

DELAWARE COUNCIL No. 18 BY-LAWS

Article I: Name

- a) The name of this Council shall be Delaware Council No. 18, Knight Masons.
- b) It shall be located at (or near) Dover in Kent County, Delaware.
- c) It holds its Charter from, and owes fealty and allegiance to the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America and to the Masonic Grand Lodge of the Jurisdiction in which it operates.

Article II: Meetings

The stated meetings of this Council shall be twice annually. The last stated meeting in each calendar year shall be the Annual Meeting for election of officers. Special meetings may be held at the time and place designated by the Excellent Chief.

Article III: Officers and Committees

- a) The following Officers shall be elected and installed each year and shall serve until their successors shall have been elected and installed : Excellent Chief; Senior Knight; Junior Knight; Scribe and Treasurer. The office of Scribe and Treasurer may be combined.
- b) The following Officers shall be appointed by the Excellent Chief and shall serve at his pleasure: Senior Warden; Junior Warden; Director of Ceremonies; Priest; Steward and Sentinel. (See Article XVII of the STATUTES).
- c) The Excellent Chief may appoint such committees as may be useful for carrying on the Council's affairs. The Excellent Chief shall be, ex officio, a member of all committees.

Article IV: Membership

- a) Membership in this Council shall be by invitation only. To be eligible for membership, candidates must be Royal Arch Masons in good standing in Lodge and Chapter. Good standing in the prerequisite Bodies is necessary for continuing membership. (See Article IX and Article XII of the STATUTES).
- b) Invitations for membership shall be given after unanimous election by the Council using the secret ballot or ballot by first class mail. If an invitation is not accepted within three years of its date of issue, such invitation shall be rendered null and void. However, the individual may be re-proposed at a later date and he must be re-elected by ballot.

Article V: Fees and Dues

- a) The fee for the degrees shall be \$20.00. (See Article XIII of the STATUTES).
- b) Annual dues shall be \$5.00 payable annually in advance.
- c) A member of this Council in good standing may become a life-member of this Council by the payment of \$100.00 (not less than 20 times annual dues) to the Life Membership Fund. (See Article XIII of the STATUTES).

Article VI: Local Regulations

- a) Members of this Council must be members in good standing in all four York Rite bodies: Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery.
- b) Members of this Council must be a present or past presiding officer of at least one of the four York Rite bodies

Article VII: Termination

In the event this Council shall cease to exist, except for the purpose of consolidation or merger, the Excellent Chief, Secretary and Treasurer shall, within 30 days thereafter, transmit to the Grand Scribe, all the property of the Council, including, without limitation, all the books, records, jewels, paraphernalia, and funds or assets thereof.

Article VIII: Conflict Disclaimer

Anything contained in these by-laws in conflict with the Statutes of the Grand Council of Knight Masons of the United States of America is hereby declared null and void.

Article IX: Council Funds

All council Funds shall be kept in the name of the Council in a financial institution in which the funds are federally insured (F.D.I.C., F.S.L.I.C., N.C.U.A.)

Article X: Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Council by a 2/3 majority vote of the members present, if written notice has been given to the membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting where action is to be taken. Such by-laws shall become effective when signed by the M.E. Great Chief. (See Article XVIII of the STATUTES).

Adopted November 10, 1990

Excellent Chief

C. Grenville McJey

Scribe

Clay Scarborough

Great Chief

Thomas H. Mann

Date:

Jan. 25 - 1991