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OF THE ANCIENT FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

HOLD AT

THE MASONIC HALL,

BROAD STREET, WORCESTER.

"Who reveals secrets, but he that is of a faithful spirit
conceals the matter."

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

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OFFICERS, 1857-8.

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.. 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	.	.	J. D.
.. EDWARD F. ALSTON	.	.	M. C.
.. RICHARD WOOD	.	.	I. G.
.. WILLIAM D. LINGHAM	.	.	P. S.
.. THOMAS SPONER	.	.	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.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

NAME.	ADMISSION.
Br. Garmston, John	Jan. 5, 1831
.. Read, Joseph B.	Nov. 24, 1836
.. Smith, John P.	Sept. 27, 1838
.. Barnes, William	June 19, 1839
.. Firkins, Joseph	Nov. 29, 1839
.. Bennett, Joseph	March 19, 1840
.. Stephens, Joseph	Nov. 19, 1840
.. Webb, William	June 16, 1842
.. Lingham, William D.	Aug. 12, 1842
.. Jones, John	Sept. 23, 1842
.. Cooper, Miles M. B.	Nov. 17, 1842
.. Rea, Robert T.	Dec. 8, 1842
.. Hill, Hilary	Dec. 21, 1843
.. Griffiths, Christopher C. W.	Feb. 29, 1844
.. Bird, Charles	Nov. 20, 1845
.. Hughes, John	Jan. 14, 1846
.. Woods, William	Jan. 8, 1846
.. Green, Edward	Feb. 18, 1846
.. Goldingham, Herbert G. joined	Jan. 21, 1847
.. Williams, James J.	Feb. 18, 1847

NAME.	INITIATION.
Br. Sparkes, George	Nov. 18, 1847
.. Hill, Richard P.	joined Nov. 18, 1847
.. Parchas, Samuel	April 19, 1849
.. Hall, George	June 27, 1849
.. Smith, Richard	Dec. 26, 1849
.. Sheward, Charles	Feb. 28, 1850
.. Jones, Jabez	joined Feb. 6, 1851
.. Coventry, Hon. William	Feb. 20, 1851
.. Wood, William H.	June 16, 1851
.. Best, John	joined Oct. 2, 1851
.. Porter, William T.	joined Aug. 25, 1852
.. Cowley, Henry	Jan. 10, 1853
.. Dent, John C.	Feb. 17, 1853
.. Grice, Rev. Joseph H.	joined Feb. 17, 1853
.. Done, William	March 31, 1853
.. Adcock, William T.	joined March 16, 1854
.. Isaac, Henry C.	April 20, 1854
.. Isaac, Frederick N.	Feb. 16, 1854
.. Gough, Ashwin D.	June 28, 1854
.. Barber, John	joined Nov. 16, 1854
.. Keward, Frederick	Dec. 6, 1854
.. Kitchin, John	Dec. 6, 1854
.. Byrne, George G.	joined Jan. 18, 1855
.. Waddington, Major Edw.	joined Feb. 15, 1855
.. Powell, Alfred	joined March 15, 1855
.. Haigh, William	June 27, 1855
.. Woodward, Wilson	March 20, 1856
.. Alston, Edward	joined Oct. 16, 1856
.. Royds, Albert H.	joined Nov. 6, 1856

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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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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 ^{should} ~~ought~~
 to be filled ^{by} with such ^{brethren} persons only as are desirous of
 promoting the general good.

We ^{should} ~~must endeavour to~~ avoid ~~as much as possible~~
 introducing into our mysteries any person ~~addicted~~ to
 strife, or contaminated by profaneness or dishonesty,
^{that by} ~~thereby showing~~ ^{proclaiming} 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, ^{such} ~~which~~ ^{as}
 neither chance, power, nor fortune, can bestow.

When its principles are strictly observed it is a
 sure source of tranquility among the various disap-
 pointments 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 conver-
 sation. 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 ^{guilty of} ~~uttering~~ ^{or continuing} 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 uncllothed, or committing

2. Order

to order

any other irregularity, shall be formally admonished by the ^{W^m or presiding officer} 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; ^{but} ~~and~~ should he neglect to attend the Lodge when summoned, or ~~to~~ assign satisfactory reasons for his absence, or ~~give~~ ^{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. *Secretary*

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~~, 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, February, March, April, 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

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 ⁵ and Wardens 2/6 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 ^{his} Officers.

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Level 10
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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~~ ^{other} 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~~ ^{the} regular inventory of the whole, signed by the Master of the Ceremonies, shall be annually ~~made~~ ^{made} and presented by ~~him~~ ^{him} to the ~~Audit~~ ^{Audit} Committee. *audit*

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, addition or profession, and residence of the Candidate, and, at the same time, deposit with the ~~Master or~~ ^{if required by the M. M.} ~~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~~ ^{three} black balls, or ~~negative~~ ^{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.

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Candidates

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IX.

The fee to be paid ^{thus} 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 ^{not included in the Lodge} to the Lodge. If any Brother be desirous ^{To} of becoming a Member of ^{Joining} 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. ^{But 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
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Total	£5	6	0
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Every candidate previous to his initiation shall sign the declaration book, ~~and be~~ ^{and be} assenting to the bye laws of the Lodge, & shall pay on initiation as set

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.

*Copies of
Constitution*

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Every brother at the time of his initiation shall be presented with a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge & of the Lodge & every other bye laws

Every Member of this Lodge shall subscribe and pay annually to the Treasurer the sum of £1. 5s. (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.

I know, that they have to give, or are initiated after 12 days, they have half the year subscription

... or when he may have an essential service to be admitted Honorary member of the Lodge

XI

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

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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, ~~which the Master shall be responsible.~~

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.

X4

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 ^{pay any arrears he may owe} give notice of his intention 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.

W. Lee 7 June 52

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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~~:— *shall be*

To Banquet 10s. 6d.

„ Lodge Supper 3s. 6d.

~~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.~~

~~AXIX (see margin)~~

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an almoner

X annually
A Relieving Officer shall be appointed by the Master *X* whose duty *X* 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 *assistance*

** allowing the discussion of private business meeting & others shall apply the majority of the M^{rs} withdrawn*

*X when the hands are shut the work at the same time the Tyler offers gold
Lodge*

*Remove present the plan by the duty of the Master to examine the members; the Tyler offers gold
X annually*

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

~~XXX~~ XX

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 Aud't, and produce to the W. M. his books and papers when called upon to do so; he shall attend the ^{Finance} ~~Finance~~ Committee with his vouchers and books properly balanced, and pay over the amount in hand to his successor; he shall keep a ^{readily} ~~separate~~ account of all fees and contributions received ^{& shall attend all} 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

at least seven days (~~except in cases of emergency~~)
before the ^{any} 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 ballotted for, and present at each Lodge a list of
fines incurred by Officers for non-attendance at the
previous Lodge.

*And in the case of Justice, members
the name & number of Lodge: he shall also
attend all other business Committees -*

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 Con-
stitutions, and present an inventory of the whole to
the Audit Committee.

XXIII

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 ~~extra-~~
~~ordinary~~ Banquets and Suppers, they be authorised
to provide for any number of Brethren, ^{not} ~~not exceeding~~
~~one third of the Members of the Lodge;~~ and on

as they may expect to be present

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 accounts 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.

XXIV

X The Tyler shall be under the control of the principal officers: ~~his~~ ^{he} shall be ~~to~~ ^{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 ~~in~~ ^{at} that place 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-Tyler ~~to be paid~~ ^{shall be paid} two shillings and sixpence each.

XXV

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

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

XXVI

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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