

Article I - Communications

Section 1. The name of this Lodge is, and shall be, Friendship Lodge No. 84 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons at Hagerstown, MD.

Section 2. The Regular Communications of this Lodge shall be held on the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7:00 p.m., with the exception of Memorial Day, July, August, and the fourth Monday of December, or unless the Worshipful Master shall otherwise order.

Article II - Officer Elections/Installations

Section 1. The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tyler shall be elected annually at the Regular Communication in December, by a majority of ballots of the members present, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed. Uncontested officers will be declared elected from the East.

Section 2. The officers elected shall be installed in January as soon after their election as practicable. The Worshipful Master shall appoint the Senior and Junior Deacons, the Senior and Junior Stewards, and the Chaplain who shall be installed in January as soon as possible after their appointment.

Section 3. The Worshipful Master, following his installation, shall appoint a Committee to examine the accounts of the Lodge and also the accounts of the Board of the Masonic Temple in Hagerstown, and shall make their report to the Lodge as soon as practicable.

Article III - Officers' Duties

Section 1. The Worshipful Master shall perform all duties required of him by the Ancient Landmarks, Constitutions and Regulations of the Craft, and by the Constitutions, Bylaws, Standing Orders and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Worshipful Master in the performance of his duties and in case of his death or absence to supply his place according to rank until the next stated election.

Section 3. The Secretary shall keep all books and papers of the Lodge except those of the Treasurer. He shall keep a fair record of the acts of the Lodge necessary to be written, issue all summonses, notify members of Special Communications; open separate accounts for each member and charge all moneys as they become due. He shall notify each member of the amount of his dues, request payment of the same, and give credit as received. He shall keep a separate account with the Treasurer, which shall be balanced at the Regular Communication next proceeding the election of officers, and perform all other duties belonging to his office for which he shall receive proper remuneration as set forth in Table A of these bylaws and be exempt from the payment of dues with the exception that he shall be required to pay to the Lodge annually an amount equivalent to the annual Per-Capita tax to the Grand Lodge and any assessments that may be made by the Grand Lodge for the use, support, and maintenance of the Masonic Homes.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary, the receipt of all moneys collected by the Secretary for and on behalf of the Lodge and shall promptly deposit all monies collected for and on behalf of Friendship Lodge No. 84 in such bank as shall be designated by the Lodge. All funds shall be distributed only under order signed by the Worshipful Master, attested by the Secretary and/or Treasurer, pursuant to authorization of the Lodge. In the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer, the Secretary shall act Pro-Tem. The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of all monies received and disbursed. The Treasurer shall receive for his services proper remuneration as set forth in Table A of these bylaws and to be exempt from the payment of dues, with the exception that he shall be required to pay the Lodge annually an amount equivalent to the annual Per-Capita tax to the Grand Lodge and any assessments that may be made by the Grand Lodge for use, support, and maintenance of the Masonic Homes.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the Tyler to tile the Lodge, serve summons, and perform such other duties as are incident to his office. He shall

receive proper remuneration as set forth in Table A of these bylaws and be exempt from the payment of dues, with the exception that he shall be required to pay to the Lodge annually an amount equivalent to the annual Per-Capita tax payable to the Grand Lodge and any assessments that may be made by the Grand Lodge for the use, support, and maintenance of the Masonic Homes.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master, Secretary, and Treasurer to conduct the business of the Lodge during the months of July and August. A report detailing the business transacted shall be made to the membership at a stated meeting following the summer recess.

Article IV - Membership

Section 1. Every person applying to this Lodge for initiation and membership must make his application by form of petition adopted by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Maryland. Each petition for initiation shall be accompanied by the amount established in Table A of these bylaws.

Section 2. Every member of another Lodge desiring to affiliate with this Lodge shall make his Application by form of petition for affiliation adopted by the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. of Maryland. Each petition for affiliation shall be accompanied by the amount established in Table A of these bylaws. A brother desiring membership must have visited the Lodge at a stated Communication prior to his election.

Section 3. Should admission be denied an applicant, so that he does not receive the First Degree, the money sent with his petition shall be returned to him by the Secretary; but should he receive the First Degree, the amount shall be retained by the Lodge and when he shall be qualified according to the regulations of the Grand Lodge and accepted by ballot, he shall receive the succeeding degrees without further payment of fees.

Section 4. Every petition for initiation for membership in this Lodge shall be referred to committee of three members whose duty it shall be to diligently inquire into the character of the applicant and report so that ballot can be had in not

less than four weeks or more than twelve weeks.

Section 5. Any member of the Lodge who is an Ordained Minister, Priest, or Rabbi shall be exempt from payment of dues with the exception that he shall be required to pay to the Lodge annually an amount equivalent to the annual Per-Capita tax payable to the Grand Lodge and any assessments that may be made by the Grand Lodge for the use, support, and maintenance of the Masonic Homes.

Article V - Dues

Section 1. Every Master Mason belonging to this Lodge except those who are exempt under these bylaws, shall pay to the Secretary annually the sum set as the Lodge dues, plus the Per-Capita tax and any assessments which may be made by the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland. The amount of the Lodge dues is set forth and established in Table A of these bylaws. Anyone neglecting to pay for one year shall be reported to the Lodge by the Secretary and shall be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry without trial: Provided that no member shall be suspended until he shall have had at least 30 days notice, (it shall be written notice sent by certified mail to his last known address), of the intention of the Lodge to take such action upon his delinquency and the penalty to which he render himself liable by failure to liquidate his indebtedness. The suspension shall be effective as of December 31. Should any member so suspended pay all arrearages up to the time of his suspension within six months after the date of his suspension, his membership is renewed; otherwise, it can only be renewed by his paying arrearages to date of suspension and petitioning in regular form for reinstatement to membership, or such suspended member may be reinstated upon such terms and conditions as the Grand Lodge may from time to time stipulate and determine.

Section 2. Any member wishing to demit from this Lodge shall signify his desire in writing, at a stated meeting and pay to the Secretary his dues, when, if in good standing, a demit shall be granted.

Article VI-Board of Managers

Section 1. The Board of Managers shall be

known as the Masonic Temple Association. The Masonic Temple Association will consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and one representative, or designated alternate, from each Masonic or collateral body residing at 54 South Potomac Street which pays a quarterly assessment to the Masonic Temple Association.

Section 2. The members of the Masonic Temple Association will be selected as follows: The President will be appointed by the Worshipful Master of Friendship Lodge, No. 84 as a voting member. The President may be selected from any organization with Masonic Temple Association membership. The Secretary will be appointed by the Worshipful Master of Friendship Lodge No. 84 as a non-voting member from any body residing in the Temple. The Treasurer of Friendship Lodge, No. 84 will serve as the Treasurer and will be a non-voting member.

Section 3. Each quarterly assessed body will provide a representative to sit for one year as a voting member of the Board. No individual can control more than one vote at any given meeting. Organizations residing within the Temple that do not pay an assessment, such as Masonic youth groups, are non-voting members of the Masonic Temple Association.

Section 4. The President of the Masonic Temple Association, with approval from the Worshipful Master, has the right to dictate a replacement of any representative should he/she judge their personality, temperament, interpersonal, or teamwork skills has become a negative influence on the productive transaction of the Masonic Temple Association's business.

Section 5. Only the Treasurer shall receive and promptly deposit all monies for and on behalf of the Masonic Temple Association in such bank as shall be designated by the Masonic Temple Association. All funds shall be disbursed only by check signed by any two of the following: Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer of Friendship Lodge No. 84. The Treasurer shall keep a full and accurate account of all moneys received and disbursed.

Section 6. A quarterly assessment will be paid to the Masonic Temple Association on the 1st day of

January, April, July, and October. If the assessment is not paid, a penalty of \$25 will be added on the 21st of the month of the due date and every 30 days thereafter, in addition to the loss of voting privileges, until the quarterly assessment is paid.

Section 7. Any body that fails to pay the assessment, for six months, shall, after a majority vote from Friendship Lodge No. 84 lose all privileges of using the Temple

Section 8. The Masonic Temple Association shall meet one day of each month and at such other times as they may be convened by a call of any one of the members. Three voting members of the Association shall constitute a voting quorum. The President or the Worshipful Master of Friendship Lodge must be in attendance to conduct business.

Section 9. The Masonic Temple Association shall appoint all committees necessary for the operation of the Masonic Temple and shall be especially charged with the financial affairs, and shall have control and management of the Temple in Hagerstown Maryland. The Masonic Temple Association may purchase and own movable community property within the Temple (i.e. furniture, appliances, and office supplies).

Section 10. The Masonic Temple Association does not and will not own the structure located at 54 South Potomac Street and has no right to negotiate or investigate the sale of that structure.

Section 11. The Worshipful Master of Friendship Lodge No. 84 has the power to veto any vote of the Masonic Temple Association under the following conditions:

1. To force compliance with the bylaws, constitution, or Standing Orders and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Maryland.
2. To protect Friendship Lodge No. 84 or any tenant of the temple from unfair financial loss.
3. To avert a situation that will result in conflict or dissension between the members of the Masonic Temple Association.

Article VII - Provisions and Amendments

Section 1. This Lodge, being an integral part of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, A.F & A.M., the same shall be governed pursuant to the Constitution,

By-Laws, and Standing Orders and Resolutions of that Grand Lodge, in all matters and situations not specifically provided for in these By-Laws. In the event of any inconsistency between the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Orders and Resolutions of said Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of this Lodge, the provisions of the Constitution, By-Laws, and Standing Orders and Resolutions of said Grand Lodge shall prevail.

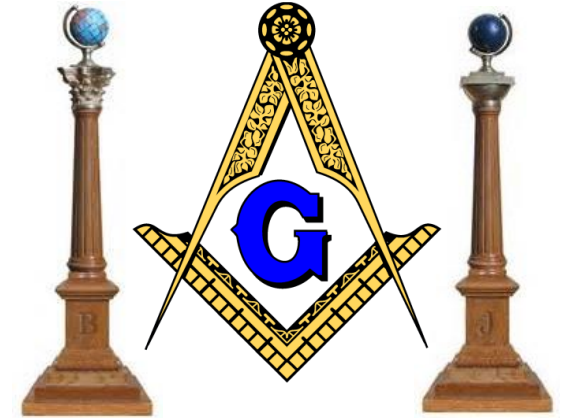
Section 2. All former bylaws adopted by this Lodge are hereby repealed and no alteration or amendments can be made to these bylaws unless proposed in writing and presented at a Regular Communication, when if concurred in by two-thirds of the members present, they shall be adopted. Members will be provided with a full copy of the bylaws and the proposed changes. The Secretary shall notify the members of the proposed action.

Section 3. Table A may be amended or altered independent from the remaining body of the bylaws. Changes to Table A will be proposed in writing and presented to the Grand Lodge Committee on Bylaws. Upon approval the lodge will receive 30 days notice before they are presented at a Regular Communication, when if concurred in by two-thirds of the members present, they shall be adopted. Members will be provided with a copy of the standing Table A and the proposed Table A, not a full copy of the standing bylaws. The Secretary shall notify the members of the proposed action.

Table A

Salary of the Secretary (per annum)	\$ 600.00
Salary of Treasurer (per annum)	\$ 200.00
Salary of Tyler (per communication at which he serves)	\$ 3.00
Application for Initiation (one-time fee) plus Grand Lodge Assessment	\$ 145.00
Application for Affiliation (one-time fee) plus Grand Lodge Assessment	\$ 25.00
Friendship Lodge Dues (per annum) plus Grand Lodge Assessment	\$ 72.00

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Bylaws Friendship Lodge No. 84 A. F. & A. M.

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Stated Communications
Second & Fourth Mondays
7:00 pm



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