



JOHN PHILIP SOUSA LODGE NO. 1106

Revision History

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- November 17, 2021 – Adjusted Article I with guidance from the Grand Secretary's office.
- November 21, 2021 – Approved by Lodge and accepted by the Grand Secretary for Grand Lodge Approval
- April 28, 2022 – Added JPS logo, page numbers, and corrected the grammar, and included the December meeting which was left off originally by mistake.

Article I – Stated Communications

The Stated Communications of this lodge shall be held on the fifth Thursdays of each month at 6:00 pm except December where it meets on the second Monday at 6:00 pm.

Article II – Officers

Section 1: In addition to the officers whose election is provided for by the Grand Lodge, namely, the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary and Treasurer, this lodge will elect the Senior Deacon and Junior Deacon. The Worshipful Master, at the time of his installation, will appoint a Chaplain, Master of Ceremonies, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, and Tiler. Other special appointments will be at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

Section 2: The election of officers shall be held at the first stated communication between October and December each year. Between that time and Installation, the new Worshipful Master shall appoint a representative to the St. John's Mite Association, and a representative to serve on the Board of Directors of the MESH, Inc., and a representative to the Masonic Foundation of the District of Columbia.

Section 3: The elected and appointed officers shall be installed prior to the 3rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Section 4: The Worshipful Master, upon completion of his year, shall be presented with a Past Master's Jewel. If additional years are served, a gift of his choice not to exceed \$300 will be given for each year served. In the event a Master does not serve a full year, a vote of the Lodge will determine award of the jewel. Upon presentation, the jewel becomes the property of the recipient; however, the return of the jewel to the Lodge upon the death of the recipient is encouraged so it can be presented to a future Past Master. As each Past Master's name is kept on the jewel as it's handed down over the years, all prior and current Past Masters are honored forever when it is displayed on its current recipient.

Article III – Degree and Affiliation Fees



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Section 1: The petition for degrees fee for the membership in the Lodge shall be \$200.00, which must accompany the petition to be received by the Lodge.

Section 2: The petition for affiliation fee for the membership in the Lodge shall be \$150.00, which must accompany the petition to be received by the Lodge.

Section 3: The Charter Member fee for the membership in the Lodge shall be \$200.

Section 4: The Charter Officer fee for the membership in the Lodge shall be \$300.

Section 5: The petition fee (degrees or affiliation) does not include the current year's dues.

Section 6: All members receive a John Philip Sousa Lodge Apron with their membership.

Article IV – Dues

Section 1: The annual dues for a Masonic Year (October 1 – September 30) shall be \$120.00 plus Grand Lodge regular assessments and is due as of the first day of October. Any member failing to make payment by the first meeting of September of the Masonic year, shall be proposed to the Lodge for Non-Payment of Dues (N.P.D.) status.

Section 2: Dues are in addition of the petition fee (degrees or affiliation) for the Masonic year in which the member is raised or elected to affiliation.

Article V – Life Membership (50 years)

Any member fulfilling 50 years of service in the Fraternity may, by vote of the Lodge, be exempted from payment of any future dues or assessments.

Article VI – Honorary Membership

Section 1: A Brother may be elected an Honorary Member of this Lodge for extensive services to Masonry or to advance the interests of this Lodge

Section 2: No action shall be taken on any recommendation for Honorary Membership until one month after a name has been presented to the Lodge at a stated communication. A unanimous ballot shall be necessary to elect a brother to Honorary Membership.

Section 3: An Honorary Member shall be exempt from the payment of dues and assessments and shall not be entitled to vote on Lodge business, ballot on candidates, or hold Lodge office.



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However, if an Honorary Member of this Lodge chooses to purchase an affiliated Membership, he shall then be considered a regular member of this lodge.

Article VII - Committees

There shall be such committees as the Worshipful Master shall determine are useful for the lodge.

Article VIII - Trustees

Section 1: There shall be 3 Trustees of the Lodge elected by ballot for a period of 3 years each, one of whom shall be elected annually. Any vacancy that may occur, or that shall be declared to exist by vote of the Lodge, shall be filled by ballot at the second Stated Communication after the vacancy occurs and after due notice shall have been given to the Lodge membership. The Trustees shall elect a Chairman.

Section 2: The title to all property, real and personal, tangible and intangible, except funds of the Lodge in custody of the Treasurer, shall be vested in the Trustees in trust for use of the Lodge. No part of the principal of investment funds vested in the Trustees shall be used for Lodge operations unless a request to do so is presented at a Stated Communication, held over one month, with timely notice given to the members of the Lodge, and approved by majority vote of the members present.

Section 3: The Trustees may institute or defend any action by and on behalf of the Lodge.

Article IX – Awards

The Lodge may make any awards, such as for 25-year members, or other awards as it deems proper.

Article X - Standing Resolutions

The Lodge may adopt, change, or delete Standing Resolutions by majority vote at any meeting, so long as notice of the proposed Standing Resolution or amendments are publicized to the members at least 7 days before a vote is taken. The purpose of Standing Resolutions is for the Lodge to have an easily accessible list of policies that it will follow on various subjects, while still allowing the Lodge flexibility to change policies when necessary.

Article XI - Amendments

Any proposed amendment to these bylaws must be presented in writing and be distributed or read at a Stated Communication and shall lie over at least one month during which time the members shall be notified of the proposal and the date on which it shall be put to lodge vote. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to adopt.



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