

BYE-LAWS  
OF THE  
MARLBOROUGH LODGE OF  
UNANIMITY,  
No. 1236.

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I.  
MEETINGS.

The Lodge shall meet on every Thursday nearest the full moon, and on the respective Festivals of St. John the Baptist, and St. John the Evangelist, to be advertised as the W.M. shall direct. The W.M. is empowered to call Lodges of emergency whenever he may consider it necessary.

II.

SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

Every member shall be regularly summoned by the Secretary, who shall notify the periods of election of the W.M., and the Treasurer ; of makings, passings, and raisings ; Members to

be admitted ; bye-laws to be altered ; and, in fact, every matter of moment that may be pending in the Lodge. The notices to be sent four days, at least, previous to the day of meeting.

### III.

#### ROUTINE OF BUSINESS.

The following shall be the routine of the general business of the Lodge :—Correctness of minutes confirmed ; Treasurer's balance declared, if required ; ballots taken ; letters or communications read ; consideration of any proposition made at previous Lodge ; initiations, passings, or raisings ; motions received, or candidates proposed. At emergencies, nothing shall be considered but the matters expressed in the summons.

### IV.

#### CLOTHING.

Every member shall appear properly clothed as a Mason ; and no brother will be allowed, on any pretence whatever, to enter the Lodge until he is so clothed.

## V.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Every person desirous of being initiated into Freemasonry in this Lodge, or of becoming a member thereof, must be proposed and seconded in open Lodge by members, being Master Masons, who shall, at the same time, deliver in writing to the Secretary the name (in full), age, place of abode, and occupation of such candidate; and shall also, in the case of a candidate for initiation, deposit two guineas, or for a joining member, the fee as stated below. A ballot shall take place on the monthly Lodge night following, on which (unless two negatives appear) the candidate shall be deemed duly elected. Should the candidate be rejected, the deposit shall be returned. Should he be approved, he may be initiated on any Lodge night within six months; but in failure of attendance within that period, the deposit shall become forfeited to the Lodge Fees.

## VI.

## FEES.

The Fees of this Lodge shall be as follows, namely:—

Initiation Fee, including the three degrees . . . . .	£5 5 0
Affiliation Fee . . . . .	1 1 0
Annual dues, payable monthly in advance . . . . .	1 16 0
A brother joining the Lodge and desirous of completing his degrees—for each degree . . . . .	1 1 0
Extra Fee for Emergency, each . . . . .	1 1 0
Registration and Certificate Fee . . . . .	0 12 6

## VII.

## APPROPRIATION OF FEES.

The Fees, after deducting what is due to the Grand Lodge of England, or the Provincial Grand Lodge, shall be appropriated as follows :

1. In providing the Furniture and Jewels of Lodge, Books, Stationery, &c., and in payment of rent of Lodge Rooms, Salaries, and all incidental expenses.
2. For general objects of benevolence.

## VIII.

## HONORARY MEMBERS.

Honorary Members may be admitted by ballot, but shall not be eligible to any voice in the Lodge unless such intended Honorary Member has been a subscribing brother to that time ; in which case, if he be admitted for services of distinction, he shall be privileged to

take rank, and to have a voice in the affairs of the Lodge.

## IX.

## ARREARS.

Any member being one year in arrear of dues, shall be written to by the Secretary, informing him that unless such arrears be paid on the next monthly meeting, it will be his (the Secretary's) duty to report such member; and on such report being received, to erase his name from the list of members; and no member who shall be in arrear of dues to this Lodge for six months shall be permitted to speak or vote on any occasion; and no visitor shall address the Lodge unless by permission of the W.M.

## X.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The W.M. and Treasurer shall be nominated at the monthly meeting in October, in each year, and the election shall take place by ballot at the next monthly meeting. The W.M. shall be installed on St. John's day, when he shall appoint and invest his other officers,

except the Tyler, who shall be chosen by the Lodge, and continue during pleasure.

## XI.

## SALARIES OF SECRETARY AND TYLER.

At the November meeting, the Salaries of the Secretary and Tyler shall be determined on by the Lodge.

## XII.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Every Officer of this Lodge must make himself thoroughly conversant with its duties, as established by custom immemorial and the book of Constitutions.

## XIII.

## ACCOUNTS.

All Accounts shall be defrayed by order of the W.M. given in open Lodge, and approved by a majority of the members present ; except those for refreshments, which shall be laid before the W.M. previous to his leaving the table, for the approval of himself and the Wardens.

## XIV.

## AUDITS.

A general Audit of Accounts shall be held within eight days after St. John's Day, in the month of December annually, when the Auditors shall also see that the furniture, jewels, and paraphernalia of the Lodge are correct; to whom also the Secretary shall then submit a list of officers and members of the Lodge previous to its being forwarded to the Grand Lodge of England; the Auditors to consist of the past and present officers.

## XV.

## VESTING OF LODGE PROPERTY.

The Jewels, Furniture, Chest, Funds, and other property, shall be vested in and declared the property of the W.M. and the Wardens for the time being; so that any action or suit that shall happen or be necessary for the preservation or recovery of the same, or any part thereof, shall be brought, commenced, and prosecuted in their names, in trust for the Lodge.

## XVI.

## BALLOTING.

No Ballot shall, in any case, be taken, unless seven members at least be present.

## XVII.

## BYE-LAWS.

The Lodge shall have the power to amend or alter the Bye laws, upon due notice being given in open Lodge, and filed in writing with the Secretary one month at least previous to the proposed alterations being considered ; and the majority of the brethren present confirming the same.

## XVIII.

## SIGNING BYE-LAWS.

The Bye laws shall be signed by every person initiated in or joining this Lodge, as an acknowledgement of his approval thereof, and his consent to be governed thereby.

## XIX.

## DISCUSSIONS.

No political or religious topic shall be discussed in Lodge upon any pretence whatever.

## XX.

## DUTIES OF TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall discharge bills when duly vouched by the W.M., and shall keep a book in which an account of receipts and disbursements shall be regularly stated, and which shall be open for the inspection of any subscribing member.

## XXI.

NO SUM EXCEEDING FIVE POUNDS VOTED  
WITHOUT NOTICE.

No sum of Money exceeding £5 shall be voted by the Lodge (except in cases of shipwrecked brethren, or some urgent necessity), unless after one month's notice previously given.

## XXII.

## VISITING BRETHERN.

Any brother living in the Province of Marlborough, who is not a subscribing member to any Lodge, shall not be admitted more than once in the year, except the brother be in indigent circumstances.

## XXIII.

## COMPLETION OF DEGREES.

Peculiar cases may arise in which a brother joining the Lodge may not have completed his degrees in some distant place, but may have paid his full fees for the same, and is desirous of doing so. It shall be in the discretion of the W.M., upon satisfactory proof being made thereof to the Lodge, to complete the degrees of such joining member, upon payment of the joining fee of two guineas, and paying the fees as provided in Bye-law No. 6.

## XXIV.

## OFFENCES.

All Offences or irregularities, derogatory to the laws and customs of Freemasonry, as promulgated by the Grand Lodge of England, and not contained herein, shall be cognizable; and all fines, for offences so committed, shall be adjudged in open Lodge, and levied accordingly.

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OFFICERS.

BRO. JOHN KISSLING, W.M.  
,, M. SKLAARK, S.W.  
,, W. DOUSLIN, J.W.  
,, J. B. WEMYSS, *Treasurer*  
,, W. B. EARLL, S.D.  
,, P. SOMMERVILL, J.E.  
,, — *Tiler.*  
,, H. PITT, *Secretary.*

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MEMBERS.

BRO. H. DODSON.  
,, J. BAGGE.  
,, M. ALEXANDER.  
,, W. M. NELSON.  
,, —. DIXON.

*The above were the founders  
8 of them have left or died.*