

Minutes
of the
Proceedings

of the
Regular & Special

Communications

of
Nebraska Lodge, No. 1

A. F. & A. M.

of
Bellevue

Nebraska Territory

By-Laws
of
Nebraska Lodge

No. 1 —

Article, 1st.

This Lodge shall consist of the
Worshipful Master, Senior and
Junior Wardens, Secretary and
Treasurer, Senior and Junior
Deacons, a Stewart & Tyler and
such Brothers as conform to the
Ancient Land-Marks

Article 2nd.

Sec. 1 — The Officers of this Lodge shall
be elected ^{by ballot} annually, at the Stated
Meeting in December and continue
in office until their successors are
duly installed, and the officers so
elected shall be installed into office
as soon thereafter as may be pract-
icable

Sec. 2 — In all elections a majority of all
the votes cast shall be necessary to a
choice

Sec. 3 — The duties of the officers respectively
shall be such as the constitution and
Masonic tradition have settled

Sec. 4 — The Secretary shall be exempt from the payment of dues, for his services as Secretary.

Sec. 5 — It shall be the duty of the Tyler to provide himself with a blank book to be by him kept in which he shall record all the names of visiting brethren, that may visit the Lodge, the date of their attendance and the name of the Lodge from whence they hail and for his services as Tyler shall be allowed the sum of one dollar for every night attendance on Lodge duty.

Article 3d. (of membership)

Sec. 1 Master Masons may be admitted to membership in this Lodge upon petition in writing after a favorable report of a committee of enquiry and a unanimous ballot of the members present by paying the sum of three dollars.

Sec. 2 Every petition for initiation in this Lodge must be in writing and be accompanied with ten dollars deposited with the secretary, and shall when presented be referred to a committee of three members who shall carefully

Examine into the Character & Standing of the petitioner and report at the next stated meeting

Sec. 4 — No ballot may be had on any petition unless in case of emergency in less time than one month after its reception and then only at a stated meeting

Sec. 5 — A unanimous ballot shall always be necessary to each degree unless it appears that a negative ball has been cast through mistake, when the Master shall have the right to order a second ballot

Sec. 6 — The fees for the degrees in this Lodge shall be as follows for that of entered apprentice, ten dollars, for that of Fellow-craft five dollars and for that of Master Mason ^{five} ~~ten~~ Dollars making in all twenty five Dollars which shall in all cases be paid to the secretary at or before the time of conferring the degree

Sec. 7 — In all cases when an application for initiation in this Lodge is rejected the money shall be returned with information of the rejection which information shall in no case be communicated by any member of this Lodge or any visitor who may be

present to any person not a mason and any mason who may upon conviction thereof be found guilty of so doing shall be subject to fine suspension or expulsion as the Lodge may determine. The same shall apply in case of the disclosure of any proceedings of the Lodge wherein secrecy is enjoined. This section shall be read in open lodge before the closing of every meeting.

Sec. 8 Every member shall sign these rules and By-Laws so soon after his admission as may be practicable.

Sec. 9 Every member shall pay one dollar quarterly in advance. The quarters shall commence respectively on the first of January, April, July & October and no member shall be entitled to vote at the election of officers, or any other business of the Lodge when his dues are unpaid for two quarters, and any brother who shall be in arrears for his dues one year shall be ineligible to any office in the Lodge and may be suspended or expelled unless by a unanimous vote of the Lodge he shall be exempt from payment.

Sec. 10 None but Master Masons shall be entitled to vote in any degree, and none but members of this Lodge to speak upon any question without permission from the Chair Worshipping Master

Sec. 11 — Members of the Lodge in good standing shall be entitled to a Lodge diploma by paying up Lodge dues and one dollar and fifty cents the amount for diploma the secretary shall be entitled to receive.

Article 4th.

(of meetings)

Sec. 1 The Stated Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the second Tuesday evening of each month, the hour of meeting shall be six o'clock P. M. from the twenty fifth of September to the twenty fifth of March and at seven o'clock P. M. from the twenty fifth of March to the twenty fifth of September both inclusive

Sec. 2 — Special Meetings may be called at the pleasure of the Worshipping Master

Sec. 3 — The Lodge shall in all cases proceed to open within fifteen minutes after the stated hour for assembling if a sufficient number of masons be present

Sec. 4 The rules of order shall be in accordance with Parliamentary usage when the same does not conflict with strict masonic tradition

Sec. 5 — The order of business shall be as follows

- First — Opening
- Second — Reading & Approval of the Minutes
- Third — Reading and reference of petitions
- Fourth — Reports of Committees
- Fifth — Balloting for Members
- Sixth — Work
- Seventh — Miscellaneous business
- Eighth — Closing

Article 5th.

(visitors)

Sec. 1 No resident Mason who is not a working or paying brother, not a member of this Lodge, shall visit this Lodge more than thrice unless on application he be admitted a sojourner by the unanimous vote of all the members present

Sec. 2 — Visiting Brothers not residents of the city of Bellevue, previous to their admittance shall hand to the Tyler their names and residence with the name and number of their Lodge to which they may belong or in which they obtained their degrees, this sent to the Worshipful Master shall be their announcement, upon which the W. M. shall give such order as he may deem proper

Article 6th

(of discipline and jurisdiction.)

Sec. 1 — Whenever any member of this Lodge shall be charged with conduct unbecoming the profession of a just and upright man the charge or charges shall be at once referred to a committee to be appointed by the Worshipful Master, who shall forthwith order the Secretary to furnish the accused with a copy thereof if the nature of the case will admit of it, and if the same can be done said Committee shall also if possible notify the accused and the accuser or accusers of the time and place when and

where they will meet to hear & determine the case, said committee shall have power to issue a summons or summonses for the attendance of any mason whose evidence may be required and the Tyler shall serve the same and attend upon the meeting of the committee, said committee may adjourn its sittings from time to time until the matter be fully and satisfactorily investigated, the result of the investigations shall be forthwith reported to the Lodge and thereupon such order shall be taken as the nature of the case may require.

Article 7th.

Sec 1 These rules and By-Laws shall be read in open Lodge at least once in three months

Sec 2 No alteration shall be made in these rules and By-Laws unless such proposed alteration be first reduced to writing and read at some stated meeting, and then filed with the secretary for the inspection of members

and at some subsequent stated
meeting be agreed to by two thirds
of all the members present

I B King, Am Cook

Stephen O Bangs

" C. D. Keller

" A. S. Woodward

David Leach. Stephen G. Mattes

L. F. Bartels J. M. Boyer
S. S. Stickland H. W. G. Chymonsky
Thomas Clifton Jos. E. Gray

John L. Gop
J. M. Clark McLean

R. Laing
Wm Robinson

R. J. Moserip

Jam. W. Trout

Petition for Initiation

To the W. M. Wardens and
Brethren of Nebraska Lodge No. 1

The petition of the subscriber respect-
fully sheweth that, entertaining
a favorable opinion of your an-
cient institution he is desirous
of being admitted a member
thereof, if found worthy. — His
residence is: _____ His age;
_____ ; His occupation —
_____ ;

Recommended by _____ signed _____

Petition for Membership

To the W. M. Wardens and
Brethren of Nebraska Lodge No. 1

The undersigned a _____ Mason
late a member _____ Lodge No. —
respectfully petitions for membership
in your lodge, if found worthy. He
pledges himself a cheerful obedience
to your By-Laws and to the
ancient usages of Masonry.
His age is _____ his occupation
_____ his residence _____
_____ C — Y —

(Date)