

Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association
36th Masonic District

Amended – February 7, 2011, April 1, 2013, May 2, 2022

BY-LAWS

Article I

Name

The name of this Association shall be the Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association of the 36th Masonic District

Article II

The object and purpose of this Association are the following:

- (A) To establish and maintain a central body through and by which and Masonic matter affecting one, several or all of the respective Lodges in the 36th Masonic District may be discussed, defined, interpreted and cleared in a spirit of unison.
- (B) To collectively respond to all obligatory Masonic courtesies and requirements in a more effective, universal and expeditious manner.
- (C) To collaborate with, assist and respond to the suggestions and requirements of the District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM) for the 36th Masonic District on any and all matters brought by him to the attention of anyone or all of the Lodges of Said District.
- (D) To perform all such other acts and discharge such other duties as, in the judgment of the Association, may be deemed advisable and for the best interest of Masonry in general or any one or more Lodges of the 36th Masonic District in particular.

Article III

Officers and Duties

Section 1: The officers of the Association shall consist of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Chaplain.

Section 2: It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all regular and special meetings; he shall discharge all such other duties as may be required of him by the Association; he shall serve for the term of one year or until his successor shall be elected.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to act in the place of the Chairman during the latter's absence for any cause whatsoever.

Section 4: It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep an accurate set of minutes of the meetings of the Association; to send notices of all meetings to the members through the Masters of the Lodges of the Association. He shall discharge all such other duties as are incumbent upon the Secretary and which will be required of him by the Association.

Section 5: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, disburse and keep an accurate account of all funds for the 36th Masonic District Association as in relation to expenses for District functions.

Section 6: It shall be the duty of the Chaplain to offer prayer at the opening and closing of each meeting.

Article IV Meetings

Section 1: The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be held on the First Monday in January of each year.

Section 2: The election of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Chaplain shall be held at the Annual Meeting.

Section 3: Regular meetings shall be held once a month on the First Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. There will be no meetings of the Association during July, August and December. Time, place and/or cancellation of any meeting may be done by two-thirds vote of the voting members.

Section 4: A special/emergency meeting of this Association may be called by the Chairman at any time or at the request of the DDGM or any two Worshipful Masters.

Article V Special Meetings

Notice of Special Meetings shall be communicated by telephone/email to all members or by mail, postmarked no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

Article VI Quorum

A quorum for the transaction of business at any Annual, Regular, or Special Meeting of this Association shall consist of one (1) Association member each from a majority of the Lodges in the 36th Masonic District.

Article VII Membership

The membership of this Association shall be restricted to the DDGM, Junior Past DDGM, and District Officers of the 36th Masonic District; Masters, Wardens, and Deacons of the Lodges of the 36th Masonic District; and elected officers of the Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Association of the 36th Masonic District. Each member shall have one (1) vote. ALL MASTER MASONS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL MEETINGS!

Article VIII

Collection of Funds

The Association shall collect the amount of \$300.00 dollars from each Lodge of the 36th Masonic District for the purpose of District activities as related to the Official Visit of the Grand Master, Community Builders' Award and to help offset the cost of refreshments for the District School.

Article IX

Audit of Funds

An Audit Committee consisting of at least three members of this association shall be appointed by the Chairman at the November Meeting. No Officer of this Association shall serve on the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee shall examine the books and records of the Treasurer to be in accordance with the financial statements and current funds on hand. The Audit Committee will report their findings at the January meeting of this Association.

Article X

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association on an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the members present at such meeting; provided, however, that no amendments shall be acted on unless and until the same shall have been submitted to a first reading at the previous regular meeting of the Association and its entire membership notified by telephone/email or mail as previously stated, of impending vote.

Standing Rules

1. The Association meeting will be called to order at 6:00 PM.
2. The Association meeting place will be designated at the Annual Meeting.
3. The Oath of Obligation to Masters, Wardens and Deacons Association Officers shall be administered by present Chairman, Vice-Chairman, DIW or DEO to the newly elected officers

“I do solemnly promise, on my honor, that I will perform the duties of my office, faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability, until my successor is duly elected and installed.”