

Union Chapter No. 7
Royal Arch Masons
CHAPTER BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. NAME

SECTION 1. This Chapter shall be known and distinguished as Union Chapter No. 7, Royal Arch Masons holding a Lawful Warrant under the jurisdiction of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 2. The Stated Convocations of this Chapter shall be the second Monday of each month, except July, August, and Legal Holidays.

SECTION 3. Special Convocations may be called by the Most Excellent High Priest whenever an emergency may deem it, and no business shall be transacted at such special Convocations except that for which it was called.

SECTION 4. The hour of meeting shall be at 7:30 PM.

SECTION 5. All regular Convocations shall be held at Essex Lodge No. 7, F.&A.M., 8 Smull Avenue, Caldwell, New Jersey.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Officers of this Chapter shall be as proscribed in the General Regulations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

SECTION 2. The Treasurer, Secretary, Tyler, and Organist shall receive such compensation as may be determined by the Chapter at each Annual Convocation.

SECTION 3. There shall be three Trustees, each to serve a term of three years, one term to begin in each three successive years, so that one Trustee will be elected in each year. In addition, there may be elected, if desired, one alternate Trustee, for a term of one year only, to facilitate bank vault transactions during the ordinary working day.

ARTICLE III. CANDIDATES

SECTION 1. All candidates for exaltation or affiliation shall petition the Chapter in writing at a stated convocation and such petition shall state the age, occupation and residence of the petitioner together with

the full name (using no initials), name and number of the Lodge from which he received the Degree of Master Mason and also the name and number of the Lodge which he is currently affiliated.

SECTION 2. The Most Excellent High Priest shall appoint a committee of three members who shall make a thorough investigation regarding the character and other qualifications of the applicant, and report the results of their investigation.

ARTICLE IV. FEES AND DUES

SECTION 1. The fees for exaltation shall be \$20.00, \$10.00 of which shall accompany the petition and the balance paid before the petitioner receives the Mark Master Degree.

SECTION 2. Every member of this Chapter shall pay into its funds, annually, the sum of \$5.00 plus such sums representing any assessment of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, which shall be paid on or before the Annual Convocation.

SECTION 3. Any member who shall be one year in arrears for dues shall be notified by the Secretary and shall neglect of fail to pay them within three months after such notice, he may be summoned before the Chapter to show cause why he should not be stricken from the roll of membership.

SECTION 5A. A request for Restoration of a Companion who has been under Suspension for NPD, shall be required to pay the indebtedness plus the current years dues. A vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required.

SECTION 5B. A Companion suspended for 5 years or more shall be required to pay his indebtedness plus current years dues and shall be processed in like manner as petition for membership, but no fee shall be required for such restoration. A unanimous vote by ballot shall be required for restoration to membership.

SECTION 6. No Dimit shall be granted to any member except upon written application presented to the Chapter or mailed to the Secretary and then only when the applicant is free from all indebtedness to the Chapter and in good standing.

ARTICLE V AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1. No part of these By-Laws shall be annulled or amended unless the proposed amendment be presented in writing at a regular Convocation and signed by at least three members of the Chapter. Action shall then be postponed until the next regular Convocation, before which time notice of the proposed amendment shall be mailed to each member. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the stated Convocation in favor of the proposed amendment shall be necessary for its adoption. Such proposed amendment shall then be referred to the Constitution Committee of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in triplicate.

SECTION 2. These By-Laws shall not be suspended at any time