

***FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE
ATLANTIC LODGE 34
BY-LAWS***

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PREAMBLE

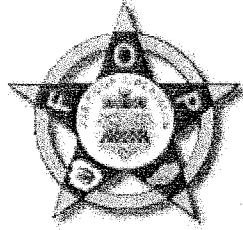
THE PURPOSE, FOR WHICH THIS LODGE IS FORMED, IS TO FURTHER AND ENCOURAGE A HIGHER DEGREE OF SKILL, EFFICIENCY AND DISCIPLINE AMONG ALL PERSONS WHO ARE EMPLOYED ON A FULL TIME BASIS AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY. WE UNITE, FOR THE PROTECTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY, TO CULTIVATE FRIENDSHIP AND LOYALTY, TO STIMULATE INTELLECTUAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS OF THE ACTIVE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS. WE AFFILIATE OURSELVES WITH THE NEW JERSEY STATE LODGE AND THE NATIONAL LODGE OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, TOGETHER WITH SUCH OTHER MEMBERSHIP OF PUBLIC SPIRITED CITIZENS AS MAY BE ADDED THERE TO FROM TIME TO TIME. THIS LODGE SHALL NOT BE OR BECOME AFFILIATED EITHER DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY WITH ANY COMMITTEE, CONGRESS, FEDERATION, ORGANIZATION OR UNION OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS.

ARTICLE I

NAME

SECTION 1: THE NAME OF THIS ASSOCIATION SHALL BE ATLANTIC F. O. P. LODGE # 34.

SECTION 2: THE SEAL SHALL CONSIST OF THE EMBLEM OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE.



ARTICLE II

MEMBERS

SECTION 1: IN THE SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP, REGARD SHALL BE PRIMARILY TO THE CHARACTER AND INTEGRITY OF APPLICANTS, AND THEREAFTER TO SUCH SPECIFIC ABILITY AND QUALIFICATIONS AS ARE BEST CALCULATED TO ADVANCE THE INTEREST, PROMOTE THE OBJECTS AND CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THIS LODGE IS ORDAINED AND ESTABLISHED. RACE CREED OR SEX SHALL NOT BE A BAR TO MEMBERSHIP HEREIN, BUT NO PERSON MAY BE A MEMBER EXCEPT AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OF FULL AGE, WHO IS NOT NOW NOR HAS EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. A NEW MEMBER SHALL BE SWORN IN BEFORE OR AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING ACCORDING TO THERE DATES OF HIRE, BECAUSE THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC RUNS AN AGENCY SHOP.

SECTION 2: THERE SHALL BE THREE (3) CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP WITHIN ATLANTIC LODGE # 34, FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE.

A) ACTIVE MEMBER: ACTIVE MEMBER MUST BE A FULL TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, WHO HAS PASSED A CIVIL SERVICE EXAM OR EQUIVILANT, ON ACTIVE DUTY, REGULARLY EMPLOYED IN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WHOSE SALARIES ARE PAID BY PUBLIC FUNDS, AND ARE CURRENT IN ALL DUES AND ASSESSMENTS. AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING, WHO RETIRES FROM ACTIVE DUTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GOING ON PENSION, MAY RETAIN ALL RIGHTS AS AN HONORARY MEMBER. ACTIVE MEMBERS WHO ARE DISMISSED FROM EMPLOYMENT FROM THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC OR LEAVE SUCH EMPLOYMENT OTHER THEN BEING ON PENSION MUST FORFEIT THEIR MEMBERSHIP. THESE MEMBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO MAINTAIN MEMBERSHIP UNLESS SUCH DISMISSAL IS THE RESULT OF A GRIEVANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE, OR LEGAL ACTION BEING HANDLED BY THE ATLANTIC LODGE # 34. ACTIVE MEMBERS MAY HAVE THE PRIVILEGE OF LEASING AUTOMOBILE EMBLEMS THAT SHALL BE USED ONLY ON THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY VEHICLES. IF SAID MEMBER LEASES AN AUTOMOBILE EMBLEM, HE/SHE SHALL DO SO WITH THE PROVISION THAT IF HIS/HER MEMBERSHIP SHALL FOR ANY REASON BE REVOKED OR OTHERWISE TERMINATED, THE EMBLEM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE LODGE IMMEDIATELY.

B) HONORARY MEMBER: HONORARY MEMBERS SHALL CONSIST OF RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WHO WITHDRAW FROM ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AFTER COMPLETING THEIR SERVICE WITH THEIR DEPARTMENT. THE MEMBER HAS NONE OF THE PRIVILEGES OR OBLIGATIONS OF ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP.

C) **ASSOCIATE MEMBER:** ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF THE LODGE SHALL BE PERSONS OF GOOD MORAL CHARACTER WHO ARE LAWFULLY EMPLOYED IN A REGULAR PROFESSION OR BUSINESS AND WHOSE ASSOCIATIONS ARE ABOVE REPROACH. THEY SHALL NOT BE ASSOCIATED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, WITH ANY PERSON WHO'S REPUTATION, CHARACTER OR OCCUPATION IS QUESTIONABLE. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS SHALL NOT HAVE A VOICE OR A VOTE IN THE DELIBERATIONS OF THE LODGE NOR SHALL THEY HOLD OFFICE.

SECTION 3: ALL RESIGNATIONS OF THIS LODGE BY MEMBERS THEREOF MUST BE PRESENTED IN WRITING, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE, TO THE SECRETARY. IN ORDER FOR THE NECESSARY NOTIFICATIONS TO BE MADE. NO RESIGNATION OF ANY MEMBER INDEBTED TO THE LODGE SHALL BE ACCEPTED.

SECTION 4: ANY MEMBER WHO IS EXPELLED OR RESIGNS FROM THIS LODGE, BUT IS STILL EMPLOYED AS A FULL TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC, CAN ONLY BE RE-ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE LODGE BY PAYMENT IN FULL OF ALL BACK DUES FOR A MAXIMUM OF THREE (3) YEARS PAYMENTS, AND APPROVAL OF SUCH MEMBERSHIP BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PLUS ANY PENALTY THAT MAY BE ASSESSED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SECTION 5: MEMBER IN "GOOD STANDING" IS HEREBY DEFINED AS:

A MEMBER WHO HAS PAID ALL DUES AND ASSESMENTS, DUE AND PAYABLE TO THE LODGE, OR WHO IS NOT MORE THAN **THIRTY DAYS (30)** IN ARREARS.

SECTION 6: ANY MEMBER WHOSE DUES OR ASSESMENTS ARE MORE THAN THIRTY (30) DAYS IN ARREARS SHALL HAVE ALL THEIR RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES IN THE LODGE SUSPENDED, UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY BECOME CURRENT IN THEIR OBLIGATIONS TO ATLANTIC LODGE # 34.

ANY MEMBER WHOSE PAYMENT OF UNION DUES ARE MORE THAN **NINETY DAYS (90)** IN ARREARS MAY BE EXPELLED FROM THE LODGE.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL SET THE INITIATION FEE AND ANNUAL DUES.

ARTICLE III
DUES

SECTION 1: THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL WITH APPROVAL OF THE BODY SET MONTHLY DUES. THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL HAVE THEIR MONTHLY DUES DEDUCTED FROM THE BI-WEEKLY PAY CHECKS BY THE COUNTY OF ATLANTIC

ARTICLE IV
OFFICERS

OFFICERS SECTION 1: *THE OFFICERS OF THIS LODGE SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING:*

- A. *PRESIDENT*
- B. *VICE PRESIDENT*
- C. *SECRETARY*
- D. *TREASURER*
- E. *STATE DELEGATE*
- F. *CHAPLAIN*
- G. *SERGEANT AT ARMS*
- H. *TRUSTEES (3)*
- I. *2ND VICE PRESIDENT (if membership exceeds 150)*
- J. *2ND STATE DELEGATE (if membership exceeds 150)*

SECTION 2: *THE OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED TO SERVE FOR TWO (2) YEARS OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE SWORN IN. THEIR TERM OF OFFICE SHALL BEGIN AT THE CLOSE OF THE MONTHLY MEETING AT WHICH THEY ARE SWORN IN.*

SECTION 3: *NO MEMBER SHALL HOLD MORE THEN ONE ELECTED OFFICE AT A TIME.*

SECTION 4: *THESE OFFICERS SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES PRESCRIBED BY THESE BY-LAWS AND THE PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY ADOPTED BY THE LODGE.*

SECTION 5: *ALL RESIGNATIONS OF OFFICERS SHALL BE PRESENTED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY AND MAY BE ACCEPTED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.*

SECTION 6: *IN THE EVENT THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE LODGE EXCEEDS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY (150) ACTIVE MEMBERS, A SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AS WELL AS A SECOND STATE DELEGATE SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT AND SECOND STATE DELEGATE ARE AN APPOINTED POSITION AND AS SUCH IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATIONS BY THE MEMBERSHIP. SHOULD THE MEMBERSHIP DROP BELOW ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY (150) FOR TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE MONTHS, BOTH POSITIONS SHALL BE NULLIFIED.*

ARTICLE V
DUTIES OF OFFICERS
PRESIDENT'S DUTIES

SECTION 1: THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE LODGE, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE SHALL HAVE GENERAL CHARGE AND SUPERVISION OVER, AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR, THE AFFAIRS OF THE LODGE. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. ALL OTHER OFFICERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY AND SUPERVISION OF THE PRESIDENT. HE/SHE SHALL PRESIDE AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE LODGE, EXECUTIVE BOARD AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AT ALL, OF WHICH HE SHALL ENFORCE ORDER AND STRICT COMPLIANCE OF THE BY-LAWS THEREOF. WHILE OCCUPYING THE CHAIR HE/SHE SHALL NOT PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT. HE/SHE SHALL APPOINT THE CHAIRPERSON OF ALL STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES. HE/SHE SHALL SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER THEREOF. HE/SHE SHALL WITH THE SECRETARY AND VICE PRESIDENT, SIGN ALL CONTRACTS AND OTHER OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS AUTHORIZED BY THE EXECUTIVE BOARD, FOR THIS LODGE. HE/SHE SHALL, WITH THE TREASURER, SIGN ALL ORDERS OF THE TREASURY OR OTHER DEPOSITRY FOR THE DISBURSEMENT OF LODGE FUNDS.

VICE PRESIDENT

SECTION 2: THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AND HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY AS THE PRESIDENT FROM TIME TO TIME IF APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO DO SO. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT FOR ANY CAUSE, THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL PERFORM THE DUTIES AND BE VESTED WITH THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT

- A. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL APPOINT THE MINOR MEMBERS OF ALL COMMITTEES. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL ALSO SERVE AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL COMMITTEES.
- B. IN THE EVENT THE ACTIVE MEMEBRSHIP EXCEEDS ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY (150) MEMBERS THEN THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL BECOME THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, WITH THE SAME POWERS AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED
- C. THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:
 - 1) CONTRACT / BY-LAWS
 - 2) HEALTH AND WELFARE
 - 3) FUND RAISING / CHARITIES

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

SECTION 3: THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AND SHALL HAVE SUCH AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT FROM TIME TO TIME IF DELEGATED TO HIM BY EITHER THE PRESIDENT OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR ANY CAUSE, THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL VEST THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT WITH THE DUTIES OF PRESIDENT. IF FOR ANY CAUSE THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CAN NOT COMPLETE THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE, THEN THE PRESIDENT WILL APPOINT THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT TO THE POSITION UNTIL THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT CAN RESUME HIS/HER DUTIES.

A. THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SERVES AS AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL COMMITTEES

B. THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:

- 1) GRIEVANCE / LEGAL AID
- 2) PUBLIC RELATIONS / INFORMATION
- 3) ELECTION / AWARDS

SECRETARY

SECTION 4: THE SECRETARY SHALL HAVE CUSTODY OF THE SEAL AND ALL BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, PAPERS AND RECORDS OF THE LODGE, NOT OTHERWISE ENTRUSTED, TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY, TO OTHER OFFICERS OR TO A STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEES. HE/SHE SHALL TAKE AND TRANSCRIBE MINUTES OF ALL MEETINGS OF THE LODGE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHALL SUBMIT THE SAME FOR APPROVAL OR AMENDMENT AT THE NEXT MEETING THEREOF. WHEN SO REQUIRED HE SHALL GIVE DUE NOTICE OF ALL SUCH MEETINGS, AND SHALL, CONDUCT THE GENERAL CORRESPONDANCE OF THE LODGE. HE/SHE SHALL, WITH THE PRESIDENT. ATTEST AND SEAL ALL DULY AUTHORIZED AND APPROVED CONTRACTS, OF THE LODGE AND KEEP COPIES. HE/SHE SHALL DELIVER TO HIS SUCCESSOR THE OFFICAL SEAL, ALL BOOKS, DOCUMENTS, RECORDS, PARAPHERNALIA, AND EQUIPMENT IN HIS/HER POSSESSION WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS THEREAFTER. THE NEWLY ELECTED SECRETARY SHALL REQUIRE AND RECEIVE A RECEIPT FOR THE ABOVE LISTED ITEMS. HE/SHE SHALL ALSO PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY ASSIGN.

TREASURER

SECTION 5: THE TREASURER SHALL HAVE GENERAL CHARGE OF ALL THE DUES, FEES, FINES, AND ASSESSMENTS AND MONETARY EARNINGS OF THE LODGE.

THE TREASURE WILL PREPARE A BUDGET EACH YEAR AND THE BUDGET MUST BE PRESENTED AT TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE LODGE MEETINGS, AND MUST PASS BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AT THE SECCOND MEETING TOGETHER WITH THE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY, HE/SHE SHALL DEPOSIT AND MAINTAIN ALL SUCH FUNDS IN A BANK ACCOUNT (S) IN THE NAME OF ATLANTIC FOP LODGE # 34. HE/SHE SHALL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP AT EACH MEETING THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE LODGE. HE/SHE SHALL COUNTERSIGN ALL LODGE CHECKS WITH THE PRESIDENT, THE SECRETARY OR VICE PRESIDENTS CAN ALSO COUNTERSIGN IF THE PRESIDENT IS NOT AVAILABLE. ALL RECORDS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF FUNDS SHALL BE KEPT BY THE TREASURER. HE/SHE SHALL HAVE GENERAL CHARGE OF ALL THE RECORDS OF THE LODGE, INCLUDING ALL BOOKS, CARDS, LEAVES, AND PAPERS SHOWING PAYMENT OR NON PAYMENT BY MEMEBRS OF DUES, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS. ALL DUES, FINES, FEES, AND ASSESSMENTS SHALL BE PAID TO THE TREASURER AND NO MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A MEMBERSHIP CARD UNTIL SUCH AMOUNTS ARE PAID IN FULL. HE/SHE SHALL KEEP ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, WHICH SHALL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES FOR EXAMINATION BY THE TRUSTEES OR BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AT THE EXPIRATION OF HIS/HER TERM OF OFFICE, HE/SHE SHALL DELIVER TO HIS SUCCESSOR ALL MONIES AND SECURITIES, BOOKS, AND RECORDS OF THE LODGE IN HIS/HER POSSESSION. THE TREASURER SHALL ALSO PERFORM OTHER DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY ASSIGN.

TRUSTEES

SECTION 6: THE TRUSTEES THREE (3) IN NUMBER SHALL CONSTITUTE THE GENERAL AUDITING COMMITTEE OF THE LODGE. THEY SHALL CONDUCT A VOUCHER SYSTEM, WHEREBY THE AUTHENTICITY OF ALL BILLS SHALL BE VERIFIED BY A MAJORITY OF THE TRUSTEES AS BEING CORRECT AND HAVING BEEN PROPERLY AUTHORIZED. THE PRESIDENT AND TREASURER SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE VOUCHER SYSTEM IN THE SIGNING OF CHECKS FOR WITHDRAW FROM THE LODGE TREASURY. THE TRUSTEES SHALL EXAMINE THE BANK BOOKS, AND ALL OTHER CONTRACTS, DOCUMENTS, LEDGERS AND PAPERS PERTAINING TO THE BUSINESS AND PROPERTY OF THE LODGE, AT THE END OF EACH YEAR, AND PRIOR TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS TAKING OFFICE WHEN DISCREPANCIES ARE IN LODGE PROTOCOL EITHER INTENDED OR UNINTENDED. THE TRUSTEES SHALL ALSO PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MAY ASSIGN.

CHAPLAIN

SECTION 7: THE CHAPLAIN SHALL GIVE THE INVOCATION AND THE BENEDICTION AT ALL MEETINGS AND RENDER SUCH ASSISTANCE AS POSSIBLE IN TIMES OF ILLNESS, DISABILITY AND BEREAVEMENT TO THE MEMBERS. HE/SHE SHALL ALSO PERFORM SUCH OTHER DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY ASSIGN.

SERGEANT AT ARMS

SECTION 8: THE SERGEANT AT ARMS SHALL KEEP ORDER AT ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS. HE/SHE SHALL ASCERTAIN THAT ALL PEOPLE PRESENT ARE ENTITLED TO REMAIN AND REPORT THEREON TO THE PRESIDENT. HE/SHE SHALL SEE THAT EVERY ACTIVE MEMBER, IN ATTENDANCE OF GENERAL MEETINGS, SHALL SIGN THE REGISTER, EXCEPT AT SPECIAL MEETINGS. HE/SHE SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY ASSIGN.

STATE DELEGATE & 2ND STATE DELEGATE

SECTION 9: THE STATE DELEGATE (S) SHALL ATTEND ALL STATE MEETINGS AND REPRESENT THIS LODGE AS SUCH UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS. HE/SHE SHALL REPORT ALL IMPORTANT INFORMATION OBTAINED AT THE STATE MEETINGS TO THE MEMBERSHIP, AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING. ALSO THE DELEGATE SHALL PERFORM DUTIES AS THE PRESIDENT OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY ASSIGN

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

SECTION 10: THE CHAIRPERSON/CHAIRMEN OF ANY STANDING OR SPECIAL COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT IN PERSON OR IN WRITING THE EVENTS, MEETINGS OR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HIS/HER COMMITTEE HAS ENGAGED IN SINCE THE LAST MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING. HE/SHE IS ALSO REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE BUDGET, WHICH WILL BE DRAWN FROM A GENERAL ACCOUNT BY WAY OF A VOUCHER SYSTEM, WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH COMMITTEE.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

SECTION 11: THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS ARE TO PRESENT IN PERSON OR IN WRITING A REPORT OF ALL EVENTS, MEETINGS, AND OTHER ISSUES PERTAINING TO HIS/HER POSITION AS A UNION OFFICIAL TO INCLUDE: PRESIDENT, FIRST AND SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER, STATE DELEGATE, AND ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON/CHAIRMEN.

ARTICLE VI

VACANCIES IN THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: IF A VACANCY OCCURS IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, THE VICE PRESIDENT SHALL ASSUME THE OFFICE UNTIL THE MEMBERSHIP EITHER ELECTS A NEW PRESIDENT OR MAJORITY VOTE BY THE BODY IS CAST TO HAVE THE VICE PRESIDENT FINISH THE UNEXPIRED TERM AS PRESIDENT. IF AN ELECTION IS HELD TO FILL THE PRESIDENCY, IT WILL ONLY LAST FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM.

SECTION 2: IF THE LODGE HAS 2 VICE PRESIDENTS IN PLACE, THEN THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT SHALL FILL THE VACANCY OF PRESIDENT. THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT SHALL FILL THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT. THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT POSITION SHALL BE FILLED BY AN APPOINTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THESE POSITIONS SHALL BE CONSIDERED FILLED UNTIL THE MEMBERSHIP EITHER ELECTS NEW OFFICIALS OR VOTES AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE ASSUMED THE POSITIONS TO REMAIN UNTIL THE EXPIRED TERM IS COMPLETE.

SECTION 3: IF VACANCIES OCCUR IN OTHER POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS THE PRESIDENT WILL APPOINT A REPLACEMENT WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AT THE NEXT MONTHLY MEETING THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL EITHER APPROVE THE APPOINTED OFFICIAL FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM. THE APPOINTED OFFICIAL SHALL REMAIN IN OFFICE UNTIL THE ABOVE LISTED REQUIREMENTS ARE MET.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS

SECTION 1: THE REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE LODGE SHALL BE HELD ON A MONTHLY BASIS, FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE LODGE OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE AUGUST MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD BECAUSE OF STATE AND NATIONAL CONVENTIONS. THE MEETING TIMES AND LOCATIONS SHALL BE POSTED ON THE FOP BULLETIN BOARD. THE MEMBERSHIP SHALL BE GIVEN FOURTEEN (14) DAYS NOTICE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

SECTION 2: SPECIAL MEETINGS MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND SHALL BE CALLED UPON WRITTEN REQUEST OF THE MEMBERSHIP. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING SHALL BE STATED IN THE CALL EXCEPT IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING, ONLY ONE (1) WEEKS NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN

SECTION 3: TWELVE (12) ACTIVE MEMBERS IN THE LODGE SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM. IF A QUORUM IS NOT MET, THE PRESIDENT SHALL SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS.

SECTION 4: AT ALL MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND THAT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE ORDER OF BUSINESS SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. MEMBERS LED IN A PRAYER BY THE CHAPLAIN
- B. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- C. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS
- D. READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST REGULAR MEETING, AND OR SPECIAL MEETING SINCE THEN
- E. ACCEPTANCE OF NEW MEMBERSHIP
- F. INITIATION OF APPLICANTS
- G. OFFICERS REPORTS
- H. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
- I. FINANCIAL STATUS
- J. REPORTS OF MEMBERS SICK OR IN DISTRESS
- K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- L. NEW BUSINESS
- M. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE (IF APPLICABLE)
- N. ELECTION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS (IF APPLICABLE)
- O. ADJOURNMENT

SECTION 5: ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING MAY MAKE A MOTION TO SPEND **UP TO** FIVE-HUNDRED (500.00) DOLLARS. THE MOTION MUST BE PRESENTED AT TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE MEETINGS AND MUST PASS A MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MEMBERS PRESENT AT THE SECCOND MEETING.

SECTION 6: ANY MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING MAY MAKE A MOTION TO **SPEND OVER** FIVE HUNDRED (500.00) NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (1,000) THE MOTION MAY BE VOTED ON AND CARRIED AT THAT MEETING. THAT MOTION WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE LODGE TRUSTEES WHO MAY VETO THE MOTION BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE TRUSTEES. IF THE TRUSTEES VETO THE MOTION THEY WILL NOTIFY THE SECRETARY IN WRITING WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS OF THE MEETING. THE SECRETARY WILL NOTIFY THE MEMBER WHO MADE THE MOTION TO SPEND OVER FIVE-HUNDRED (500.00) WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS IN WRITING. THAT MEMBER MAY REQUEST A FULL BODY VOTE, ON THEIR MOTION, BY OPEN BALLOT. THIS REQUEST MAY NOT BE DENIED. THE REQUEST MUST BE GIVEN TO THE SECRETARY WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF THEIR RECEIPT OF THE TRUSTEES DECISION FROM THE SECRETARY TO VETO AND MUST BE IN WRITING.

SECTION 7: NO MEMBER MAY MAKE ANY MOTIONS OR VOTE ON ANY MOTIONS UNLESS THEY ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AT SUCH TIME A MEMBER BECOMES IN "GOOD STANDING" IN THE CURRENT YEAR THAT MEMBER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE TO MAKE MOTIONS AND VOTE ON MOTIONS MADE.

SECTION 8: IN ORDER FOR A MEMBER TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ATTENDING A MEETING THAT MEMBER MUST SIGN THE MEMBER ATTENDANCE REGISTRY. THE MEMBER MUST REMAIN AT THE MEETING UNTIL THE READING OF THE OFFICERS REPORTS. IN THE EVENT THAT A QUORUM IS NOT MET AT A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING, THE MEMBER SHALL RECEIVE CREDIT FOR ATTENDING A MEETING PROVIDED THAT THEY HAVE SIGNED THE MEMBER ATTENDANCE REGISTRY.

SECTION 9: THE LODGE SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO ADHERE TO ANY MOTION VOTED ON AND CARRIED THAT WILL BANKRUPT THE TREASURY, WHEN CONTRAY TO THE ESTABLISHED PRINCIPALS OR LANDMARKS ESTABLISHED IN THE LODGE BYLAW OR CONTRACTS, OR ANY ACTION THAT MAY DEFAME THE INTEGRITY OF THE ATLANTIC LODGE 34.

ARTICLE VIII

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1: ALL ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE LODGE SHALL CONSTITUTE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO INCLUDE THE 2ND VICE PRESIDENT AND THE 2ND STATE DELEGATE.

- A) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE LODGE BETWEEN MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP. MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE LODGE, AND SHALL PERFORM SUCH DUTIES AS ARE SPECIFIED IN THE BY-LAWS. THE BOARD SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE ORDERS OF THE LODGE, AND NONE OF its ACTS SHALL CONFLICT WITH ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE LODGE.
- B) UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE BOARD, REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL BE HELD ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS. SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE BOARD MAY BE CALLED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SHALL BE CALLED UPON IN A WRITTEN REQUEST BY THREE (3) MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
- C) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO APPROVE OR DISPROVE ANY APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT. THE PRESIDENT, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO APPOINT A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING TO COMPLETE THE TERM OF OFFICE OF ANY OFFICER OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, VACATED FOR ANY REASON.
- D) THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO APPOINT ALL AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE LODGE, WHO EXCEPT AS MAY BE OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAWFUL CONTRACT, SHALL SERVE ONLY WITH THE APPROVAL AND CONSENT OF THE BOARD. IT SHALL FIX AND DETERMINE THE SALARIES, DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF ALL AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES. IT SHALL HAVE THE POWER, EXCEPT AS HEREIN OTHERWISE PROVIDED, TO INCREASE, DIMINISH OR TERMINATE THE SAME AT ITS DISCRETION.
- E) TWO THIRDS (2/3) OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.
- F) ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHO IS ABSENT FROM SIX (6) MEETINGS OF THE GENERAL BODY AND OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS A YEAR, WITH OUT JUST CAUSE, MAY BE REPLACED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH THE CONSENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- G) ANY MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL NOT BE A MEMBER OF ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATION THAT IS AFFILIATED WITH A STATE OR NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO REPRESENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN MATTERS WHICH AFFECT THEIR EMPLOYMENT, PENSION OR ECONOMIC WELFARE.

SECTION 2: THE PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, AND THE SECRETARY CONSTITUTE THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

- A) THE EXECUTIVE BOARD SHALL APPOINT DELEGATES TO THE NEW JERSEY STATE OR NATIONAL CONFERENCES. MEMBERS APPOINTED AS DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE SHALL BE MANDATED BY THE ACTIONS OF THE GENERAL BODY PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR THE CONFERENCE. ANY DELEGATE VIOLATING THIS SECTION SHALL FORFEIT THEIR CONFERENCE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE, IN ADDITION TO APPEARIN BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR POSSIBLE DISCIPLINARY ACTION.
- B) THE EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL HAVE ACCESS TO FIVE HUNDRED (500) DOLLARS BETWEEN MONTHLY MEETINGS FOR SUPPLIES AND ANY OTHER MATTERS DEALING WITH THE ATLANTIC LODGE # 34.
- C) CONFERENCE EXPENSE ALLOWANCE WOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: AIR TRAVEL, HOTEL ACCOMIDATIONS, AND RENTAL CAR, SCHEDULED CONFERENCE MEETING / FUNCTION AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (75) PER DAY FOR EXPENSES.

ARTICLE IX
COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE CONSIDERED STANDING COMMITTEES:

- A) FUND RAISING / CHARITIES
- B) CONTRACT / BY-LAWS
- C) GRIEVANCE AND LEGAL AID
- D) HEALTH AND WELFARE
- E) PUBLIC RELATIONS / INFORMATION
- F) ELECTION / AWARDS

SECTION 2: SUCH OTHER COMMITTEES SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT, AS THE LODGE OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL FROM TIME TO TIME DEEM IT NECESSARY TO CARRY ON THE WORK OF THE LODGE. THE PRESIDENT SHALL BE AN EX-OFFICIO MEMBER OF ALL COMMITTEES, EXCEPT THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.

SECTION 3: NO PROPOSAL FOR LODGE ACTION SHALL COME UPON THE FLOOR FOR DEBATE OR VOTE UNTIL IT HAS FIRST BEEN REFERRED TO AND REPORTED IN WRITING FROM THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE OR THE MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERSHIP AT A MEETING DEEMING IT NECESSARY.

SECTION 4: THE COMMITTEES LISTED IN ARTICLE IX SECTION 1 SHALL BE AWARDED A YEARLY BUDGET. THE FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGET ARE TO BE USED FOR THEIR TOTAL YEARLY EXPENSES AND THE FUNDS SHALL BE DISBURSED THROUGH THE LODGE TREASURER AND SECRETARY BY A VOUCHER SYSTEM. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL SET THE AMOUNT OF EACH COMMITTEES BUDGET. SHOULD A COMMITTEE EXCEED SPENDING LIMITATIONS IT MUST APPLY IN WRITING TO THE MEMBERSHIP FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS AT A REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1: NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTED POSITIONS SHALL TAKE PLACE AT THE SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN ODD NUMBERED YEARS.

SECTION 2: A LIST OF NOMINEES, MADE BY THE SECRETARY, SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE, WHO AFTER FINDING QUALIFIED CANDIDATES, SHALL CONDUCT THE ELECTION, BY BALLOT. THE ELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH THE PROCEDURE THAT WILL BE FOLLOWED FOR THE ELECTION, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

- A) BY BALLOT: THE ELECTION COMMITTEE SHALL SUBMIT A BALLOT WITH THE QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO THE SECRETARY AND DIRECT THE SECRETARY TO HAVE BALLOTS PRINTED AND DISTRIBUTED, BY MAIL, ONE MONTH PRIOR TO THE DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, TO ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING. SAID BALLOTS TO BE RETURNED BEFORE A SPECIFIC DATE, DETERMINED BY THE ELECTION COMMITTEE.
- B) SAID BALLOTS ARE TO BE HANDED IN ON A SPECIFIC PAYDAY, AND CONSIDERED A CLOSED ELECTION. ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS (MAIL-IN) WILL BE AN OPEN BALLOT, WITH THE MEMBERS NAME SIGNED ON THE BALLOT.
- C) ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED 24 HOURS PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE HAND IN BALLOT ELECTION. ANY BALLOTS RECEIVED AFTER THE 24 HOUR PERIOD WILL BE VOID.

SECTION 3: AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN DECEMBER OF AN ELECTION YEAR, THE CANDIDATES ELECTED BY MAJORITY OF THE BALLOTS RECEIVED WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OFFICES FOR WHICH THEY RAN.

SECTION 4: ANY CANDIDATE (S) FOUND NOT QUALIFIED FOR NOMINATION SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT OF APPEAL TO THE ELECTION COMMITTEE, IMMEDIATELY UPON NOTIFICATION AND PRIOR TO THE NOVEMBER MONTHLY MEETING.

SECTION 5: IN THE CASE OF A TIE VOTE, THE CANDIDATE WITH THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ENTERED IN ONE OR MORE RUNN OFF ELECTIONS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS ONE RECEIVES THE PLURALITY.

SECTION 6: ANY MEMBER SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR NOMINATION FOR AN ELECTED OFFICE PROVIDED THEY MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- A) THE NOMINEE MUST BE IN GOOD STANDING
- B) THE NOMINEE MUST HAVE ATTENDED AT LEAST 2 MEETINGS IN THE PRECEEDING YEAR FROM JANUARY TO DECEMBER.
- C) THE NOMINEE MUST HAVE ATTENDED 2 MEETINGS FROM JANUARY OF THE ELECTION YEAR TO THE MONTH PRECEEDING THE LAST MONTH OF NOMINATIONS. (OCTOBER)
- D) FOR THE PURPOSE OF NOMINATIONS TO OFFICE, THE MEETINGS A NOMINEE MUST ATTEND WILL BE MEETINGS A QUOROM WAS MEET.

ARTICLE XI

DISCIPLINE AND GRIEVANCES

SECTION 1: ANY MEMBER OF THE LODGE MAY BE FINED, SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONVICTION OF A CRIME OR OFFENSE, INSUBORDINATION TO THE OFFICERS OF THE LODGE, FOR FAILURE TO REMAIN IN GOOD STANDING AS DEFINED BY THESE BY-LAWS, FOR ANY WILLFUL OR WANTONLY NEGLIGENT INFRACTION OF ANY BY-LAW, CONTRACT RULE, REGULATION OR ORDER, OR FOR ACTS OR CONDUCT WHICH MAY BE DEEMED DISORDERLY OR INJURIOUS TO THE INTREST OR HOSTILE TO THE OBJECTS OF THIS LODGE.

SECTION 2: COMPLAINTS AGAINST MEMBERS, OR OFFICERS SHALL BE FILED IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARY AND SIGNED BY THE PERSON MAKING THE CHARGE. SUCH COMPLAINTS SHALL BE SET FORTH REASONABLE PARTICULARITIES TO THE DATES, TIMES AND PLACES, THE ACTS, CONDUCTS OR FACTS TO WHICH EXCEPTION IS TAKEN AND FOR WHICH DISCIPLINE IS REQUESTED.

- A) WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS THERE AFTER, THE SECRETARY SHALL REFER SUCH COMPLAINTS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SHALL FORWARD A COPY THEREOF TO THE ACCUSED.
- B) THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR SHALL APPOINT A TRIBUNAL WITHIN THREE (3) DAYS.
- C) THE APPOINTED TRIBUNAL SHALL DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF CHARGES AGAINST ANY OFFICER OR MEMBER, PROVIDED HOWEVER, THAT IF ANY MEMBER THEREOF SHALL BE COMPLAINTANT, DEFENDANT, OR WITNESS IN ANY SUCH PROCEEDINGS, HE/SHE SHALL BE INELIGIBLE TO SIT UPON SUCH TRIBUNAL.

SECTION 3: THE APPOINTED TRIBUNAL SHALL HOLD A HEARING WITHIN FIVE (5) DAYS OF THE APPOINTMENT, ON ALL SUCH COMPLAINTS AT WHICH ALL WITNESS FOR BOTH THE ACCUSER AND THE ACCUSED SHALL BE HEARD, WITH FOURTY EIGHT (48) HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE. THE ACCUSED MEMBER SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE REPRESENTED BY A MEMBER, WHO IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER, IN GOOD STANDING. THE ACCUSED SHALL NOT BE REQUIRED TO TESTIFY AGAINST HIMSELF.

- A) UPON CONCLUSION OF ALL EVIDENCE, THE TRIBUNAL SHALL, WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME THEREAFTER, FILE ITS DECISION WITH THE SECRETARY WHO SHALL FORTHWITH SEND NOTICE THEREOF TO BOTH THE COMPLAINTANT AND THE ACCUSED.

SECTION 4: *WITHIN TEN (10) DAYS FROM THE RECEIPT OF NOTICE, THE ACCUSED IF CENSORED, FINED, SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED MAY APPEAL THE DECISION IN WRITING, FILED WITH THE SECRETARY. THE GENERAL BODY, WHICH WITH THE ACTIVE MEMBER REPRESENTING HIM MAY HEAR ARGUMENTS THEREON BY THE ACCUSED AND THE COMPLAINTANT, OR THE RESPECTIVE REPRESENTATIVE. THE DECISION OF THE GENERAL BODY, RENDERED IN WRITING, FILED BY THE SECRETARY, SHALL BE FINAL. SUBJECT ONLY TO THE RIGHT OF APPEAL GRANTED MEMBERS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BY-LAWS OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE LODGE, AND THE GRAND LODGE OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE.*

ARTICLE XII

LEGAL AID

SECTION 1: MEMBERS WHO MAY BECOME INVOLVED IN AND CHARGED WITH ANY OFFENSE WHILE IN THE PROPER PERFORMANCE OF HIS/HER DUTIES, WILL BE PROVIDED WITH LEGAL DEFENCE BY UTILIZING THE CURRENT ATTORNEY OR POOL OF ATTORNEYS THAT ARE ON RETAINER BY THE F.O.P. LODGE #34

SECTION 2: THE LEGAL AID COMMITTEE WILL HANDLE ALL LEGAL AID CASES. **SECTION 3:** ALL REQUESTS FOR LEGAL AID SHALL BE MADE IN WRITING.

SECTION 4: MEMBERS OF THE LEGAL AID COMMITTEE OR OTHER LODGE INVESTIGATING BODIES, SHALL CONSIDER ALL LEGAL ASSISTANCE MATTERS CONFIDENTIAL, AND SHALL NOT DISCUSS THE DETAILS THEREOF ON THE FLOOR OF THE LODGE OR ELSEWHERE, EXCEPT IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MEMBER INVOLVED OR WITH HIS/HER CONSENT.

SECTION 5: THE LODGE IS NOT OBLIGATED TO FURNISH LEGAL AID OR DEFENSE TO ANY MEMBER FOR AN OFFENSE CHARGED OUTSIDE HIS/HER LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES OR FOR ANY CIVIL ACTIONS AGAINST A MEMBER.

SECTION 6: LEGAL AID WILL NOT ENTERTAIN PRIVATE CIVIL ACTIONS.

ARTICLE XIII

MEMORIAL SERVICES

SECTION 1: A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DECEASED MEMBERS SHALL BE CONDUCTED ONCE EACH YEAR

ARTICLE XIV

PUBLICATIONS

SECTION 1: NO MEMBER OF THE LODGE SHALL PRINT OR CAUSE TO BE PRINTED, ANY ITEM CONCERNING THE AFFAIRS OF THE LODGE WITHOUT SAID ITEM FIRST HAVING BEEN FAVORABLY RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

ARTICLE XV

AMENDMENTS OF THE BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: THESE BY-LAWS MAY BE AMENDED OR A NEW BY-LAW ADDED, IF PROPOSED IN WRITING **AND SIGNED** BY TEN (10) MEMEBRS IN GOOD STANDING OR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, **AND** SUBMITTED AT ANY REGULAR MEETING.

SECTION 2: IF ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE AMENDMENT MUST BE PRESENTED AT TWO (2) CONSECUTIVE LODGE MEETINGS, AND MUST PASS BY A **MAJORITY** VOTE OF THE MEMBERSHIP PRESENT AT THE SECOND MEETING.