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Laws and Regulations

OF THE

Provincial Grand Lodge

OF CORNWALL.

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1872.

The public interests of the Fraternity, within the jurisdiction of this Province, are managed by a general representation of all the private Lodges therein, together with the Provincial Grand Officers and the Provincial Grand Master at their head. This collective body is styled The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Cornwall, and its Members take rank within the Province in the following manner:—

1. The Prov. Grand Master.
2. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master.
3. Prov. Grand Wardens.
4. Prov. Grand Chaplains.
5. Prov. Grand Treasurer.
6. Prov. Grand Registrar.
7. Provincial Grand Secretary.
8. Prov. Grand Deacons.
9. Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works.
10. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
11. Asst. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
12. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer.
13. Prov. Grand Organist.
14. Prov. Grand Pursuivant.
15. Asst. Prov. Grand Pursuivant.
16. Prov. Grand Stewards for the year.
17. The W.M. Past Masters and Wardens of the private Lodges within the Province.
18. Prov. Grand Tyler.

Past Prov. Grand Officers (except Stewards) take rank next after the actual Officers of the same rank, provided the appointment fee has been paid.

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1. The Prov. G. Lodge shall meet once at least in every year, at such time and place as the Prov. Grand Master shall appoint. Brethren who are not Members of Prov. Grand Lodge may be present by permission of the Prov. Grand Master, provided they are M.M.'s ; but they cannot vote, nor can they take any part in the proceedings, unless requested by the Prov. G.M. to do so.

2. Every Brother, on his first appointment to either of the following offices, shall immediately pay to the Prov. G. Treasurer, towards the fund for general purposes, the following fees of Honour:—

Deputy Prov. Grand Master.....	4	4	0
Prov. Grand Wardens (each)	2	2	0
Prov. Grand Chaplain	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Treasurer	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Registrar	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Secretary	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Deacons (each).....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Superintendent of } Works	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Sword Bearer	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Organist	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Pursuivant	0	10	6
Prov. Grand Stewards (each).....	0	10	6
Asst. Prov. Grand Officers (each)...	0	10	6

N.B.—If the office of Prov. Grand Steward has not been served, an additional fee of Five Shillings shall be paid.

3. If any Offices in the Prov. G. Lodge become vacant, the Prov. G. Master may fill such vacancies by the appointment, in writing, of other Brethren, who shall, from the date of their appointment, take rank in the same manner as if they had been appointed at an annual Prov. G. Lodge. A record of such appointments shall be entered in the Minutes of the ensuing Prov. G. Lodge.

4. At every Annual or Special Meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge the Prov. G. Master or his Deputy, or other presiding officer, may nominate one or more Past Masters to attend within the Porch of the Prov. Grand Lodge, for the purpose of guarding (under the superintendence of the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, and the Prov. G. Pursuivant or their assistants) against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper Craft

clothing and jewels, and have signed the attendance book.

5. The Prov. G. Organist shall, on each occasion of his attending and officiating at a Prov. G. Lodge, be paid the sum of One Guinea by the Prov. G. Treasurer from the Prov. G. Lodge funds.

6. The Prov. G. Tyler is to be nominated by the Prov. G. Master. He is to attend all Meetings of the Prov. G. Lodge, assist in the arrangement of the same, and see that the Brethren be not admitted unless entitled and properly clothed. For these services he shall receive such payment as the Prov. G. Lodge shall fix from time to time.

7. Every Prov. G. Officer shall be responsible for the safe custody of the Jewel of his Office, and shall return it at the Annual Prov. G. Lodge to the Prov. G. Treasurer, under the penalty of One Guinea in case of default.

8. A sum not exceeding Ten Pounds shall be placed annually at the disposal of the Lodge receiving the Prov. G. Lodge towards the expenses of holding the Annual Festival meeting.

9. Every Brother who partakes of a Banquet at any Festival of the Prov. G. Lodge shall, exclusive of his Dinner Ticket, pay a visiting fee of 10s. 6d. if he be not a subscribing Member of a regular warranted Lodge.

10.—A Committee of five (of whom the Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Secretary shall be two) shall be annually appointed to investigate the Petitions of Brethren, or their widows applying for relief, and to recommend what sums should be respectively awarded to each of the applicants, at any regular meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, with a discretionary power to them to relieve any cases of emergency to the

extent of £2 to any one person in the meantime; and such Committee shall report annually to Prov. G. Lodge what monies have been so disbursed.

N.B.—All Petitions must be certified according to the forms required by the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, and must be sent to the Prov. G. Secretary at least a month before the meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, and no grant shall be made unless this Rule be complied with.

11.—All monies payable to Prov. G. Lodge shall be paid to the Prov. G. Treasurer for the time being, whose receipt shall be the only legal discharge for the same, and the property of the Prov. G. Lodge shall be in his care. All monies belonging to the Prov. G. Lodge shall be deposited in such Bank or on such securities as the Prov. G. Lodge, when duly assembled, shall direct. The Treasurer shall keep the Prov.

G. Lodge Accounts in a book which shall be audited by two Brethren, to be annually appointed by Resolution of Prov. G. Lodge, and such Accounts having been certified by them, an abstract thereof shall be printed and sent to the W.M. of every Lodge in the Province, in the first week in May in each year, and the Prov. G. Treasurer's Books and Accounts shall be produced at each meeting of Prov. G. Lodge for the inspection of any member of the same, or otherwise as the Prov. G. M. or his deputy may direct.

12.—The Prov. G. Secretary shall keep a Register in which shall be inserted the names of the present and past officers of the Prov. G. Lodge present at each Prov. G. Meeting, and of such Lodges as shall send their representatives to attend the meeting ; and he shall attend every meeting of Prov. G. Lodge and make Minutes

of all transactions that may be committed to writing, which shall be fairly transcribed in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, in order that the same may be laid before the Prov. G. Lodge as often as required.

13.—The Prov. G. Secretary shall issue summonses to all present and past officers of Prov. G. Lodge and the W.M.'s of all Lodges within the Province, at least a fortnight before each Prov. G. Lodge meeting, and shall send therewith one copy, and to each W.M. six copies of an abstract of the Minutes of the business transacted at the previous Prov. G. Lodge meeting, together with the business to be brought before the then next Prov. G. Lodge. The Prov. G. Secretary shall send the blank forms of Returns to Prov. G. Lodge to each Lodge in the Province, on or before the First day of December in each year.

14.—The Master of every Lodge of this

Province shall, in the month of January in every year, make a regular return to the Prov. G. Secretary of the members belonging thereto, with the date of the initiation or joining of each Brother not previously returned, and the Prov. G. Secretary shall make a Register thereof ; and the Master of every Lodge in this Province shall, before the First day of March, transmit to the Prov. G. Treasurer the fees due to the Prov. G. Lodge, or forfeit Twenty shillings to the funds of Prov. G. Lodge ; and in case of neglect after due admonition the Lodge in default shall be reported to the Grand Lodge and immediate steps be taken to cause its erasure from the list of regular Lodges.

15.—No person resident in or near any town or place where a lodge is established shall be ballotted for into any Lodge held elsewhere within this Province, unless the

Master of the Lodge wherein he so seeks admission shall previously make enquiry in writing of the Master of every Lodge in the town or nearest the place where the Candidate resides touching the fitness of such Candidate. The Brother of whom such enquiry is made shall make prompt reply thereto in writing, and it shall be incumbent on the Master to read the reply to the Members of the Lodge before the Ballot is taken.

16. The Master of each Lodge shall cause a copy of the summons of every Meeting to be forwarded to the Prov. G. Secretary at the same time that they are forwarded to the members.

17. These Laws and Regulations shall be binding on all the Lodges within this Province, and shall not be altered except by a Prov. G. Lodge Meeting after one month's previous notice in writing to the

Prov. G. Secretary, but all Resolutions of Prov. G. Lodge, and all By Laws passed in Prov. G. Lodge, after such notice, shall require no further confirmation.



Fees payable to the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall.

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For every Dispensation	0	5	0
For registering the alteration of place or time of meeting of any Lodge.....	}	0	5 0
On the Initiation of a Candidate ...			
On a Brother joining a Lodge.....	0	1	0
Annual Subscription from every Member of a Lodge.....	}	0	2 0

AUGUSTUS SMITH, Prov. G.M.

E. T. CARLYON, Prov. G. Sec.

12th July, 1872.

Approved, 8th November, 1872.

JOHN HERVEY, Grand Sec.

Extracts from the Constitutions of the Grand
Lodge of England, A.D. 1871.

OF PROVINCIAL OR DISTRICT GRAND
MASTER.*

1. THE appointment of this officer is a prerogative of the grand master, by whom a patent may be granted, during pleasure, to any brother of eminence and ability in the craft who may be thought worthy of the appointment. By this patent the brother is invested with a rank and power in his particular district, similar to those possessed by the grand master. He shall be installed at the first provincial grand lodge which he may hold after his appointment.

2. He is empowered to appoint for his province a deputy, two wardens, two deacons, and other grand officers (except the treasurer, who is to be elected), and also provincial grand stewards not exceeding six in number.

* *Provincial Grand Masters and Provincial Grand Lodges in the Colonies and Foreign Parts are designated District Grand Masters and District Grand Lodges to distinguish such Officers and such Bodies from the Provincial Grand Masters and Grand Lodges at home. A Provincial or District Grand Master must serve for the full period of five years to entitle him to Past Rank.*

3. He may preside in every lodge he visits within his district, with his deputy provincial grand master on his right and the master of the lodge on his left hand; his wardens, if present, may act as wardens of that lodge during his presence; but, if they be absent, the provincial grand master may direct the wardens of the lodge, or any other master masons, to act as his wardens *pro tempore*.

4. He shall hear and determine all subjects of masonic complaint or irregularity, respecting lodges or individual masons, within his district, and may proceed to admonition, fine, or suspension, according to the general laws of the craft. A minute of such proceedings, stating the offence and the law applicable to it, together with the decision, is to be transmitted to the grand master. When the case is of so flagrant a nature as, in the judgment of the provincial grand master, to require the erasure of a lodge, or the expulsion of a brother, he shall make a special report to the grand lodge, with his opinion thereon.

The provincial grand master has no power to expel a mason, though he may, when satisfied that any brother has been illegally excluded from any of his masonic functions or privileges, by a lodge within his district, order him to be immediately restored, and may suspend, until the next quarterly communication, the lodge or brother, who shall refuse to comply with such order.

5. If the provincial grand master or his deputy shall neglect to proceed forthwith on any case submitted for his decision, the application or complaint may be transmitted to the board of general purposes. An appeal, in all cases, lies from the provincial grand master to the grand lodge or grand master.

5. The provincial grand master may summon any lodge or brother, within his district, to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers, and accounts of the lodge, or the certificate of the brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance,

a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the grand lodge or the grand master.

7. He has the power, with the concurrence of the grand master, to give or to refuse consent for the removal of a lodge from town to town within his district, or from his district to another, or from another district into his own, provided that in all cases the laws relating to the removal of lodges shall have been complied with.

8. He should hold a provincial grand lodge, in such place as may seem to him most convenient, at least once in each year, when there may also be a masonic festival. He may convene provincial grand lodges of emergency whenever in his judgment it may be necessary.

9. He is required by himself, or his deputy, to correspond with the grand lodge, and to transmit to the grand secretary, at or prior to the quarterly communi-

cation in March, a circumstantial account, in writing, of his proceedings, and of the state of masonry within his province, together with a list of such lodges as may have been constituted since his last return, and the fees due thereon to the grand lodge. He is to forward, or cause to be forwarded, to the grand master a summary of the minutes of every provincial grand lodge within one month of the holding thereof, together with the names of all brethren appointed to provincial grand office, the names and numbers of the lodges to which they belong, and their respective residences.

10. To ensure the regular performance of the duties of provincial grand master, and to prevent inconvenience arising from the neglect of them, he may appoint a deputy to execute all the functions of the office in his name, and may, for this purpose, invest him by patent, under his hand and seal, with all the requisite powers, during pleasure.

11. The provincial grand master must

transmit, in writing, the name and place of abode of his deputy, to all the lodges of his district, and also to the grand secretary, in order to have him registered, within one month of the appointment, and, at the same time, specify whether he intends the business of the province to be transacted by himself or deputy.

12. The provincial grand master, holding his office at the pleasure of the grand master, and the power of the deputy as well as of the provincial grand lodge emanating from the authority vested in the provincial grand master, he or his deputy must be responsible that the provincial grand lodge does not exceed its lawful powers. He is, therefore, to cause correct minutes to be kept of all its proceedings, and to produce them to the grand master or grand lodge when required.

OF DEPUTY PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

1. THE deputy provincial grand master must have previously served the office of master in a regular lodge, and be resident

within the province, and a subscribing member to a lodge therein, and regularly authorized by patent to hold office during pleasure.

2. He is invested with the rank of a deputy grand master within the province and may preside, unless the provincial grand master be present, in any lodge he may visit within his district. He is not, by his office, a member of the grand lodge, nor does he possess any rank out of his district, though he is entitled to wear the clothing of a provincial grand officer, or past provincial grand officer, in all masonic meetings.

OF THE OTHER PROVINCIAL GRAND OFFICERS.

1. THESE must all be resident within the province, and subscribing members to some lodge therein, but the M.W. grand master may grant dispensation for non-residence. A fee of two guineas for grand wardens, and one guinea for any subordinate officer, shall be paid to the general fund of charity for such dispensation.

2. The grand wardens and subordinate provincial grand officers (except the treasurer, who is to be elected) are to be annually appointed by the provincial grand master, and such officers are respectively to be invested in the provincial grand lodge, and shall possess within their district the rank and privileges of grand officers; but they are not by such appointment members of the grand lodge, nor do they take any rank out of their district, though they are entitled to wear their clothing as provincial grand officers, or past provincial grand officers, in all masonic meetings.

3. No brother can be appointed a provincial grand warden unless he be the master or past master of a lodge; nor a provincial grand deacon unless he be a warden or past warden of a lodge.

OF PROVINCIAL GRAND STEWARDS.

PROVINCIAL grand stewards, while in office, may wear jewels suspended by crimson collars, and aprons with crimson edgings, of the same width as the collars and

edgings of the aprons of the provincial grand officers, and are members of their own provincial grand lodge; but when out of office they are no longer members, or entitled to wear crimson aprons and collars or jewels, nor are provincial grand stewards entitled to wear crimson aprons or collars out of their own province.

OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

1. WHEN the provincial grand master presides, the provincial grand lodge is to be declared open in "*due form.*" If the deputy or other brother preside, "*in form*" only.

2. The actual and past provincial grand officers, whilst they remain subscribing members to a lodge in the province, with the actual provincial grand stewards, and the masters, past masters, and wardens, of all lodges within the province, are members of the provincial grand lodge, and the masters and wardens shall attend the same when duly summoned.

3. The provincial grand lodge has the

power of framing by-laws for its own government, and of making regulations for the guidance of the private lodges of the province; provided that none of these be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the laws and constitutions of the grand lodge; but such by-laws shall not be valid until submitted to, and approved by, the most worshipful grand master.

4. Great advantage having been experienced from the establishment of a local fund for charitable and other masonic purposes, each provincial grand lodge may direct payments to be made by the provincial grand officers and the lodges in the province for this desirable purpose (exclusive of the contributions payable to the grand lodge). The payments by lodges shall not exceed the following sums, viz., sixpence per quarter for every contributing member of a lodge, five shillings for every person who has been initiated, and one shilling for every member who has joined any lodge since the last payment. This fund cannot be established without the

concurrence of at least two-thirds of the members present in provincial grand lodge, nor unless each lodge in the province shall have had due notice of the meeting, and of the intention to propose the establishment of such fund, nor until the decision shall have been confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the provincial grand lodge, of which meeting due notice shall also be given. If this fund be established, the mode of contribution by lodges shall on no pretence be departed from, though the provincial grand lodge may diminish any of the payments, or exact only part of them at their discretion. Thus country lodges can, in no case, be subjected to fees exceeding those paid by every lodge within the London district, while their members will have the advantage of a local fund as well as of the general fund of charity in London.

The provincial grand lodge may make such regulations as they may deem necessary for the application of this fund.

5. The provincial grand lodge shall elect

a treasurer annually, by whom a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of this fund shall be kept. These accounts must be produced at every provincial grand lodge, and audited once in each year, and a copy thereof transmitted to the lodges within the province.

6. Correct minutes of the proceedings of the provincial grand lodge shall be kept in a book proper for the purpose, which shall be produced, by the provincial grand master, for the inspection of the grand master or grand lodge whenever required.

7. The provincial grand lodge emanates from the authority vested in the provincial grand master, and possesses no other powers than those specified. It therefore follows that no provincial grand lodge can meet but by the sanction of the provincial grand master or his deputy; and that it ceases to exist on the death, resignation, suspension, or removal of the provincial grand master, until a brother is duly appointed or empowered to perform the functions of provincial grand master, by whose

authority the provincial grand lodge may be again established.

8. Should the provincial grand master desire the opinion of his provincial grand lodge on the subject of any masonic complaint or irregularity within his district, they shall fully inquire into the matter and report their opinion thereon to the provincial grand master, with whom alone the decision remains, unless there shall be an appeal to the grand lodge against such decision.

OF REMOVAL OF LODGES.

ANY lodge may be removed from one house to another, within the same town or place at the discretion of its members; but, in order to prevent disputes, and to ascertain how this power is to be exercised, the following regulations must be strictly complied with.

1. No lodge shall be removed without the master's knowledge, nor shall any motion for removal be made in his absence; but, if the motion be regularly made and

seconded, the master shall order summonses to be sent to every member, specifying the business and appointing a day for hearing and deciding the question, such day to be at least one week after the issuing of the summonses. The majority present shall determine the question, provided the master be one of that majority; but, if he be against removing, the lodge shall not be removed, unless the majority consist of two-thirds of the members present.

If the master should refuse to issue the summonses, either of the wardens may do so, and if the master neglect to attend, the senior or junior warden may preside in determining the question.

2. If the meeting of a lodge at its usual place should, by any circumstance, be rendered impracticable or improper, the master may appoint any other place for a meeting, to consult his brethren on the occasion, and whether a permanent removal may be expedient.

3. When a lodge shall have resolved to

remove, or to alter the day of meeting, the master or a warden shall forthwith send a copy of the minutes of the lodge for such alteration to the grand secretary, and also to the provincial grand master or his deputy, that it may be ascertained whether the above laws have been strictly complied with, and that the alteration may be duly recorded.

4. No lodge can be removed from one town or place to another, nor the warrant transferred, without the consent of the grand master, or of the provincial grand master with the concurrence of the grand master. But in the colonies and foreign parts the concurrence of the grand master is not required for the removal of a lodge from one place to another within the same district.

APPLICATIONS FOR RELIEF

Must be by petition, stating the name, occupation, place of abode, and present circumstances of the petitioner; the name and number of the lodge in which, and the time when, he was initiated; and the other lodges, if any, which he may have since joined. The applicant, unless disabled by disease or accident, must sign his name to the petition.

To every petition must be added a recommendation, signed in open lodge by the master, wardens, and a majority of the members then present, to which the petitioner does or did belong, or from some other contributing lodge, certifying that they have known him to have been in reputable, or at least tolerable, circumstances; and that he has been not less than two years an actual contributing member, paying the stipulated subscription to the funds of a regular lodge* as well as quarterage to the Fund of Benevolence, with such other observations as they may think proper.

**This does not apply to serving brethren.*

RETURNS TO THE CLERK OF THE PEACE.

ON or before the twenty-fifth day of March in each year, a return shall be made and forwarded to the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Cornwall, in conformity with an Act of Parliament passed in the 39th George III., cap. 79, in manner and form as follow, viz. :—

Cornwall to wit.

We, the undersigned _____ *and*
 _____ *of* _____ *in the*
County of Cornwall, two of the members of
the Lodge of Freemasons, held at
 _____ *in the said county, called the*
Lodge of _____ *and being*
 No. _____ *in the list of lodges, do hereby*
certify and declare, pursuant to an Act of the
39th year of his late Majesty King George the
Third, intituled "An Act for the more effec-
tual suppression of Societies established for
sedition and treasonable purposes, and for
the better preventing treasonable and seditious
practices," That the said lodge of which we
are respectively members as aforesaid, hath

been usually held under the denomination of a Lodge of Freemasons, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, and in conformity to the Rules prevailing amongst the Societies or Lodges of Freemasons in this Kingdom, and that the said Lodge meets on the _____ in each month at the place above stated, and is composed of the following members, viz. :—

Name at length.	Title, profession, or business.	Place of abode.

Signatures

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