

Ninth Masonic District Convention
State of Georgia
By-laws



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BY-LAWS
Of
THE NINTH MASONIC DISTRICT CONVENTION

ARTICLE I

Section 1. **Title** – The title of this Convention is and shall be known as: *The Ninth Masonic District Convention*.

Section 2. **Authority** – This title is held under the authority granted by the **Grand Lodge of Georgia, Free and Accepted Masons**.

Section 3. **Composition** – This Convention shall be made up of all constituent Lodges which compose the Ninth Masonic District as described in Section 61-101 of the Masonic Code.

Section 4. **Meetings** – The meetings of this Convention shall be held annually on the fourth (4th) Saturday in September at Nine AM (9:00 am) unless an emergency should arise, in which case, the Worshipful Master with the advice and counsel of the District Officers, shall decide upon a suitable date and time. The Convention Secretary shall notify each constituent lodge in writing of such change as far in advance as possible.

Section 5. **Place** – The place of the annual meeting shall be as recommended by the Time and Place Committee in their report from the invitations extended the Convention by a constituent Lodge, and as the Convention may direct.

Section 6. **Purpose** – The purpose of this Convention is: To dispense Masonic knowledge; to acquaint the Lodges with District and Grand Lodge programs; to promote fraternal unity between the Lodges in the District.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. **Officers** – The Officers of the Convention shall be: Worshipful Master; Deputy Worshipful Master; Senior Warden; Junior Warden; Secretary-Treasurer; Senior Deacon; Junior Deacon; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Stewards; Chaplain; and Tyler.

Section 2. **Election** – The Officers of the Convention shall be nominated by the Nominations Committee and presented in their report. If there are no nominations from the floor, the adoption of the report will constitute election to office. In the event there are no nominations, a secret ballot will determine.

Section 3. **Others** – The Nominations Committee shall include in their report the nominations for Trial Commissioners, the Trustee of the Masonic Home, and the Ninth District Representative on the Grand Lodge Board of Relief as their terms expire and vacancies occur. Elections to these offices shall follow the same procedure as outlined in Section 2 above.

Section 4. **Installation** – The duly elected officers shall be installed at the current session and shall hold offices until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 5. **Duties** – The duties of the officers shall be compatible with the duties of the officers of a subordinate Lodge insofar as they apply, as such other duties as the decorum of the Convention and/or the Masonic Code may require.

Section 6. **Officers Duties Relative to Officer Planning Meetings** – The Officers of the Ninth Masonic District Convention shall attend a majority of the officer planning meetings held throughout the year called by the District Master, health and business permitting. If attendance is not possible due to health or business, the District Master and Secretary shall be notified by the officer/officers not able to be present. It will be at the discretion of the District Master to either excuse or not excuse the absence/absences.

The District Secretary will keep an attendance record of all District Officer Meetings. All excused absences will be noted in the record.

The Nominations Committee shall consider the attendance record of each officer prior to making recommendations to the Convention as to officer advancement. Officers nominated to serve in

the line are to be made aware of their duties relative to the attendance requirement and agree to the requirement before being installed as an officer of the convention.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. **Committees** – The standing committees of the Convention shall be:

Nominations

Auditing

Registration

Time and Place

By –Laws

Memorials

Youth Council

Section 2. **Composition** – Each committee shall be composed of three (3) members as appointed by the Worshipful Master. Other committees may be appointed as the Worshipful Master may deem necessary.

Section 3. **Standing Committee on Youth Council**

- A. Members- Deputy Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden with each appointing one member respectively to serve one year terms.
- B. The Youth Committee shall provide assistance and support as required for the traditional Masonic affiliated Youth Organizations of the Ninth Masonic District and shall assist the Lodges sponsoring such Groups.
- C. The Youth Committee shall submit annual reports to the Convention on the status of our Youth Organizations. This report shall include recommendations for the good and welfare of said Organizations.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. **Quorum** – Representative attendance of twenty five percent (25%) of the constituent Lodges shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V

Section 1. **Fees and Dues** – The revenues of this Convention shall be derived from a per capita tax of seventy five cents (\$.75) per member of each constituent Lodge.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1. **Honorarium** – The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) per annum for the faithful performance of the duties incumbent upon his office.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. **Charities** – This Convention, should it desire, may sponsor a charitable project. It shall be within the purview of the duties of the Worshipful Master to introduce a freewill offering, the proceeds from which shall be applied only to the project for which it was collected.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1. **Order of Business** – The program as prepared by the Worshipful Master and his corps of officers shall constitute the order of business. The Convention, by majority vote, may alter or delete any item in the order of business.

Section 2. **Procedure** – The Convention shall follow the parliamentary procedure as outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, insofar as applicable.

ARTICLE IX

Section 1. **Amendments** – The by-laws of this Convention may be amended or repealed at any annual meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present. Proposed changes in the by-laws shall have been presented at a previous meeting and accepted by a majority vote for consideration.

The By-Laws Committee shall determine if the amendment is in order before submitting it to the Convention for final decision.

Lodges of the

Ninth Masonic District

30 Murrayville

36 Unity

38 Blue Mountain

44 Lafayette

57 Waleska

67 Blue Ridge

77 Canton

81 Oak Bowery

92 Cornelia

99 Snellville

102 Chestatee

103 Davidson

114 Allegheny

131 Lawrenceville

141 Mt. Airy

148 Phi Delta

174 Redwine

191 Rockwell

201 Ocoee

205 Hickory Flat

207 Marble Hill

212 Flowery Branch

219 Gainesville

220 Pickens Star

222 Etowah

228 Norcross

230 Auburn

246 Woodstock

259 Unicoy

261 Ball Ground

265 Rabun Gap

268 Carter Hill

292 Buford

294 Hudson

309 Toccoa

316 Mt. Zion

325 Clarkesville

333 Winder

352 Lula

355 Hollingsworth

367 Dooly

382 Yonah

414 Stephens

421 Sweetwater

423 McCay

433 Dacula

480 Duluth

483 Mineral Bluff

512 Clermont

534 Blaine

542 Sweet Gum

549 Grayson

572 Ducktown

597 Young Cane

634 Statham

679 E.W. Hightower

680 Sharptop

694 Matt

715 Stone

729 Mountain Park

744 Gwinnett Daylight

748 Johnnie's Hill

758 Ga. Mtn. Daylight

763 Hall Co. Daylight

766 Barrow Jackson Daylight

