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INTRODUCTION.

This Lodge bears, as its distinguishing appellation, the name of that most estimable nobleman, The Right Hon. Richard William Penn Curzon-Howe, Earl Howe, Viscount and Baron Curzon, of Penn, and Baron Howe, of Langar, G.C.H., and D.C.L.; who was born at Gopsall, in 1726; initiated in the Tyrian Lodge, Derby, September 25th, 1815; passed and raised in St. John's Lodge, Leicester, in September and October, 1821, and of which Lodge he is now the oldest member. He was W.M. in 1822—5, and, as such, laid, with Masonic honours, the Foundation stone of St. George's Church, Leicester, on the 23rd August, 1823. He was exalted in the Chapter of Fortitude, attached to that Lodge, October 22, 1822; was Second Principal, 1825—1826, and succeeded Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart., as M.E.Z., 1831—1833. He was one of the Founders of the John of Gair Lodge, in 1846, and of the Chapter of St. Augustine at first attached thereto, but since to the Powers and Vanhoe Lodge, at Ashby-de-la-Zouch. He was appointed P.G.M. of Warwickshire in 1844, and retired on account of ill-health in 1852. He was also appointed D.G.M. of England in 1844, but which high office he also resigned, from the same cause, two years later.

After the decease of Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart, Lord Howe, on the 18th June, 1860, was appointed Provincial Grand Master of this, his native County, to which, in September, 1869, was annexed the County of Rutland, but, after a most prosperous and beneficent rule, failing health and advanced years induced him, on the 8th of December, 1869, to resign office, to the universal regret of the brethren. On the 15th February, 1857, on which day he had laid the Foundation-stone of the Freemasons' Hall, at Leicester, and towards which he was a liberal contributor, Lord Howe was advanced as a Mark Master in this Lodge, and accepted the post of Senior Grand Warden in the Provincial Grand Lodge—the Earl Ferrers (who had been advanced on the same day) taking that of Junior Grand Warden.

The name of the "Howe" Lodge has therefore been adopted as a mark of fraternal respect and esteem for a noble Brother, who, through a long career of usefulness, has been alike distinguished by his zeal for Masonry, and by the practice in his daily life of the virtues which it inculcates. Long may that life be preserved, and may the "Howe" Lodge of Mark Masters commemorate his virtues through many generations.

W. K.

April, 1870.

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I.

Whenever, in these By-Laws, the words "Grand Lodge" are used, they are to be taken as alluding to the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, from which this Lodge holds its Warrant.

II.

Meetings.

The regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the Thursdays on, or next before, the Full Moon, in the months of January, May and October, at the

George Hotel, in Melton Mowbray, at such an hour as the W. M. may appoint. The W. M. may at any time fix any other day for the Meeting, instead of the appointed day, due notice thereof being inserted in the summonses.

III.

Officers.

The Officers of the Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, a Deputy Master (if necessary), Past Master, two Wardens, three Overseers, a Chaplain, Treasurer, Registrar or Marks, Secretary, two Deacons, a Director of Music and Ceremonies, two Stewards, Inner Guard, and Tyler.

IV.

Election of Worshipful Master and Treasurer.

The Worshipful Master and Treasurer shall be elected at the Meeting in January, and at the next regular Meeting in May, after the minutes shall have been confirmed, the Worshipful Master shall be installed, and shall then appoint and invest his Officers.

V.

The Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to, and pay all monies owing by the Lodge, keeping an account thereof in a book to be provided by the Lodge for the purpose. He shall produce his account of receipts and disbursements, with regular vouchers, for the past year, at an Audit Meeting to be held before the installation of the Worshipful Master. He shall pay the Grand Lodge dues as they arise, and produce the acknowledgment of the Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary for the same, to the Worshipful Master, when required so to do. No payment shall be made by the Treasurer without the authority of the Worshipful Master.

VI.

The Secretary.

The Secretary shall enter in the Minute Book the Minutes of every Meeting of the Lodge, and shall present them to the Worshipful Master for his signature, immediately after their confirmation. He shall issue the summonses, at least, seven days previous to each Meeting. Assisted by the Registrar,

he shall keep a correct list of the Members' names and marks, according to the several dates of their advancement or affiliation, and shall regularly make out and render all returns required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

VII.

Grand Steward.

In exercising the privilege of nominating a Grand Steward, as recognised by Articles of the Constitution, it is desirable that the Members should be guided in their choice by a consideration that the Brother to be elected should have proved himself capable of worthily representing the character and position of the Lodge.

VIII.

The Tyler.

The Tyler shall be elected by a show of hands at the Meeting when the Worshipful Master is installed. He shall attend all Meetings of the Lodge, and receive a sum of two shillings and sixpence for each attendance. He shall see that the Members and Visitors present at each Meeting write their names

in a book to be kept for that purpose. He shall keep in good order the furniture and regalia of the Lodge, under the direction of the Worshipful Master.

IX.

Candidate's Qualification.

No Candidate for Advancement can be proposed unless he is a Master Mason.

X.

Candidates to be Ballotted for.

Every Candidate, whether for advancement or joining, shall be ballotted for in open Lodge, when, if two negatives appear, he shall be rejected. Seven days' notice of the ballot shall be sent to every Member of the Lodge.

XI.

Fees for advancement and joining.

The Fee for advancement shall be One Guinea; and for joining shall be Ten Shillings and Sixpence: these sums to include Grand Lodge dues for registry and certificate.

XII.

Annual Subscription.

The Annual Subscription for ordinary Members shall be Five Shillings, including the Annual Contributions to the General Fund of the Order, payable in the month of May, in advance.

XIII.

Honorary Members.

Any Brother, whether a Member of the Lodge or not, may be proposed as an Honorary Member, for some valid reason, to be shown by his proposer, and may, on due notice being inserted in the summonses, be balloted for at any Meeting of the Lodge.

XIV.

Arrears.

No Member, whose subscription is in arrear, shall hold office, or vote in the election of Officers, or on any other question. Such Member shall be applied to by the Secretary for the amount due; and if, after such application, payment be not made within the following two months, the fact shall be reported to the Lodge by the Secretary, who shall again write to

him in the name of the Lodge to remind him of his default, when, should no satisfactory answer be received, and the arrears paid within the following two months, the name of such Member shall be liable to erasure.

XV.

Withdrawing.

Any Member wishing to withdraw from the Lodge shall tender his resignation in open Lodge, or send an intimation thereof to the Secretary (in writing) prior to the Lodge in May, and the arrears of every Member shall be considered to be accumulating until he tender his resignation in one or other of these ways.

XVI.

Lodges of Emergency.

A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be convened, on the application of two or more Brethren, by the authority of the Worshipful Master, or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or, in their absence, by the Junior Warden, as provided by Article 65 of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters. The expense of such Lodge of Emergency to be paid, if required, by the Member, or Members, on whose account such Meeting shall be convened.

XVII.

Audit.

The Accounts of the Lodge shall be Audited once every year, by a special committee of three Members of the Lodge, to be elected at the regular Meeting in January. The Committee shall present their written Report to the Lodge at the regular Meeting in May, after the installation of the Worshipful Master, when it shall be entered on the Minutes. The Committee shall also present, at the same time, an Inventory of the furniture, regalia, and other Lodge property, and report thereon.

XVIII.

Furniture, &c.

The furniture, regalia, and all property belonging to the Lodge, shall be vested in the Master, Warden, and Treasurer, for the time being, in trust for the Lodge.

XIX.

By-Laws.

The By-Laws shall be signed by every Member on his admission, and no alteration shall be made therein, nor any new Laws added, but by a regular vote of the

Lodge, taken on a notice of motion in writing, which notice of motion shall be inserted in the summonses ; at the ensuing regular Meeting, if the notice of motion be seconded, it may then be discussed, and, if approved and confirmed by a majority of the Brethren at a subsequent regular Meeting, will then become part of the By-Laws.

A Copy of these By-Laws shall be furnished to every Member of the Lodge, and to every Candidate on his advancement, so soon as the same shall be printed.

APPROVED IN OPEN LODGE,

On the 3th of February, 1859.

JOSEPH UNDERWOOD, D.P.G.M., Worshipful Master

WILLIAM PETHBOR, Senior Warden.

W. J. WINDRAM, Junior Warden.

REVISED AND CONFIRMED IN OPEN LODGE,

On the 24th of November, 1868.

W. K. ROBINSON, Worshipful Master.

W. LANGLEY, Senior Warden.

H. DOUGLAS, Junior Warden.

Allowed and approved by me,

WILLIAM KELLY, P.G.M

A LIST OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE
HOWE LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

No. 21, MELTON MOWBRAY,

FROM ITS FORMATION, A.D., 1859, TO THE PRESENT TIME.

*N.B.—The first three are the Founders, who joined from the Newstead
Lodge, No. 55, Nottingham, April 26th, 1858.*

Joseph Underwood, Apl. 26, 1858	Rev. W. E. Dobinson, Mar. 27, 1868
William Pettifor	Rev. W. Langley
W. J. Windram	" "
H. Kinder	" "
C. Morris	" "
J. Holland, jun.	" "
Horatio E. Emberlin	" "
William Weare	" "
Alfred Cummings	" "
James Penock (Tyler)	" "
Martin Nedham, Feb. 9, 1859	" "
James B. Burskill	" "
John Steane, M.D.	" "
Thomas Herbert	" "
The Rt. Hon. Earl Howe, Feb. 15, "	" "
William Hoopkinson	" "
Bobart	" "
H. Tillemann Bobart	" "
John Pedern	" "
William Mason	" "
James Gibson, Sep. 29, 1859	" "
Henry Gill	" "
Chas. Bembridge (Tyler)	" "
W. H. Marris, Feb. 8, 1860	" "
	W. Mann, May 7, "
	John E. Bright, " "
	William Adcock, " "
	R. W. Johnson, " "
	C. L. Ferneley, " "
	Thomas Markham, " "
	J. B. Leadbeater, " "
	J. Jones Fast, May 7, "
	Warren Sharman, " "
	John Selby, Nov. 24, "
	John Turville (Tyler), " "
	G. M. Ashforth, M.D., Jan. 14, 1860
	George Brown, " "
	J. Wyles, " "
	John Snodin, April 13, "
	James E. W. Clarke, " "
	Wm. C. Crowson, Nov. 18, "
	John Bailey, " "
	William Berridge, " "
	Thomas Barnard, " "
	James Stannard, " "
	J. Clark Duncomb, " "
	Chester P. Newcome, Jan. 13, 1870

*N.B.—The foregoing names were
all withdrawn as Members, Mar. 27,
1868, on the warrant being trans-
ferred to Melton Mowbray.*

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE HOWE LODGE, No. 21,

FROM ITS FORMATION, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 1858.

YEAR.	WORSHIPFUL MASTER.	SENIOR WARDEN.	JUNIOR WARDEN.
1858	Joseph Underwood	William Pettifor	W. J. Windram
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1860	William Pettifor	No Appointment	No Appointment
(In abeyance to March 13th, 1868.)			
1868	W. K. Robinson	W. Langley	L. Douglas
1869	W. Langley	H. Douglas	George Brown
1870	H. Douglas	G. Brown	W. Adcock

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE FOR 1870.

- Bro. H. Douglas, *W.M.*
 „ Rev. W. Langley, *P.M.*
 „ G. Brown, *S.W.*
 „ W. Adcock, *J.W.*
 „ J. Bright, *M.O.*
 „ J. J. East, *S.O.*
 „ Thos. Markham, *J.O.*
 „ Rev. W. K. Robinson (P.M. Gr. S. Ov. of England),
Chaplain.
 „ J. E. Leadbeater, *Treasurer.*
 „ W. Sharman, *Secretary.*
 „ H. Douglas, *Registrar of Marks.*
 „ J. C. Duncomb, *S.D.*
 „ Chester Fern Newcome, *J.D.*
 „ C. L. Ferneley, *Director of Music and Ceremonies.*
 „ Thomas Barnard, *J.G.*
 „ John Bailey, }
 „ John Snodin, } *Stewards.*
 „ John Turville, *Tyler.*

OFFICERS

OF THE

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

Appointed by Patent.

R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. William Kelly, P.M., No. 19.

W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master, } Major Robert Brewin, W.M., No. 19

APPOINTED NOVEMBER 25TH, 1869.

Provincial Grand Senior Warden,	{ Bro. the Rev. W. Langley,	
	M.A., W.M., No. 21	
„ „ Junior Warden,	Bro. W. B. Smith, S.W.	„ 19
„ „ Chaplain,	„ Rev. N. Haycroft, D.D.	„ 19
„ „ Master Overseer,	„ George Brown,	No. 21
„ „ Senior Overseer,	„ William Adcock,	„ 21
„ „ Junior Overseer,	„ A. M. Duff, J.W.	„ 19
„ „ Treasurer,	„ Clement Stretton,	„ 19
„ „ Registrar,	„ J. E. Bright,	„ 21
„ „ Secretary,	„ S. S. Partridge,	„ 19
„ „ Senior Deacon,	„ Thomas Markham	„ 19
„ „ Junior Deacon	„ J. B. Leadbeater,	„ 21
„ „ Director of Ceremonies,	{ „ Charles Johnson,	„ 19
„ „ Assistant ditto,	„ Robt. W. Johnson	„ 21
„ „ Inspector of Works,	{ „ J. J. Fast	„ 21
„ „ Sword Bearer,	„ William Mann,	„ 21
„ „ Inner Guard,	„ George Toller, J.D.	„ 19
„ „ Stewards,	{ „ L. A. Clarke,	„ 19
	„ G. M. Ashforth, M.D.	„ 21
	„ W. Sculthorpe,	„ 19
„ „ Tyler,	„ C. Bembridge	„ 19