

THE LODGE-ITS NAME AND WARRANT

Section 1. NAME

The name of this Lodge shall be **Saint George Lodge, No. 33**

Section 2. WARRANT

The warrant of this Lodge is the Charter, granted on the **31st day of January, A.D. 1994**, by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, to whose Regulations and Edicts the most explicit respect and obedience shall every be paid by its members.

Section 3. MEETINGS

Section 3.1 Regular

The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the first (1st) Wednesday in each month, except that at the regular meeting in December of each year, the Lodge may by a majority vote, designate January and February, or July and August as dark months. (See Grand Lodge Code, Section 3-3-1 (a))

Section 3.2 Special

Special meetings may be called from time to time, as the Lodge or Master may direct, but the Lodge shall not convene on Sunday except for funeral purposes.

Section 3.3 Time

The hour of regular meetings shall be 7:00 PM.

Section 3.4 Representatives

This Lodge shall be represented at each annual communication of Grand Lodge.

Section 4. OFFICERS-THEIR ELECTION AND INSTALLATION

Section 4.1 Officers

The officers of this Lodge shall be the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tyler, and three (3) Trustees; to these may be added a Marshal and an Organist.

Section 4.2 Election

The Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and one (1) Trustee for a term of three years, shall be elected annually by ballot. All other Officers, shall be appointed by the Master on or before the date of his Installation.

Section 4.3 Time and Method of Voting

At the first regular meeting in November of each year, the Election of Officers shall be held. No member is entitled to a vote, nor can he be elected or appointed to any office, who is not clear on the books of the lodge. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. Blank votes shall not be counted.

Section 4.4 Electioneering

Electioneering in any way for office is positively prohibited, and any member guilty of the offense shall be ineligible to office, and if an officer, shall forfeit the office held by him. Visitors electioneering for any candidate for office shall be dealt with by the Worshipful Master.

Section 4.5 Eligibility

No member can be elected Worshipful Master who has not been duly elected and regularly installed as a Master or a Warden of some legally chartered Lodge.

Section 4.6 Dual Office

No Member shall hold more than one (1) office in this Lodge at the same time, except as provided in Section 3-4-1, Regulations Relative to Lodges.

Section 4.7 Installation.

The Installation of Officers shall take place on or before St. John's Day in December or each year, except as otherwise provided in Grand Lodge Regulations.

Section 4.8 Not By Proxy

No Officer of this Lodge can be installed by Proxy.

Section 5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 5.1 The Worshipful Master.

In addition to those duties which are set forth in the Regulations of Grand Lodge, those which appertain to every individual Mason, and those which are traditional and therefore unwritten, the duties of the Worshipful Master are:

First.

To open and preside over the Lodge when present, and make all necessary provisions for the faithful performance of those duties when absent.

Second.

To preserve the charter of the Lodge with unfailing care, and deliver it to his successor in office, or the Grand Lodge, or to the Grand Master, when demanded.

Third.

To see that these by-laws are duly understood, respected, and obeyed by its member's.

Fourth.

To take command of the other officers, and claim of them at any time, advice and assistance on any business relative to the Craft.

Fifth.

To see that the proper officers collect and truly keep the moneys of the Lodge; to see that the furniture and other valuables are not wasted, damaged, or lost, and in the event of the Charter being forfeited or surrendered, to preserve these things subject to the order of the Grand Lodge or of the Grand Master.

Sixth.

To see that all unmaasonic conduct that comes to his knowledge is faithfully dealt with according to the By-Laws of this Lodge and the Trial Code of Grand Lodge.

Seventh.

To guarantee a fair trial to every one charged with a Masonic offense.

Eighth.

To preside at the burial services of deceased Master Masons buried by the Lodge.

Ninth.

To see that worthy Brothers, visitors from other Lodges, have courteous attention and a welcome to this Lodge.

Tenth.

To give the casting vote at any time, in the event of a tie.

Eleventh.

To decide all questions of order and procedure, subject to an appeal to Grand Lodge or to the Grand Master.

Section 5.2 The Senior Warden

In addition to those duties which are set forth in the Regulations of Grand Lodge which appertain to every individual Mason, and those which are traditional, and therefore unwritten, the duties of the Senior Warden are;

First.

To succeed to and exercise all the powers of the Worshipful Master in the event of his absence.

Second.

To take charge of the Craft during hours of labor.

Section 5.3 The Junior Warden

In addition to those duties which are set forth in the Regulations of Grand Lodge which appertain to every individual Mason, and those which are traditional, and therefore unwritten, the duties of the Junior Warden are:

First.

To succeed to, and exercise all powers of the Worshipful Master in the absence of the two officers above him.

Second.

To take charge of the Craft during the hour of refreshment.

Section 5.4 Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have all the following duties:

First.

To receive and safely keep all moneys and property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by the Secretary, or by order of the Lodge, and to give proper receipts therefor.

Second.

To disburse or transfer the same, or any part thereof, upon order of the Master with the consent of the Lodge, duly attested by the Secretary.

Third.

To keep a book or books which shall contain a correct statement of his receipts and disbursements on account of the Lodge.

Fourth.

To make to the Lodge an Annual report of its receipts, disbursements, and financial condition.

Fifth.

He shall execute and file a corporate surety bond in the amount not less than the funds in his possession at the close of the fiscal year prior thereto.

Section 5.5 Secretary.

The Secretary shall have the following duties:

First.

To record all the proceedings of the Lodge proper to be written including its current receipts, disbursements, and all financial reports, and to submit such record to the Lodge at its next regular meeting for approval or correction, and to the Master for his signature, but minutes cannot be read and approved unless regularly entered in permanent form.

Second.

To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or any part thereof, to Grand Lodge or the Grand Maser, when required to do so.

Third.

To collect and receive all moneys due the Lodge, giving his receipt thereof, and pay them promptly to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same.

Fourth.

To make to the Lodge an annual report of its work, of the condition of its accounts with its officers and members, and of all other matters relating to its finances and business which may be under his care.

Fifth.

To keep a cash book and ledger, and such other books as are required by the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Sixth.

To keep the seal of the Lodge, and to affix it with his attestation to all papers issued under

authority of the Lodge, or in the obedience to the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

Seventh.

To preserve the By-Laws of the Lodge, the Book of Constitutions, By-Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. It's published proceedings, Rituals, and the Book of Ceremonials.

Eighth.

To notify any member of the Lodge who may have been suspended, expelled or reinstated immediately after the action of the Lodge, and also notify the Secretary of any other Lodge of which such suspended or expelled member is a member as shown by the Lodge records, of the fact of such suspension, expulsion or reinstatement.

Ninth.

To study the rules and forms prescribed by Grand Lodge, and keep the records, books, and other papers in accordance there-with.

Tenth.

To include in his annual returns to the Grand Secretary the names of members of the Lodge who have died during the year and submit to the Grand Secretary a certified copy of initiation, passing, Raising of all candidates for the degrees, and of their proficiency in the catechisms of the Master Mason Degree.

Eleventh.

He shall execute and file a corporate surety bond in the amount not less than the funds in his possession at the close of the fiscal year prior thereto.

Section 5.6 Tyler

The Tyler, in addition to the necessary duties of his office, shall serve all notices and summonses, except as the Master shall otherwise order; shall preserve the jewels and other paraphernalia of the Lodge, and perform such other services as may be required of him by the lodge, or designated by the Master. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Lodge may determine.

Section 5.7 Trustees.

The Trustees of this Lodge shall hold and take title to and invest all funds as Trustees of **Saint**

George Lodge No. 33; they shall collect all interest due the Lodge, and pay the same over to the Secretary, and they shall at least annually examine and audit the books, accounts, vouchers, and records of the Treasurer and Secretary. All their acts shall be subject to revision by the Lodge or the Master. At the regular meeting preceding St. John's Day in December they shall make a written report to the Lodge of all their acts, and of the funds and securities of the Lodge in their custody. They shall execute and file corporate surety bonds to the Lodge in the amount not less than the funds in their possessions at the close of the fiscal year prior thereto for the faithful performance of their duties.

Section 6. STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Section 6.1 Standing Committees.

There shall be four standing committees of the Lodge, which shall be appointed by the Master immediately after his installation, viz.: A committee on Charity, a Committee on Grievances, an Auditing committee, and a Committee on Education.

Section 6.2 Charity.

The Committee on Charity shall consist of the Master and Wardens, and shall have the power to draw upon the Treasurer any sum not exceeding fifty-dollars (\$50.00) during any one year in any individual case, for the relief of the distressed worthy brother, his wife, widow, or orphans without express authority from the Lodge, except in case of death or other serious emergency, when not to exceed one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) may be expended without such authority.

Section 6.3 Grievances.

The Committee on Grievances shall consist of three members of the Lodge, of which the Senior Warden shall be chairman, to which all differences between brethren shall be referred. It shall be the duty of this committee to reconcile brethren to each other, where ill-feeling exists, as soon as the same shall come to their knowledge.

Section 6.4 Auditing.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of three members, of which the Junior Warden shall be Chairman, whose duty it shall be to examine and audit all claims presented against the Lodge.

Section 6.5 Education.

The Committee on Education shall consist of three members, one of whom shall be the Senior Warden and shall be responsible for carrying on programs of Masonic Education on the Lodge.

Section 6.6 Special Committees.

The Master shall appoint such special Committees as he may deem necessary.

Section 7. PETITIONS, BALLOTING, AND MEMBERSHIP

Section 7.1 Petitions.

All petitions for the degrees, or for membership by affiliation, or for advancement shall be made in writing and signed by the applicant with his own hand, with his given name or names in full; shall state the place and date of birth and present residence, age, occupation, and such other facts as are called for in the Form of Petition of the Degrees, adopted by Grand Lodge, and shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in these By-Laws. Every petition shall be recommended in writing by two (2) members of the Lodge, except as provided in Sections 3-7-2 and 3-7-3, Regulations Relative to Lodges, and be presented at a regular meeting and noted upon the records.

Section 7.2 Reference.

Each such petition shall be referred to a Committee on Investigation, consisting of three members who shall, after investigation pursuant to Grand Lodge Regulations, report therein in writing at the regular meeting not less than three weeks thereafter, unless for good cause further time is granted.

Section 7.3 Ballot.

Upon the reception of the report of at least a majority of the Committee on Investigation the petition shall be balloted upon, whether the report is favorable or unfavorable, and the Master shall declare the result of the ballot. In case the applicant is rejected, the fee

accompanying the petition shall be returned to him. No ballot shall be taken upon any petition at any other than a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Section 7.4 Withdrawal.

A petition for the degrees cannot be withdrawn or returned after having been received at a regular meeting of the Lodge, except for want of jurisdiction; provided, that a petition which has been acted upon favorably by the Lodge may be returned, together with the fee to an applicant who has moved his residence out of the jurisdiction before receiving the Entered Apprentice Degree.

Section 7.5 Affiliation.

The petition of a Master Mason for Affiliation may be withdrawn at any time before ballot.

Section 7.6 Number of Ballots.

There shall be but one ballot for the three degrees, which must be free and secret; and in balloting for the degrees or for affiliation if more than one negative vote appear the balloting shall cease, and the candidate shall be declared rejected. If only one negative vote appears a second ballot shall immediately take place, and if a negative still appears the candidate shall be declared rejected; under no circumstances shall more than two (2) ballots be permitted. No discussion on a petition shall be allowed, except to establish the identity of the petitioner.

Section 7.7 Separate Ballot.

In balloting upon petitions for the degrees or for affiliation, each petition shall be acted upon separately, and every member of the Lodge present must vote.

Section 7.8 By-Laws and Apron.

Every Master Mason becoming a member of this Lodge shall sign his name in full to these By-Laws before being entitled to vote therein.

This Lodge shall present to every candidate a copy of these By-Laws and a lambskin or white leather apron upon which shall be inscribed with his name and the dates of his initiation, passing and raising.

Section 7.9 Life Membership.

This Lodge may confer life membership only upon members who have regularly paid dues for a period of twenty-five years, or upon those who have in the judgement of the Lodge, rendered valuable services to the fraternity. Any life member of this Lodge is entitled to a duly authenticated certificate showing such life membership and shall be issued an annual dues card.

Section 7.10 Honorary Membership.

This Lodge may confer honorary membership upon any Master Mason who is a member of some other regular lodge, but such honorary membership shall not confer any of the rights of regular membership.

Section 8. FEES AND DUES

Section 8.1 Fees.

The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows: For the degree of Entered Apprentice, \$100.00; for the degree of Fellow-Craft, \$50.00; for the degree of Master Mason, \$50.00. The fee for the Entered Apprentice Degree must always accompany the petition.

Section 8.2 Fees Must Be Paid.

This Lodge shall not confer any degree until the prescribed fee shall have been paid; nor shall any written or verbal promise to pay the same be received in lieu thereof, nor shall any portion of the fee be remitted, either directly or indirectly.

Section 8.3 Forfeiture.

This Lodge may retain the Entered apprentice fee of a candidate elected to receive the degrees if he does not present himself for initiation within a period of twelve months after election.

Section 8.4 Dues.

The dues of each member of the Lodge shall be \$75.00 Per annum, payable in advance. The dues shall increase \$10.00 per year starting in 2009 and continuing until 2020 at which time the dues shall be \$195.00 per annum.

Section 8.5 Suspension.

Any member of this Lodge being twelve (12) months in arrears for dues, and residing within

the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, shall be notified by the Secretary, that unless within four (4) weeks, or if residing outside of this jurisdiction, within eight (8) weeks from the date of the regular meeting at which such delinquency shall be made known to the Lodge in such manner as the Worshipful Master may direct, his dues shall be paid, or sickness, or inability to pay be shown as the cause of such refusal or neglect, he will be liable to suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry. If neither of the forgoing excuses be made, he may at the first regular meeting after the expiration of the specified time, be declared by the Master of the Lodge to be suspended, unless the Lodge shall remit his dues or grant him further time for payment.

Section 8.6 How Restored.

Any member thus suspended who shall thereafter pay the arrearages due at the time of his suspension, or who shall have such arrearages remitted by this Lodge, and who shall request reinstatement, may be restored to membership and to all the rights and privileges of Masonry upon a favorable vote of the majority of all the members present and voting. In the event of his rejection, the amount of his arrearages paid by him shall be refunded.

Section 8.7 Time and Manner of Voting.

No vote upon any request for reinstatement shall be taken earlier than at the regular meeting following the regular meeting at which such request is presented, nor until there shall have been submitted to the Lodge, the written report of a committee of three appointed by the Master, whose duty it shall be to inquire into the character and conduct of the applicant for reinstatement and the circumstances attending his suspension; who shall, when possible, consult the persons who then held the offices of Worshipful Master and Secretary at the time of such suspension; and such vote, when taken, shall be by written ballot.

Section 9. VISITORS

Section 9.1 Visitors.

A Master Mason in good standing may be extended the privilege to visit this Lodge subject to the right of any member thereof to object to his admission as a visitor.

Section 9.2 Avouchment.

No visitor shall be admitted to this Lodge unless he is lawfully vouched for, or sufficiently examined and found to be a Master Mason or a brother of the degree in which the Lodge is working. Documentary evidence alone shall not be sufficient to justify avouchment. In addition to strict trial and due examination, no Mason shall be permitted to visit this Lodge unless he can and does produce written evidence under the Seal of his Lodge that he is in good standing and this evidence must be attested by the Grand Secretary's signature and the Seal of the Grand Lodge under which the visitor is working; provided, that it shall not be necessary to have such evidence so attested by the Grand Secretary when the visitor comes from a jurisdiction where this is not required.

Section 9.3 Committee.

The committee appointed to examine one who presents himself to visit must consist of at least two (2) members. The Worshipful Master alone may not conduct the examination. A visitor has no right to demand an inspection of the charter.

Section 10. NON-AFFILIATED MASONS

Section 10.1 Non-Affiliated Masons.

It is contrary to the spirit and precepts of Masonry for a Mason not affiliated with a Blue Lodge to reside within the jurisdiction of this Lodge without making an effort to become a member hereof.

Section 10.2 Penalty For Non-Affiliation.

A Non-Affiliated Mason sojourning in this Grand Jurisdiction shall have the privilege of visiting this Lodge for a period of six (6) months. Unless such non-affiliate shall petition some Lodge for membership within thirty (30) days thereafter, and if rejected shall contribute to some chartered Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction its regular dues, he shall be debarred from Masonic rights and privileges as follows:

FIRST.

He shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge.

SECOND.

He shall not be allowed to appear in any Masonic procession.

THIRD.

He shall not be entitled to Masonic charity.

FOURTH.

He shall not be entitled to a Masonic Funeral.

FIFTH.

He shall be deemed a drone in the hive of Masonry and unworthy of the protection of Masons.

Section 10.3 Discipline.

This Lodge has the right to exercise discipline for any violation of Masonic law over non-affiliated Masons residing or sojourning within its jurisdiction.

Section 11. DEMITS

Section 11.1 Demits.

With the exception of the Master and the two Wardens, any member of this Lodge, against whom no charges are pending, may withdraw therefrom upon payment of all dues, and giving notice, in person or in writing signed by himself, of such withdrawal at a regular meeting; and a demit (certificate of standing) shall be issued to him without a vote of the Lodge. (See Chapter X,G.L. Regulations)

Section 12. DISCIPLINE

Section 12.1 Offenses.

Any Member of this Lodge who will-fully violates the moral law, the Regulations of Grand Lodge, the Ancient Charges of a Freemason, the By-Laws of the Lodge, or the laws of the country-- or disregards his obligations and the established usage's of Freemasonry, or does any act which shall tend to impair the purity of the Fraternity, or makes any misrepresentation for the purpose of obtaining the degrees of Freemasonry, is liable to Masonic discipline as provided in the Trial Code of Grand Lodge.

Section 12.2 Revealing Transactions.

Any member or visitor who shall reveal any of the transactions of this Lodge, either directly or indirectly, or who shall disclose any of its proceedings not proper to be made public, is liable to Masonic discipline.

Section 12.3 Obedience To Summons.

Every member of this Lodge shall faithfully obey, if within his power, a summons issued by this Lodge and duly served upon him. For failure to do so, he shall be liable to discipline in the manner provided by law unless excused for reasons satisfactory to a majority of the members present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

Section 13.0 PROHIBITIONS

Section 13.1 Use of Masonic Name Or Emblem

No member of this Lodge shall use, or be a party to the use of the Masonic name as a part of the title or designation of any business, firm, concern, company, association or enterprise organized or prosecuted for profit or for a livelihood, unless such business shall consist exclusively of the printing or publishing of Masonic books, papers, or periodicals, or the manufacture and sale of Masonic supplies. The use of Masonic emblems and devices on business cards or signs, or by way of advertisement, is strictly forbidden.

Section 13.2 Discussions.

The discussion of political, sectarian, or other subjects not of a proper Masonic nature is prohibited in this Lodge.

Section 13.3 Begging Letters.

No member of this Lodge shall give a certificate whereby any Mason may, in an itinerant manner, apply for relief to sister lodges in this jurisdiction or elsewhere.

Section 13.4 Processions.

This Lodge shall not appear in public processions on any other than purely Masonic occasions.

Section 13.5 Lending Money to Members.

This Lodge shall not lend money to any of its members.

Section 13.6 Lotteries.

This Lodge and all members thereof are strictly forbidden to give, or attempt to give, the aid or countenance of Masonry in organized or individual form to any lottery or gift enterprise.

Section 13.7 Smoking.

Smoking in the Lodge room is prohibited while the Lodge is at labor.

Section 14. RULES OF ORDER

Section 14.1 Order of Business.

The normal order of business at every regular meeting of this Lodge will be as follows:

FIRST:

Reading of the minutes.

SECOND:

Treasurer's Report.

THIRD

Reports of Committees.

FOURTH

Balloting.

FIFTH:

Reception of Petitions.

SIXTH

Communications.

SEVENTH

Bills against the Lodge.

EIGHTH

Unfinished Business.

NINTH:

New Business.

TENTH

Masonic Education.

ELEVENTH

Conferring of Degrees.

Section 15. AMENDMENTS

Section 15.1 How Made.

Any amendment to these By-Laws shall be proposed in writing at a regular meeting of the

Lodge, and the Secretary shall promptly give written notice thereof to all members whose residence is known. The proposal shall lie over until the next regular meeting, when by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting such amendment may be adopted; provided however, that no amendment shall have effect unless and until approved by the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.