

# **ESTABLISHMENT and REGULATIONS OF THE EAST SIDE YOUNG MASONS CLUB**

## **ARTICLE 1-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLUB**

There shall be established, a body which shall be known as the East Side Young Masons Club of the District Grand Lodge of Guyana under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England.

## **ARTICLE 2 - OBJECTIVES**

### **SECTION 1**

The objectives of the Club are:

- (i) To create a forum to enhance communication and engagement among the new, young and Senior Masons under the District Grand Lodge of Guyana;
- (ii) To share ideas, experiences and best practices among new, young and Senior Masons;
- (iii) To promote stronger fraternal bonds among the Craft; and to advance the development of the Lodges of the District Grand Lodge of Guyana under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England;
- (iv) To increase engagement and advance development in Freemasonry in general.

## **ARTICLE 3 - MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION 1**

- (i) Membership shall be restricted to Brethren who are under thirty seven (37) years old and/or Brethren who were Initiated of no more than 3 (three) years vintage at the date of commencement of the Club on May 20, 2018, and thereafter as aforementioned.
- (ii) Each Lodge shall elect a Representative and an Alternate to serve for 1 (one) year the period being May 20, 2018 to May 19 of the following year, and thereafter.
- (iii) The Representative and the Alternate shall both satisfy the quantifications as set out above.

- (iv) Each Lodge shall notify the District Grand Secretary of its Representative and its Alternate.

## **ARTICLE 4 - MEETINGS**

### **SECTION 1**

#### **REGULAR MEETINGS**

There shall be held by the Club, a minimum of four (4) quarterly meetings per year, inclusive of the Annual General Meeting of May. The other three (3) meeting dates will be established by the President of the Club and be held at such a place as may be designated by the President and Secretary of the Club. Special meetings may be called by the President.

### **SECTION 2**

The President of the Board of General Purposes shall preside at the Inaugural Meeting and the Annual General Meeting prior to elections. Thereafter the President, or in his absence, the Vice President of the Club shall preside at the meetings of the Club.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **ANNUAL MEETING**

The meeting held in the month of May shall be designated as the Annual General Meeting, at which time the new President and Vice President shall be elected by the Representatives or alternates of the Lodges for the ensuing year. This meeting shall be presided over by the President of the Board of General Purposes. The candidate receiving the majority of the votes cast by the membership present and voting shall be declared to be elected to the respective Offices for the ensuing year.

An Annual Report of the Club's activity for the preceding year shall be presented at this meeting by the outgoing President.

## **SECTION 4**

### **QUORUM**

Four (4) members of the Club present at any regular or special meetings shall constitute a Quorum, providing one of whom is the President or Vice President, except for the Annual General Meeting when any six (6) members present shall constitute a Quorum.

## **ARTICLE 5 – PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

### **SECTION 1**

The Principal Officers of the Club shall consist of a President, Vice President and a Secretary. The President and Vice President shall be elected from the eligible members at the Annual General Meeting in May. The Secretary shall be appointed by the President at the Annual General Meeting.

### **SECTION 2**

#### **PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all regular and special meetings, and to have a general supervision over all the activities and interests of the Forum, and to perform all the other duties incumbent upon his Office. He shall also appoint the Secretary and the members of all Committees, who shall serve at the will of the President during his year of stewardship. The President shall present an Annual Report at the next Annual General Meeting prior to demitting office.

### **SECTION 3**

#### **VICE PRESIDENT**

It shall be the duty of the Vice President to preside at all meetings in the absence of the President and to perform such duties as are incumbent upon his office.

### **SECTION 4**

#### **SECRETARY**

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep records of the proceedings of each meeting, to attend to all correspondence of the Club and to notify all members of regular and special meetings. With the notice of each Annual General Meeting, he shall mail a copy of these Regulations to each newly Initiated Brother.

## **SECTION 5**

The Club shall identify a member or members to be appointed to the District Board of General Purposes and the District Board of Benevolence to act as a Liaison between the Club and the District Grand Lodge of Guyana. He/they shall communicate all relevant recommendations and information arising from meetings of the Club to the District Grand Lodge, and the response from the District Grand Lodge to the Club.

## **ARTICLE 6 - VACANCIES AND PROCEDURE FOR APPOINTMENT THERETO**

### **SECTION 1**

Vacancies in the Office of the President or Vice President shall be filled by a majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting, provided notice of such pending election has been sent to all members of the Club at least 10 (ten) days previous to said meeting.

## **ARTICLE 7 - AMENDMENTS TO, OR CHANGES IN, THE CONSTITUTION, REGULATIONS AND/OR BY-LAWS**

### **SECTION 1**

Amendments to, or changes to these Regulations may be proposed by any member of the Club. Such proposed amendment or change must be submitted in writing at a regular meeting, or at any special meeting called and must be held over until the next regular quarterly meeting, provided that 30 (thirty) days shall have elapsed between the time of the proposal of such amendments or changes, and provided also that the Secretary shall furnish a copy of the proposed amendments or changes to all members at least 10 (ten) days prior to such meeting.

### **SECTION 2**

Approval of any proposed amendment and/or changes to these regulations shall be by majority vote of the members present and voting.

All approved amendments and/or changes to these regulations must be circulated to the District Grand Lodge of Guyana and member Lodges within 30 (thirty) days of its approval.

**ARTICLE 8 – APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS**

These Regulations were approved at a duly constituted Annual General Meeting of the Club on the ..... day of ....., 2018.

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY