



The Northern California Research Lodge

San Francisco Scottish Rite
2850 19th Avenue
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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME AND OFFICERS

Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name of the Northern California Research Lodge, of Free and Accepted Masons of California.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS OF THE LODGE

Section 1. The stated meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the third Tuesday in March, May, September and November, at 7 o'clock p.m., except as follows. In any month when the regular meeting date shall fall on, legal holidays, or during the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Stated Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. particular stated meeting date may be changed due to a religious observance by a majority vote of the Lodge at a Stated Meeting held either in the second or third month immediately preceding the month in which such religious observance occurs, in the manner provided for in the California Masonic Code. Such change of meeting date need not be approved by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. Notice of the date change shall be given to the Grand Master and the members of the Lodge not less than three weeks before the meeting date fixed in the Bylaws. This change of date shall not be an amendment to these Bylaws.

Section 2. The Lodge may hold such special meetings in addition to its stated meeting on such dates (other than Sundays) and at such times as it determines or the Master shall direct.

ARTICLE III FEES AND DUES

Section 1. The table of fees for this Lodge shall be as follows:

- A. For the degrees, the sum of \$0, as Research Lodges do not confer degrees;
- B. For the degrees of Fellow Craft and Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice degree has been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$0, as Research Lodges do not confer degrees;
- C. For the degree of Master Mason, when the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees have been received in another Lodge, the sum of \$0, as Research Lodges do not confer degrees; and
- D. For affiliation the sum of \$0.

Section 2. The dues of each member of this Lodge shall be the sum of \$20 per annum payable in advance on the first day of January.

**ARTICLE IV
AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. Those portions of these Bylaws relating to the day and time of Stated Meetings and the amount of fees and dues may be amended at any Stated Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the members present. All proposed amendment must be presented, in writing, at a preceding Stated Meeting and written notice must given to each Lodge member setting forth the text of the proposed amendment and the date of the Stated Meeting at which the vote is to be taken. It shall have no effect until approved by the Grand Master. The Secretary of the Lodge shall note in the minutes of the Lodge the notice of the proposed amendments when made. When transmitting an amendment for approval, he shall forward a certificate, under seal, showing that the law has been complied with and that the amendment has received the required vote.

The Northern California Research Lodge is a Masonic Lodge working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of California. These By-Laws are developed in accordance with section §802.020 of the California Masonic Code (LODGE BYLAWS).

STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1. Membership in this Lodge shall be composed of Research Members and Associate Members. *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*

Resolution 2. All members of the Lodge shall be entitled to vote, and shall pay such dues, fees, and/or assessments as may be voted by the Lodge. *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*

Resolution 3. All Masons are admitted to membership as Associate Members, which entitles them to attend meetings, vote, pay such dues, fees and/or assessments as may be voted by the Lodge, serve as appointed officers, and receive all publications. Only a Research Member may hold elective office. *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*

Resolution 4. An Associate Member, to qualify as a Research Member, must research, prepare and present a paper of 10 - 20 minutes duration on a Masonic subject. This paper shall be a permanent part of the lodge's library and shall be submitted to the Secretary of the lodge typed on 8.5 x 11 inch paper with one inch margins, double spaced and not in cursive type script, or in any other appropriate media, along with a written request for a change of status. The paper and the request shall be transmitted to the Status Review Committee, who shall review the paper for proper standards and shall make a written report thereon to the Research membership for their vote on the brother's status. An exception may be granted to an Associate Member if the brother has had other Masonic papers or articles published in recognized Masonic publications, or is a recognized Masonic scholar. *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*

Resolution 5. A class of membership shall be established in this Lodge of Research, to be styled as a Fellow. A Fellow shall be excused from paying any dues or assessments. This honorary title may be bestowed upon any regular Master Mason. A suitable certificate and jewel shall be presented to the "Honoree." *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*

Resolution 6. There may be an Annual Award presented known as the Lecturer. This Award shall be made for exemplary submissions for publication in the Research Lodge annually. Only one such award may be presented to the recipients annually. *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*

Resolution 7. There shall be a Status Review Committee consisting of three or more Research Members, which committee shall diligently investigate the qualifications of all prospective Associate Members as an Investigating Committee and shall make recommendations to the Lodge regarding the advancement of Associate Members to Research Member status. *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*

Resolution 8. There shall be a Fellowship Committee that shall consist of three Research Members and the Secretary, and shall be appointed by the Master at the first stated meeting following his installation. This committee shall administer the planning and presentation of this annual award to a Mason selected by the Lodge at their Annual meeting. This Committee shall make such rules as are necessary to carry out their duties, including the cost of doing so. *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*

Resolution 9. The Lecturer Committee shall consist of three Research Members and the Secretary, and shall be appointed by the Master at the first stated meeting following his installation. This committee shall decide on the recipients, if any, of this award. The winning paper shall be published in that year's edition of the Transactions of the Lodge of Research. *Adopted Nov 15, 2011*