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OHIO LODGE OF RESEARCH

BY-LAWS

Adopted May 15, 2004

PREAMBLE

This Lodge is chartered by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio as the Ohio Lodge of Research pursuant to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Code of the Grand Lodge. It is the opinion of the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence that as this Lodge is chartered as a Lodge of Masonic Research and not as a Lodge of Master Masons, it is in effect an appendant body. The specific provisions of Code for the Government of Lodges, which are designed to govern working lodges of master masons, are not pertinent to governance of this Lodge. It is the further opinion of the Grand Lodge Committee on Jurisprudence that the Lodge acts in full compliance with its Charter by making by-laws unique to its character as a lodge of Masonic research, provided such by-laws are in conformity with the accepted practices and usages of Freemasonry and of lodges of Masonic research generally, and are immediately thereafter submitted to the Grand Secretary for review by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. Where these By-Laws and Standing Rules are silent, the Code for the Government of Lodges shall be applied to the extent that its provisions are relevant to the issue presented and suitable to government of this lodge in its character as a lodge of Masonic research. All other questions shall be submitted to the Grand Master for decision.

ARTICLE I – NAME

This Lodge is chartered by the Grand Lodge of Ohio under the name “Ohio Lodge of Research,” Free and Accepted Masons (the Lodge), and is governed by its Charter, Grand Lodge Resolution No. 9, these By-Laws, and the Standing Rules adopted hereunder.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

This Lodge shall be organized and shall function solely for the purpose of Masonic study and research, publishing at convenient intervals the results of such study and research.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

A. Classes. There shall be the following classes of membership:

1. Associate Membership.

a. Membership shall be open to any Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a regular lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, or of a regular lodge of a jurisdiction in fraternal relations with said Grand Lodge.

b. Eligible Master Masons may become Associate Members upon the filing of a petition for such membership with the proper fee, together with evidence of good standing in a regular lodge and being elected to membership at a stated meeting of the Active Members.

c. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote or hold elected office.

2. Active Membership

a. An invitation to Active Membership may be extended to any Associate Member upon submission of evidence of Masonic research satisfactory to the Lodge.

b. Said Associate Member must be proposed for Active Membership status at a stated meeting of the Active Members.

c. Upon approval by vote of the Active Members present at a Stated meeting of Active Members, said Associate Member shall be invited to become an Active Member, said status being effective upon his acceptance.

d. Acceptance of the invitation to become an Active Member is made by confirmation in writing or by affirmation in person at a meeting of the Lodge.

e. Active Members shall have the right to vote, hold all offices, and propose Associate Members for Active Membership status.

f. All Charter Members are Active Members during such time as they are members of the Lodge.

3. Subscribing Membership

a. Masonic Lodges and other Masonic bodies recognized by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Masonic Libraries, and other bodies acceptable to the Ohio Lodge of Research may become Subscribing Members upon written application and vote of the Lodge.

b. There shall be no fees for Subscribing Membership Status.

c. There shall be dues for Subscribing Members unless said Subscribing Member reciprocates with comparable publications.

d. Subscribing Members shall have no rights or privileges except to receive the Lodge publications..

e. Notwithstanding other provisions of this section, the Lodge may remit the dues of such Subscribing Members as it may by vote direct and may grant Subscribing Membership gratis for one year to any lodge that hosts a meeting of the Ohio Lodge of Research.

4. Honorary Membership

a. The Lodge may, by unanimous vote, elect to Honorary Membership any Master Mason holden to a lodge in a jurisdiction in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

b. Honorary Members shall have no rights or privileges in the Lodge, except to receive publications of the Lodge.

c. Honorary Members shall pay no fees or dues.

d. There shall be no more than five living Honorary Members at any one time.

e. An Honorary Member is elected for life, provided he have the approbation of the Lodge and remain in good standing as a Master Mason and member of lodge in a jurisdiction in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

B. Termination and Restoration

1. Membership shall terminate if any member ceases to be a member in good standing in his Masonic lodge or become in arrears in dues to the Ohio Lodge of Research.

2. Restoration is accomplished without vote of the Lodge by the suspended member providing proof of current good standing in his Masonic lodge together with payment of Ohio Lodge of Research dues for the current year if in arrears.

ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS

A. Stated Meetings. The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the fourth Saturday in January, and the third Saturday in May and September of each year.

1. The stated meeting in May shall be the annual meeting.

2. The annual meeting shall be held in the central Ohio area.

3. Stated meetings of the Active Members may be limited to Active Members at the pleasure of the Master or by majority vote of Active Members present.

4. The portion of the annual meeting dealing with the nomination and election of Active members shall be restricted to Active Members only.

B. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called as the installed Master or Lodge may direct.

1. Notice of any special meeting at which business is to be transacted may be given by either (a) announcement at the previous stated meeting, or (b) written notice to the Active Members.

2. Notice of any special meeting of a social or educational nature or at which no business is to be transacted may be given to the Active and Associate Members by any reasonable method.

3. Special meetings of the Active Members may be limited to Active Members at the pleasure of the Master or by majority vote of Active Members present.

C. Meeting Time

1. The stated meetings of the Lodge shall commence at 3:00 p.m. local time at the place of the meeting.

2. The stated meetings of the Active Members shall commence at 2:00 p.m. local time, prior to the stated meeting of the Lodge, and shall be held on the same day as that meeting.

3. Special meetings may be held at such time as the Master or the Lodge may direct.

D. Quorum

1. A quorum for a stated or special meeting of the Active Members shall be three, one of whom is authorized and qualified to preside.

2. A quorum for a stated or special meeting of the Lodge shall be the minimum number required by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio to open a Lodge of Master Masons and transact business.

3. No quorum is required for meetings of a social or educational nature or where no business is transacted.

E. Location

1. Stated and special meetings must be held within the boundaries of the state of Ohio unless special dispensation is obtained in advance from the Grand Master.

2. Stated and special meetings may be held upon invitation of any subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, in the hall of that lodge or at any other location at which such lodge has been granted a dispensation to meet..

3. Special meetings of a social or educational nature may be held in any appropriate facility.

4. Stated and special meetings may be held in the hall of any lodge in fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio upon dispensation by the Grand Master of both Grand Lodges involved.

F. Order of Business

1. The order of business for meetings of the Lodge or of the Active Members shall be at the discretion of the Master.

2. At his pleasure, the Master may call for a vote in the Lodge meeting without debate, to confirm any action taken in the immediately preceding meeting of the Active Members.

3. The Master may report in the Lodge meeting such action as taken in the immediately preceding meeting of the Active Members as he deems prudent, or as requested by any Active Member present.

G. Notice. In addition to any other method of notice provided for in these By-Laws, any notice required or permitted by these By-Laws or the Standing Rules may be given by regular U.S. mail to the last known address of the recipient, or by e-mail to the last known electronic mail address of the recipient, and shall be effective upon posting. The failure of the recipient to keep the Secretary apprised of his current address constitutes a waiver of right to notice for all purposes until the Secretary actually receives a correct address. Presence at any meeting constitutes a waiver of right to notice thereof.

ARTICLE V – VOTING

A. Procedure. Except as these By-Laws may otherwise require:

1. All questions shall be decided by majority vote.
 2. All votes shall be taken by voice unless any Active Member present requests a written ballot, in which case the Master shall order a written ballot.
 3. The Master may order a written ballot at any time.
- B. Tellers. In the case of a written ballot, the Master shall appoint not less than three tellers.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

A. Elected Officers

1. The elected officers of the Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, and three Trustees.
2. The elected officers, except the Trustees, shall serve for a term of one year and shall be elected annually at the Annual meeting.
3. The Trustees shall serve a term of three years, one of whom shall be elected annually.
4. An elected officer may be recalled by vote of three-quarters of the Active Members present at a special meeting of the Active Members called for that purpose by the Grand Master, provided, however, that not less than four Active Members are present at such meeting. The special meeting called for this purpose may be held concurrently with any stated meeting.

B. Appointed Officers

1. The appointed officers shall consist of a Chaplain, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, and Tyler.
2. The appointed officers may be appointed by the Master at the time of his installation and shall serve at his pleasure.

C. Qualifications

1. For Master. The Master-Elect, if he has not previously been installed as Master of a Lodge of Master Masons, shall, upon his election, present to the Secretary evidence that he has, prior to his election, received the Degree of Past Master.
2. For elected office. Only Active Members may serve in elected office.
3. For appointed office. Any Active or Associate Member may serve in appointed office.
4. Who may serve. Each officer must be a member of lodge subordinate to Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, or of a lodge, located in Ohio, which is subordinate to a Grand Lodge in fraternal relations with said Grand Lodge.

D. Representation of Districts. To the extent that Active Members are available and willing to serve, no Masonic District shall be represented by more than one officer, the Treasurer, Secretary, and Chaplain excepted.

E. Installation

1. The elected and appointed officers shall be installed on the day of their election or appointment if present.
2. Any uninstalled officer who fails to present himself for installation at the subsequent meeting of the Lodge shall be deemed to have resigned his position..
3. Any vacant position may be filled by the installed Master on a pro-tempore basis until the next regular election.
4. The officers may be installed publicly or privately at the pleasure of the Master.
5. The officers must be installed by persons entitled under the Code of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to conduct or participate as installing officers in a Lodge of Master Masons. For purposes of installations of this Lodge only, the Master and all Past Masters of this Lodge are so qualified.

ARTICLE VII – COMMITTEES

A. Standing Committees. The Master shall appoint the following standing committees: Audit, Finance, Research and Program, Papers Review, Publications, Membership, e-Communication, R. Marion Snyder Award, and Officer Service, the duties of these committees to be as set forth in the Standing Rules.

B. Special Committees. The Master may appoint special committees for such tasks as he or the Lodge may direct.

C. Organization

1. All committees shall consist of three or more members.
2. All standing committees shall be chaired by Active Members
3. All standing committees shall be appointed in writing within thirty days of the Annual meeting, except the Finance and Audit Committees, which shall be appointed at the Annual meeting.
4. Neither the Secretary nor the Treasurer shall chair any committee related to their duties.
5. The Papers Review Committee shall consist of Active Members exclusively.

ARTICLE VIII – FEES AND DUES

A. Fees. The fee for Associate Membership shall be twelve dollars and fifty cents (\$12.50). There shall be no additional fee for Active Membership status.

B. Dues

1. Dues for Associate and Active Members shall be seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per annum.

2. Dues for Subscribing Members shall be seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per annum.

3. Dues are due and payable on January first and become delinquent at the close of the first stated meeting following the annual meeting.

C. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year shall end on December 31 of each year, but reports to the Grand Lodge for other fiscal years shall be made as the Grand Lodge may direct.

ARTICLE IX – DISCIPLINE

A. Grounds. The disciplinary actions of the Ohio Lodge of Research shall consist of:

1. Termination or suspension of membership in the Lodge for non-payment of dues. Termination or suspension of membership in the Lodge for non-payment of dues shall be by vote of the Lodge upon sufficient evidence provided by the Secretary or Treasurer.

2. Termination or suspension of membership in the Lodge for misconduct.

a. Active and Associate Members. The trial procedure for termination or suspension for misconduct as outlined in the Code of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio shall be followed in the case of Active and Associate Member charged with misconduct.

b. Other Members. Subscribing Members and Honorary Members may be suspended or terminated by vote of the Lodge without trial.

B. Appeals. All appeals to a decision of the Lodge under this section shall be made to the Grand Master, who may assign the appeal to the Trial Commission.

C. Procedures Generally. The procedures as to termination or suspension of membership in the Lodge for non-payment of dues, or for misconduct, may be defined in the Standing Rules.

ARTICLE X – STANDING RULES

A. Establishment. The Lodge may establish Standing Rules by which these By-Laws or other policies of the Lodge may be implemented. The Standing Rules have the same force and effect as these By-Laws.

B. Amendment. The Standing Rules may be amended in the following manner:

1. Notice of intent to amend the Standing Rules must be sent to every Active Member prior to a vote thereon unless such amendment is declared to be. “emergency legislation” by a four-fifths vote of the Active Members present at a stated meeting, providing, however, that not less than five Active Members are present at such meeting.

2. The Standing Rules may not be amended at a special meeting.

C. When Effective. Unless the Grand Master orders the Standing Rules, or any of them, to be held in abeyance, the Standing Rules and any amendment thereto shall take effect sixty days after submission to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. Submission to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge shall be made by tender to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master may approve any amendment to the Standing Rules for immediate implementation, notwithstanding any other

provision of this Article.

ARTICLE XI – AMENDMENTS

A. How Made. These By-Laws may be amended in the following manner:

1. Procedure at first reading

a. The amendment (hereafter the Proposal) shall be proposed in writing at a stated meeting, whereupon it shall be entered upon the minutes.

b. The written Proposal shall sets forth the exact text of the full paragraph to be revised and the exact text of the language proposed to replace same.

c. The Proposal shall receive such discussion as the members may desire.

d. The Master shall then order the Proposal to lie over until the next stated meeting.

2. Procedure at second reading

a. The Proposal shall receive such further discussion as the members may desire.

b. A amendment to the Proposal may be made at the second reading and without further notice, but must be made in writing and separately decided before the Proposal is voted upon.

c. The Proposal (as amended if applicable) is adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of three-quarters of the Active Members present, not less than four Active Members being present at such meeting.

d. Proposals shall be voted upon, and shall take effect, in the order proposed, which order shall be clearly stated in the minutes.

e. The Secretary shall reproduce in the minutes the exact text of every enacted Proposal.

B. When Effective. Unless the Grand Master orders these By-Laws, or any of them, to be held in abeyance, these By-Laws, and any amendment thereto other than amendments relating to dues or meeting times, shall take effect sixty days after submission to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. Submission to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge shall be made by tender to the Grand Secretary. An amendment relating solely to dues or meeting times shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The Grand Master may approve any amendment to these By-Laws for immediate implementation, notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article.

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STANDING RULES

1. Duties of Standing Committees

a. Audit – Shall audit the financial records of the Secretary and Treasurer and make a full report concerning the condition of all accounts for the fiscal year at the Annual meeting following their appointment. If available, a trustee shall chair this committee.

b. Finance – Shall oversee the condition of all accounts of the Lodge and submit an annual operating budget to the Lodge for vote. No account or claim against the Lodge may be allowed without being referred to this Committee except by unanimous vote of the Lodge. No expense shall be incurred unless sufficient money to defray such expense is in the treasury.

c. Research and Program – Shall have authority to assign approved topics to members for research and report to the Lodge at specified dates. It shall consist of the Worshipful Master and Wardens.

d. Papers Review – Shall review all papers presented in the Lodge, consider all recommendations received by them concerning advancement to Active Membership and make appropriate nominations at a meeting for vote by the Active Members, and shall determine which papers will be published by the Lodge, the same being subject to further review by the editor as to technical requirements (completeness of notes, suitability for scanning, etc.).

e. Publications – Shall be in charge of editing, publication, and distribution of all publications of the Lodge other than meeting notices. The Committee may, subject to approval of the Lodge, establish rules and regulations concerning the disposition of surplus publications provided that payment for such surplus material be made only through the Secretary of the Lodge. It shall consist of the editor and any editor emeritus. The Secretary shall be a member ex officio.

f. Membership – Shall be responsible for public relations, advertising, and promotion of membership growth.

g. R. Marion Snyder Award – Shall recommend to the Lodge suitable candidates for the “R. Marion Snyder Award for Achievement in Masonic Research.”

h. e-Communication – Shall coordinate all electronic communication, websites, e-groups, and Internet presence of the Lodge. It shall include among its members the webmaster(s) and e-group moderator(s).

i. Officer Service – Shall actively solicit Active Members and Associate Members to fill the offices of the Lodge and present their findings at the annual meeting. It shall be chaired by the Senior Warden.

2. Publications – The Lodge may at convenient intervals publish its proceedings or transactions, addresses, studies, articles, discussions, essays, reviews, and other pertinent material either in whole or in part. It may also publish new Masonic works of merit, reproduce or print Masonic documents or writings, historically or otherwise important. The contributors to its Proceedings

are alone responsible for the opinions which they express and for the accuracy of statements made therein. It is a condition of publication of any paper that the author thereby and thereupon automatically grants to the Lodge the full right to copyright, print, reprint, alter, and otherwise publish the same in whole or in part without requiring further permission from the author, his heirs or assigns.

Any material published in the Lodge's Proceedings may be read in any masonic body or study group for the purpose of encouraging a lively interest in Freemasonry. No previous permission is required but credit should be given to the source and the specific author. Authors retain permission to re-print their own papers in other appropriate publications provided the OLR copyright is acknowledged.

The Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, or its Committee on Education and Information, shall have the right to reproduce such research, or parts thereof, with appropriate credit to the Ohio Lodge of Research and the author, as they deem fit.

Some publication must be produced and sent to the membership within each two-year period.

3. Regalia – The jewels of the officers shall conform to the standard design for such officers.

The Past Master's jewel shall be of such design so as not to be confused with the jewel of the Past Master of a working Lodge of Master Masons, and the design shall be specifically adopted and approved by the Lodge.

The aprons of the officers may conform to the standard design for such officers, but the Past Master's apron shall be of such design so as not to be confused with the apron of the past Master of a working Lodge of Master Masons, and the design shall be specifically adopted and approved by the Lodge.

The aprons of the members shall conform to the standard design approved by the Grand Lodge.

4. The R. Marion Snyder Award. The R. Marion Snyder Award for Achievement in Masonic Research, created in 1993, shall be divided into two categories:

(a) one award to a Master Mason who resides within the boundaries of the State of Ohio and

(b) one award to a Master Mason who resides outside of the boundaries of the State of Ohio.

Nominations will be considered by a standing committee, which will make recommendations to the Active Members at the annual meeting. Upon affirmative vote of the Active Members at the annual meeting, the Lodge may grant no more than one award in each category each year. If there are no nominations, or the nominees are not elected, no award will be granted for that year.

The form of the Award shall consist of a Certificate. Additional forms of recognition may only be given by vote of the Lodge.

Any Active or Associate Member may nominate deserving brethren for the standing committee's review and consideration.

Nominees for the Award must belong to Lodges under Grand Lodges recognized by the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The Award shall be given only for outstanding and well-regarded work in masonic research, some portion of which advances the knowledge of Ohio Freemasonry. It shall not be given solely for service as an officer in the Lodge, regardless of the length of such service.

5. Duties of Trustees. The trustees shall

- a. Maintain an inventory of all property belonging to the Lodge, its disposition and condition.
- b. Make recommendations to the Lodge concerning repair or replacement of Lodge property.
- c. Make recommendations to the Lodge concerning the acquisition of new property beyond a value of \$100.
- d. Authorize non-budgetary expenditures approved by the Finance Committee when the Lodge is not in session.

6. Prince Hall Members

- a. Ohio Prince Hall Masons may become members of any class in the Ohio Lodge of Research subject to mutual recognition between the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Ohio and the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio (our chartering body).
- b. No petition submitted by an Prince Hall Mason shall be voted upon unless it is accompanied by a letter from the Mason's Grand Master approving his membership in the Lodge of Research, but such letter may be a "blanket" letter extending to all masons under the jurisdiction of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge.
- c. No Prince Hall Mason shall be eligible for election as Master of the Lodge except with the written approval of the Mason's Grand Master, together with evidence satisfactory to the Lodge that the said Mason has previously received the Degree of Past Master.
- d. Should mutual recognition be rescinded or interrupted, said Ohio Prince Hall Masons shall be automatically suspended from membership in the Ohio Lodge of Research until such time as mutual recognition between the Grand Lodges is restored.
- e. The action of suspension or restoration in this case is automatic, is administrative and not punitive in any way, and shall not require a vote of the Lodge.
- f. Should such interruption of mutual recognition between the Grand Lodges last for a period greater than the fiscal year of the Ohio Lodge of Research, said Ohio Prince Hall Members shall not be responsible for payment of dues during the time of their suspension. Upon restoration of Membership after automatic suspension, Ohio Prince Hall Masons shall be responsible for paying the current year's dues only, regardless of the intervening dues period(s).
- g. Just as with any other member of the Lodge who is suspended, Ohio Prince Hall Masons are not entitled to back issues of any publications issued by the Ohio Lodge of Research during any period of automatic or other suspension, but may purchase such issues as may be on hand after restoration.

7. Procedure for Election of Active Members – In addition to any requirements in the By-Laws concerning Active Membership, the following provisions apply:

a. Nominations for Active Membership will be made by the appropriate standing committee as defined in these Standing Rules.

b. Nominations for Active Membership may be made from the floor by Active Members following the Committee report.

c. No one may be elected to Active Membership who has not submitted one or more papers, same having been presented in the Lodge and reviewed by the appropriate standing committee unless unanimous consent of the Active Members present and voting is obtained.

8. Discipline

a. Termination or suspension for non-payment of dues

Pursuant to the provision in the By-Laws regarding delinquent dues, the Lodge shall vote on suspension of those members of any category who are in arrears as of that meeting.

If by report of the Secretary or Treasurer the individual member or lodge has not become current in Ohio Lodge of Research dues by the annual meeting following the vote of suspension, the Lodge shall vote on termination of the offender's membership.

Provisions for restoration after suspension or termination for non-payment of dues are provided in the By-Laws.

A member under suspension shall receive dues notices and meeting notices during their time of suspension but not Lodge publications or annual proceedings.

Members terminated for non-payment of dues are not entitled to receive any publications of the Lodge except a notice of their termination.

Restored members are not entitled to the lodge publications or annual proceedings during the period of interruption of membership but may purchase the same if available.

By vote of the Lodge, any member's dues may be remitted on an annual, provisional, or permanent basis.

b. Termination or suspension for misconduct. Any offense chargeable as unmasonic conduct, including but not limited to such things as malfeasance in office or presenting another person's work as one's own without attribution or indication of quotation, may, if deemed of sufficient seriousness, be referred to the offender's symbolic lodge for prosecution.

Notwithstanding the foregoing provision for referral, the Lodge may, by vote of three-quarters of the Active Members present, suspend or terminate the membership of any member for unmasonic conduct.

Neither of the above remedies shall be considered exclusive of the other.

Suspension for any cause may be for a definite or indefinite time period or with a provisional qualification. Restoration after suspension or termination for misconduct shall require resubmission of a petition, accompanied by the current fees.

Suspension or termination for any cause shall affect a member's standing in the Ohio Lodge of Research only and shall not affect his Symbolic Lodge standing. Full particulars shall be provided to the member's Symbolic Lodge upon its request or the request of the member in question.

9. Miscellaneous Provisions

a. "Central Ohio" is defined as the area within a circle of 50 miles radius, centered on the Capitol building in Columbus.

b. The Ohio Lodge of Research shall not conduct Masonic Funerals or appear in public as a lodge.

c. The Ohio Lodge of Research may adopt a special design for its dues cards subject to the approval of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

d. Stipends for the Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor, if any, shall be voted annually by the Lodge at its annual meeting.

e. Recognition for having served as Master of the Lodge shall be a plaque, suitably engraved, purchased at such reasonable price as the lodge may determine. Should the recipient so desire, the said sum may be credited as a donation towards a Past Master's apron, ordered by the Lodge, of design provided for in these Standing Rules, the balance to be paid by the recipient in advance.

f. If for any reason the Annual Meeting cannot be held as stipulated in the By-Laws, the Annual Meeting shall be held at the next legally held Stated Meeting.

10. Amendments to Standing Rules – The procedure for amending the Standing Rules is delineated in the Ohio Lodge of Research By-Laws.

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