

The Trinity Ringers

Rules

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1. REQUIREMENTS AND OBLIGATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ASSOCIATION

Full Members shall generally undertake to attend at least 10 of the Association's regular ringing occasions each calendar year, including at least 5 public ringing occasions in service to Trinity.

For the purpose of calculating a Member's attendance level, attendance at any number of ringing events on a single date shall count as a total of one attendance.

Full and Associate Members shall provide prior notice of planned attendance to the Secretary upon request.

The Secretary shall present annually at a Meeting a record of the Members' attendance for the preceding calendar year.

The annual membership dues of the Association shall be \$10 for Full Members and \$5 for Associate Members. However there is no charge for an Associate Member who is under 18 years of age.

Full Members shall generally have rung a quarter peal on a non-plain-hunting and non-covering bell to a method on at least 5 bells.

The attendance obligations, membership dues and ringing requirements do not apply to the *Ex Officio* Officers.

2. PEAL FEES

The Trinity tower peal fee shall be \$10 per rope. The fee for a lost peal attempt shall be \$5 per rope, except that there shall be no charge for a peal that is lost due to mechanical failure or other reason beyond the control of the peal band.

The peal fee may be reduced or waived at the discretion of the Elected Officers, acting by majority vote.

3. FINANCES

The Treasurer shall maintain a record of all monies received by the Association, such as membership dues and peal fees. Membership dues shall be payable for each calendar year in January of that year.

Members joining the Association during the year shall pay a pro-rata amount at the time of their election covering the remainder of the year in which they are elected.

The Treasurer shall maintain records of the payment by Members of their dues.

The Elected Officers, acting by majority vote, and after seeking early input from the Members, shall annually develop Program and Capital budget requests to be made to Trinity Church. The budget requests must be approved, and may be amended, by the Association prior to submission to Trinity Church.

The Elected Officers, led by the Treasurer, may prepare an Association Budget at the line item level to present to the Association for approval. If approval is received, the Elected Officers, acting by majority vote, shall then have discretion to spend Association monies up to the amounts in the Budget for each corresponding line item.

Expenditure of Association monies beyond those amounts included in any approved Association Budget in amounts up to and including \$100 per item or event may be authorized by the Elected Officers, acting by majority vote.

Expenditure of Association monies beyond those amounts included in any approved Association Budget in amounts of more than \$100 shall require proposal and seconding by two separate Full Members, and approval by the Association.

4. RECORDING OF PEALS AND QUARTER PEALS

The Secretary shall maintain records of all peals and quarter peals rung at Trinity.

5. RINGING FOR WEDDINGS

The Secretary shall be responsible for arranging a band to ring for a wedding at Trinity, when this is requested.

The Secretary shall maintain records of ringing and ringers for weddings at Trinity.

6. VISITING BANDS

The Secretary shall be responsible for coordinating arrangements for visiting bands, including making arrangements for them to be let into the tower, ensuring the sound control is properly set, and ensuring the tower is locked up after them.

7. LIAISON WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS

The Secretary shall be the Trinity point of contact for the North American Guild of Change Ringers, and shall provide customary information and reports to the Guild.

8. CONTACT LIST

The Secretary shall maintain a contact list comprising all Members and other regular ringers at Trinity, and regularly distribute this list to the same.