

Okemos Masonic Lodge

No. 252 F. & A. M.

2175 Hamilton Road

Okemos, MI 48864



Worshipful Master

Harvey Gurd

2026

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OKEMOS LODGE No. 252, F. & A. M.

| 2026 Lodge Officers | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Worshipful Master | Harvey Gurd |
| Senior Warden | Joseph Bonsall |
| Junior Warden | Christopher Chamberlain |
| Treasurer | Joseph Fakhoury |
| Secretary | Michael Nevells |
| Chaplain | Robert Helmic |
| Senior Deacon | Regis Harrington |
| Junior Deacon | Scott Jorgensen |
| Steward | Timothy Kelly |
| Steward | Stephen Bristor |
| Steward | Joshua Elliott |
| Marshal | John Pulice |
| Tiler | Robert Overly |
| Education Officer | James Hart, Jr |

Dispensation Granted May 4, 1868

Chartered January 15, 1869

Regular Communication

First Thursday of each Month, 7:00 p.m.

Special Communications

7:00 p.m. on following Thursdays as scheduled.

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Received Degree:

E.A. _____

F.C. _____

M.M. _____

OKEMOS LODGE No. 252, F. & A. M.
BY-LAWS OF OKEMOS LODGE No. 252, F. & A. M.
at Okemos, Ingham County, Michigan
(as approved November 21, 2016)

ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

This Lodge located and held in the village of Okemos shall be known and hailed as Okemos Lodge No. 252 under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michigan.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS OF THE LODGE

The regular communications of the Lodge shall be held on the first Thursday of each month at seven o'clock p. m. at the Okemos Masonic Center in Okemos, except when such day falls on a legal holiday, and then it shall be held on the next succeeding Thursday at seven o'clock p. m. When unforeseen circumstances occur, such as natural disaster, declared weather emergencies, snow, ice, rain, flooding, fire, power failures, explosions, civil authorities cordon off the area or preclude travel, the Grand Master may grant Special Dispensation to change the meeting to a future date. The Worshipful Master may call Special Communications at any time not otherwise prohibited by Grand Lodge Regulations, by giving due and timely notice.

ARTICLE III - LODGE OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior and Junior Deacons, Tyler, Chaplain, Marshal, necessary Stewards, and a Board of Trustees consisting of three members.

Section 2. The first seven officers shall be elected annually at the regular Annual Communication in November by a majority of votes cast. The outgoing Worshipful Master may become a Trustee, or a Trustee shall be elected at the same meeting to replace the Trustee whose term shall first expire. The date of service of the selected trustee begins on the first Friday of the following January and he shall serve for three years or until his successor shall be elected. All other officers shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master on the night of election.

Section 3. All officers assume their duties on the night of installation.

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ARTICLE IV - VACANCIES IN OFFICE

Section 1. In case of vacancy in the office of Worshipful Master, the Lodge may, upon dispensation from the Grand Master, hold an election to fill the vacancy.

Section 2. In case of vacancy in any office except that of Worshipful Master, such vacancy shall be filled at any Regular Communication, by election or appointment as originally provided for in Article III, Section 2 of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE V- DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Deacons and Tyler shall be such as are prescribed in the Grand Lodge regulations. The three Trustees and the Worshipful Master shall have general supervision of all furniture, clothing and general Lodge equipment and shall be responsible for the upkeep, replacement, and additions to the same and shall be the only board or committee which may loan or dispose of same. The duties of the other officers shall be as such as are prescribed by ancient customs, these by-laws, and the Worshipful Master.

Section 2. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Worshipful Master may sign all checks.

Section 3. The Secretary, Treasurer and Degree Master shall receive such sums as salary for the ensuing year as the Lodge may determine at the Annual Communication in November or by vote at a regular communication. (currently \$800.00, \$100.00, \$100.00) respectfully, per vote December 4, 1997)

Section 4. The Secretary shall be exempt from the payment of annual dues including per capita and special assessments levied by Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE VI- FEES

The fees for conferring the degrees shall be two hundred dollars (\$200.00) apportioned as follows: For the Entered Apprentice Degree, Eighty Dollars (\$80.00) to accompany the petition; Sixty dollars (\$60.00) to be paid prior to receiving the Fellowcraft Degree; and Sixty dollars (\$60.00) to be paid prior to receiving the Master Mason Degree.

ARTICLE VII - DUES

Section I. The amount of dues for Okemos Lodge will be established in the following manner:

1. A motion to establish the amount of dues is made. This motion can be made by any member for any amount at any Regular Communication of the Lodge.

2. The motion is put to the floor, and the membership of the Lodge are notified according to Masonic Law. The motion will be voted upon at the next Regular Communication of the Lodge.

3. The motion requires a majority to be adopted.

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4. The motion must be voted upon and approved no later than the Regular Communication of the Lodge in September.

Every member of the Lodge is eligible to vote, including plural members, and shall pay the same amount to the Lodge. Dues are for the purposes of this Article VII include amounts levied by the lodge, any special assessments, and the Grand Lodge per capita as established by the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Dues are due and payable on or before January 1st (first).

Exceptions to paying dues are: the secretary, honorary members, life members, pre-paid members, and those whose dues were remitted for charitable purposes.

ARTICLE VIII - COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1.

OKEMOS MASONIC DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE

The Okemos Development Fund (OMDF) Committee is created to administer the assets of the Okemos Masonic Development Fund, acting on behalf of and through the Okemos Masonic Lodge No. 252 F. & A. M. By-laws. The OMDF committee is responsible for:

- Maintaining the Fund’s initial investment (value) and subsequent net balance relative to annual inflation, preserving the Fund’s “purchasing Power” year-over-year, through professional investment services and strategies.
- Additional Growth of the Fund’s net assets which will include as needed soliciting funds (donations) from members, individuals, organizations, and business in the local community.
- Ensure the Fund’s ability to support the financial needs for the maintenance and operation of the Okemos Masonic Center building & facilities.

The Committee will consist of five (5) members, all of whom are members in good standing of Okemos Masonic Lodge No. 252 F. & A. M.. Three (3) of these members will be elected at the Lodge’s annual communication to serve a three (3) year term. Two (2) of these members will be elected annually by the Lodge as Lodge Secretary and Lodge Treasurer.

OMDF Committee

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|----|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1) | OMDF Chair | (3-year Term) |
| 2) | OMDF Secretary | (3-year Term) |
| 3) | OMDF Committee Member | (3-year Term) |
| 4) | Lodge Secretary | (Annually) |
| 5) | Lodge Treasurer | (Annually) |

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The Committee will meet minimally four (4) times (quarterly) annually. Additional meetings, as required may be scheduled. All meeting dates and times to be communicated to the Lodge through the Lodge's regular communications and subsequent meeting minutes.

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| Q1 | January– February – March |
| Q2 | April – May – June |
| Q3 | July – August -September |
| Q4 | October – November – December |

The Committee will at all times act in accordance with and in support of the Lodge and Grand Lodge Bylaws, and the “Okemos Masonic Endowment Fund” written goals and procedures as approved by through the Okemos Masonic Lodge No. 252 F. & A. M..

Delinquent Dues

The Worshipful Master shall appoint a Delinquent Dues Committee consisting of three or more members. The function of this committee will be handled as prescribed by Masonic Law.

Masonic Home

A Committee on the Masonic Home consisting of three or more members, one of whom shall be the Junior Deacon. Their duties shall include (1) to be sufficiently informed to answer, or obtain answers, to all Lodge questions pertaining to the Masonic Home. (2) serve as liaison between the Lodge and the Masonic Home in all joint Lodge and Home endeavors. (3) keep in touch with the Home Board of Directors for the mutual benefit of the Lodge and the Masonic Home. and (4) assist in such other Lodge and Home activities as the Grand Master may direct.

Relief

The Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens shall by virtue of their offices constitute a Committee on Relief. The Worshipful Master may draw a warrant on the Treasurer for an amount not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) in any one case of need. In case of dire need, the amount may be increased to two hundred dollars (\$200.00) by an with the consent of the full committee.

Sick and Distressed

A committee for the visitation of the sick will consist with the line officers. Their duty is to endeavor to obtain information related to all sick members and to visit them. The purpose of the visit is to render them such care and attention as their case may require. In cases of confined illness of a member or, members of the immediate family of a member of our Lodge, they may receive flowers or gifts not to exceed an amount voted on yearly at the Annual Communication. A

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member of our Lodge may receive flowers in case of death in the immediate family of a member of our lodge (including mother or father).

Grievances

A committee on grievances, consisting of three (3) members, to whom shall be referred all complaints against any Brother, which it shall be their duty to hear and, if possible, settle all disputes which may unhappily arise between brethren.

Audit

A committee on auditing, consisting of three (3) members whose duty it shall be to audit the books of the Treasurer and Secretary and give a report of the same at the regular business meeting in February.

Finance

A committee on finance shall consist of three (3) members. Their duty is to review all proposed budgets in the following manner:

1. Prospective Worshipful Master shall present budgets to the Finance Committee by October Business Meeting.
2. The Finance Committee shall review all prospective budgets.
3. The Finance Committee shall prepare a contingency budget.
4. At the Annual Communication in November the new Worshipful Master shall be elected.
5. The Worshipful Master-elect's proposed budget shall be presented to the Lodge for approval/disapproval.
6. Should the Worshipful Master-elect proposed budget fail, the Finance Committee shall present the contingency budget for approval/disapproval.
7. Should the contingency budget fail, the preceding year's budget shall remain in effect until the next Annual Communications.

Orphans

An Orphans Committee, whose duty it shall be to review at frequent intervals the list of deceased Brethren, who have expired during the preceding five years. This Committee will also check on the financial status of the surviving widows and orphans of the above deceased Brethren and if worthy cases are discovered, call these cases to the attention of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge Orphans Committee.

ARTICLE IX - BANK DEPOSITORY

It shall be the duty of the Lodge to determine the bank or banks for all deposits of monies, and the funds so deposited shall be entirely at the risk of the Lodge. Such deposits shall be made in the name of the Lodge and the funds so deposited shall not be withdrawn except by warrants or checks signed by any two of the following officers; Worshipful Master, Secretary and Treasurer.

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ARTICLE X—ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business at a regular communication unless otherwise ordered by the Worshipful Master shall be as follows:

1. Opening.
2. Reading and approval of the minutes of regular and special communications.
3. Reading and referring of petitions.
4. Reports of Standing Committees.
5. Reports of Special Committees.
6. Balloting for candidates or for admission
7. Report of the Treasurer.
8. Report of the Trustees.
9. Presentation of bills and accounts.
10. Communication
11. Disposing of such other business as may come before the Lodge.
12. Conferring of Degrees.
13. Closing

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or replaced in the following manner: Notice of such proposed change shall be presented in writing at a Regular Communication, read to the Lodge and spread upon the minutes. It shall lie over until the next Regular Communication before being acted upon. It shall then require the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present and voting in order to be adopted, and the approval of the Most Worshipful Grand Master before becoming effective.

Approved at a Regular Communication held on May 7, 2015
at Okemos Lodge No. 252.

Approved at a regular Communication held on September 2, 2021 at Okemos Lodge #252.

Mike Nevells PM
Worshipful Master

Kenneth L. Cook PM
Secretary

Larry Inscho PM
M.W. Grand Master

Grand Lodge Approval revisions

10/9/2021

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Past Masters

| | | | |
|------------------------|---------|-----------------------|------|
| *J.E. Smiley | 1868-69 | *Marshall Conklin | 1947 |
| *S.E. Jeffers | 1870 | *Warren Houghton | 1948 |
| *J.E. Smiley | 1871-74 | *Earl E. Pettit | 1949 |
| *J.D. Greenman | 1875-76 | *Hilton Eberly | 1950 |
| *S.E. Jeffers | 1880-85 | *Lanier DeLind | 1951 |
| *T.A. Stephens | 1867-87 | *Carl A. Ray | 1952 |
| *John B. Park | 1888-93 | *Charles Oswald | 1953 |
| *Elmer Fuller | 1894-95 | *Gail C. Blomquist | 1954 |
| *Shubel Hammond | 1896-97 | *Ralph G. Wilkins | 1955 |
| *Elias P. Spross | 1898-99 | *Ronald Telling | 1956 |
| *Shubel Hammond | 1900 | *Kenneth Richards | 1957 |
| *Eugene Mills | 1901-03 | *Banker Horton | 1958 |
| *Jas W. Ferguson | 1904-05 | *Virgil Fisher | 1959 |
| *Charles Burtraw | 1906-07 | *Dan Reason | 1960 |
| *Joseph Morton | 1908 | *F. Schnaudigel | 1961 |
| *William Lodge | 1909 | *Frances Huot | 1962 |
| *Burdette J. Potter | 1910 | *E. Vaillencourt | 1963 |
| *D.V. Gallup | 1911 | *Frank Downey | 1964 |
| *William E. Laycock | 1912 | *Harold Coleman | 1965 |
| *George A. Brown | 1913 | *Frank Docksey | 1966 |
| *Fred Dingman | 1914 | *Ken Henderson | 1967 |
| *Frank H. Mitchell | 1915 | *Douglas Barnard | 1968 |
| *J.O. Grettenberger | 1916 | *George Williams | 1969 |
| *Herbert J. Dillenbeck | 1917 | *Wallace Largent | 1970 |
| *Roy Stillman | 1918 | *Harold J. Hodge | 1971 |
| *Chas. Grettenberger | 1919 | *Richard K. Ridenour | 1972 |
| *Clyde Brown | 1920-21 | * Cecil Stevens | 1973 |
| *John R. Ferguson | 1922 | * William J. McArthur | 1974 |
| *L.R. Cochran | 1923-25 | * Arthur H. Wiley | 1975 |
| *Heber J. Hulett | 1926 | * Glenn N. Coryell | 1976 |
| *J.O. W Streeter | 1927-28 | *Ken E. Sanders | 1977 |
| *Lionel Devereaux | 1929 | *Loren F. Shoesmith | 1978 |
| *Henry Fields | 1930 | *Gerald G. Blomquist | 1979 |
| *Clyde Tooker | 1931 | *Clarence Spawr | 1980 |
| *J.E. Madden | 1932 | *Cecil J. Stevens | 1981 |
| *William H. Taylor | 1933 | *Harold J. Mahilke | 1982 |
| *Burdette J. Potter | 1934 | Robert G. Helmick | 1983 |
| *Ed Soper | 1935 | * Edward O'Bryant | 1984 |
| *Keith Hooker | 1936 | *Fred A. Buehler | 1985 |
| *Orsen Wmslow | 1937 | Ronald A. Wing | 1986 |
| *Charles Piper | 1938 | *Henry H. Bowers | 1987 |
| *Hugh McGiveron | 1939 | *William Leonard | 1988 |
| *Claude Lewsader | 1940 | * Edward O'Bryant | 1989 |
| *Byron Hibbard | 1942 | *Paul S. Pender | 1990 |
| *Daniel J. Eames | 1943 | Edward A. Schweifler | 1991 |
| *Orin D. Ralston | 1944 | *Clyde Chamberlain | 1992 |
| *Emerson Sweet | 1945 | Don L. Meade | 1993 |
| *Gordon Butman | 1946 | | |

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Past Masters (Cont.)

J.M. "Jack" Voss 1994-95

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|------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| * Leon Martin | 1996 | Joshua Wilson | 2013 |
| *Robert Hundt | 1997 | John Pulice | 2014 |
| * Elmer Wood | 1998 | Jack Voss | 2015 |
| Bill Breckenfeld | 1999 | John Pulice | 2016 |
| Stefano Lassini | 2000 | Steven Feigelson | 2017 |
| J.M. "Jack" Voss | 2001 | Chris Chamberlain | 2018 |
| *Neil Snapp | 2002 | Harvey Gurd | 2019 |
| Aaron Kendal | 2003 | Chris Olson | 2020 |
| James Hart | 2004 | Michael Nevells | 2021 |
| *Russ Robinson | 2005 | Kevin Stoner | 2022 |
| Robert G. Helmic | 2006 | David Westover | 2023 |
| Ozzie Bryant | 2007 | * Gordon Wilson | 2024 |
| Ozzie Bryant | 2008 | Christopher Olson | 2025 |
| Scott McAuley | 2009 | Harvey Gurd | 2026 |
| Scott Olson | 2010 | | |
| Steve Carian | 2011 | | |
| *Daniel Nelson | 2012 | | |

* Deceased

Life Members Okemos Lodge

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| Eugene Barker | Donald Meade |
| Kenneth Barnard | Duane Phillips |
| David Beiser | William Sanders |
| Kenneth Cook | David L. Smith |
| *Robert J. Deans | Jack Voss |
| Donald Dickinson | John Turner |
| ML Fruchey | Eric Voss (<i>Pre-Paid</i>) |
| James Hart | Charles Parmelee (<i>Pre-Paid</i>) |
| Robert Helmic | |
| Albert Maywood | |

Honorary Members

Mike Beck 179
David Wade
Ryan Binkley 179

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Lodge Committees

* = Chairperson

Audit & Finance

- * John Pulice
- Joe Bonsall
- Chris Chamberlain

By-Laws

- * Chris Chamberlain
- Mike Nevells
- Joe Fakhoury

Orphans & Widows

- * Harvey Gurd, WM
- Ken Cook
- Jack Voss

Grievances

- * Tim Kelly
- Steve Bristor
- James Hart

Delinquent Dues

- * Rober Helmic
- Chris Chamberlin
- Ken Cook
- Joesph Bonsall

Masonic Home

- * Scott Jorgensen
- Chris Chamberlin
- Joe Fakhoury

Relief

- * Harvey Gurd, WM
- Joe Bonsall, SW
- Chris Chamberlin , JW

Bikes For Books

- * Mike Nevells
- Jack Voss
- Bob Helmic

Scholarships

- * Mike Nevells
- Chris Olson
- James Hart

Mason of The Year

- 2024 * John Pulice
- 2023 David Westover
- 2022 Jack Voss

+Sick & Distressed

Sick and Distressed is the responsibility of all Masons, and all members may consider themselves on this committee.

Lodge Outreach

We should all do our part. Outreach is also the responsibility of us.

Community Outreach

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Okemos Masonic Development Fund

| <u>Position</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Term</u> | <u>Expires</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Chair | Jack Voss | (3-year Term) | 12/31/28 |
| Secretary | Steve Bristor | (3-year Term) | 12/31/28 |
| Member | John Pulice | (3-year Term) | 12/31/28 |
| Lodge Secretary | Mike Nevells | (Annually) | 12/31/26 |
| Lodge Treasurer | Joe Fakhoury | (Annually) | 12/31/26 |

Mason of the Year

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|------|---------------------|------|---------------------|
| 1982 | Charles Piper* | 2008 | Dennis Demaray |
| 1983 | Hilton Eberly* | 2009 | Steve Carian |
| 1984 | Lanier DeLind* | 2010 | Scott McAuley |
| 1985 | Edward O'Bryant * | 2011 | Scott Olson |
| 1986 | Arthur Wiley* | 2012 | Kenneth Cook |
| 1987 | Robert Helmic | 2013 | Dan Nelson * |
| 1988 | William Leonard + * | 2014 | John Pulice |
| 1989 | Cecil Stevens* | 2015 | Bob Helmic + |
| 1990 | Harold Hodge* | 2016 | Robert Overley + |
| 1991 | Edward O'Bryant * | 2017 | James Hart |
| 1992 | Don Meade | 2018 | Mike Nevells |
| 1993 | Tony Blomquist* | 2019 | Chris Chamberlain + |
| 1994 | Cecil Stevens* | 2020 | Ken Cook |
| 1995 | Henry Bowers* | 2021 | Harvey Gurd |
| 1996 | William Mason * | 2022 | Jack Voss + |
| 1997 | Russ Robinson* | 2023 | David Westover + |
| 1998 | Jack Voss | 2024 | John Pulice |
| 1999 | Charles Piper* | 2025 | |
| 2000 | Bill Breckenfeld | | |
| 2001 | Loren Shoesmith* | | |
| 2002 | Bob Hundt* | | |
| 2003 | Glen Gould* | | |
| 2004 | Neil Snapp + * | | |
| 2005 | James Hart | | |
| 2006 | Richard Silky, Sr.* | | |
| 2007 | Glenn Coryell * | | |

* Deceased

+ District Mason of the Year

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BY-LAWS OF OKEMOS MASONIC TEMPLE ASSOCIATION

Article I: MEETINGS

Section 1. Board meetings shall be set at the first meeting in January for the ensuing year. If the regular meeting day is a legal holiday, the meeting will be held on the next following day.

Section 2. The association annual meeting will be held on the first Thursday in December at 7:00 p. m. at the Temple. If unable to meet on the first Thursday in December the current trustees will hold their positions until a rescheduled Annual Meeting has occurred.

Section 3. No written notices are required for any regular meeting. Special meetings may be held upon written notices. Such meetings may be called by the president, vice president or a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees. Written notice shall be delivered to all trustees by Postal Mail or Email as well as posted to all members on any Lodge social media platforms regularly used.

Section 4. A quorum at any board meeting shall consist of five (5) or more members of the Board of Trustees

Article II: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Section 1. The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine (9) members, all of whom shall be members in good standing of Okemos Lodge No. 252, F. & A. M. of Okemos, Michigan. The Board of Trustees shall be amended to 11 members rather than 9 and the added members shall have full rights (including voting) as a board member. Two shall be elected from and by members in good standing of Okemos Chapter No. 267 Order of the Eastern Stars. All members of OMCA shall meet current criteria as specified by Grand Lodge regulations.

Section 2. The trustees from Okemos Lodge No. 252, F. & A. M shall be elected by the members of this association at the regular communication in December. Voting for the trustees shall be by secret ballot.

Section 3. At the annual meeting of the membership in December of 1970, the membership shall elect five (5) trustees for the following terms:

- 1 trustee for 1 year,
- 1 trustee for 2 years, and
- 3 trustees for 3 years.

Beginning with the 1971 annual membership meeting three (3) trustees shall be voted onto the board, each for a three (3) year term.

Section 4. Any trustee may be removed from office by a majority vote of the members of the association at the annual meeting or at any special meeting of the members, but no trustee may be removed at a special meeting unless notice of the proposal to remove such trustee shall be mailed by first class mail to each member of the association at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the special meeting.

Section 5. The management and control of the business affairs and property of this association shall be vested in the Board of Trustees. Said board shall have power to borrow money and cause to be issued bonds and mortgages issued as authorized by the members of the association. The board shall not permit any use of the facilities that is contrary to Grand Lodge regulations.

Section 6. All vacancies on the board shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining trustees.

Section 7. Newly elected officers shall take office at the annual meeting.

Section 8. The Board of Trustees shall make or have made an annual audit of the association beginning in 1971.

Article III: OFFICERS

Section 1. The election of officers shall be held immediately following the close of

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business of the members of the association's annual meeting. The Board of Trustees shall elect officers by secret ballot.

Section 2. The president shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside over all association and board meetings. The president shall appoint such committees as the board deems necessary.

Section 3. The vice-president shall assume the responsibilities of the president in his absence.

Section 4. The secretary shall attend all association and board meetings and shall take minutes thereof and keep all such minutes and other records of the association.

Section 5. The treasurer shall have custody of the association's funds and securities and shall keep account books accurately showing all receipts, disbursements, assets and debts. He shall deposit all monies and securities in a bank depository that is conveniently located for him. He shall pay the regular monthly bills and such other bills as he is authorized to pay by the board. He shall render to the board an accounting of all transactions at the annual meeting and at such other meetings as the board may request an accounting

Article IV: BOND

The treasurer shall be bonded in an amount set by the board.

Article V: ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Any person who is a member in good standing in Okemos Lodge No. 252, F. & A. M. of Okemos, Michigan, and who shall pay the annual fee hereinafter set forth shall be a member of this association.

Section 2. The annual membership fee for each member for each calendar year shall be \$0.50 payable on or before the annual meeting. The board may increase this fee up to \$1.00 without having to amend these By-Laws.

Section 3. Each member shall be entitled to one vote upon all questions that may be properly voted on by the membership, and all such questions shall be decided by a majority vote of those present.

Article VI AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

A majority vote of those present at an association meeting can amend these By-Laws providing that said proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing, read and tabled at the previous meeting.

As Amended: December 21, 1970
November 17, 1975
December 20, 2000.
December 27, 2007
October 23, 2008 and
September 23, 2008

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above is a true statement of the By-Laws of the Okemos Masonic Temple Association as amended at a September 23, 2008 OMCA board meeting after being presented in writing, read, and tabled at prior meeting. (added and changed items are underlined)

OKEMOS LODGE No. 252, F. & A. M.

January 24, 2026