



Alpena-Hopper Lodge No. 199 F & A M

RESOLUTION

Whereas, There exists a need to bring Masonic Lodges in Northeast Michigan together to foster fraternal relations through a traveling gavel program, and

Whereas, Northeast Michigan is sufficiently significant in geographic size to promulgate certain limits or rules, and

Whereas, Said limits or rules shall govern the capture and retention of the Alpena-Hopper Lodge Traveling Gavel, and

Whereas, After due deliberation, the officers and members of Alpena-Hopper Lodge No. 199 F & A M and the craftsman of said traveling gavel, have determined that the Lodge shall enjoy the right and prerogative to impose certain rules and regulations herein adopted, and

Whereas, Members of Alpena-Hopper Lodge No. 199 F & A M have set forth a motion to adopt this resolution at a regular communication, now

Therefore be it resolved, that the, capture of the gavel shall be restricted to all Lodges situated in District Five and Rogers 493, Karnak 442, Lewiston 581, Atlanta 516, Onaway 425 and Cheboygan 283 and may only be captured by a minimum of four (4) members of one of these Lodges (honorary members of a Lodge do not qualify), and

Be it Further Resolved, that ties between competing lodges shall be resolved in the following manner:

- ❖ Lodges with the most officers present shall be considered to have broken the tie.
- ❖ If a tie still exists, the Lodge with highest ranking officer shall be considered to have broken the tie, and

Be it Further Resolved, competing Brethren must have signed the Lodge register and be present in the Lodge room not later than the Worshipful Master's declaration that Lodge is open for the dispatch of business, and

Be it Further Resolved, the gavel may be claimed at any duly opened Regular or Special Communication of a Lodge possessing said gavel (schools of Instruction, lodges of instruction, district meetings or other such gatherings shall not be considered as qualifying), and

Be it Further Resolved, any Lodge in possession of the Traveling Gavel shall surrender the same to Alpena-Hopper Lodge if/when said Lodge goes dark, and

Be it Further Resolved, the manner for surrendering the gavel shall be notification of the Secretary of Alpena-Hopper Lodge whose contact information may be found at www.alpenahopper.org and/or the Masonic Lodge Directory issued to each Michigan Lodge Secretary, and

Be it Further Resolved, in the unlikely event that Alpena-Hopper Lodge should surrender its Charter, the gavel shall be returned to its craftsman, Worshipful Brother Robert J. Schultz or a member of his family.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my hand this fifth day of September, two thousand and seven (in the year of light, six thousand and seven) and have caused the seal of Alpena-Hopper Lodge No. 199 F & AM to be hereto affixed.

Dana A. Howard, WM

ATTEST:



Arthur K. Laatz, PM, Secretary

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