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1. The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Worcester, and shall hold regular meetings on the second Monday in October and December, and the second Thursday in February and April, at such hour as the Master shall direct.

2. The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting held in February. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in April.

3. Subject to the provisions of Rule 113, Book of Constitutions, the Tyler shall be elected by show of hands at the regular meeting in February.

4. The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters of and in the Lodge, Treasurer, Secretary and two other members to be elected annually by the Lodge at the regular meeting in February. This committee shall consider and report to

the Lodge on all proposals for membership and on any matters specially referred to it by the Lodge. Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

5. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in February. The accounts shall be made up to 31st March in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the Regular meeting in October.

6. (a) The annual subscription shall be four pounds, payable in advance on 1st April each year. The first subscription for a brother initiated or joining at any meeting after the second meeting subsequent to this date shall be two pounds.

The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription.

(b) The charge for each dinner for members and for visitors shall be such sum as may be fixed, from time to time, by the Lodge Committee and reported to the Lodge. The Master shall have the privilege of inviting

three guests, free of dining fee, to each Installation Meeting.

(c) The fee for Initiation shall be twelve pounds. From every Initiation Fee paid, a sum of five pounds shall be transferred to the "St. John in Bedwardine Reserve Fund," vide By-Law 12.

(d) The joining or rejoining fee for Brethren registered under the Grand Lodge of England shall be five pounds exclusive of subscription. The joining fee for Brethren from other jurisdictions shall be seven pounds exclusive of subscription.

7. All subscriptions shall be due on the 1st April each year. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 181 of the Book of Constitutions.

8. Except as otherwise required by Rule 160, Book of Constitutions, the names and full descriptions of all Candidates for Initiation in or joining the Lodge shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary on the

prescribed form, at least twenty-eight days before the meeting at which it is intended to propose them, for consideration by the Lodge Committee; and the proposer must supply at the same time such information as to their qualifications as the Lodge Committee may require. Procedure shall be in strict conformity with Rules 157 to 166 of the Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a candidate for initiation or joining one black ball shall exclude.

9. A member may tender his resignation either orally in open Lodge or in writing to the Secretary in accordance with Rule 183, Book of Constitutions, and he shall be entitled to the Certificate mentioned in Rule 175, Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge. Notice of such resignation must be given before 1st April, otherwise the member will be liable for his subscription for the ensuing year. Should he at any future time wish to rejoin, he shall be subject to the Rules relating to joining members.

10. The Treasurer shall receive all monies due to, and make all payments authorized

by the Lodge and shall see that all remittances required by the Book of Constitutions are duly made and that the accounts prescribed by the same Authority are properly kept. He shall pay all monies received into an account to be opened in the name of the Lodge at a bank to be approved by resolution of the Lodge.

11. No money shall be expended from the funds of the Lodge for other than ordinary purposes without notice having been given at a previous meeting and the approval of the Lodge obtained, except in the case of extreme urgency when a sum not exceeding ten pounds may be expended if authorized by the Master. When such expenditure shall have been made it shall be imperative that notice thereof shall appear on the summons convening the next regular meeting for confirmation.

12. A Fund shall be established and a special account shall be opened at the Lodge bank to be called "Lodge of St. John in Bedwardine Reserve Fund," and a sum of five pounds shall be transferred thereto from each initiation fee. The Fund shall only be

applied to charities and such purposes as the Lodge shall direct. No sum shall be paid out of the Fund unless notice has appeared on the summons, with full particulars as to the purpose to which such sums will be applied and until the same has been voted by a majority of the Brethren present. Cheques on this fund shall be signed by the Treasurer.

13. Subject to the provisions of Rule 141, Book of Constitutions, amendment of these By-Laws or any of them may be made only in the following manner:—

(a) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be submitted in open Lodge at a regular meeting.

(b) The motion shall be set out in the summons for the next Regular Meeting or for an Emergency Meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge.

(c) A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given

as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of the members present vote in favour of it but it shall not be effective until approved by the Provincial Grand Master and by the Grand Master. If an amendment involves a change in the place of meeting, the additional requirements of Rule 141 of the Book of Constitutions must also be complied with.

Adopted in Open Lodge 21st September 1956

P. B. Mayne, W.M.

Approved:

Edward L. Bunting,

Provincial Grand Master,

21st September, 1956.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master

Sydney A. White,

Grand Secretary,

27th September, 1956.