
BY LAWS
OF
GODSON LODGE

No. 2385

OF
ANTIEN T FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
FOUNDED 1890

DATED 1958

PREAMBLE

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1. The Lodge shall meet at the Talbot Hotel, Oldbury, on the fourth Wednesday in January, February, March, April, September, October and November, and the third Wednesday in December, at such hour as the Master may direct.

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

3. The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and Stewards if appointed. 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 shall consist of the Master, the Immediate Past Master, Wardens, and two members to be elected at the March meeting. The accounts shall be made up to the last day in February and presented to the March meeting.

4. The initiation fee shall be twenty guineas, the joining fee seven guineas, the rejoining fee five guineas and the annual subscription seven guineas, (payable in advance in March), except in the case of country members (see By-Law No. 5). The Master shall have the privilege of inviting to the dinners guests to a total of twelve for the year without payment, six of whom may be his to installation. Such invitations shall be exclusive of the official invitations of the Lodge. Any Brother whose

subscription is unpaid for more than one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, in accordance with Rule 181. Book of Constitutions.

5. Members of the Lodge who neither reside nor carry on business, nor have any address within twenty miles of the Talbot Hotel, Oldbury, or any Brother who shall be approved by the Lodge, who have paid all dues and the regular Lodge fees for two years in succession may, on application in writing, be continued as Members, with the usual privileges, for an annual subscription of two and a half guineas, and such Dining fees as may be fixed from time to time by the Lodge.

6. The election of Candidates for initiation and joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Rules 157 to 166 Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a Candidate one black ball shall exclude.

7. 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 175 Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

8. Payment of any sum exceeding five guineas if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given in the summons, except in case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master, and confirmed by the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

9. Addition, alteration or amendment to these By-Laws or any of them, shall be made by notice of motion given in open Lodge at one regular meeting, or to the Secretary in writing not less than fourteen days before the next meeting, for insertion in the summons. The notice 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 M.W. Grand Master.

10. These By-Laws shall be read in open Lodge once at least in every year at such time as the Master may deem most convenient.

NOTE.—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 : EDWARD L. BUNTING,
Provincial Grand Master.

Date : 30th December, 1957.

Approved by THE R.W. GRAND MASTER
SYDNEY A. WHITE,
Grand Secretary.

Date : 9th January, 1958.