

5 Motions to change the bylaws as follows; Please note that in black text is as it is currently in the bylaw, strikethrough (aaaa) text is what is to be removed, and red text is what is to be added. Above each motion is the explanation as to why this change is being suggested.

This Motion is to incorporate a practice that was instituted by W:. Amaral during his term as Master of the lodge in 2020.

Article IV, Section 1, Subsection B

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 Ceommittee 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.
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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.