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This to certify, that the following is a full and correct copy of the By-Laws adopted by this Lodge, at a stated communication held in their Lodge Room, in Burning Springs, Wird County, West Virginia, on the 20th day of May A. D. 1907, A. L. 5907 and ordered certified to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of West Virginia for approval.

W. Van Park, W. M.

Thos. R. Park, Secretary.

# BY-LAWS

#### ARTICLE I.

#### Communications.

- Scc 1 The stated communications of this Lodge shall be held on the list and and Mondays of each month, and on the Festivals of St. John the Baptist (June 24) and St. John the Evangulist (Dec. 27) at eight o'clock P. M. from May 1st to Nov. 1st, and half past seven o'clock P. M. from Nov. 1st to May 1st.
  - Sec. 2 All communications of this Lodge shall be held at the Lodge Room located in the town of Burning Springs, Wirt County, West Virginia.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### Officers and Elections.

Sec. 1 The officers of this Lodge shall be: The Worshipful Master The Senior Warden
The Junior Warden
The Treasurer
The Secretary
The Senior Deacon
The Junior Deacon
The Stewards, or Master of Ceremonies
The Tiler

- Sec. 2 The Senior Deacon and Tiler shall be appointed by the Master, and the Junior Deacon by the Senior Warden, all the other officers shall be elected annually at the stated Communication next preceding the Festival of St. John the Baptist (June 24)
- Sec. 3 The officers of this Lodge shall be installed on or before the next Stated Communication after the annual election ,provided ,the officers who may be absent at the time fixed for installation, may be installed at any subsequent communication at which they may be present.
- Sec. 4 The duties of the several officers shall be those prescribed by the Ancient

Constitutions, charges and usuages of the Fraternity.

#### ARTICLE III. Committees.

- Sec. 1 The Worshipful Master shall, at the communication next before the time of the Annual election, appoint a committee on Finance, consisting of three, whose duty it shall be to examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary and audit all accounts referred to them by the Lodge. They shall make a report to the Lodge at the Annual Communication, and as often as may be required.
- Sec. 2 The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens shall be a committee of Charity, to whom all applications for relief shall be made; and said committee, or a majority of them, may dispense from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of Charity a sum not exceeding five dollars; and shall report their action to the Lodge at the next Stated Communication.

- Sec 3 Special committees may be appointed upon any matter, and consist of as many members as the Lodge may direct.
- Sec. 4 All reports of committees shall be made in writing.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### Fees.

- Sec. 1 The fees to be paid for the three degrees by each candidate shall be Dollars as follows: With petition, five dollars; for the degree of Entered Apprentice, five dollars; Fellow Crafts, dollars; Master Mason, and dollars.
  - Sec. 2 The fee for affiliation shall be Two Dollars.
  - Sec. 3 The proposition fee shall be returned to the candidate if rejected; but if he be accepted and neglect to present himself for initiation for the space of six months, he shall forfeit his proposition fee and right to initiation.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### Of Dues and Expense.

- Sec. 1 There shall be paid, as dues, by each member of the Lodge the sum of Four Dollars per annum, payable quarterly, at the first stated communication in the months of July, October, January and April in each year.
  - Sec. 2 The Lodge may, by a majority vote, excuse any member from payment of dues, in cases of long continued absence, pecuniary inability or meritorious services.
  - Sec. 3 The payment of all indebtedness to the Lodge shall be a condition precedent to the granting of a demit to any member.
  - Sec. 4 The Tiler shall receive for his services, fifty cents for each Stated Communication he is in attendance.

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### Of Amendments.

- Sec. 1 These By-Laws may be amended or repealed at any Stated Communication of the Lodge, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, notice of such amendment or repeal having been given and entered upon the minutes of a preceding Stated Communication.
- Sec. 2 All By-Laws heretofore made by this Lodge are hereby repealed.

## HISTORICAL

A Dispensation dated March first A. L. 5906 was granted "Hope Lodge" U. D. by Geo W. McClintic, most worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of West Virginia, to Brother W. Van Park, W. M., Brother George W. Righter, S. W., and Brother Charlie E. VanAlstine J. W.

The first Communication, U. D., was held in their Lodge Room in Burnings Springs Wirt Co., W. Va. on the 31st day of August A. L. 5906. A. E. Whitney, Deputy Grand Master 8th Masonic District of West Virginia being present, and in due and Ancient form, authorized Hope Lodge to proceed to work, officered as follows, and Present.

Brothers W. Van Park, W. M., George W. Righter, S. W., Charlie E. Van Alstine, J. W., Thos. R. Park, Secretary, Jasper N. Gibson, Treasurer, Willie Fought, S. D., William A.

Thornton, J. D., George W. Buffington, Tyler., also Brothers Joe Park of Mount Olivet Lodge No. 3 of Parkersburg W. Va., and Brother Louis D. Wheaton of Wirt Lodge No. 82 of Elizabeth, W. Va.

On the 15th day of November A. L. 5906, the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of W. Va., A. F. and A. M. granted a Charter to Brother W. Van Park, W. M., Brother Geo. W. Righter, S. W., and Brother Charlie E. Van Alstine, J. W.

A Special Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of W. Va., A. F. and A. M. was held in the Lodge room of Burning Spring Lodge No. 132, A. F. and A. M. in Burning Springs W. Va. on the 7th day of December, A. L. 5906 at 8:30 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of constituting Bunring Springs

Lodge No. 132 and installing its officers,

Brother A. E. Whitney most Worshipful Grand Master, Brother James A. Bryan Deputy Grand Master, Brother Ed. R. Patton, Senior Grand Warden, Brother Geo. B. Stout, Junior Grand Warden, Brother Chas. Obney, Grand Treasurer, Brother Walter Hoffman, Grand Secretary, Brother Joe Park, Senior Grand Deacon, Brother G. A. Hawkine, Junior Grand Deacon, Brother W. T. Rittenhouse, Grand Marshall, Brother R. S. Lemon, Grand Persuivant, Brother F. M. Dunbar, Grand Tyler, Brother F. M. Carriens, Grand Chaplain.

The Lodge being duly constituted according to the ancient established usuages of the Craft, the officers of Burning Springs Lodge No. 132 was duly installed as follows:
Brother W. Van Park, W. M.
Brother Geo. W. Righter, S. W.
Brother Charlie E. Van Alstine, J. W.
Brother Thos. R. Park, Secretary.
Brother Jasper N. Gibson, Treasurer.
Brother Willie Fought, S. D.
Brother William A. Thornton, J. D.
Brother George W. Buffington, Tyler.

#### CHARTER MEMBERS

W. Van Park Geo. W. Righter Charlie E. Van Alstine Thos. R. Park Jasper N. Gibson Willie Fought William A. Thornton George W. Buffington J. Howard Hanna Charles C. Lee

#### ROLL OF MEMBERSHIP

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John H. Righter	Oct. 1, 1906	Jan. 21, 1907	Mar 11, 1907	
Robert Conley	Oct, 1, 1906	Jan. 21, 1907	Mar.25, 1907	Dec. Sept., 23, 1907
Seth C. Bentley	Oct. 15, 1906	Jan. 21, 1907		
Frank L. Armstrong	Dec. 17, 1906	Jan. 21, 1907	Mar.18, 1907	
Lawson S. Belt	Dec. 27, 1906	June 17, '07	Aug. 26 1907	
E. Lee Gibson	Jan. 7, 1907	June 3, '07	July 1, 1907	
Ernest E. Gibson	Jan. 7, 1907	Mar. 4, 1907	June 24 1907	
Chas. L. Mitchell	Feb. 4, 1907	Mar. 4, 1907	Apr. 1, 1907	
Thos, E. Cain	Apr.15, 1907	July 15 1907	Oct. 4, 1907	
Elzie P. Gibson	Aug. 191097	Dec.16, 1907	Jan. 6, 1908	
John L. Deever	Sept 16, 1907	Nov.18, 1907	Dec. 26, 1907	
Jackson G. Nerrill	Oct. 21, 1907	Dec. 2, 1907		
Jasper J. Gibson	Oct. 21, 1907			
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