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TALBOT HOTEL, STOURBRIDGE.

HELD AT THE

No. 5729,

Swinford Lodge

OF THE

BY-LAWS

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PREAMBLE.

The Book of Constitutions shall be referred to on every occasion for the guidance of the affairs of this Lodge, these By-Laws being only intended to provide for such matters as are not settled by the Book of Constitutions.

BY-LAWS

of the

Swinford Lodge

No. 5729

I.

The Lodge shall meet at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge on the second Thursday in the months of January, February, March, April, September, October, November and December, at such hour as the Master may direct.

II.

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler by show of hands, at the regular meeting in March. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in April.

III.

X The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, and Officers of the Lodge. This Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership and any matters specially referred to it by the Lodge.

The Audit Committee consisting of the Master, Secretary and two Brethren, shall be elected at the April Meeting. The accounts shall be made up to March and presented at April Meeting.

IV.

The initiation fee shall be fifteen guineas, the joining fee, seven guineas, the re-joining fee of a former member shall be three guineas, and the annual subscription, four pounds ten shillings (payable in advance in the month of

April. A Brother residing outside a radius of twenty miles shall be considered a country member, and shall pay an annual subscription of two guineas which does not include dining fees. The Visitors' Fee for dining shall be fixed by the Committee and reported to the Lodge. The Master shall be entitled to invite guests to each meeting free of the Dining Fee to such numbers as the Past Masters and Officers may from time to time recommend. Any Brethren whose subscription is unpaid for more than one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, in accordance with Rule 210, Book of Constitutions.

V.

The Election of Candidates for initiation and joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Rules 183 to 194 Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a Candidate one Black Ball shall exclude.

VI.

A Member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing, or orally in open Lodge, and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 203 Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

VII.

No sum exceeding five guineas shall be expended out of the funds of the Lodge for other than ordinary purposes without the sanction of the Lodge by resolution of which notice has appeared on the summons except in cases of emergency when such expenditure may be authorised by the Master, subject to confirmation by the Lodge.

VIII.

An inventory of the jewels and other property belonging to the Lodge shall be annually taken by the Secretary, and

entered in the minute book. The property shall be examined and compared with such inventory by the Master Elect and Treasurer previous to the Installation, and signed by the Master on his Installation.

IX.

The Property and other effects of the Lodge shall be adequately insured.

X.

Addition, alteration or amendment to these By-Laws, or any of them, shall be made by notice of motion, given in writing in open Lodge, at one regular meeting, and the motion inserted in the summons for the next meeting. It shall be considered at that meeting, and if then approved, shall be submitted for confirmation at the next regular meeting, but shall not become effective until finally approved by the Provincial Grand Master and the Most Worshipful, The Grand Master.

NOTE.

In all respects the Members of this Lodge shall abide by, and strictly conform to the Laws and Regulations of the United Grand Lodge of England, as embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

Should there be any objection to the introduction of a Candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer, and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate.

Approved by

FRANCIS DAVIES,

Provincial Grand Master.

25th. April, 1938.

Approved by The M.W. Grand Master.

26th. May, 1938.

SYDNEY A. WHITE,

G.Sec.