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Laws and Regulations

OF THE

Provincial Grand Lodge

OF CORNWALL.

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*The public interests of the Fraternity, within the jurisdiction of this Province, are managed by a general representation of all the private Lodges therein, together with the Provincial Grand Officers and the Provincial Grand Master at their head. This collective body is styled The Provincial Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Cornwall, and its Members take rank within the Province in the following manner:—*

1. The Prov. Grand Master.
2. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master.
3. Prov. Grand Wardens.
4. Prov. Grand Chaplains.
5. Prov. Grand Treasurer.
6. Prov. Grand Registrar.
7. Provincial Grand Secretary.
8. Prov. Grand Deacons.
9. Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works.
10. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
11. Asst. Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies.
12. Prov. Grand Sword Bearer.
13. Prov. Grand Organist.
14. Prov. Grand Pursuivant.
15. Asst. Prov. Grand Pursuivant.
16. Prov. Grand Stewards for the year.
17. The W.M. Past Masters and Wardens of the private Lodges within the Province.
18. Prov. Grand Tyler.

Past Prov. Grand Officers (except Stewards) take rank next after the actual Officers of the same rank, provided the appointment fee has been paid.

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1. The Prov. G. Lodge shall meet once at least in every year, at such time and place as the Prov. Grand Master shall appoint. Brethren who are not Members of Prov. Grand Lodge may be present by permission of the Prov. Grand Master, provided they are M.M.'s; but they cannot vote, nor can they take any part in the proceedings, unless requested by the Prov. G.M. to do so.

2. Every Brother, on his first appointment to either of the following offices, shall immediately pay to the Prov. G. Treasurer, towards the fund for general purposes, the following fees of Honour:—

Prov. Grand Master .....	£10	10	0
Deputy Prov. Grand Master.....	4	4	0
Prov. Grand Wardens (each) .....	2	2	0
Prov. Grand Chaplain .....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Treasurer .....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Registrar .....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Secretary .....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Deacons (each).....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Superintendent of } Works .....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Sword Bearer .....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Organist .....	1	1	0
Prov. Grand Pursuivant .....	0	10	6
Prov. Grand Stewards (each).....	0	10	6
Asst. Prov. Grand Officers (each)...	0	10	6

N.B.—If the office of Prov. Grand Steward has not been served, an additional fee of Five Shillings shall be paid.

3. If any Offices in the Prov. G. Lodge become vacant, the Prov. G. Master may fill such vacancies by the appointment, in writing, of other Brethren, who shall, from the date of their appointment, take rank in the same manner as if they had been appointed at an annual Prov. G. Lodge. A record of such appointments shall be entered in the Minutes of the ensuing Prov. G. Lodge.

4. At every Annual or Special Meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge the Prov. G. Master or his Deputy, or other presiding officer, may nominate one or more Past Masters to attend within the Porch of the Prov. Grand Lodge, for the purpose of guarding (under the superintendence of the Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, and the Prov. G. Pursuivant or their assistants) against the admission of any but those who are qualified, have their proper Craft

clothing and jewels, and have signed the attendance book.

5. The Prov. G. Organist shall, on each occasion of his attending and officiating at a Prov. G. Lodge, be paid the sum of One Guinea by the Prov. G. Treasurer from the Prov. G. Lodge funds.

6. The Prov. G. Tyler is to be nominated by the Prov. G. Master. He is to attend all Meetings of the Prov. G. Lodge, assist in the arrangement of the same, and see that the Brethren be not admitted unless entitled and properly clothed. For these services he shall receive such payment as the Prov. G. Lodge shall fix from time to time.

7. Every Prov. G. Officer shall be responsible for the safe custody of the Jewel of his Office, and shall return it at the Annual Prov. G. Lodge to the Prov. G. Treasurer, under the penalty of One Guinea in case of default.

8. A sum not exceeding Ten Pounds shall be placed annually at the disposal of the Lodge receiving the Prov. G. Lodge towards the expenses of holding the Annual Festival meeting.

9. Every Brother who partakes of a Banquet at any Festival of the Prov. G. Lodge shall, exclusive of his Dinner Ticket, pay a visiting fee of 10s. 6d. if he be not a subscribing Member of a regular warranted Lodge. 2

10.—A Committee of five (of whom the Prov. G. Treasurer and Prov. G. Secretary shall be two) shall be annually appointed to investigate the Petitions of Brethren, or their widows applying for relief, and to recommend what sums should be respectively awarded to each of the applicants, at any regular meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, with a discretionary power to them to relieve any cases of emergency to the



extent of £2 to any one person in the meantime; and such Committee shall report annually to Prov. G. Lodge what monies have been so disbursed.

N.B.—All Petitions must be certified according to the forms required by the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, and must be sent to the Prov. G. Secretary at least a month before the meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge, and no grant shall be made unless this Rule be complied with.

11.—All monies payable to Prov. G. Lodge shall be paid to the Prov. G. Treasurer for the time being, whose receipt shall be the only legal discharge for the same, and the property of the Prov. G. Lodge shall be in his care. All monies belonging to the Prov. G. Lodge shall be deposited in such Bank or on such securities as the Prov. G. Lodge, when duly assembled, shall direct. The Treasurer shall keep the Prov.



G. Lodge Accounts in a book which shall be audited by two Brethren, to be annually appointed by Resolution of Prov. G. Lodge, and such Accounts having been certified by them, an abstract thereof shall be printed and sent to the W.M. of every Lodge in the Province, in the first week in May in each year, and the Prov. G. Treasurer's Books and Accounts shall be produced at each meeting of Prov. G. Lodge for the inspection of any member of the same, or otherwise as the Prov. G. M. or his deputy may direct.

12.—The Prov. G. Secretary shall keep a Register in which shall be inserted the names of the present and past officers of the Prov. G. Lodge present at each Prov. G. Meeting, and of such Lodges as shall send their representatives to attend the meeting; and he shall attend every meeting of Prov. G. Lodge and make Minutes

of all transactions that may be committed to writing, which shall be fairly transcribed in a book to be kept by him for that purpose, in order that the same may be laid before the Prov. G. Lodge as often as required.

13.—The Prov. G. Secretary shall issue summonses to all present and past officers of Prov. G. Lodge and the W.M.'s of all Lodges within the Province, at least a fortnight before each Prov. G. Lodge meeting, and shall send therewith one copy, and to each W.M. six copies of an abstract of the Minutes of the business transacted at the previous Prov. G. Lodge meeting, together with the business to be brought before the then next Prov. G. Lodge. The Prov. G. Secretary shall send the blank forms of Returns to Prov. G. Lodge to each Lodge in the Province, on or before the First day of December in each year.

14.—The Master of every Lodge of this

Province shall, in the month of January in every year, make a regular return to the Prov. G. Secretary of the members belonging thereto, with the date of the initiation or joining of each Brother not previously returned, and the Prov. G. Secretary shall make a Register thereof; and the Master of every Lodge in this Province shall, before the First day of March, transmit to the Prov. G. Treasurer the fees due to the Prov. G. Lodge, or for a default of Twenty shillings to the funds of Prov. G. Lodge; and in case of neglect after due admonition the Lodge in default shall be reported to the Grand Lodge and immediate steps be taken to cause its erasure from the list of regular Lodges.

15.—No person resident in or near any town or place where a lodge is established shall be ballotted for into any Lodge held elsewhere within this Province, unless the

Master of the Lodge wherein he so seeks admission shall previously make enquiry in writing of the Master of every Lodge in town or nearest the place where the Candidate resides touching the fitness of such Candidate. The Brother of whom such enquiry is made shall make prompt reply thereto in writing, and it shall be incumbent on the Master to read the reply to the Members of the Lodge before the Ballot is taken.

16. The Master of each Lodge shall cause a copy of the summons of every Meeting to be forwarded to the Prov. G. Secretary at the same time that they are forwarded to the members.

17. These Laws and Regulations shall be binding on all the Lodges within this Province, and shall not be altered except by a Prov. G. Lodge Meeting after one month's previous notice in writing to the

Prov. G. Secretary, but all Resolutions of Prov. G. Lodge, and all By Laws passed in Prov. G. Lodge, after such notice, shall require no further confirmation.



*Fees payable to the Prov. G. Lodge of Cornwall.*

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For every new Constitution and every Re-creation of a Lodge... }	£1 1 0
For every Dispensation .....	0 5 0
For registering the alteration of place or time of meeting of any Lodge..... }	0 5 0
On the Iniation of a Candidate.....	0 3 0
On a Brother joining a Lodge.....	0 1 0
Annual Subscription from every Member of a Lodge..... }	0 2 0