

**BY-LAWS  
MAINE MASONIC COLLEGE  
GRAND LODGE OF MAINE**

**ARTICLE 1 – NAME OF THE COLLEGE**

**The name of this college shall be the Maine Masonic College.**

**ARTICLE 2 – RECOGNITION AND ENDORSEMENT BY THE GRAND LODGE OF MAINE**

**Whereas the Maine Masonic College has been created and organized to provide an extended opportunity for brethren to explore the nature and purposes of Freemasonry and its wider mission in promoting the well-being of all human kind, the Grand Lodge of Maine endorses the efforts of this College and recognizes it as a provider of opportunities for the further enlightenment of the Craft within this Grand Jurisdiction.**

**ARTICLE 3 – MISSION AND PURPOSE**

**It is the mission of the Maine Masonic College to create an educational environment for the purpose of inspiring the members of the Craft to explore the nature and purpose of Freemasonry which will lead to a deeper self-understanding of the founding principles, tenets, and lessons of morality.**

**Section I – Preamble**

**This mission statement expresses the purpose for which this college exists and the functions which it will perform.**

**Section II – Objectives**

- To work cooperatively with the Committee on Masonic Education and Lodge Service to ensure that the interests and needs of the Craft are being met.**
- To Survey the Brethren to determine needs and interests.**
- To implement course offerings based on the results of the survey.**
- To offer programs that may be of interest to Masons and non-Masons alike for the purpose of strengthening community relations.**

## **ARTICLE 4 – GOVERNANCE OF THE COLLEGE**

### **Section I – Board of Regents**

**The college shall be governed by a Board of Regents consisting of nine elected members and two ex-officio members who will be responsible for the governance of all aspects of the college including the selection of educational courses and offerings, course instructors, the adoption of an annual budget and an annual evaluation of the College’s effectiveness in meeting its established goals. Members of the board must be Master Masons in good standing.**

### **Section II – Ex-Officio Members**

**The Grand master and Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine by virtue of their elected offices shall automatically serve as ex-officio members of the Board of Regents.**

### **Section III – Terms of Office**

**The terms of office for the elected members of the Board of Regents shall be staggered terms of three years. The college year shall run from May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> and the Regents shall be elected at each annual meeting held in April by a majority vote of the Board. Regents may serve innumerable terms but not more than two terms in succession.**

### **Section IV – Vacancies**

**Any vacancies that may occur on the Board for any reason may be filled by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board for the unexpired term.**

### **Section V – Resignations**

**Any Regent may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board or to the Board of Regents. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified thereof as determined by the Chairman of the Board.**

### **Section VI – Removal From Office**

**Any member of the Board or Officer may be removed from the Board or Office by a three-quarters vote of the total voting members of the Board and voting at any meeting of the Board.**

### **Section VII – Attendance Requirements**

**Any member of the Board who misses three scheduled meetings during the course of a year shall be replaced unless excused by the President.**

### **Section VIII – Quorum**

**A majority of the members of the Board of Regents present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum for conducting business.**

## **ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS**

### **Section I – Elective Officers**

**The elective officers of the Board shall be the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. (1) Only the members of the Board of Regents may nominate a candidate for office. Each shall be elected for a term of one year.**

### **Section II – Duties of the Officers**

**The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Board and perform all duties as usually pertain to the office of Chairman.**

**The Vice-chairman in the absence of the Chairman shall preside at all meetings and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Chairman or the Board of Regents.**

**The Secretary shall be responsible for creating and maintaining appropriate records of the meetings of the Board. He shall receive all monies and pay them to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. (1)**

**The Treasurer shall receive and have the custody and charge of all property and funds of the Maine Masonic College. He shall deposit the funds of the College in such depositories as approved by the Chairman and the Board of Regents. He will expend funds upon the approval of the Chairman with the**

**consent of the Board of Regents. He shall render a statement of his accounts to the Board of Regents annually. (1)**

## **ARTICLE 6 – COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1 – Standing Committees**

**Standing committees shall consist of the following: (1) the Committee on Community Outreach; (2) the Committee on Management and Controls; (3) the Committee on Bookings and Arrangements.**

### **Section II – Authority of the Chairman to Appoint Additional Committees**

**The Chairman of the Board of Regents shall have the authority to appoint other committees that he deems appropriate.**

## **ARTICLE 7 – APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1 – These by-laws shall not become effective until approved by a majority vote of the Board of Regents.**

### **Section II – Amendments**

**Proposals for amendments to these by-laws must be submitted in writing and approved by a majority vote of the Board of Regents.**

*Original approved by a unanimous vote of the Board of Regents on July 24, 2005  
(1) Amended by vote of the Board of Regents on September 17, 2005*