



## 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, Worshipful Brother Robert J. Schultz has crafted a handsome Traveling Gavel to inspire participation in such a program, and

Whereas, Upon due deliberation, the officers and members of Alpena-Hopper Lodge No. 199 F & A M along with the craftsman of said Traveling Gavel, have determined that the Lodge shall enjoy the right and prerogative to impose certain rules and regulations hereinafter 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, the capture of The Gavel shall be restricted to Lodges situated in Districts Five and Twenty-two and may be captured by a minimum of four (4) members of one of the Lodges in these Districts - honorary members of a Lodge being excluded from qualification, and

Be it Further Resolved, that ties arising 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, district meetings or other such Masonic Assemblies shall not be considered as qualifying. and

Be it Further Resolved, a Lodge in possession of The Traveling Gavel shall surrender the same to Alpena-Hopper Lodge if/when said Lodge goes dark or surrenders its charter, the manner for which shall be through notification of the Secretary of Alpena-Hopper Lodge, and

Be it Further Resolved, in the unlikely event 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 fourth day of April, two thousand and twelve (in the year of light, two thousand and twelve) to this amended resolution and have caused the seal of Alpena-Hopper Lodge No. 199 F & AM to be affixed hereto.

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James L. Stachlewitz PM, WM

ATTEST:

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Arthur K. Laatz, PM DSA  
Secretary

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