

# BYE-LAWS

OF THE

Union Lodge of Instruction

Held at

FREEMASONS' HALL,

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UNDER THE JOINT SANCTION OF

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## I.

That all Bye-Laws and regulations at any time heretofore made are hereby repealed and made void.

## II.

That this Lodge be called the Union Lodge of Instruction, jointly sanctioned by St. John's Lodge, No. 279, John of Gaunt Lodge, No. 523, and the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, all meeting at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, and that the regular meetings of the Lodge be held at that place, on the Second Friday in every month from September to April, both inclusive, at 7-30 p.m., or at such other hour as the Preceptor may appoint. The Lodge may be called off once during the evening at each meeting. The Lodge shall be closed not later than 10 p.m. on any Evening. The Preceptor shall have power to summon a Lodge of emergency whenever he may deem it expedient.

## III.

That a Preceptor, Treasurer, Secretary, and Tyler be annually elected, at the meeting in April, the remuneration of the Tyler to be fixed by the majority of the Members then present.

## IV.

That a Master be elected at each meeting, who shall thereupon appoint his Officers and name the work to be done at the next meeting when he shall preside. No one shall be eligible as Master unless he be *at least* competent to open and close the Lodge in the three degrees. If the Master or any Officer appointed by him be not in attendance within ten minutes of the time named for opening the Lodge his appointment may be forfeited and another member may be appointed by the Preceptor in his stead. Every member accepting office is considered thereby to pledge himself to a strict performance of the duties thereof.

## V.

That all Master Masons subscribing members of any regular Lodge, and none other, be eligible as

members of this Lodge. The joining fee shall be 2/6, and the annual subscription 2/6, payable in advance, except in the cases of Brethren not members of either of the Leicester Lodges when the joining fee shall be 5/-. The funds shall be devoted primarily to defraying all expenses (including the cost of the Annual Banquet), any surplus shall be expended in such manner as the majority of members present may determine.

## VI.

That an Annual Banquet be held in September, or at such other time as the majority of members present at any meeting may determine. Notice of any intended alteration being previously given in the summons.

## VII.

That the work consist of the ceremonies of the Three Degrees and the lectures, which shall be worked at the option of the W.M., subject to the approval of the Preceptor. The ceremony of installation shall be worked at least twice in each year, at such times as the Preceptor shall appoint.

At all meetings the Lodge shall be opened and closed in the three degrees. The Officers for the evening shall wear the collars and jewels of office, but the use of an apron shall be optional with all.

#### VIII.

That in the event of the unavoidable absence of the Preceptor and his assistants, the Preceptor may appoint, in writing, some competent person as his deputy, who shall for the time being use and exercise all powers now held by the Preceptor.

#### IX.

That the Treasurer's Accounts be audited annually, prior to the April meeting, by two members to be appointed by the Lodge for that purpose, and a copy of the Balance Sheet shall be printed with the summons for the next meeting. The Secretary shall not be required to give more than four clear days notice of any meeting.

#### X.

That these Bye-Laws be printed and read in open Lodge on the night of the Annual Banquet,

and at such other time as the Preceptor may direct, and that a written copy thereof be made to be signed by all present and future members. (*The Secretary is responsible for the observance of this Bye-Law*).

## XI.

That in all matters not provided for by the above Bye-Laws the members of this Lodge shall be governed by the Bye-Laws of St. John's Lodge, No. 279.

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*The foregoing Bye-Laws were confirmed in open Lodge on Friday, the 8th day of November, 1872.*

GEORGE TOLLER, JUN., *Preceptor.*

J. MALCOLM M'ALLISTER, *Secretary.*