted but that for which it was called.

Article III

Members

The members of this chapter are all who may have or may be exalted in or affiliated there with, who have subscribed their names to these bylaws, and who have not withdrawn or been expelled for un-masonic conduct.

Article IV

Officers and Elections

Section 1: The officers of this chapter shall be ranked and entitled as follows:

Excellent High Priest

King

Scribe

Treasurer

Secretary

Captain of the Host

Principal Sojourner

Royal Arch Captain

Master of the Third veil

Master of the Second veil

Master of the First veil

Trustee

Sentinel

Section 2: The first five officers named in the preceding section shall be elected annually by ballot and by a majority of all votes cast at the regular convocation next preceding St. John's the Evangelist Day. The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Excellent High Priest immediately after his installation.

Article V Duties of the Offices

Section 1: The duties of the officers shall be those prescribed by the Ancient Landmarks, usages, and customs of the fraternity, as laid down in the several installation charges and in the lectures of the several degrees of the Chapter.

Section 2: The Chapter may, at its discretion, appoint a chaplain and an organist whose duties shall correspond with their titles.

Section 3: The Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services, the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) per member per annum, with a minimum of fifty dollars (\$50.00), and a maximum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per annum, based on the Annual Report rendered at the Annual Convocation each year for the ensuing Capitular Year; compensation shall start as of June 1965.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall receive as compensation for his services, fifty dollars (\$50.00) per annum payable quarterly.

Article VI Membership – How Acquired

Section 1: Any Master Mason in good standing, desirous of receiving the degrees in this Chapter, must be proposed in writing by two members thereof, at a stated convocation. The members making the proposition shall state therein, the name of the candidate, his age, residence, occupation, and the name of the Lodge to which he belongs. If the petition be received by the Chapter, it shall be received to a special committee of three, who shall investigate the character and qualification of said candidate, and report thereon, at the next stated convocation, unless further time be granted. On the report of the committee, the chapter shall proceed to ballot for the candidate, every companion of this chapter being required to vote unless excused by the excellent high priest. If there be two or more black balls in the first ballot, the candidate shall be declared rejected, without question. If however, but one black ball appears, a second ballot shall be spread and if one or more black balls appears, then the candidate shall be rejected.

Section 2: Any Royal Arch Mason may become a member of this chapter by affiliation, (subject to the conditions set forth in Section 1 of this article), upon producing a demit from his former chapter.

Section 3: Any Royal Arch Mason may hold dual membership in this chapter, providing dual membership is sanctioned in his jurisdiction and according to the specifications and code of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Delaware and providing the petitioner is a paid up member of his chapter.

Article VII Rejections

Section 1: A petition for the degrees of this chapter having been rejected, cannot again be received within the period of three months, and then it must take the same course as a new petition.

Section 2: When a candidate is rejected by the Chapter, the secretary shall notify him, and return his fee.

Article VIII Fees and Dues

Section 1: The Fees for conferring degrees in this chapter shall be \$75.00 - \$25.00 to accompany the petition and the balance to be paid before conferring the Mark Master's degree.

Section 2: The Annual dues shall be ~~\$14.00~~ \$23 per year, payable in advance, plus any assessment levied by Brandywine Chapter No. 9 or Grand Chapter of Delaware R.A.M. Life memberships are no longer being sold effective Jan 1, 2009.

Section 3: Any member of this Chapter neglecting or refusing to pay his dues for one year may be suspended until such dues are paid, by a majority of the companions present at a regular convocation; provided that no companion shall be suspended until he shall have had at least one month's notice of the intention of the Chapter to take action upon his delinquency.

Section 4: Any companion desirous of withdrawing from this chapter must pay his indebtedness and obtain its consent except companions holding dual membership in Delaware; who shall be permitted to select the chapter in which they wish to continue their membership; but must pay their indebtedness in advance for the next semi-annual period if the elect to withdraw; i.e. companions withdrawing dual membership in January – February, etc., must pay their indebtedness to June: those withdrawing in July, August, etc., must pay their indebtedness to December. Companions holding dual membership from other jurisdictions will be governed by the Code of their parent jurisdiction, unless it conflicts with the Code and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Delaware. In which case, the Code of the Grand Chapter of Delaware will govern.

Article IX Amendments

Section 1: Any or all of these bylaws may be amended or others substituted at the will of the Chapter; but all amendments or substitutions must be proposed in writing, read before the chapter at a regular convocation and laid over until the next regular convocation before being voted upon. Two-thirds of the companions present shall constitute a majority vote for the adoption of such amendments or substitutions; and the

Excellent High Priest shall cause summons to be made of all Companions, stating the reason for such summons when such amendments or substitutions are to be balloted upon.

Section 2: Any action or edict of the grand chapter of Delaware or of the General Grand Chapter of the United States altering, amending, or substitution, has the effect of an amendment without any action on the part of this Chapter.

Article X High Priest Charities

Section 1: The excellent high priest shall have power to expend a sum not exceeding twenty five dollars (\$25.00) on any case between stated convocations, to be bestowed upon a distressed worthy companion, his widow, and/or orphan.

Article XI Remit Dues

Section 1: Members of this Chapter who are unable to pay their dues may have them remitted at the direction of the Chapter.

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