

PROVINCIAL

WORCESTERSHIRE

GRAND LODGE OF



Antient Free and Accepted Masons.

The Right Wor. Bro. **GENERAL SIR FRANCIS J. DAVIES**, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.L., F.G.D.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

The Wor. Bro. **W. T. PAGE**, P.G.D.

DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

377 Lodge, Bagley Road,

Fourbridge,

May 10th, 1930.

Dear Sir and Brother,

By Command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master I hereby give you notice that an **Especial Meeting** of this Provincial Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Hall, St. Nicholas Street, Worcester, on Saturday, the 31st day of May next at 3.30 p.m., and hereby summon you and such Brethren of your Lodge being Wardens or Past Masters, as are Members of Provincial Grand Lodge to be then and there present, that your Lodge may be duly represented.

In order to obtain entrance, the Admission Slip must be properly signed.

Yours fraternally,

H. V. Stanton,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

BUSINESS to be transacted at the Meeting is stated on the Agenda subjoined.

DRESS: Black Morning Coats, Dark Trousers, and White Gloves; or Uniform. Full Masonic Craft Clothing.

TEA and LIGHT REFRESHMENTS will be provided after Prov. Grand Lodge Meeting.

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The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master and Provincial Grand Officers will enter the Lodge, and having been received with the customary honours, the Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened in due form at 3.30 p.m.

Business:

1. To read the Summons convening Provincial Grand Lodge.
2. To consider and, if approved, to adopt the following amendments to the Provincial Grand Lodge By-Laws, as recommended by the General Committee:—

BY-LAW No. 1.—To insert after "Past Provincial Grand Superintendents of Works" the words "Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies" and "Past Provincial Deputy Grand Directors of Ceremonies."

BY-LAW No. 4.—To cancel the present wording of "Every Lodge for each of its Contributing Members quarterly 6d." and substitute the following: "Every Lodge for each of its Contributing Members quarterly, 9d. (nine pence)."

BY-LAW No. 5.—To cancel the present Fee of Honour of £1 vis. 6d. for appointment to Provincial Office below the rank of Superintendent of Works, and substitute £2 2s. 0d. To cancel the present Fee of Honour of 10s. 6d. for Provincial Grand Stewards, and substitute £1 1s. 0d.

BY-LAW No. 6.—To cancel the present By-Law which reads as follows: "A General Committee consisting of the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and three Past Masters being Members of Provincial Grand Lodge, one of whom shall be appointed by the Provincial Grand Master, and the other two by the Members of Provincial Grand Lodge at the Annual Meeting thereof, shall meet as required to consider and report upon all financial matters of Provincial Grand Lodge administration, and all such matters as may be referred to them by the Provincial Grand Master. Five to form a quorum." and substitute the following:—

BY-LAW No. 6.—"A General Committee consisting of the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Honorary Secretary to the Provincial Charity Organisation, with four Past Masters being Members of Provincial Grand Lodge, one of whom shall be appointed by the Provincial Grand Master and three to be elected by the Members of Provincial Grand Lodge at the Annual Meeting thereof next ensuing, thereafter one of the elected Members shall retire each year, but shall be eligible for re-election, such Member being the one who has been the longest in office. Nominations for the elected Members must be made in writing and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary at least one month previous to the Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at which the election takes place. In the event of a contest the election shall be by ballot."

BY-LAW No. 6A.—"The General Committee shall meet as required for the purpose of considering and reporting upon all financial matters of Provincial Grand Lodge administration and all matters referred to them by the Provincial Grand Master. Five to form a quorum."

3. BY-LAW No. 15.—The Deputy Provincial Grand Master will propose that By-Law No. 15, which reads as follows, be cancelled:—

“ These By-Laws shall not be altered or added to, except at a Provincial Grand Lodge, in the summons for which the proposed alterations, or additions, are clearly set forth on the Agenda.

“ All By-Laws and Resolutions passed in Provincial Grand Lodge after such notice shall require no further confirmation.”

and that the following be substituted:—

“ No alteration in, or addition to, these By-Laws shall be made excepting by Resolution carried at a Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge by a majority of at least two-thirds of the Members present after due notice has been given to the Provincial Grand Secretary and inserted in the Summons for the Meeting.

“ At such Meeting any Member of Provincial Grand Lodge present may move an amendment to the alteration proposed, and such amendment shall be first put to the Meeting, and if carried, shall then be put as a substantive Resolution. If the proposed alteration or the amendment thereto shall be agreed to and afterwards confirmed and duly approved by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary shall enter the same in the Book of the By-Laws.”

“ All By-Laws and Resolutions passed in Provincial Grand Lodge as above, shall require no confirmation, except as provided in the Book of Constitutions.”

4. To appoint a date for considering the confirmation of the alteration to By-Laws No. 4 and 5. (Book of Constitutions, Rule 104).

5. To close Provincial Grand Lodge.

Note. Wor. Bro. C. D. Eaton will move as an amendment to the proposed new By-Law No. 6, that after the word "Secretary" on the second line, "Director of Ceremonies" be inserted.

He will also move that in the proposed new By-Law No. 6A, "three" be substituted for "five" in the last line, referring to the quorum.

Provincial Grand Lodge of Worcestershire.

General Committee Meeting, Masonic Hall, Worcester.

Saturday, 31st May 1930, 2.45 p.m.

AGENDA.

1. Read notice calling the Meeting.
2. Read and confirm Minutes of Meeting of 14th Dec. 1929.
3. Apologies for absence.
4. Death of Wor. Bro. W. J. Hill, Member of the Committee for 15 years.
5. Matters arising out of previous Minutes:-
 - Benevolent Account.
 - Alteration of Ev-Jaws.
 - Prov. G. Stewards' Clothing.
6. Nominations for Prov. G. Treasurer.
7. Membership of General Committee.
8. Any other business.

Especial Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge,

31st May 1930

O P E N.

1. Take Summons as read.
2. Apologies.
3. Amendments to Prov. G. Lodge By-Laws:-
 - By-Law No. 1.
 - By-Law No. 4.
 - By-Law No. 5.
 - By-Law No. 6.
 - Wor. Bro. Eaton's amendment.
 - By-Law No. 15.
4. Date for considering the confirmation of alteration to By-Laws No. 4 and 5.
(Saturday, 18th October 1930).

C L O S E.