



ROCKINGHAM UNION No. 27 A.F. & A.M.
HARRISONBURG, VA
STANDING RESOLUTIONS
APPROVED JUNE 6, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 1 – TRUSTEES

There shall be 5 Trustees of the Lodge, each of whom shall serve for a term of 5 consecutive years from the date of his election, or until his successor shall have been elected and qualified. Prospective Trustee nominations will be read at the April stated communication. Any nominee has the option to reject or withdraw his nomination for any reason. The nomination shall lay over for 1 Masonic month and be balloted on by secret written ballot by the members present at the next Stated Communication. One Trustee shall be elected annually at the May stated communication, upon receiving the majority vote of the lodge members present. If a majority vote (more than 50%) is not received in the initial ballot, the 2 nominees with the most votes will have a secondary secret written ballot for majority vote by the members present. The new trustee shall assume his office effective June 1st, at which time, the outgoing Trustee will relinquish his title as lodge Trustee. In the case of a Trustee vacancy for any cause (death, resignation, removal, etc.), the Master shall order a special election (balloted in the same manner as previously stated) to fill such Trustee vacancy after giving the brethren due notice thereof in the usual manner of communication. The replacement Trustee will serve the length of the vacated Trustee's remaining term. A Trustee having served a full 5-year term, has the option to succeed himself, if he receives the majority vote of the lodge members present at the annual Stated Communication in May. The Trustees shall organize themselves annually, electing from among their number a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 – TRUSTEE QUALIFICATIONS

To be nominated for Trustee of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, A.F. & A.M. the prospective nominee must possess the following qualifications for consideration:

- Must be a member of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, A.F. & A.M. in good standing and for a minimum of five years
- Must be a Past Master of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, A.F. & A.M.
- Commit to the expectation of attending stated monthly communications during the Masonic year as well as participating in called communications and Degree work

In addition to the individual prospective trustee qualifications, there shall also be a concerted effort to have a diverse overall composition of the Board of Trustees with current/previous experience in various industries.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 – WILLIAM M. BUCHER MEMORIAL FUND

The “William M. Bucher Memorial Fund” (hereby known as “The Bucher Fund”), was created under the Last Will & Testament of Ernestine Bucher Wix on September 22, 1932. The Will specifically states that the income from The Bucher Fund be used and applied for the assistance of needy Masons, needy widows, and children of Masons, by providing or supplementing the means of livelihood or assisting in equipping them to become self-supporting, in such manner as the Trustees of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, A.F. & A.M. may deem most expedient and best.

The Trustees of Rockingham Union Lodge No. 27, A.F. & A.M. are responsible for the following duties regarding the Bucher Fund:

- Authorizing the investments of the Bucher Fund per the court approved Investment Policy Statement
- Authorizing distributions from the Bucher Fund per the court approved Distribution Policy Statement
- Authorizing the employment of an investment advisor for management of the Bucher Fund investments. The selected investment advisor cannot also serve as a Trustee.
- Authorizing the employment of other professional entities to assist the trustees in fulfilling their duties.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 – AMENDMENTS

Any amendment proposed to these standing resolutions of the Lodge must be submitted in writing at a Stated Communication, lie over 1 month, the membership be notified, and shall require a majority affirmative vote of the members present for its adoption.