

**BY-LAWS**  
**OF**  
**PROVINCIAL**  
**GRAND LODGE**  
**OF**  
**MARK MASTER MASONS**  
**OF**  
**WORCESTERSHIRE**

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## ORDER OF PRECEDENCE

### Within the Province

- 1 The Provincial Grand Master
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- 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 Provincial Grand Inspector of Works
- 20 Provincial Grand Sword Bearer
- 21 Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain
- 22 Provincial Deputy Grand Registrar
- 23 Provincial Deputy Grand Director of Ceremonies
- 24 Provincial Grand Deacons
- 25 Past Provincial Grand Deacons
- 26 Provincial Grand Charity Steward
- 27 Past Provincial Grand Charity Steward
- 28 Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain
- 29 Provincial Assistant Grand Secretary
- 30 Provincial Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies
- 31 Provincial Grand Organist
- 32 Provincial Grand Standard Bearer
- 33 Provincial Grand Inner Guard
- 34 Provincial Grand Stewards
- 35 Provincial Grand Tyler

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

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1—The regular meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Worcestershire shall be held annually at a place to be fixed by the Provincial Grand Master on the Second Saturday in June.

2—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.

3—The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Assistant Secretary and Charity Steward, 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.

Such fees are to be determined by the General Purposes Committee and shall be paid on accepting Provincial Grand Lodge appointments.

A Brother shall not be allowed to assume the rank or clothing of his Office, before the meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at which he is to be invested, and until such fee shall have been paid.

Fees of Honour to be paid under By-Law 3 as from June 1988.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master .....	£25
Provincial Grand Warden .....	£15
Provincial Grand Overseer .....	£10
Provincial Grand Chaplain.....	£10
Provincial Grand Treasurer.....	£10
Provincial Grand Registrar .....	£10

Provincial Grand Secretary .....	£10
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies .....	£10
Provincial Grand Inspector of Works.....	£10
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.....	£8
Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplain .....	£8
Provincial Grand Deacon .....	£8
Provincial Grand Charity Steward .....	£8
Provincial Assistant Grand Chaplain .....	£8
Provincial Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies .....	£8
Provincial Grand Organist .....	£8
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer .....	£8
Provincial Grand Inner Guard .....	£8
Provincial Grand Steward.....	£8

4—The Regalia belonging to the 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 a Jewel during tenure of Office, and shall deliver it up for use of his successor to the Provincial Grand Secretary, 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, failing which he shall be charged the cost of a replacement Jewel.

5—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.

6—The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall receive all monies due to, or held for, the Provincial Grand Lodge, and shall without undue delay, deposit the same in an account in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge at a bank to be approved by a resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall regularly enter a complete record of all monies passing through his hands in the proper books of accounts.

which shall be the property of the Provincial Grand Lodge and which, together with all Provincial Funds and property in his possession, shall be transferred to his successor upon investiture. He shall prepare a statement of accounts annually, to be presented to the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, duly audited by an auditor or auditors (who shall be elected annually by the Provincial Grand Lodge), and a copy thereof shall be transmitted to each Lodge within the Province, and three copies thereof transmitted via the Provincial Grand Secretary to the Grand Secretary.

The same procedure of the Annual Accounts audit and presentation to the Provincial Grand Lodge shall, mutatis mutandis, be followed in relation to any other funds maintained by or in connection with the Provincial Grand Lodge (whether by the Treasurer, Charity Steward, or any other Officer) and whether relating to General or Charitable purposes or likewise.

7—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.

8—The Provincial Grand Secretary shall issue a notice for the meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge at least fourteen clear days before the date fixed for each meeting. All business to be brought before such meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be stated on the summons available at the Meeting; provided always that the Provincial Grand Master or in his absence his Deputy may bring forward at such a 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.

**9—Committee of General Purposes:**

The Provincial Grand Master, Past Provincial Grand Masters, Deputy Provincial Grand Master,

Wardens, Treasurer, Registrar, Director of Ceremonies, Secretary, Charity Stewards, Provincial Charity Steward, together with the Master and one Past Master of each Lodge in the Province shall form the Committee of General Purposes, which shall have the power to order payments of accounts and other disbursements; also to audit the accounts and to deal with all matters affecting the order within the Province which may arise between meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The Committee shall meet at such times and places as the Provincial Grand Master or in his absence, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, shall appoint, and at least once in every year, three members to form a quorum. The Chair shall be taken by the Member present at the opening of the Meeting who shall be the highest in rank, or in the case of equality, then in seniority of appointment to Office. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall give a second casting vote.

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

11—The Fund of Benevolence shall be supported by Annual Donations from the General Funds of Provincial Grand Lodge supplemented by voluntary contributions from private Lodges and individual Brethren. (See Charity Organisation By-Laws).

12—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 thereof.

13—The Master of the Lodge, under whose banner the Provincial Grand Lodge may meet, is required to provide stewards to assist the Provincial Grand Secretary in making arrangements necessary for such meeting.

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

15—Each Lodge in the Province shall pay to the Province:

For each subscribing Member Annually	£1.50
For every Dispensation issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge	£1.00
For Registration of a New Warrant	£5.00
For Registration of By-Laws	£1.00
For Registration of alteration to By-Laws	£1.00

or such sums as may be fixed by the Provincial General Purposes Committee but not exceeding such maximum figure as may be determined by Grand Lodge.

16—The Master and Secretary of every Lodge in the Province shall immediately following the Installation Meeting make an Annual Return on the prescribed form of the members thereof giving all information required on the same, together with a cheque for the Annual dues to Provincial Grand Lodge, for all members on the Register of the Lodge during the whole or part of the year.

17—The Secretary of each Lodge in the Province shall transmit to the Provincial Grand Secretary three copies of the Lodge accounts in accordance with rule 105 Book of Constitutions and Regulations, within one month of the meeting at which they are presented and approved.

18—The Master and Secretary of every Lodge in the Province shall immediately following the Installation Meeting, forward the Grand Lodge Installation Return to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

19—The Master and Secretary of every Lodge in the Province shall on receipt of the Grand Lodge Annual Return, transmit the same to the Provincial Grand Secretary together with the necessary dues required by Grand Lodge, by at the latest the 30th October, failing which the Lodge shall be liable to a fine of Five pounds, if not received by the 31st March.

20—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, the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

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

22—By-Laws and Resolutions adopted at the regular or Special Meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall not require confirmation.

Any matters not specially dealt with in the foregoing Regulations shall be governed by the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and its Districts and Lodges overseas.

Adopted at the Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting at Kings Heath, Birmingham.

11th June, 1988

A. WEBB,

Provincial Grand Master.

Approved on behalf of the General Board.

London, 11th July, 1988

PETER GLYN WILLIAMS,

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**REGULATIONS**  
for the  
**DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINERS**

1—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.

2—Each Royal Ark Mariner Lodge in the Province shall pay to the Province for:

For each Subscribing Member Annually	80p
For every Dispensation issued by the Provincial Grand Master	£1.00
For Registration of a New Warrant	£5.00
For Registration of By-Laws	£1.00
For Registration of alteration to By-Laws	£1.00

or such sums as may be determined by the General Purposes Committee but not exceeding such a maximum figure as may be determined by The Grand Masters Royal Ark Council.

3—The Fee of Honour payable on appointment as Holder of Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank, shall be determined by the General Purposes Committee but not exceeding such maximum figure as may be determined by the Grand Masters Royal Ark Council.

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

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