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FOR THE

REGULATION OF LODGE

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OF THE ANCIENT FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

HELD AT

THE MASONIC HALL,

BROAD STREET, WORCESTER.

"A true hearer revealeth secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit
concealeth the matter."

"Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in
truth."

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OFFICERS, 1848-9.

Br. CHRISTOPHER C. W. GRIFFITHS ...	W. M.
.. ALFRED C. HOOPER	P. M.
.. BENJAMIN L. STABLE	S. W.
.. FREDERICK T. ELGIE	J. W.
.. D. W. NASH	Treasurer
.. EDWARD GREEN	Secretary.
.. H. G. GOLDINGHAM	S. D.
.. JAMES JOHN WILLIAMS	J. B.
.. RICHARD P. HILL	M. C.
.. H. D. DEIGHTON	I. G.
.. W. D. LINGHAM	S. S.
.. CHARLES BIRD	J. S.

PAST MASTERS.

Br. THOMAS SPINNEY	1823
.. THOMAS BURROW	1823-4
.. JOHN BROOKE HYDE	1830-1831
	1834-1846-7
.. H. H. SHELTON	1841-2
.. JOSEPH BENNETT	1843-4
.. JAMES KNIGHT	1844-5
.. ROBERT RISING	1845-6
.. ALFRED C. HOOPER	1847-8

LIST OF MEMBERS.

NAMES.	INITIATION.
Hughes, Thomas	Nov. 18, 1801
Dent, John	Oct. 21, 1807
Spinney, Thomas	Apr. 12, 1809
Burrow, Thomas	Mar. 22, 1815
Miles, William	Dec. 29, 1817
Manning, William	Feb. 3, 1825
Hyde, John Brooke	Feb. 5, 1827
Garnston, John	Jan. 5, 1831
Hughes, William Samuel Price	Feb. 2, 1831
Shelton, Henry D.	Oct. 25, 1836
Redgrave, John	Nov. 1, 1836
Read, Joseph B.	Nov. 24, 1836
Coates, Edward	Sept. 27, 1838
Smith, John P.	Sept. 27, 1838
Barnes, William	June 19, 1839
Firkins, Joseph	Nov. 29, 1839
Bennett, Joseph	Mar. 19, 1840
Frame, Charles	Mar. 30, 1840
Knight, James	Nov. 2, 1840
Stephens, Joseph	Nov. 19, 1840
Rising, Robert	Jan. 28, 1841
Powell, Henry Jr.	Nov. 18, 1841
Harris, Richard J.	Apr. 14, 1842

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OFFICERS, 1857-8.

Br. WILLIAM HENRY WOOD	W. M.
.. HILARY HILL	P. M.
.. JOHN BARBER	S. W.
.. SAMUEL PURCHAS	J. W.
.. REV. SAMUEL FRANKLIN	Chaplain
.. CHRISTOPHER C. W. GRIFFITHS	Treasurer.
.. CHARLES BIRD	Hon. Secretary
.. WILLIAM HAIGH	S. D.
.. WILLIAM EVANS	L. D.
.. EDWARD F. ALSTON	M. C.
.. RICHARD WOOF	I. C.
.. WILLIAM D. LINGHAM	P. S.
.. THOMAS SPOONER	Tyler.
.. JOHN SMITH	Assistant Tyler.

PAST-MASTERS.

Br. JOSEPH BENNETT	1843-4
.. CHRISTOPHER C. W. GRIFFITHS	1848-9
.. RICHARD P. HILL	1854-5
.. WILLIAM WOODS	1855-6
.. HILARY HILL	1856-7

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Br. THOMAS BURROW	P. M. 1823-4
.. REV. WILLIAM A. HILL	P. M.

NAME	INITIATION.
Br. Evans, William	April 15, 1857
.. Woof, Richard	Oct. 21, 1857
.. Elmslie, Wallace E.	Oct. 21, 1857
.. Hunt, George	Dec. 16, 1857
.. Hill, John	Dec. 16, 1857
.. Franklin, Rev. Samuel	joined Feb. 4, 1858
.. Wood, John	Feb. 18, 1858
.. Archer, William	April 15, 1858
.. Knott, William	April 15, 1858
.. Hill, Herbert J.	Sept. 8, 1858
.. Meredith, William	Sept. 8, 1858



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NAMES.	INITIATION.
Webb, William	June 16, 1842
Lingham, William D.	Aug. 12, 1842
Sylvester, George J.	Aug. 12, 1842
Collison, William	Sept. 15, 1842
Daniel, Henry M.	Sept. 29, 1842
Jones, John	Sept. 29, 1842
Holland, Thomas	Oct. 20, 1842
Blayney, Robert	Nov. 17, 1842
Cooper, Miles M. B.	Nov. 17, 1842
Rea, Robert T.	Dec. 8, 1842
Carter, John	Jan. 19, 1843
Sterry, George	Mar. 9, 1843
Webster, Joseph	Apr. 20, 1843
Hooper, Alfred C.	Dec. 14, 1843
Hill, Hilary	Dec. 21, 1843
Stable, Benjamin L.	Joined Feb. 15, 1844
Corles, William	Joined Feb. 15, 1844
Evers, Charles	Feb. 29, 1844
Griffiths, Christ. C. W.	Feb. 29, 1844
Foley, John	Mar. 29, 1844
Isaac, William L.	June 25, 1844
Lingham, Joseph	June 25, 1844
Nash, David W.	May 27, 1845
Thomas, Edmund	Oct. 16, 1845
Eckersall, Charles	Joined Oct. 2, 1845
Bird, Charles	Nov. 20, 1845
Barnett, Alfred	Jan. 8, 1846
Hughes, John	Jan. 14, 1846
Green, Henry A.	Joined Feb. 10, 1846

NAMES.				INITIATION.
West, Richard	...	...	...	Feb. 10, 1846
Green, Edward	...	...	...	Feb. 18, 1846
Bevington, J. W.	...	...	...	Mar. 19, 1846
Sayce, Edward M.	...	...	...	Jan. 21, 1847
Elgie, Frederick T.	...	Joined		Jan. 21, 1847
Goldingham, Herbert G.		Joined		Jan. 21, 1847
Williams, James J.	...	...	...	Feb. 18, 1847
Abell, Martin	...	...	...	Feb. 18, 1847
Sparkes, George	...	...	...	Nov. 18, 1847
Saunders, Charles Henry		Joined		Nov. 18, 1847
Hill, Richard P.	...	Joined		Nov. 18, 1847
Rowlands, Edward Richard	...	...	...	Jan. 20, 1848
Deighton, Henry Devey	...	...	...	May 10, 1848
Price, Henry Gilles	...	...	...	May 10, 1848
Tearne, Theodore Sheldon	...	...	...	Jan. 18, 1849
Gassiott, Charles	...	...	...	Jan. 18, 1849
Purchas, Samuel	...	...	...	Apr. 19, 1849
Hall, George	...	...	...	June 27, 1849



INTRODUCTION.

“ORDER IS HEAVEN’S FIRST LAW;” and, inasmuch as no Society can be conducted without order, so is it equally necessary for good government that Laws for the maintenance of order should be established on a just and equitable foundation.

THE GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND having in the Book of Constitutions laid down certain Laws and Rules for the government of the Craft, it only remains for us to enact such By-Laws for the regulation and management of our Lodge as the Brethren may judge most expedient.

It is necessary at all times to be remembered that Laws without observance are worse than useless, therefore let all the Officers of the Lodge be treated with that deference and respect which their offices demand, it being through them alone that order and propriety can be maintained. The more effectually

to provide for this, these honourable situations ought to be filled with such persons only as are desirous of promoting the general good.

We must endeavour to avoid as much as possible introducing into our mysteries any persons addicted to strife, or contaminated by profaneness or dishonesty, thereby showing to the world that our principles rest on the firm basis of virtue and honour, and not on mere forms and ceremonial observance.

Masonry comprehends within its circle every branch of useful learning, and stamps an indelible mark of pre-eminence on all its genuine professors, which neither chance, power, nor fortune, can bestow.

When its principles are strictly observed it is a sure source of tranquility among the various disappointments of life: it imparts real and intrinsic excellency to man, and renders him fit for all the duties of society; it cheers the mind in the hour of affliction, paves the way to peace, and promotes domestic happiness; it is company in solitude, and gives variety, vivacity, and energy, to social conversation. These are but a few of its advantages; to

enumerate them fully would be an endless task : enough, however, has been said to show that he who cultivates this science, and acts consistently with the character of a Mason, possesses the spring and support of every moral and social virtue.

From this view of the science, its inherent excellence and beneficial tendency must be obvious. It contains a principle of universality, which unites in one indissoluble bond of affection men of the most distant countries, of the most opposite tenets, and of the most contradictory opinions, so that a Mason finds in every nation a friend, and in every country a home.

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BY-LAWS.

I.

All former By-Laws are hereby repealed.

II.

We acknowledge the supremacy of the UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND, and bind ourselves to observe the Laws laid down in the Book of Constitutions, issued to the Fraternity by its authority.

III.

Without order and decorum, harmony cannot be preserved, or the business of Masonry properly conducted; therefore, at the stroke of the Master's hiram, a profound silence shall be observed. Any Brother introducing immoral discourse, commencing religious or political disputes, holding private committees or separate conversations, proposing wagers, interrupting a Brother whilst speaking, not standing whilst addressing the Chair, appearing in Lodge unclathed, or committing

any other irregularity, shall be formally admonished by the Master; and, should he continue refractory, shall be fined for the first offence 2s. 6d., and for the second, shall be subject to any censure or punishment the majority of the Members may think fit to impose: to which, should he refuse to accede, he shall receive public censure at the next Lodge; and should he neglect to attend the Lodge when summoned, or to assign satisfactory reasons for his absence, or prove again contumacious, he shall be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice has been given him; and his name, and the cause of his exclusion, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, as well as to the Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy.

IV.

This Lodge shall celebrate the Festival of Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist by a Banquet; and a Banquet Lodge shall also be held on the first Thursday in the months of ~~February~~, ^{agg} March, ~~October~~, and ~~December~~, the Brethren to be summoned at four o'clock; An Evening Lodge shall be held on the third Thursday in the months of January, ^{agg} February, March, April, ^{and on the first Thursday of December} October, and November, at half-past six o'clock, or at such hour as the Master in his discretion may decide. Lodges of Emergency may also be convened

at the latter part of the

by the Master whenever the interest of the Lodge or other circumstances render it necessary. All Meetings of the Lodge to be held in the Masonic Hall, Broad Street.

V.

The Officers shall on all occasions, on their Masonic allegiance, punctually attend to their respective duties at the hour named in the summons, and if any or either of them shall fail to be present in Lodge (unless prevented by illness or other unavoidable cause, of which due notice shall be given to the Master, in writing,) within half-an-hour after the time specified therein, they shall be fined to the Funds of the Lodge as follows: the Worshipful Master and Wardens 2s., and the other Officers 1s. each. These fines shall be strictly enforced, and if not immediately paid shall be entered against the Brother so fined, and if not discharged in three months from the date of the fine, the Brother shall be considered in arrear.

VI.

The Master, Treasurer, and Tyler shall be annually elected by ballot, at the regular Evening Lodge held in November, and at the following regular Lodge the Master-elect shall be installed, after which he shall appoint and invest the Officers.

VII.

The furniture, ornaments, jewels, and all other the property of the Lodge, shall be vested in and actually the property of the Master and his Wardens for the time being, in trust, nevertheless, for themselves and the rest of the Members of the Lodge; they shall not be worn or made use of out of the Lodge, except on special occasions, to be approved by the Master. A regular inventory of the whole, signed by the Master of the Ceremonies, shall be annually made and presented by him to the Audit Committee.

VIII.

Every proposal of a Candidate for Freemasonry shall, as a general rule, be made in open Lodge; and, on the proposition being seconded, the proposer shall deliver to the Secretary, in writing, the name, age, education or profession, and residence of the Candidate, and, at the same time, deposit with the Master or presiding Officer the sum of One Guinea, as a proposition fee, which shall be considered part of the initiation fee. The ballot shall take place at the next ensuing Lodge, when, if elected, the Candidate may be initiated into the first degree; but if one black ball or negative

appear he shall not be admitted, but the proposer's fee shall be immediately returned: and such Candidate shall not be eligible to be proposed again before the expiration of six months from the date of such ballot. If the Candidate neglect to present himself for initiation after receiving due notice of his election, and a Lodge to be held for that purpose, within six months, the proposition fee shall be forfeited to the Lodge Fund, unless cause be shown for the delay satisfactory to the Lodge.

NOTE.—In cases of emergency, however, the following mode of proposing a Candidate is allowed. Any two Members not in arrear may propose a Gentleman, in writing, to the Master, stating the name, age, &c., as above, and the nature of the emergency; and if the emergency be proper, the Master may cause the Lodge to be summoned, at not less than seven days' notice, to ballot for the Candidate, when, if elected, he may be initiated into the first degree, the Candidate's name, &c., having been duly circulated in the summons convening the Meeting. Previous to the ballot being taken, the Master shall cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the Minute Book of the Lodge.

IX.

The fee to be paid on initiation into the Lodge shall be £5. 6s.,* and 2s. 6d. to the Tyler, for the amount of which the Member who proposes the Candidate shall be answerable to the Lodge. If any Brother be desirous of becoming a Member of this Lodge who was not made in it, the fee shall be £2. 2s., with 2s. 6d., the registering fee to the Grand Lodge, and 1s. to the Provincial Grand Lodge. In the case of a Brother not made under the English constitution, or who has not been subsequently registered as a Member of some English Lodge, the fee shall be £3, the Lodge having to pay the additional sum to the Grand Lodge for registering and certificate and the Provincial Grand Lodge Fund. But in the case of a Brother made in this Lodge wishing to re-join, the fee shall be £1. 1s. The proposition shall be made in open Lodge, and the regulations contained in the Book of Constitutions, as to the admission of Brethren, in every other

	£. s. d.
• Initiation Fee	4 4 0
Grand Lodge Certificate	0 6 6
Registering Fee	0 10 6
P. G. Lodge	0 5 0
	—————
Total	£5 6 0
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respect fully observed ; if the Brother is approved on the next stated Lodge Meeting, he shall be immediately received, on payment of the remainder of the fees.

X.

Every Member of this Lodge shall ^{from the time he} subscribe and pay annually to the Treasurer the sum of £1. 8s., which shall include 2s. to the Fund of Benevolence, and 2s. to the Provincial Grand Lodge, or such other sum or sums as may from time to time be agreed upon in open Lodge, which shall become due on Saint John the Evangelist, and be paid in advance, on or before the regular Lodge in January, a receipt for which shall be given by the Treasurer. Should any Member fail to pay his annual subscription by the regular Lodge held in March following, every such Member shall be considered in arrear, and shall have notice from the Treasurer, requesting payment ; and in case the notice of payment is not complied with on or before the regular Lodge in June, the Member shall be subject to erasure.

XI.

The returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, together with the return of the Master, Wardens, and

Past-Masters, claiming to attend in Grand Lodge, shall be made annually in the month of December, after the installation of the Master. The returns shall be made up to December in each year, and similar returns shall be regularly and punctually made to the Provincial Grand Lodge, in conformity with its By-Laws, for which the Master shall be responsible.

XII.

That no sum of money exceeding the sum of £20, or any order or orders for goods, or other purposes of the Lodge, to that amount, shall at any time be made, laid out, or given by the Master, without the previous sanction of the majority of the Brethren in Lodge assembled; and the W. M. shall supply at the audit a list of such debts as may have been contracted by him on account of the Lodge.

XIII.

A Finance Committee, consisting of the W. M., P. M., S. W., J. W., Treasurer, Secretary, and M. C., any three of whom shall form a quorum, shall meet annually in November, between the regular Lodge in that month and the day of installation, to investigate the receipts and disbursements, receive the inventory of the jewels, furniture, and effects, from the M. C.,

and generally to consider the affairs of the Lodge, and make a report thereof in writing to the next regular Evening Lodge.

XIV.

Any Member desirous of withdrawing from this Lodge shall give notice of his intention ^{to withdraw} personally in open Lodge, or in writing to the Master; and on discharging any arrears and his subscription up to 27th December, he shall cease to be a Member, providing he shall not have misconducted himself as a Mason.

XV.

All motions duly seconded shall be determined by show of hands or ballot, except in those cases which are specially provided for by these By-Laws or the General Laws of the Craft, and if on any question the number of votes shall happen to be equal, the Master or Brother occupying the chair may decide by his casting vote, or he may order another ballot or show of hands, (as the case may be,) at his discretion; if, on a second show of hands or ballot, they are still equal, it shall be imperative on the Master in the chair to give the casting vote. No Member shall be qualified to vote on any question or fill any office who is in arrear.

XVI.

No business of any kind whatsoever—except the proposition of Members, notice of motion, or the consideration and relief of charity,—shall be entered upon after the Lodge has been called to refreshment.

XVII.

Every Brother visiting this Lodge will be expected to produce his certificate, and undergo an examination by one of the Brethren present. No visiting Brother shall interfere in the proceedings of the Lodge, unless requested by the Master. The visiting fee to be paid to the Tyler previous to admission to the Banquet or Supper:—

To Banquet	10s. 6d.
„ Lodge supper	3s. 6d.

N.B. The majority in any Lodge, on vote, shall have the power to increase these fees, should it at any time be judged necessary to do so.

XVIII.

A Relieving Officer shall be appointed by the Master annually, whose duty it shall be carefully to examine such poor and distressed Masons as may apply for assistance; and if he find them, to the best of his

belief, worthy, he may relieve them in a sum, according to the merits of the case, not exceeding Three Shillings, to be paid out of the Lodge Fund.

XIX.

The Treasurer shall receive the monies of the Lodge, and make such payments as shall be voted by the Lodge or vouched by the Master. He shall keep proper books, in which the receipts and disbursements shall be duly entered, and render a statement of accounts due to the Lodge, as well as its liabilities, to the Members in open Lodge annually, at the next Evening Lodge after the Audit, and produce to the W. M. his books and papers when called upon to do so; he shall attend the Finance Committee with his vouchers and books properly balanced, and pay over the amount in hand to his successor; he shall keep a separate account of all fees and contributions received by the W. M. and payable to the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges, the receipt of which shall be acknowledged in writing by the W. M.

XX.

The Secretary shall enter in a book appropriated thereto the minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge; shall issue a summons to every Member of the Lodge

*The
The Audit & Finance Committee has meeting every
regularly in the 1st Thursday of*

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at least seven days (except in cases of emergency) before the regular Meetings, in which he shall state the business to be transacted, together with the name, addition or profession, and place of abode of Candidates to be balloted for, and present at each Lodge a list of fines incurred by Officers for non-attendance at the previous Lodge.

XXI.

That it be the duty of the M. C. to attend the Master in the performance of any of the ceremonies, pay particular attention to the accommodation of visitors, to see that the Brethren are seated in the Lodge according to their Masonic rank, and that the Lodge furniture, ornaments, and jewels be kept in good order, and in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, and present an inventory of the whole to the Audit Committee.

XXII.

That it be the duty of the Stewards (one of whom shall be permanent) to order the refreshments, and attend to the comfort of the Brethren. That upon ordinary Banquets and Suppers, they be authorised to provide for any number of Brethren, not exceeding one-third of the Members of the Lodge; and on

Festivals or Saint John's days, for any number not exceeding two-thirds of the number of Members of the Lodge; but that the stock of wine and the supply thereof shall be under the sole direction and management of the permanent Steward, who shall keep the wine account and funds separate and distinct from the other accounts of the Lodge, and report the state thereof at the regular Evening Lodge in March and October.

XXIII

The Tyler shall be under the control of the principal officers: his duty, to set out and prepare the Lodge against the appointed Meetings, take care of the Lodge furniture, see that every Member signs his name in a book kept for that purpose prior to his entering the Lodge, collect the fees from visitors, and deliver the summonses to the Members immediately on receipt thereof from the Secretary, for which he shall be paid by the Treasurer three shillings and sixpence for each attendance. The Assistant-Tylers to be paid two shillings and sixpence each.

XXIV.

If a Member shall propose any of these By-Laws to be altered or repealed, or any new one added,

due notice shall be given to each Member in the summonses, and a public ballot shall take place at the next regular Meeting.

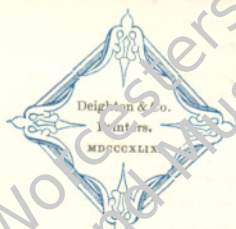
XXV.

Every Brother, at the time of his initiation, shall subscribe his name in token of assent to these By-Laws, and shall be furnished with a copy of the same.

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