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# BY-LAWS

FOR THE

REGULATION

OF THE

DOMASTIC CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.



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## DOMATIC CHAPTER,

No. CCVI.

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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

### “The Domatic 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 By-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.

## BY-LAWS, &c.

### Officers of the Chapter.

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The Officers essential to every Chapter are the three Principals, two Scribes, a Sojourner, two Assistant Sojourners, a Treasurer, together with a Serving Brother, in the capacity of a Janitor.

Those Officers (excepting the Assistant Sojourners, who shall be appointed by the Principal Sojourner) shall be elected by ballot at the meeting in ~~March~~ *October*, and if the number of votes for any two or more candidates shall happen to be equal, the M. E. Z. shall have the casting vote. And the three Principals shall be duly installed in their respective Offices, and all the other Officers shall be regularly invested and inducted into their several chairs, after the confirmation of the minutes at the succeeding Chapter. And every Member, upon acceptance of 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 Convocation and Emergencies.

The ordinary convocations of this Chapter shall be held on the fourth Thursday in the months of

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October, November, January, February, March, April and May, at seven o'clock in the evening precisely; and the M. E. Z. shall have power to call Chapters of Emergency, of which the members shall have due notice.

*Annual*  
Subscription.

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The ordinary subscription to this Chapter shall be £1. 12s. payable in the months of January, March, May and October in each year. No Member shall have a right to vote or be eligible to any office in this Chapter who may be in arrear and any Member who shall neglect to pay his arrears within two months after notice shall have been given to him by one of the Scribes, shall, by a vote of the Chapter, be erased from the list of Members.

*In Lodge By*  
Proposal of Candidates.

That every Candidate to be admitted to this Chapter, and also every Companion desirous of joining this Chapter shall be regularly proposed by a Member of the Chapter and duly seconded, and the Member proposing him shall deliver in writing to the M. E. Z., particulars of the name, profession, residence, and Lodge or Chapter of such Candidate or Companion, in order that proper notice may be given in the summonses for the

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next Chapter, when the Candidate or Companion shall be balloted for, and on such ballot, two black *the* balls shall exclude.

The fee for exaltation in this Chapter shall be £3. 10s. 6d., including the register fee and certificate.

The joining fee shall be £1. 1s., including the registering fee. But for a Companion not already registered on the Books of the Grand Chapter £1. 16s.

#### Discontinuing and re-joining Members.

That any Member wishing to discontinue his subscription, must give notice thereof in writing to the Scribe E, and such Member upon payment of all arrears shall be discontinued accordingly, and in the event of any Member being desirous of re-joining the Chapter, he shall be regularly proposed and balloted for according to the preceding regulations, and shall pay a rejoining fee of £1. 1s.

#### Visiting Companions.

That every visiting Companion who may desire to be present at the Banquet, shall be required to pay 5s. as the visiting fee.

#### Audit Committee.

That a Committee of all Members not in arrear shall be held annually, at least fourteen days previous to the Convocation in April, for auditing the Treasurer's accounts, any three of whom shall be competent to act, and the balance of the account shall be paid over by the Treasurer to his successor on the night of installation, and such Committee shall consider of any thing tending to promote the interests of the Chapter, and report in writing their proceedings, signed by three, at least, at the ensuing Convocation.

#### Furniture and Effects of the Chapter.

The Robes, Jewels, Books, and Furniture of every description, shall be vested in the three Principals, for the time being, in trust for the Chapter. The Robes, Jewels, Books, and Furniture of every description belonging to the Chapter, shall not be on any account altered or transposed, or directions given for such alteration or transposition, without the consent of a majority of the Companions in open Chapter assembled: an Inventory of the Paraphernalia shall be examined and reported by the before mentioned audit Committee. The M. E. Z. only shall give orders for Refreshments.

**Mode of altering By-Laws.**

That these By-Laws shall be fairly inscribed in a book, and signed by every Companion who now is, or may hereafter become, a Member of the Chapter; they shall also be printed and circulated among the Members. And no addition thereto or alteration therein, shall be permitted, unless on a motion made and seconded in open Convocation, pursuant to notice in writing, to be delivered to Scribe E. at the preceding Convocation, in order that it may be inserted in the minutes and in the summonses for the next Convocation, nor unless the minutes of any resolution, come to at such last-mentioned Convocation, shall be confirmed by a majority of the Chapter at the subsequent Convocation.

*Adopted*

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