

BY-LAWS of the GODSON ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER No. 2385.

This Chapter acknowledges the supremacy of the Supreme Grand Chapter of England, and is subject to the Royal Arch Regulations thereof, and the authority of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Worcestershire.

1. The Chapter shall meet at the Masonic Rooms, Talbot Hotel, Oldbury, Worcestershire on the second Friday in October, December, February and April at such hour as the Principals shall direct.
2. The three Principals, two Scribes, Treasurer, Principal Sojourner and two Assistant Sojourners shall be elected at the regular convocation in April. A Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Organist, an Assistant Scribe E. and Stewards may also be elected. The installation of the Principals Elect and investiture of Officers shall take place at the regular convocation in October.
3. Subject to the provisions of Rule 48, Royal Arch Regulations, para.5, the Janitor shall be elected by a show of hands at the regular convocation in April.
4. The Chapter Committee shall consist of the Principals, Past Principals of and in the Chapter and all other Officers except the Janitor.
5. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Chapter who shall be elected annually by the Chapter at the regular convocation in April. The accounts shall be made up to the 30th September each year and shall be presented to the Chapter, duly audited, at the regular convocation in October.
6. The exaltation fee shall be Four Guineas and the joining fee Two Guineas, such fees to be exclusive of subscription. The annual subscription (except for non-dining membership as provided for in by-law No. 7) shall be Four Guineas, payable in advance on the second Friday in October. The Visitor's fees at dinners shall be such amount as the Chapter shall from time to time determine.
Any member whose subscription is unpaid for two years shall be liable to be excluded from the Chapter, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 71, Royal Arch Regulations, and Rule 181, Book of Constitutions (Craft).
7. Any member who, for reasons acceptable to the Chapter, is unable regularly to attend the convocations, may on written application to the Scribe E. and by resolution of the Chapter, be considered a non-dining member and shall pay a subscription of One Guinea annually in advance on the second Friday in October. When attending the Chapter and dining such member shall pay the current visitor's fee.

8. The admission of candidates for exaltation and joining shall be regulated by the provision of Rules 65 to 69 Royal Arch Regulations. On the ballot for a candidate for exaltation or joining one black ball shall exclude.

9. Any member desirous of terminating his membership of the Chapter shall tender his resignation in writing to the Scribe E. or orally in open Chapter, in accordance with Rule 183 Book of Constitutions (Craft) and he shall be entitled to the Certificate mentioned in Rule 70, Royal Arch Regulations, stating the circumstances in which he left the Chapter. Should he at any future time wish to rejoin, he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

10. Payment of any sum exceeding Ten Pounds, if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Chapter, of which notice has been given in the summons, except in the case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the First Principal and reported to the Chapter at the next convocation.

11. Amendment of these By-Laws or any of them may be made only in the following manner:-

- A. Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open Chapter at a regular convocation.
 - B. The motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular convocation or for an emergency convocation summoned for the purpose, and shall at such convocation be put to the Chapter.
 - C. A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of the members present vote in favour of it, but it shall not be effective until approved by the Grand Superintendent and by the First Grand Principal.
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