

By-Laws  
of  
Great Lights Lodge No. 181, A. F. A. M.  
Decorah, Iowa 52101

Section 1.

All by-laws heretofore adopted by this lodge are hereby repealed.

Section 2.

The warrant of this lodge is a charter, granted on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1866 by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Iowa.

Section 3.

Stated communications of this lodge shall be held in the Masonic Hall at 106 ½ West Water Street.

Section 4.

Stated communications shall be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 o'clock P.M.

Section 5.

The order of business at stated communications shall be:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last stated and all intervening communications.
2. Unfinished Business.

3. Reading communications and action thereon.
4. Examinations as to proficiency.
5. Reports of committees on petitions.
6. Balloting.
7. Reception of petitions.
8. Reports of standing and special committees.
9. Bills of Account.
10. New business
11. Work.
12. Closing.

#### Section 6.

There shall be a Charity Committee which shall consist of the Master, the Senior Warden, and the Junior Warden. In addition, the Master shall appoint an Almoner to have custody of all funds which are made available by voluntary contributions. These funds shall be used by the Almoner, under direction of the committee, for the relief of cases of need.

#### Section 7.

At the time of the annual installation the Master shall appoint a committee of Finance consisting of three members. The

duty of this committee shall be to examine the books, vouchers, and accounts of the Secretary, Treasurer and to make a detailed report thereon to the lodge at the January meeting. The committee shall also examine and audit all bills, accounts, and claims that maybe presented to the lodge for payment and report upon the same in writing.\*

#### Section 8.

There shall be a Board of Trustees to consist of the Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden. The duties of the Trustees shall be as are prescribed in the Code.

#### Section 9.

The secretary shall receive an annual compensation of \$100.00 and the Treasurer shall receive an annual compensation of \$15.00\*

#### Section 10.

The fee for the Three Degrees shall be \$30.00, to be paid as follows:

To accompany the petition... \$15.00

Before conferring the Fellow Craft Degree ... \$15.00.

#### Section 11.

The annual dues shall be \$3.00, to which the Grand Lodge dues shall be added. Both shall be due and payable annually in advance on the first day of January, and all dues become delinquent six months after the first day of July of any year. When a brother becomes a member after the first day of July of any year, the dues for that year shall be one-half the annual dues.

#### Section 12.

At any time any part of these by-laws is inconsistent with the laws of the Grand Lodge, it is void. The Masonic Code will also govern all questions that may be raised that are not governed by these by-laws.

#### Section 13.

Amendments to these by-laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present in the manner prescribed by the Code.

Adopted May 10, 1943

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\*As amended August 9, 1943