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BY-LAWS
AND
REGULATIONS

OF THE
PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE
OF
MARK MASTER MASONS OF
WORCESTERSHIRE

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Adopted at the Annual Meeting,
held at Worcester, 8th June, 1963

Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master:

THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
WILLIAM S. BURTON

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

Within the Province

- 1 The Provincial Grand Master
- 2 Past Provincial Grand Masters
- 3 The Deputy Provincial Grand Master
- 4 Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters
- 5 The Provincial Grand Wardens
- 6 Past Provincial Grand Wardens
- 7 The Provincial Grand Overseers
- 8 Past Provincial Grand Overseers
- 9 The Provincial Grand Chaplains
- 10 Past Provincial Grand Chaplains
- 11 The Provincial Grand Treasurer
- 12 Past Provincial Grand Treasurers
- 13 The Provincial Grand Registrar
- 14 Past Provincial Grand Registrars
- 15 The Provincial Grand Secretary
- 16 Past Provincial Grand Secretaries
- 17 The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies
- 18 Past Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
- 19 The Provincial Grand Deacons
- 20 Past Provincial Grand Deacons.
- 21 The Provincial Grand Inspector of Works
- 22 Past Provincial Grand Inspectors of Works
- 23 The Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
- 24 Past Provincial Assistant Grand Directors of Ceremonies
- 25 The Provincial Grand Sword Bearer
- 26 Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearers
- 27 The Provincial Grand Standard Bearer
- 28 Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearers
- 29 The Provincial Grand Organist
- 30 Past Provincial Grand Organists
- 31 The Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary
- 32 Past Provincial Assistant Grand Secretaries
- 33 The Provincial Grand Inner Guard
- 34 Past Provincial Grand Inner Guards
- 35 The Provincial Grand Stewards
- 36 Past Provincial Grand Stewards

The W. Masters, P. Masters, Wardens and Overseers of all Private Lodges in the Province as Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge rank in the order of the seniority of their Lodges upon the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown.

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The regular meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons for Worcestershire shall be held annually at a date and place to be fixed by the Provincial Grand Master.

11

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge are the Officers and Past Officers thereof, and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of Lodges within the Province. Mark Master Masons not being members of the Provincial Grand Lodge are invited to be present, but they cannot vote and may only take part in the discussion when requested by the Provincial Grand Master to do so.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Assistant Secretary, on their first appointment only shall pay fees as under—but every other officer shall pay towards the Funds for General Purposes the Fee of Honour for his Office on appointment.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master ...	3	2	0
Provincial Grand Warden ...	3	3	0
" " Overseer ...	2	2	0
" " Chaplain ...	2	2	0
" " Treasurer ...	2	2	0
" " Registrar ...	2	2	0
" " Secretary ...	2	2	0
" " Director of Ceremonies ...	2	2	0
" " Deacon ...	2	2	0
" " Inspector of Works ...	1	10	6
" Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies ...	1	10	6
" Grand Sword Bearer ...	1	10	6
" " Standard Bearer ...	1	10	6
" " Organist ...	1	10	6
" Assistant Grand Secretary ...	1	10	6
" Grand Inner Guard ...	1	10	6
" " Steward ...	1	10	6

A Brother shall not be allowed to assume the rank or clothing of his office until such fee shall have been paid.

Every Provincial Grand Officer not attending the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge without valid excuse, shall be liable to a fine of one guinea.

IV

The Regalia belonging to his rank shall be provided by each Officer on his appointment, except the Jewel, which shall be supplied by and be the property of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Every Officer shall be responsible for the safe keeping of such Jewel during tenure of Office and shall attend at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to deliver it up for the use of his successor unless he has previously returned it to the Provincial Grand Secretary, failing which he shall be liable to a fine of one guinea.

V

The following fees shall be paid to the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge by each Mark Lodge in the Province

For each subscribing member, yearly	0	1	0
For every Dispensation issued by the Provincial Grand Master	0	5	0
For registering a New Warrant	1	1	0
For registering By-Laws ...	0	2	6
For registering alteration of By- Laws	0	2	6

VI

The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Nominations for the office must be made in writing to the Provincial Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Should there be two or more nominations the election shall be by Ballot. In the absence of a nomination the presiding officer may nominate a Brother for election by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

VII

All monies payable to the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be paid to the Provincial Grand Treasurer, whose receipt shall be the only discharge for the same. All monies belonging to the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be deposited in such Bank as the Provincial Grand Lodge shall direct in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall pay all accounts. He shall present a statement of accounts to the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge previously certified by two Auditors appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

VIII

The Master and Secretary of every Lodge in the Province shall in the month of December in each year make a return to the Provincial Grand Secretary of the members thereof showing their attendances with the date of advancement or joining of each Brother within the year, and his mark, and shall at the same time transmit the fees due to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Any Lodge failing to send in the annual return and fees due in December each year by the 31st January in the year following shall be liable to a fine of one guinea.

IX

Every Lodge shall annually, immediately after the Installation of the Master, make a return to the Provincial Grand Secretary of the Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Overseers and Officers, such return to be certified by the Secretary of the Lodge.

X.

The Furniture and all other property of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be in the care of the Provincial Grand Secretary for the time being.

XI

The Provincial Grand Secretary shall issue summonses for meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge at least fourteen clear days before the day fixed for each meeting. All business to be brought before such meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be stated in the summons convening the meeting; provided always that the Provincial Grand Master or his Deputy, may bring forward at such meeting any business he may think fit, although not expressed upon the summons. Notices of all business to be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge must be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge.

XII

The Provincial Grand Tyler shall allow none but authorised Brethren to enter the Provincial Grand Lodge, previously seeing that every brother is properly clothed and has signed his name, rank and number of his Lodge.

XIII

The Master of each Lodge within the Province shall cause a copy of every Summons of his Lodge to be sent to the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Wardens and the Provincial Grand Secretary.

XIV

All communications intended for submission to the Provincial Grand Master shall be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

XV

Every application for a Dispensation shall be made in writing to the Provincial Grand Master, through the Provincial Grand Secretary, stating clearly the object thereof, accompanied by the fee payable thereon.

XVI

The Master of the Lodge, at which the Provincial Grand Lodge may meet, is required to assist the Provincial Grand Stewards in making the arrangements necessary for such meeting.

XVII

Any Lodge within the province not represented by the Master, a Past Master, one of the Wardens or Overseers at each Provincial Grand Lodge shall be liable to a fine of one guinea.

XVIII

A copy of these By-Laws shall be supplied to every Provincial Grand Officer on his first appointment.

XIX

By-Laws and resolutions adopted at regular or Special Meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge shall not require confirmation.

REGULATIONS

FOR THE

DEGREE of ROYAL ARK MARINERS

I

Royal Ark Mariners' Lodges in the Province are subject to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, under the Authority of the Provincial Grand Master.

II

The following Fees shall be paid to the Funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge by each Royal Ark Mariners Lodge in the Province:—

Registration of a New Warrant	1	1	0
For each Candidate Elevated ...	0	2	6
For each Joining Member ...	0	1	0
For Registering By-Laws	0	2	6
For Registering alterations of By-Laws ...	0	2	6
For a Dispensation issued by the Provincial Grand Master ...	0	5	0

III

Any matters not specially dealt with in the foregoing Regulations shall be governed by the Regulations and By-Laws of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Adopted at the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting at Worcester, 8th June, 1963.

Approved

WILLIAM S. BURTON,
Provincial Grand Master.

Approved on behalf of the General Board

J. W. CHITTY,
Grand Secretary.

Mark Masons' Hall,
London, W.1.

12th June, 1963.