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I.

The Regular Convocations of this Chapter shall be held at the Masonic Rooms, Wind Street, Swansea, on the third Wednesday in the months of January, April, July, and October, at Five o'Clock in the Evening, or at such hour as the M.E.Z. may appoint.

II.

The M.E.Z. may convene a Chapter of Emergency whenever the welfare of the Chapter in his opinion requires it. The reason for convening such Chapter of Emergency shall be stated in the Summons; and no other business shall be entered upon.

III.

Immediately after the opening of the Chapter, the Minutes of the preceding Chapter, and of any intermediate Chapters

of Emergency, shall be read and put for confirmation; and the balance in the hands of the Treasurer shall also be declared and recorded.

IV.

The Officers of this Chapter shall consist of the three Principals, two Scribes, a Principal Sojourner, a Treasurer, a Director of Ceremonies, an Organist, two Stewards, and a Janitor, who shall be elected annually, at the Convocation in January (in the manner prescribed in the Book of Laws and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter), and installed and invested at the Convocation in April. The Principal Sojourner shall appoint two Assistant Sojourners.

V.

The Annual Subscription to this Chapter shall be Half-a-Guinea, to be paid in advance, in the month of April.

VI.

No Member shall be eligible to hold any office in this Chapter, or to vote or speak on any occasion, if his Fees or

Subscriptions be left unpaid for twelve months; and any Member being one year in arrear, and neglecting to pay the amount due to the Chapter within two months after notice in writing shall have been given him by one of the Scribes, shall be liable to exclusion, such exclusion, and the cause thereof, to be duly notified to the Grand Chapter.

VII.

Every Candidate for Exaltation in this Chapter shall be regularly proposed and seconded in open Chapter (except as hereinafter provided). A Proposition Fee of One Guinea shall in all cases be paid by the proposer or seconder; and the name, age, business or profession, and residence of the Candidate, together with the name and number of the Lodge to which he belongs, shall invariably be given, in writing, to the Scribe E. On the next Chapter night after the Proposition, the ballot shall take place, and if the Candidate is elected, he shall be exalted; but if he does not then attend, or within three regular meetings next

succeeding, the Proposition Fee shall be forfeited and become part of the funds of the Chapter, unless satisfactory cause be assigned for non-attendance.

VIII.

Every Candidate for admission or re-admission as a Joining Member of this Chapter, shall also be regularly proposed and seconded in open Chapter, and a Proposition Fee of Half-a-Guinea be paid by the proposer or seconder, which Fee shall be duly returned if the Candidate is not elected; and every Companion, before being admitted a Member of this Chapter, shall, if required, produce a recommendation or certificate from the Chapter of which he was or may still be a Member.

IX.

In case of Emergency, the following deviation shall be permitted from By-Law No. 7: Any two Members of the Chapter may transmit, in writing, to the M.E.Z., the name, profession, and residence of the Candidate for Exaltation, together with the Proposition Fee of One Guinea;

when, at his discretion, the M.E.Z. shall have power to convene a Chapter of Emergency, for the purpose of balloting for, and, if elected, exalting such Candidate; full particulars, as above, to be inserted in the Summons, as if the Proposition had been made at the preceding Chapter.

X.

The Fee for Exaltation in this Chapter shall be Three Guineas, and the Fee for being admitted a Joining Member, One Guinea; in which sums respectively are included the Registering Fees payable to the Grand Chapter.

For Companions exalted in Foreign Chapters, a further sum of Fifteen Shillings shall be paid for the registration of their names in the books of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

XI.

No Visitor shall be admitted into the Chapter unless he is introduced by and vouched for by a Subscribing Member present, nor until he shall have been properly examined, nor until he has written

his name, with the name and number of the Chapter of which he was or is a Member, in the Attendance Book. He shall also produce his Grand Chapter Certificate, if required to do so. He shall conform, when in Chapter, to its By-Laws; and shall on no account be permitted to address the Chapter, except by request, or with the permission of the M.E.Z.

The Visiting Fee shall be Five Guineas.

The Member who introduces a Visitor shall in all cases be held responsible for his introduction.

XII

Every Member shall be liable for the payment of his Annual Subscription until he shall have given notice, in writing, or in open Chapter, of his intention to resign. It shall be considered a point of honour to pay all just dues to the Chapter before resigning Membership.

XIII

This Chapter reserves to itself the power of admitting as Honorary Members, any

Companions who have rendered themselves eminent in Royal Arch Masonry, or in their services to this Chapter.

XIV.

Every Companion having any resolution to propose, or remark to make, must rise and address himself to the M.E.Z., in which address he shall not be interrupted, unless he is out of order. No Companion shall be permitted to speak more than once on the same subject (save for the purpose of explanation), except the Companion with whom the motion originated, who has the right of reply. Whenever the M.E.Z. shall call to order, there shall be immediately a general silence, and in case the commands from the Chair are disregarded, the offending Companion shall be reprov'd and obliged to quit the Chapter for the evening, and shall not be re-admitted without having made suitable apology.

XV.

An Audit or Finance Committee shall be held once in each year (in the month of March), when the Treasurer's Books and Accounts shall be examined and

passed. It shall also consider and report to the Chapter, at its next Meeting, any matter that may be deemed by it as tending to promote the interests and welfare thereof. Such Committee to consist of the Principals, Past Principals, Trustees, and present Officers of the Chapter. Five Members to form a quorum; and all proceedings to be entered upon the Minute Book of the Chapter.

XVII.

The Ornaments, Furniture, Jewels, and all and every the Property of the Chapter shall be vested in and deemed the property of the Principals and Treasurer for the time being, and of five permanent Trustees, viz., EDWARD JAMES MORRIS, CHARLES BATH, GEORGE BROWNE BROCK, SAMUEL BROWNING POWER, and WILLIAM COX, in trust for themselves and the rest of the Members of the Chapter. And no article shall be removed from the Chapter without the authority, in writing, of the Principals and Treasurer for the time being, and of the said Trustees. And further, such

Ornaments, Furniture, Jewels, and all and every the property of the Chapter, shall be insured against loss or damage by fire, in such a sum as may be from time to time agreed upon in open Chapter. In case of the death, resignation, or removal of all or either of the said Trustees, the Chapter shall, after due notice, appoint from amongst its Members a new Trustee or Trustees, who shall thereupon, with the three Principals and Treasurer for the time being, hold the property of the Chapter, as though he or they had been originally named in these By-Laws.

XVII.

The Janitor shall be the only Officer of this Chapter who shall receive any payment for his services; for the correct performance of which he shall be paid, from the funds of the Chapter, Seven Shillings and Sixpence for each Meeting; he shall likewise be entitled to receive a ticket for the annual banquet, as a gratuity.

XVIII.

No payment shall be made, nor any

expense incurred for this Chapter, without the sanction of the M.E.Z., or a vote in open Chapter; and no money out of the Chapter funds shall be expended in refreshments, except for Visitors and Serving Brethren.

XIX.

The Members of the Chapter shall celebrate the Annual Festival in April, by dining together at such place as may be agreed upon in open Chapter. The M.E.Z alone shall have the privilege of giving invitations to Visitors to dine with the Members as Guests of the Chapter. Any Member, however, may introduce a Visitor as his own Guest and at his own expense, always provided that the presence of such Visitor be unobjectionable to the Members generally.


XX.

When any new law, or abrogation or alteration of any existing law, shall be deemed necessary, a motion to that effect shall be made, in writing, and duly seconded; and if approved in open Chapter,

every Companion shall be specially summoned to take the same into consideration at the next Chapter; and if then confirmed, such new law, or alteration, shall be entered on the minutes and form part of the laws for governing the Chapter.

XXI.

These By-Laws shall be written in a Book especially provided for the purpose; every Member shall sign the same in testimony of his assent thereto; and they shall further be read in open Chapter once in every year, at the Convocation in July.



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*The foregoing By-Laws were framed by
the undersigned Companions in Committee,
22nd April, 1872.*

EDWARD J. MORRIS	M.E.Z.
CHARLES BATH	H.
GEO. B. BROCK	
O. G. WILLIAMS	P.Z.
GEORGE ALLEN	P.J.
S. B. POWER	TREASURER.
J. JONES HEWSON	ASST. SOJR.

*And were read and unanimously approved
in open Chapter, 19th August, 1872.*

approved,

T. MANSEL TALBOT,

Prob. Grand Supt.

MARGAM PARK.

Table of Fees

TO BE CHARGED BY THIS CHAPTER.

	£	s.	d.
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION, payable in advance, in the month of April of each year	0	10	6
EXALTATION FEES—including REGISTRATION FEES, CERTIFICATE, &c.	3	3	0
JOINING FEES—FOR ADMISSION OR RE-ADMISSION	1	1	0

Officers for 1871-72.

EDWARD JAMES MORRIS	M. E. Z.
CHARLES BATH	H.
GEORGE BROWNE BROCK	J.
CHARLES TEBBOTT HEARTLEY	SCRIBE E.
WILLIAM COX	SCRIBE N.
JAMES GRIFFITH HALL	PRINL. SOJR.
EDWARD DANIEL	ASST. SOJR.
JOHN JONES HEWSON	ASST. SOJR.
SAMUEL BROWNING POWER	TREASURER.
FRANCIS DAVID MICHAEL	DIR. CER.
GEORGE ALLEN	ORGANIST.
PHILIP HENRY ROWLAND	} STEWARDS.
ROBERT MARGRAVE	
HENRY SIMONS	JANITOR.

Talbot Chapter, Swansea.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

Companion	EDWARD JAMES MORRIS.
"	CHARLES BATH.
"	GEORGE BROWNE BROCK.
"	OWEN GETHING WILLIAMS.
"	JAMES GRIFFITH HALL.
"	WILLIAM COX.
"	FRANCIS DAVID MICHAEL.
"	GEORGE ALLEN.
"	HOWEL WALTERS WILLIAMS.
"	JOHN DAVID DANIEL.
"	CHARLES TEBBOTT HEARTLEY.
"	SAMUEL BROWNING POWER.
"	ALFRED BAKER.
"	JOHN JONES-HEWSON.
"	CHARLES MOORE.
"	EDWARD DANIEL.
"	EVAN FRANCIS DANIEL.
"	JAMES ROGERS.
"	ROBERT MARGRAVE.
"	JOHN RICHARDSON FRANCIS.
"	WILLIAM HOWELL ESSERY.
"	ALFRED HALL.
"	WASHINGTON HAMILTON BROWN.
"	GEORGE TEMPANY SMITH.

The above were petitioners for the Warrant.

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