

**BY-LAWS OF CATAWBA LODGE NO. 248  
A.F.& A.M.  
NEWTON, NORTH CAROLINA**

**ARTICLE 1**

SECTION 1. The name of this lodge shall be **Catawba Lodge No. 248, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.**

SECTION 2. It shall be located at *(or near)* **202 North College Avenue, Newton, in Catawba County, North Carolina 28658**

SECTION 3. It hereby acknowledges obedience and yields allegiance to the **Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.**

**ARTICLE 2**

SECTION 1. Where the term **THE CODE** appears in these by-laws, it shall have direct reference to **THE CODE** of law of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina.

**ARTICLE 3**

SECTION 1. This lodge hereby adopts the following design, and impression of which is made hereon, as its official seal:



**ARTICLE 4**

SECTION 1. The officers of this Lodge, their respective qualifications, and their powers and the duties shall be those prescribed in **THE CODE** together with such other duties as shall properly pertain to their respective offices by the usage and customs of the Craft, and as may be required of them, from time to time or which may be prescribed in these by-laws. (Chapter 59)

## ARTICLE 5

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties prescribed in **THE CODE** for the Treasurer he shall prepare and file with the lodge at the first stated communication in January each year a report showing the receipt, disbursements, and financial condition of the lodge for the preceding year ending December thirty-first. He shall make and file a similar report at any other time the lodge or the Master directs. His reports shall be referred to the Committee in Finance and Budget. [59-11].

## ARTICLE 6

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties prescribed in **THE CODE** for the Secretary, he shall make and file with the lodge at the first stated communication in January each year a report of the work done, condition of the accounts of the lodge with its officers and members, and other matters relating to the finances and business of the lodge which may be under his care. He shall make and file a similar report at any other time the lodge or the Master directs. His reports on financial matters shall be referred to the Committee on Finance and Budget. [59-12; Chapter 59].

## ARTICLE 7

SECTION 1. In addition to the duties prescribed in **THE CODE** for the Tyler, he shall perform such other duties as the lodge or the Master may direct, for time to time. [59-16].

## ARTICLE 8

SECTION 1. A stated communication of this lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

(A). Except that for the month of December the only meeting held will be on the second Tuesday at 7:30 PM.

SECTION 2. By a majority vote at a stated communication the lodge may dispense with stated communications during either or all of the months of June, July and August, and those falling on legal holidays, except the annual communication which shall be governed by **THE CODE** [45-2].

SECTION 3. All communications shall be held at 202 North College Avenue, Newton, North Carolina.

## ARTICLE 9

SECTION 1. The fees for the degrees in this lodge shall be **One Hundred Dollars** (\$100.00), all of which must accompany the petition and be paid in full before the petition shall be received by the lodge.

## **ARTICLE 10**

SECTION 1. The annual membership dues in this lodge shall be **Sixty-Five Dollars** (\$65.00), which each member shall pay in advance on or before the first day of January each year. This section became effective January first, 1997 [77-2; 77-3].

## **ARTICLE 11**

SECTION 1. The fee for affiliation with this lodge shall be zero dollars (\$0.00), which must accompany the application for affiliation and be paid in full before the application shall be received by the lodge. This section became effective January first, 1997.

## **ARTICLE 12**

SECTION 1. The standing committees of the lodge together with their respective duties shall be as prescribed in Chapter 61 of **THE CODE**.

## **ARTICLE 13**

SECTION 1. The Master and Wardens shall constitute the Committee on Charity as provided in Regulation 61-2 of **THE CODE**, and during recess of the lodge they shall have power to draw orders on the Treasurer for any sum, not to exceed \*\*\*\* dollars for any one case, to relieve the distress of a worthy brother or those dependent upon him.

## **ARTICLE 14**

SECTION 1. The Committee on Finance and Budget shall consist of three members to be appointed annually. [61-3].

## **ARTICLE 15**

SECTION 1. The Treasure, Secretary, Tyler, and any other officer or member shall receive such compensation for their respective services as shall from time to time be prescribed and fixed by resolution of the lodge. [43-3.20].

## **ARTICLE 16**

SECTION 1. At each election of officers one Trustee shall be elected by a majority vote to serve three years; he shall be qualified as provided by **THE CODE**. [Chapter 60].

## **ARTICLE 17**

SECTION 1. The powers and duties of the Trustees shall be those prescribed in **THE CODE**, and those prescribed in Article 18 of these by-laws.

## **ARTICLE 18**

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## **ARTICLE 19**

SECTION 1. All of the officers of this lodge, except both Stewards and the Tyler, shall be elected as provided in Regulation 54-2.1 of **THE CODE**.

## **ARTICLE 20**

SECTION 1. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be covered by a surety bond, covered by the Grand Lodge.

## **ARTICLE 21**

SECTION 1. When the lodge is opened on a stated communication, the following order of business shall be observed subject to change or modification by the lodge or the Master, that will adapt it to a proper disposition of the business of the lodge. [44-2.1].

- (A). Reading of the minutes of the last stated and all intervening communications. [45-21.1].
- (B). Unfinished business. [45-21.2].
- (C). Reading and acting on correspondence. [45-21.3].
- (D). Reports of investigating committees. [45-21.4].
- (E). Balloting on petitions and applications. [45-21.5].
- (F). Reception of petitions for the degrees and applications for membership, restoration, or advancement. [45-21.6].
- (G). Reports of standing committees: [45-21.7].
  - (1) On charity. [61-2].
  - (2) On Finance and Budget. [61-3].
  - (3) On Reference. [61-4].
  - (4) On the Masonic Home for Children at Oxford. [61-5].
  - (5) On Masonic and Eastern Star Home. [61-6].
  - (6) On Masonic Education. [61-7].
- (H). Reports on special committees. [45-21.7].
- (I). New business. [45-21.8].
- (J). Motions and resolutions. [45-21.9].
- (K). Informal communications affecting the Craft. [45-21.10].
- (L). Degree work, including examination of candidates.
- (M). Reading and approval of minutes, except when opened in ample form. [45-21.11].
- (N). Closing the lodge. [45-21.13].

## ARTICLE 22

### SECTION 1. Miscellaneous laws are as follows:

- A. The Master shall put all questions distinctly; if any division is called for, he shall request those who voted in the affirmative to rise he shall count them; and then the negative, then he shall declare the result. [45-23.9].
- B. In case of a vote on any question the majority of those present voting for or against shall be necessary to a decision except when more than a majority is required by law for a decision, in case of a tie the presiding officer shall decide; provided, he has not already voted. [59-2.25; 63-13; 45-23.18; 45-23.19].
- C. When a brother is about to speak, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address the Worshipful Master. [45-23.2].
- D. If any brother in speaking or otherwise shall transgress the rules of the lodge, the Master or any member may call him to order; he shall immediately take his seat, and the member calling him to order shall state the point of order. The Master shall decide the question of order, and the brother may be allowed to explain. If the decision be in favor of the brother, he shall be at liberty to proceed if he continues to be in order. [45-23.2].
- E. When two or more members rise at one, the Master shall name the one entitled to the floor.
- F. No visitor shall address the lodge without leave being first obtained or unless be called on by the Master.
- G. When the Master is stating a question or addressing the lodge or when a brother is speaking, no person shall enter, go out of, or cross the room, nor shall one be permitted to enter into private discourse. [45-23.14].
- H. No motion for reconsideration shall be made, except by a member voting in the majority and at the same communication when the question shall have been decided. [63-13; 45-23.18; 45-23.19].
- I. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Master; and if it be in writing, it shall be read by the Secretary before debate.
- J. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if a member request it. In filling in blanks largest sum or number and the longest time shall be first stated. [45-23.5].
- K. Any motion may be withdrawn by the mover before decision or amendment, but not thereafter. [45-23.12].
- L. No new motion or proposition shall be admitted while a question is pending before the lodge. [45-23.12].
- M. No brother shall speak more than twice on the same subject or question unless he obtains the permission of the Master. [45-23.7].
- N. Every member appointed on a committee must serve unless, for reasons given, he shall be excused by the Master. [61.9]
- O. No brother shall interrupt another when speaking except by permission of the Master and the brother then speaking. [45-23.7].

- P. No brother shall engage in conversation during the conferring of the degrees except when it is necessary to facilitate the work. [71].
- Q. No brother shall use tobacco products in the lodge room.

### **ARTICLE 23**

SECTION 1. **THE CODE**, laws, edits, and resolutions of The Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of North Carolina, and all future revisions, amendments, additions or changes made thereto by said Grand Lodge are hereby made a part of these by-laws as fully as if set forth herein; and no part of these by-laws which conflict therewith shall be valid or effective.

### **ARTICLE 24**

SECTION 1. The by-laws shall be amended only in the following manner: [44-2.1}. The proposed amendment shall specify the affected section or subsection and shall contain the entire section or subsection rewritten in such form as to express the law as intended, and shall be submitted in writing and read at a stated communication as a substitute for the existing section or subsection, or as an addition thereto, or as a change in the seal of the lodge, or as the case may be; after which it shall lay over for one lunar month when it shall be read and submitted to a vote, and adopted by not less than two-thirds affirmative vote of the members present. While such amendment is under consideration, it may be amended if the amendment thereto is germane to the subject. After the adoption of such amendment or revision, two complete copies thereof with two copies of a Certificate on Official Form 60 under the seal of the lodge shall be forwarded to the Grand Lodge Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges. Committee on By-laws of Subordinate Lodges; and amendment providing for and additional subsection shall be lettered ad section or a subsection but not as an additional article. [43-10; 45-3.4].