

## **By-Laws for Gnothi Seauton No. 501 Council working under The Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America**

### **Article 1. Name**

The name of this Council shall be *Gnothi Seauton*.

### **Article 2. Custody of the Charter**

The Secretary shall have custody, care, and the responsibility for the safe keeping of the Charter.

### **Article 3. Meetings**

The business year of a Council of the AMD of the USA shall be the calendar year, January 1 - December 31. There shall be Four (4) regular meetings of this Council each year, preferably with one meeting held in each quarter of the year. Every January the Sovereign Master will assign the meeting dates for the year. Elections and installations shall be conducted at the last meeting of the year.

### **Article 4. Presentations**

Two papers written by members shall be presented during the year at the Sovereign Master's discretion.

### **Article 5. New Members**

New members may be initiated at the Sovereign Master's discretion. Each new member must present a paper to the Council. The paper should be presented when the member is initiated, but must be done within 12 month of initiation.

### **Article 6. Officers**

The elective officers of an AMD Council shall be Sovereign Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary. The appointed officers shall be the Chaplain, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, and Tyler. The Sovereign Master elect shall receive the "Installed Sovereign Master Degree" upon installation or as soon thereafter as possible. All other officers shall be installed at the Annual Meeting or as soon thereafter as possible.

### **Article 7. Membership**

Membership shall consist of Brethren proposed by any member of this Council and shall be limited to **Twenty-Seven (27)** in number, excluding plural and emeritus members. Such proposals shall receive a clear ballot at any meeting of this Council before an invitation is extended. Membership is predicated upon membership in good standing in a recognized Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

### **Article 8. Contribution and Fees**

The fees for investiture in this Council shall be **One Hundred US Dollars (\$100.00)** plus the Annual Dues of **Thirty US Dollars (\$30.00)** for the year.

### **Article 9. Amendments**

Additions, deletions or corrections to the By-Law's shall be accomplished by a 2/3 (two-thirds) vote of the members present at any meeting of this Council, provided the Secretary has notified

each member in advance of the purpose of the meeting. Additions, deletions, or corrections shall become effective upon the consent of the Sovereign Grand Master and approval of the Grand Council.

**Article 10. Attendance**

Members will attend at least two Council meetings per annum. Failure to meet this requirement without the consent of the Sovereign Master will result in Suspension from the Council. Sovereign Master's consent will be communicated in writing or via email to the Council Secretary no later than the scheduled meeting date. Reinstating from suspension will be subject to a letter of request from the suspended member and the vote of the members present at the following stated meeting after being communicated to the members via the Council notice.

**Article 11. Resignation**

A member can resign from this Council provided all dues owed are paid and he is in good standing.

**Article 12. AMD Week Annual Meeting**

Members must attend an AMD Week Annual Meeting at least once every five years.

**Article 13. Paper Presentation**

Each member must present a paper to the Council Archivist once every two years. The Sovereign Master will pick two papers to be presented annually during the year, at the Sovereign Master's discretion.

**Article 14. Regalia**

The official regalia of this council shall be Allied Masonic Degrees USA Aprons. Aprons must conform to the rules and regulations the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees USA. The Aprons will be purchased by Gnothi Seauton No. 501 Council to assure uniformity. Apron cost will be expensed as part of the initiation dues of this Council.

These By-laws have been approved by **Gnothi Seauton No. 501 Council** on **March 4, 2016**, and amended by **Gnothi Seauton Council No 501** on **April 28, 2026**.

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Sovereign Grand Master*