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1.—The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held at the Masonic Hall, 95, High Street, Worcester, on the Second Wednesday in March, June, and October, at Six p.m., or such other hour as the Worshipful Master shall appoint, of which seven days' notice shall be given by the Secretary, but the Worshipful Master shall have power to alter the day to any other in the same month should such change be in his discretion desirable.

2.—The election of the Worshipful Master and Treasurer shall be by ballot, and that of the Tyler by show of hands, which shall take place at the regular Lodge in March; and on the confirmation of the minutes, and the adoption of the Auditors' Report, at the regular Lodge in June, the Worshipful Master Elect shall be installed, and shall appoint his officers.

3.—Candidates shall be proposed and seconded at any meeting of the Lodge; and the ballot for the Candidate so proposed shall be taken at the next meeting of the Lodge,

provided that the summons calling such meeting state that such ballot will take place, and the name, occupation, and residence of each Candidate, the name and number of his Craft Lodge, and the names of his proposer and seconder. Joining Members may be proposed and balloted for in like manner, upon production of their Grand Lodge Certificate and a Certificate from their last Lodge that all arrears have been paid.

4.—The election of Members shall be by ballot, and should there be three black balls, or negatives, the Candidate shall not be elected, nor be eligible for re-proposition until after a space of twelve months from his rejection.

5.—The proposer of a Candidate shall deposit one guinea with the Treasurer, which shall be taken in part-payment of the advancement fee if the Candidate be approved, but shall be returned if the Candidate be rejected; and if a Candidate be approved, and neglect to attend for two regular meetings after such approval, the deposit fee shall be forfeited to the Lodge Fund, unless such absence be accounted for to the satisfaction of the Worshipful Master.

6.—The fee for advancement shall be £2. 12s. 6d. (which amount shall include the certificate from the Grand Lodge), and for the payment of which sum the proposer of the Brother advanced shall be responsible.

7.—The fee for a Joining Brother shall be one guinea. A Brother advanced under any jurisdiction other than that of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, &c., and accepted as a Joining Member of this Lodge, and regularly affiliated, shall pay a fee of £1. 10s., for which he will be entitled to a Grand Lodge Certificate.

8.—The annual subscription, to become due on the 1st day of June, shall be 10s. 6d., and shall be payable to the Treasurer at the meeting in June. Any Member whose subscription is in arrear shall not be entitled to vote on any question; and failing to pay such subscription by the 1st of January following shall have notice from the Treasurer requesting payment, and if such request be not complied with he shall at or after the Regular Lodge in the following March be liable to have his name erased from the Books of the Lodge by its vote.

9.—Every Visitor, if not vouched for by a Member, shall produce his Grand Lodge Certificate, and shall be subject to examination.

10.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Lodge, and pay all bills when duly verified by the Worshipful Master. He shall enter his accounts in a book provided by the Lodge. He shall read an account of his receipts and payments at each meeting, if required by the Worshipful Master, and the book shall be produced and lie open for the inspection of the Members at every meeting of the Lodge. His accounts shall be annually examined by the Audit Committee between the meetings in March and June, and the balance, if any, be paid over to the Treasurer Elect on the night of installation.

11.—The Secretary shall keep regular minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge, a list of the Members, with their places of residence, and the name and number of their respective Craft Lodges. He shall issue the summons for each meeting, stating the business to be transacted, and cause the same to be delivered seven days before the appointed date.

12.—That it be the duty of the Stewards to order Refreshments for Banquets and Suppers and to attend to the comfort of the Visitors.

13.—The Registrar of Marks shall keep an accurate Register of all Members' names, with their marks clearly defined, and the dates of their advancement and joining, examine the certificates of Joining Brethren, and keep an Inventory of the Property of the Lodge.

14.—The Tylers shall attend all the meetings of the Lodge. They shall see that the Brethren are properly clothed, and that they sign their names in the Tylers' Book previous to entering the Lodge. They shall deliver the summons seven days previous to each meeting, if required by the Secretary. They shall also keep the jewels, collars, and furniture of the Lodge in good condition. The Tyler shall be paid 3s. 6d. for each attendance, and the Assistant Tyler 2s. 6d.

15.—Any Member not resigning before the 1st day of June shall be liable for the succeeding year's subscription, when, on payment of his arrears, he shall cease to be a Member of the Lodge.

16.—An Audit Committee, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Secretary, shall audit the Treasurer's accounts (three to form a quorum), and shall, at the regular meeting in June previous to the Installation, make a report, in writing, to be entered on the Lodge Minutes.

17.—These By-Laws shall be fairly transcribed or printed in a book, and every Member of the Lodge shall sign the

same, in token of his assent thereto, and shall be presented with a copy thereof for his own use.

18.—Any alteration or addition to these By-Laws shall be proposed and seconded in open Lodge by Members thereof, and, if approved by a majority of the Members then present, be entered on the Minutes, and the summons for the next Lodge shall state the proposed alteration or addition, and, if then carried by a majority of two-thirds of the Members then present, shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge for confirmation.

19.—In case any question should arise not provided for by these By-Laws, or as to the meaning and interpretation thereof, it shall be decided by the Worshipful Master or acting Worshipful Master, and his decision shall be final.

20.—In every case where, on taking the votes of the Brethren, the number shall be found equal on opposite sides of the question, the Worshipful Master shall be entitled to a casting vote.

Approved on behalf of the General Board,

FREDERICK BINCKES, G.S.

London, 22nd May, 1879.