

BY - LAWS.

SOUTH WEST LODGE, NO. 283.,

F. & A. M.

THE UNIFORM CODE OF BY-LAWS OF LODGES,
As Revised and Recommended by the Grand Lodge in May, 1860,
AND AS AMENDED AT ITS ANNUAL COMMUNICATION IN OCTOBER, 1883.

ARTICLE I. OF NAME AND OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name of South West Lodge, No. 119, of Free and Accepted Masons; and its officers shall consist of a Master, a Senior Warden, a Junior Warden, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Senior Deacon, a Junior Deacon, a Marshal, two Stewards, a Tyler, and such other officers as the Lodge may deem proper to appoint.

ARTICLE II. OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be elected by ballot, in conformity with Section 1, Article I, Part IV, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. The other officers shall be appointed by the Master, except the Junior Deacon, who may be appointed by the Senior Warden.

ARTICLE III. OF MEETINGS OF THE LODGE.

SECTION 1. The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be holden on the Tuesday on or before the full moon in each month.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called from time to time, as the Lodge, or the presiding officer thereof, may direct.

ARTICLE IV.—OF INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. All petitions for initiation or affiliation must be signed by the petitioner and be recommended by two members of the Lodge. Every such petition shall be referred to a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report thereon at the next stated meeting, (unless further time be granted, when the applicant shall be balloted for and received or rejected.

SEC. 2. If an applicant, elected to receive the degrees in this Lodge, does not come forward to be initiated within three months thereafter, the fee shall be forfeited, unless the Lodge shall otherwise direct.

SEC. 3. Every person raised to the degree of Master Mason in this Lodge, (except when such degree shall have been conferred at the request of another Lodge,) or elected to be a member thereof, shall sign its By-Laws.

ARTICLE V.—OF THE TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys from the Secretary; shall keep an accurate and just account thereof; and shall pay the same out only upon an order duly signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall, at the stated meetings in June and December of each year, submit a report in full of the monetary transactions of the Lodge. The Lodge may also, at any time when considered necessary, cause him to present an account of his receipts and disbursements, and of the amount of funds on hand.

SEC. 2. He shall, if required by the Lodge, execute a good and sufficient bond to the Master, for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE VI.—OF THE SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all proceedings proper to be written; shall transmit a copy of the same to the Grand Lodge when required; shall keep a separate account for each member of the Lodge; shall report at the stated meetings in June and December, the amounts due by each; shall receive all moneys due the Lodge, and pay the same monthly to the Treasurer; and shall perform all such other duties as may properly appertain to his office.

SEC. 2. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct, and he shall, if required by the Lodge, execute a good and sufficient bond to the Master for the faithful performance of his duties.

ARTICLE VII.—OF THE TYLER.

SECTION 1. The Tyler, in addition to the necessary duties of his office, shall serve all notices and summonses, and perform such other services as may be required of him by the Lodge.

SEC. 2. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE VIII.—OF FEES.

SECTION 1. The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows: for the three degrees, the sum of Fifty dollars; for the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, when the first degree shall have been received in another Lodge, the sum of thirty five dollars; for the degree of Master Mason, when the first and second degrees shall have been received in another Lodge, the sum of Twenty dollars; and for affiliation, the sum of one dollars.

SEC. 2. The fee for each of the foregoing shall accompany the several petitions or applications, else they shall not be presented by the Secretary to the Lodge.

ARTICLE IX.—OF DUES.

SECTION 1. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be Three dollars per annum payable quarterly in advance.

SEC. 2. No member who shall be in arrears for dues at the time of the annual election, shall be permitted to vote, or shall be eligible to any office.

SEC. 3. Any member who shall have been suspended for non-payment of his dues, shall be restored to membership upon payment of all arrearages.

SEC. 4. Any member in good standing may withdraw from membership by paying his dues and notifying the Lodge to that effect at a stated meeting; but no recommendatory certificate shall be issued to him unless ordered by the Lodge.

ARTICLE X.—OF COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Master and Wardens shall be a Charity Committee, and shall have power to draw upon the Treasurer for any sum, not exceeding Twenty five dollars at any one time, for the relief of a distressed worthy brother, his wife, widow, or orphans.

SEC. 2. The Master, at the stated meeting next succeeding his installation, shall appoint an auditing committee, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts presented against the Lodge.

SEC. 3. All reports of committees shall be made in writing.

ARTICLE XI.—OF REVEALING THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE LODGE.

SECTION 1. When a candidate for initiation or affiliation is rejected, or a brother reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, no member or visitor shall reveal, either directly or indirectly, to such person, or to any other, any transactions which may have taken place on the subject; nor shall any proceeding of the Lodge, not proper to be made public, be disclosed outside thereof, under the penalty of reprimand, suspension, or expulsion, as the Lodge may

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ARTICLE XII.—OF THE ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 1. The regular order of business at every stated meeting of this Lodge shall be as follows: 1. Reading of the Minutes. 2. Reports of Committees. 3. Ballotings. 4. Reception of Petitions. 5. Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business. 6. Conferring Degrees.

ARTICLE XIII.—OF AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. These By-Laws, so far as relates to the times of meeting, and the amounts of fees, dues and disbursements by the Charity Committee, may be amended at any stated meeting, by the votes of two-thirds of the members present; Provided that notice of such amendment shall have been given at the stated meeting next preceding; but such amendment shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, and until such approval shall have been transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

The above is a copy of the By laws adopted by South West Lodge M. D. A. F. & M. at their lodge room in National City, County of San Diego, State of California Jan. 4th 1887

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