

Jurisprudence Committee

The Myrtle Lodge Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of three (3) members of Myrtle Lodge who shall serve terms of three (3) years, with the exception of the first appointments. The committee shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master and members of the committee may succeed themselves at the discretion of the Worshipful Master.

The first Jurisprudence Committee shall consist of one member appointed for one year, another member appointed for two years and a third member appointed for three years. The purpose of this method is to provide continuity and stability as members rotate on and off the committee.

The primary duty of the Jurisprudence Committee will be to determine if proposed changes to the Policy and Procedure Manual and/or By-Laws are legal according to the Constitution and Code of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma, Landmarks, Old Charges, By-Laws of Myrtle Lodge #145, and the Policy and Procedure Manual of Myrtle Lodge #145, hereafter referred to collectively as "Masonic Law ". If any proposed revision is found to violate any area of Masonic Law, such proposal will be returned to the author and so reported to the Worshipful Master. If such proposal is determined to not be in proper form for the Policies and Procedures Manual and/or By-Laws, it will be returned to the author with suggestions for correction. The committee will report this action to the Worshipful Master. No further action will be taken until or unless the author makes his decision regarding going forward with the proposal. After any proposal is accepted by Myrtle Lodge #145 the Worshipful Master will refer the agreed proposal to the Jurisprudence Committee for proper placement in the Policies and Procedures Manual and/or By-Laws. The Secretary will then make such placement.

A secondary duty of the Jurisprudence Committee will be to investigate any reported breach by a member of the Lodge as it pertains to Masonic Law. The findings of the Committee shall be reported to the Worshipful Master for any

further disposition. This committee will be empowered with no authority to enact disciplinary procedures or create any change in policy.