

TYRE BASS

A Masonic Fishing Club

ARTICLE I- NAME and PURPOSE

Section 1. This organization is to be called Tyre Bass, of Omaha, Nebraska. The club is sponsored entirely by Nebraska Lodge Number 1, A.F.&A.M. of Omaha, Nebraska.

Section 2. Purpose. To provide awareness of and promote the ideal of brotherhood of the Masonic Institution. To offer an alternate method of bringing the Masonic message and Masonry's mission to those who have not been given the opportunity to participate in Masonry.

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Number of members. The club shall maintain a minimum of nine (9) members. Members need not be Masons, but the club must retain an 80% Masonic membership.

Section 2. Requirements for membership. To become a member, a person must:

- (a) Voluntarily express a genuine interest in membership.
- (b) If a member is not a Mason, he should be encouraged to join.
- (c) Be voted on for membership. Vote shall be by secret ballot and must be unanimous.
- (d) Wives of members are eligible to join.

Section 3. Dues and Memberships. Dues for members shall be _____ annually. Dues shall be payable annually on the anniversary date of acceptance of membership, and be delinquent sixty (60) days thereafter.

ARTICLE III, OFFICERS and THEIR DUTIES.

Section 1. The officers of the club shall consist of:

- (a). President: To preside over all meetings and direct all official business. Appoint and be an ex-officio member of all committees. Supervise all club functions.

(b). Vice President: Act as Program Chairman, assist the President in his duties and preside in the absence of the president.

(c). Secretary: Maintain accurate minutes of all regular and special meetings as called by the President, and be responsible for all correspondence not directed specifically to the President.

(d). Treasurer: Collect and disburse all monies. Maintain accurate financial records and present a current balance report at each regular meeting. Prepare annual financial record to be submitted to the board of directors by the month of April.

Section 2. Elections. The election of officers shall be held annually at the regular monthly meeting in December. Election shall be by a simple majority of members present. Election for each officer will be held separately in order listed in ARTICLE III, Section 1.

Section 3. Voter Eligibility. Each voter is entitled to one vote. Proxy votes are not permitted.

Section 4. Term of office. Each officer shall serve a term of one (1) year, which shall begin January 1, and will end December 31, or until the successor assumes office.

Section 5. Vacancies. In the event that an office becomes vacant, nominations shall be called for and election shall be held to fulfill the un-expired term of the individual vacating that office.

Section 6. Eligibility for holding office. To be eligible for office, a member must:

- (a). After the initial charter period (Re: the first 12 months of club organization) be a member for at least six (6) months.
- (b). Have attended $\frac{3}{4}$ of the club meetings and $\frac{3}{4}$ of the club functions.
- (c). Have shown an active interest in all club functions.

ARTICLE IV. BOARD of DIRECTORS.

Section 1. The Board of Directors will consist of seven (7) members: The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Immediate Past President, and two (2) members elected at large. During the initial charter period, there will be three (3) members elected at large, by the virtue of not having a Past President.

Section 2. Duties of the BOD.

(a). The President. Call all meetings to order and preside over the same. Be ad hoc chairman of all committees.

(b). Vice President. Assist the President in the performance of his duties and preside in the absence of the President.

(c). Secretary. Record the minutes of the meetings.

(d). The BOD will develop an agenda for monthly meetings.

(e). The BOD will hear and judge all protests presented to it when appropriately presented.

ARTICLE V. STANDING COMMITTEES.

Section 1. All standing committees shall serve for the period of one (1) year or until a new committee is appointed. The terms of the committee members will coincide with that of the President.

Section 2. Youth Committee. The purpose of this committee is to plan, organize, and implement an organizational youth project. The goals of the committee are to:

(a). Introduce youth to the goals of the organization and teach them respect for our national heritage.

(b). Instill an appreciation for the basic rules of honesty, fair play, integrity, and sportsmanship.

Section 3. Conservation Committee.

Section 4. Tournament Committee.

ARTICLE VI. REMOVAL of MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. A member may be removed from the membership roles for:

(a). Failure to pay dues.

(b). Failure to attend fifty percent (50%) of the club meetings and functions during a twelve (12) month period.

(c). By having specific charges of illegal; or unsportsman-like conduct brought against the member.

(1). Charges are to be presented in writing to the President within fifteen (15) days of the next scheduled regular meeting. The charge(s) are to be signed by two (2) members in good standing.

(2). The Board of Directors will convene to hear arguments from both plaintiff(s) and defendant(s).

(3). Having heard testimony from both sides, the BOD will decide whether the member(s) will be removed.

ARTICLE VII. CHARGES ENUMERATED.

Section 1. No member will convey or transport to any person or persons, a copy of the membership roles of the club, unless that person or persons is contractually obligated to the club to do the printing of, and or mailing of , materials specifically for the purpose of the club.

Section 2. No member shall wantonly destroy or deface the property of any other member, nor that belonging to any individual, or organization, nor of any state, county, or municipality.

Section 3. No member shall be associated with any activity that would be adjudged as a felony or class 1 misdemeanor, in either the United States.

Section 4. By violation of more than three (3) articles in the competition rules.

ARTICLE VIII. AFFILIATIONS and ASSOCIATIONS.

Section 1. There will be no affiliation with any other organization.

Section 2. The only association of the club will be with Nebraska Lodge #1, A.F. & A.M, and The Grand Lodge of Nebraska, A.F.& A.M.

ARTICLE IX. COMPETITION RULES.

Competition rules are to be written and voted on sixty (60) days prior to the first tournament. The rules are to reflect the membership of the club and to make our tournaments more enjoyable for those participating.

ARTICLE X. METHOD of AMMENDING the CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS.

Section 1. The constitution and By-laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the members present at a regular meeting.

(a). The amendment must be presented in writing, signed by two members in good standing, at least fifteen (15) days prior to a regular meeting.

(b) The proposed amendment will be read at the next regular meeting, then lie over until the following regular meeting for a vote.

(c). The amendment, being passed, shall be printed, signed by the President, Vice President, and Secretary, and placed in the Constitution and Bylaws as so Amended.

ARTICLE XI. AUTHORIZATION to ENACT.

This document will become the Bylaws and Constitution of TYRE BASS, when there are at least nine (9) prospective members who have voted and adopted them. The signatures of the nine (9) are affixed hereunto.

Signed this day; _____, _____, 20__