



The Trestle Board

Jenks Lodge #24 Riverside, RI

April 2024

Good day brethren!

It's been a whirlwind of a month with everything going on, and I want to express my gratitude to the officers, past masters, members, and wives for stepping in and stepping up to help handle what was needed. Again, you make me proud to be a member of the craft and Jenks Lodge in particular.

April will be another busy month with the events that just passed, the Demolay/Rainbow Progressive Dinner, the two DDGM visitations we will attend, the Grand Master's visitation to Manchester Lodge, Potluck on the 21st, and our stated communication on the 22nd. Please try to come to all that you can and continue to support our brothers.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who attended Most Worshipful Bob Allen's services, and most especially those who took an active role. It was a difficult day for all of us and while he will be greatly missed, we must keep in mind how fortunate we all are to have had our time with him. He was a legend, a legit legend in the masonic community and my life is richer because he was in it. We all must hold him deep in our hearts and remember the lessons he shared with us.

Lastly, please allow this incredible loss to our family, remind you to not just be there for your families and brothers, but actively reach out and check in on them. Spend a little extra time with them. Laugh a little more with them. Buy an inexpensive but thoughtful gift. Just text and say "Hey, just thinking about you. Do you need anything?" And don't forget to tell them you love them.

Remember, my brothers, Meaning and Connection... deepen them, I implore you and get more out of this short time on Earth that we have.

With Love and Respect.

Rick Wilmott, WM

Photos from the Grand Master's Testimonial



Meeting Information for the 1613th Stated Communication to be held April 22nd , 2024, at 7:00pm

Dinner will be at 6:00pm, Dinner will be Master's Choice. Reservations are required by Thursday 4/18, email Dinner@jenkslodge.com to reserve.

Lodge will be opened in the Master Mason Degree at 7:00pm for its regular business, any business which may come before it and to discuss and vote on changes to the Lodge's Bylaws (see below for the proposed changes.)

Program will be an introduction to York Rite by our Worshipful Master and several other Companions in York Rite.

Motions for changes to bylaws:

This Motion is to amend:

B. For the passing and raising of a candidate when the candidate has been initiated in another Lodge, the Lodge Application fee of one hundred fifty dollar (\$150) shall be reduced to one hundred dollars (\$100); for raising when a candidate has been initiated and passed in another Lodge, the Lodge Application fee of one hundred fifty dollar(\$150) shall be reduced to fifty dollars (\$50); and a Master Mason who shall become a member of the Lodge by affiliation shall pay a twenty five dollar (\$25.00) Lodge Application fee, plus all dues and assessments due at the time of his signing of the By- Laws. **Members of other lodges within the Grand Jurisdiction of Rhode Island who are elected to membership in Jenks lodge on or before March 31st of each calendar year shall be responsible to pay the full Dues as stated in these Bylaws. Those who are elected to membership during April 1st to June 30th shall be entitled to a discount of 25%, those elected from July 1st to September 30th shall be entitled to a discount of 50%, and those elected to membership from October 1st to December 31st shall be entitled to a discount of 75% on the Dues for their first partial year of membership.**

This Motion is to incorporate a practice that was instituted by W:. Frank during his term as Master in 2023

Article V, Section 2, Subsection C
Article V Section 2 Subsection B shall be reduced by one (1) for every five (5) years being a Member in good standing of Jenks Lodge to a minimum multiple of ten (10) **except in cases where a member has fifty (50) or more years of membership in which case it shall be reduced to a multiple of zero (0). In the event of this exception, said lifetime membership shall be applied automatically to their membership record by the lodge Secretary.** A member may count years as a Member in good standing of another lodge if said lodge has merged with Jenks Lodge. Years accrued as an Honorary Member cannot be counted for the purposes of calculating Life Membership costs. This Motion is to incorporate needed adjustments to the scholarship program. Currently we are underutilizing our scholarship fund. The Scholarship committee, with the advice of the Finance Committee, would like to be able to have the authority to increase scholarship amounts when financially possible.
Article VI, Section 8, Subsection B

The “Card” Scholarship Fund shall consist of donations and bequests made to this fund. Each year scholarships will be awarded, in the sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) each. **in an amount to be set by the Card Scholarship Committee and approved by the Finance Committee.**

i) This scholarship may be awarded to any student attending college or trade school at least part time **who is a member of Jenks Lodge in good standing or whose father or grandfather is, or was, a member of Jenks Lodge in good standing or was a member in good standing at the time of his passing.**

ii) The requirements for this scholarship as well as the amount of available scholarships **and the lifetime cap per applicant for the award of the same** will be set presented to the Lodge by the Card Scholarship Committee as outlined below. **The Application process information will shall be posted in the Trestle Board as deemed necessary by the Master and/or Secretary.**

iii) The “Card” Scholarship Committee, shall consisting of three **two** members who are eligible in accordance with Article III, **and who** will be appointed by the Board of Trustees, **as well as the Secretary of Jenks Lodge, who shall be a permanent voting member of said committee. The Card Scholarship Committee will** to administer and approve the disbursement of all scholarships for this fund.

This Motion is to formalize a practice that is prescribed in the Grand Lodge Constitution and has been in use in this lodge since 2018.

Article IX, Section 1

The Worshipful Master is an Ex Officio member of all boards and committees. If any individual holding an elected or appointed position in Lodge is not able or willing to serve out his term, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge can appoint an eligible member as stated in Article III to fulfil the remainder of the term. Any position that is not specifically stated in these By-Laws as otherwise is an appointment of the Worshipful Master. All appointed positions serve at the will and pleasure of the Worshipful Master. (see Appendix C for exceptions per Grand Lodge).

A. During his term of office a Worshipful Master shall be permitted to create a Master’s Standing Order (MSO). This order shall be the equivalent of an official edict and can be used to address an issue which exists in, or is caused by the Bylaws of Jenks Lodge or to interpret a part of the lodges Bylaws. These orders can be revoked by any sitting Worshipful Master and when allowed to stand for an extended time should be brought before the lodge to be voted on as an amendment to be incorporated into the lodge bylaws whenever possible. A MSO should only to be used in cases of necessity and the Worshipful Master shall be answerable to the Grand Master as explained to the Worshipful Master during his installation and stated in the Grand Lodge Constitution Standing Order No. 11. All MSOs must use the MSO form located in the appendix of these Bylaws wherein a master must indicate the existing issue, explain his justification for needing an MSO, and detail his resolution.

This Motion is to incorporate a practice that was instituted by W.: Amaral in 2020 and instituted again by W.: Lomastro in 2022.

Article XII

Section 6 Emeritus Status

Any living member of the lodge may be granted an Emeritus title by a majority vote of the members present at any stated communication. This honor signifies the high esteem the brethren hold for said member in lodge matters concerning the office for which he was granted Emeritus status. Said Emeritus members, if present at a meeting of the lodge, shall have his name and Emeritus Title read prior to the reading of the Grand Lodge officer list and shall be given permission to give a brief statement regarding the lodge if he so desires.

Upcoming Event Dates

4/9/24 at 7:00pm DDGM Visitation to Overseas Lodge
 4/17/24 at 7:00pm DDGM Visitation to St Johns #1P
 4/21/24 at 5:00pm Family Potluck and Rehearsal of officers
 4/22/24 at 7:00pm Jenks Stated Communication

Secretary's Quill

Dues are \$185.00 for the year 2024. They were Due on January 1st, 2024.
 Contact me at Mark Lomastro
 401-725-0408
 753 High Street
 Cumberland, RI 02864

Important Information:

The new Dues bills have been mailed out and were due on January 1st, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me anytime.
 Dues can be paid at www.jenkslodge.com or by mailing a check payable to Jenks #24 to my address listed to the left, please do not mail anything directly to the temple
 The Jenks Studio 24 Disco night has been postponed; the new date will be announced as soon as it is determined. If you bought a ticket you can either hold it to use at the new date or request a refund.



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