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1.—The Lodge shall meet regularly at the Handsworth Masonic Hall, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham, on the second Tuesday in October, November, December, January, February, March and April, at such hour as the Master may direct.

2.—The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and the Tyler by show of hands, at the regular meeting in April. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in October.

3.—The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary and the senior of any Stewards who may be appointed. This Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership and any matters specially referred to it by the Lodge. The Audit Committee consisting of two members of the Lodge

shall be elected at the April meeting. The accounts shall be made up to 30th September and presented at the October meeting.

4.—The initiation fee shall be twenty guineas, the joining fee ten guineas; the re-joining fee of a former Member shall be two guineas and the annual subscription five and a half guineas, payable in advance in October. Brethren who reside outside a radius of twenty miles from the Handsworth Masonic Hall shall on written application be entitled to pay an annual subscription of two guineas but they must pay the appropriate visiting fees when dining. The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription. The Master shall have the privilege of inviting two guests to each dinner, free of the visiting fee. Any brother whose subscription is unpaid for more than one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, in accordance with Rule 181 Book of Constitutions.

5.—The election of Candidates for Initiation and Joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Rules 157 to 166 Book

of Constitutions. On the ballot for a Candidate one black ball shall exclude.

6.—A Member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing, or orally in open Lodge, and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 175 Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

7.—Payment of any sum exceeding £5, if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given in the summons, except in a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master, and confirmed by the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

8.—The Lodge funds shall be kept in two separate banking accounts in the name of the Lodge, viz. : a General Lodge Account, and a Lodge Benevolent Account.

9.—Addition, alteration or amendment to these By-laws, or any of them, shall be made by notice of motion given in writing in open Lodge at one regular meeting, or to the Secretary not

less than 14 days before the next meeting, for insertion in the summons. The motion shall be considered at that meeting, and, if then approved, shall be submitted for confirmation at the next regular meeting, but shall not become effective until finally approved by the Provincial Grand Master and the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

NOTE.—Should there be any objection to the introduction of a Candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master, who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate.

J. R. BARLOW, W.M.
8th November, 1949

N. J. E. BOARDMAN,
Secretary.

The above By-laws were adopted at the Consecration Meeting of the Lodge held at the

Masonic Hall, Wretham Road, Handsworth,
on 18th October, 1949.

Approved,

DARTMOUTH,

Provincial Grand Master.

Patshull,

16th November, 1949.

Approved by the M.W. Grand Master.

SYDNEY A. WHITE,

Grand Secretary.

4th April, 1950.

12 May 1951.

“Queeselet.”

“The only promise of a better future for our Country is to be looked for from those to whom her past is dear.”

The spirit and truth of these words are enshrined in the name “QUEESELET.” In the sixteenth Century it was recorded as “QUEESLADE,” derived from two Anglo-Saxon or Middle-English words: “QUEEST” —a woodpigeon, and “SLAED” or “SLADE” —a wooded valley.

The name was a very natural description of a hamlet lying in a hollow of the Offlow Hundred, and which was once probably the haunt of the resident and summer-visitant woodpigeon.

To-day, the contours of those little hills and valleys remain almost unchanged, but many of the woodland coppices which dotted the landscape have been displaced to meet modern needs. Nevertheless, for one to whom the past is dear, it is possible to re-capture the scene: the green, undulating slopes; the trees gently

yielding their leaves to the summer breezes, bathed in the rich, golden gleams of the setting sun; and, amid this feast of nature's beauty, hear the far-off "Coo-roo, coo-coo" of the Ring-dove, or Woodpigeon.

It is not wholly fanciful that in such a valley as "Queeselet" the echoes would be heard of the Druidical sacrifices at Barr-Beacon, that the blaze of the fire was seen on the same hill-top, as it signalled its Danish-invasion warring to the Saxon . . . inhabitants of the countryside; and that the sounds of joyous laughter rang through the wooded valley as the people celebrated their ritual festivals to the rhythmical steps of the dancers (i.e., which was termed the "Dance of the Horns").

Time has shrouded these inaccessible facts in legend and folklore, but their historicity gives background and meaning to the present. We reach out to grasp the slender threads of history; to emblazon upon the banner of our Lodge the emblems of those dear and by-gone days, in the confident hope that by linking the memory of them with the principles and tenets of our Craft we, too, may be enabled to play a worthy part towards the fulfilment of the promise of a better future.

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Deaths

BARLOW—John Rupert, dearly loved husband of Edith and father of John of "Stanway," Rosemary Hill Road, Streetly, passed peacefully to God in his 60th year. Funeral, Wednesday; service, Perry Barr Crematorium, 2 o'clock.

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