

# Liberty Lodge No. 48 A.F. & A.M.

## Rules and Regulations

The following is a list of the Rules and Regulations which have been established and approved by the members of Liberty Lodge No. 48. The date affixed to each entry is the date this item can be found in the minutes of the stated meetings.

### 1. WIDOWS

An annual "Widow's Night" will be held to honor Masonic widows. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

### 2. REMOVAL OF PROPERTY

No property is permitted to be removed from the Lodge without the permission of the Worshipful Master. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

### 3. RESERVE LODGE BUILDING FOR EVENT/FUNCTION

Only the Worshipful Master can grant permission for anyone wishing to use the lodge building for a function other than those scheduled for use by Liberty Lodge No. 48. In addition a request to use Lodge Building form must be completed and delivered to the Worshipful Master prior to the date of the event. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

### 4. STEP DOWN ON LEVEL

The members of Liberty Lodge No. 48 will "step down upon the level" at the closing of the Master Mason's Lodge. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

### 5. DOORS LOCKED

The outer doors of the building are to remain locked at all times when the building is not In use *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

### 6. UNPLUG COFFEE POT AND CHECK APPLIANCES

The last person to leave the building will check to make sure the coffee pot is off and unplugged, check the stove and other appliances to make sure they are off, turn off all lights inside the building and check the thermostats on all three AC/Heat units to see if they are set per instruction posted at each thermostat. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

### 7. NO TOBACCO, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES OR VAPING KITS INSIDE THE LODGE BUILDING *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

### 8. NO FOOD OR DRINK IN LODGE ROOM

No drink or food permitted in the Lodge room except water when directed by the Worshipful Master and/or hard candy when available on the Secretaries Desk, during stated meetings, called meetings, or open meetings. *(Amended 6/15/2017 Adopted 7/6/2017)*

### 9. SALUTING US & TEXAS FLAGS AT EACH LODGE

When Liberty Lodge No. 48 is opened in any degree, the Flag of the United States of America & the Flag of the State of Texas shall be saluted. This includes stated, called, & Lodge of Sorrow meetings. It is understood that if a second Lodge would be opened that same day, it would not be mandatory to salute the flags again. It is also understood that if a Master Mason's Lodge were opened & the flags were saluted, it would not be necessary to salute the flags if the Master Mason's Lodge double ordered and opened an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Lodge. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

#### 10. WIDOWS CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Liberty Lodge No. 48 will prepare or purchase Christmas Baskets to be distributed to all Widows during the month of December and prior to Christmas Day. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

#### 11. TEACHER RECOGNITION

Liberty Lodge No. 48 will recognize the Teachers of the Year from each of the Liberty ISD campuses with the E.T. Branch Award at the first stated meeting night in March. Each teacher will receive an engraved plaque and have their names added to the recognition plaque that is displayed in the lodge building. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

#### 12. VANGUARD AWARD

Each year the Worshipful Master of Liberty Lodge No. 48 will made every effort to have the lodge qualify for the Vanguard Award presented by the Grand Lodge of Texas at its Grand Annual Communication. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

#### 13. FUND RAISERS

Liberty Lodge No. 48 will from time to time engage in activities to raise funds for our charitable giving, building upkeep and student scholarships. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

#### 14. DRESS FOR SPECIAL MEETINGS ATTENDED BY THE PUBLIC

All offices and members are encouraged to wear a coat and tie to all regular and called meetings that will be open to the public. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

#### 15. DRAPE CHARTER

It is the custom of Liberty Lodge No. 48 to drape the charter when a member had died. The charter will remain draped for approximately 30 days. Example: If the charter is draped on the first regularly scheduled meeting of the month it will remain draped until the first regularly scheduled meeting of the following month. If draped on the second regularly scheduled meeting of the month it will remain draped until the second regularly scheduled meeting of the following month. *(Adopted 7/6/2017)*

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