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Companion *G. Baldwin* Feb 8 1865

Companion *L. Baldwin* " " "

Companion *A. Baldwin* " " "

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Comp	Charles Bird	Wor	13 Feb	1867
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"	J. H. Muddick	E		
"	H. Howe	E		
"	S. Lockman	J		
"	J. M. Evans	E	12 Feb	1868
"	W. L. Smith	E	12 Aug	
"	H. Cross	E		
"	J. Seaman	E	10 Feb	1869
"	J. Cox	E		
"	P. & Lucy	E		
"	C. J. Farrow	Wor	11 Aug	1869
"	H. J. Baker	E		
"	C. J. Hedgeswayker	E		
"	E. L. Newby	E		
"	J. Fiddly (bapt)	E		
"	Brandon Danne	E	10 Dec	
"	J. Simpson	E		
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Comp	D. Arcey	£	8 Feb	1871
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	W. Backley	£	14 Aug	1872
	J. Crispin Gregg	for	7 Feb	1873
	Robt. Hill	£	13 Aug	
	J. H. Lewis	£	12 Dec	
	J. Bourne	£		
	J. Handley Buck	£	11 Feb	1874
	Frank Powell	M.D. for		
	F. H. Lingham	£	12 Aug	
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	Wilson Hoyle	£	10 Nov	1875
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 Chas Cartwright £ 9 Nov 1864 }

Comp	Unduwood W	£	9 Feb	1876
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St. Austan's Chapter,

ATTACHED TO

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WHEREAS, by a Charter or Warrant of the Supreme Grand and Royal Chapter of England, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was duly constituted by the style and title of St. Austan's Chapter. The said Chapter hath agreed and resolved that in strict accordance with, and in addition to the general laws and regulations of the Supreme Grand and Royal Chapter of England (in so far as the same are applicable to, and binding upon, subordinate Chapters) the Bye Laws and Regulations following shall be observed and obeyed by them and their future Companions and Brethren, members of the said Chapter, as the standing rules and ordinances of their Convocation.

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OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER.

FIRST.—The officers of this Chapter shall consist of the three Principals, two Scribes, a Sojourner, a Treasurer, Master of Ceremonies, and two Stewards, together with one or more Companions in the capacity of Janitors. Those officers (excepting the Assistant Sojourners, who shall be appointed by the Principal Sojourner) shall be elected by ballot at the Meeting in February; and if the number of votes for any two or more Candidates shall be equal, the M. E. Z. shall have the casting vote. And the three Principals shall be regularly invested and inducted into their several chairs after the confirmation of the minutes at the succeeding Chapter in May. And every Member, upon accepting office, shall pledge himself punctually to attend at the time mentioned in the summons, and to perform the duties to the best of his ability.

GENERAL CONVOCATIONS AND EMERGENCIES.

SECOND.—The ordinary Convocations of this Chapter shall be held on the Second Wednesday in the month of November, February, and August, at six o'clock in the evening, and in month of May, at four o'clock in the afternoon precisely; and the M. E. Z. shall have the power to call Chapters of Emergency, of which the members shall have due notice.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

THIRD.—The Annual Subscriptions to this Chapter shall be ~~twelve~~¹⁰ shillings and ~~expense~~, payable in advance at the Convocation in February; and when any subscription shall remain unpaid for six months, it shall be a standing direction to the Treasurer to make written application for it, and if not paid within three months beyond such application, the name of the Companion so neglecting to discharge his arrears shall be subject to erasure at the discretion of the Chapter, and no Member shall be permitted to vote, on any question, or to ballot for any new Member, or be appointed to any office, who has not paid up his subscription.

EXALTATION OF CANDIDATES AND ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

FOURTH.—When any Brother is proposed to be admitted as a candidate for exaltation, or Companion as a joining member in this Chapter, a deposit of one guinea shall be made, and he shall be balloted for at the

next Convocation, provided that seven days notice of the proposition, with the names of the proposer and seconder, shall have been given to every Subscribing Member of the Chapter, and if approved he shall in consequence be exalted.

OPERATION OF BALLOT.

FIFTH.—When a Ballot takes place, if three Black Balls or Negatives appear, the Candidate is rejected, and cannot be again proposed till after the expiration of six months.

FEES OF EXALTATION, JOINING, ETC.

SIXTH.—The Fees for Exaltation in the Chapter shall be three guineas (including Registration Fee and Grand Chapter Certificate) and three shillings the Janitor. The Joining Fee shall be one guinea, including the Re-registering Fee, and one shilling the Janitor, but a Companion, who has not been previously registered in the books of the Grand Chapter, shall pay one pound thirteen shillings and sixpence, which shall include his Certificate and the Fee for Registering his name in the books of the Grand Chapter.

VISITORS' FEES.

SEVENTH.—That every Visiting Companion, who may desire to be present at the Banquet, shall pay a Visiting Fee of ten shillings and sixpence, and at the Supper three shillings and sixpence.

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DISCONTINUING AND RE-JOINING MEMBERS.

EIGHTH.—That any member wishing to discontinue his subscription must give notice thereof, in writing, to Scribe E., and such Member, upon payment of all arrears, shall be discontinued accordingly; and in the event of any Member being desirous of rejoining the Chapter, he shall be regularly proposed and balloted for according to the preceding regulations, for which the Joining Fee shall be half-a-guinea.

EXPENDITURE OF CHAPTER FUNDS.

NINTH.—That no sum of money exceeding ten pounds, or any order or orders for goods or other purposes of the Chapter to that amount, shall at any time be made or expended by any officer of the Chapter without the previous sanction of the Companias in Chapter assembled.

DUTY OF SCRIBE E.

TENTH.—That it shall be the duty of Scribe E. to take minutes of all the proceedings of the Chapter, and enter them in a book kept for that purpose; to issue summonses to the Members for each Convocation, particularly stating the business to be transacted.

DUTY OF TREASURER.

ELEVENTH.—The Treasurer, on his appointment, shall give such bond for the due execution of his office as shall be required by the Chapter, and shall keep in a

book provided for that purpose an exact account of the receipts and disbursements, which shall be produced in Chapter when called for, and shall annually, at the Convocation in February lay before the Chapter a statement of the several sums due to the Chapter, as well as to its liabilities, such accounts having been previously audited. The Audit Committee to consist of the three Principals, the past Z, Scribe E, Treasurer, and Stewards.

DUTY OF MASTER OF CEREMONIES.

TWELFTH.—That it be the duty of the Master of the Ceremonies to pay particular attention to the accommodation of visitors, to see that the Companions are seated in Chapter according to rank, and that the Chapter Furniture, Ornaments, Jewels, &c., be kept in good order, and in accordance with the Book of Regulations.

JANITORS' DUTY.

THIRTEENTH.—That it shall be the duty of Janitors to take care of the Furniture, Jewels, and other property of the Chapter, to set out and prepare the Chapter for its Convocations, to deliver the summonses to the Companions, to properly tile the Chapter, and to see that every Companion signs his name in a book expressly kept for that purpose prior to his admission.

ALTERATION OF BYE LAWS.

FOURTEENTH.—If a Companion shall propose any of these Bye Laws to be altered or repealed, or any new one added, notice of such proposition must be given in open Chapter, and intimation thereof given to each Member in the summonses, and a public ballot shall take place at the next meeting. The M. E. Z. to have the casting vote should equal numbers appear.

JOSEPH BENNETT, Z

The foregoing Bye Laws have been examined and appear to be framed in accordance with the Regulations for the Government of W. A. Masons.

Wm. Gray Clarke,
Grand Scribe E.

IRE MASON'S HALL, LONDON,
August 10th, 1858.

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