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CHAPTER OF FORTITUDE,
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I.

Officers.

THE Officers of this Chapter shall consist of the three Principals, Scribes E. and N. Principal Sojourner, two assistant Sojourners, Treasurer, two Stewards, Master of the Ceremonies, and Janitor.

II.

Day and Time of Meeting.

A regular Convocation of this Chapter shall be holden on the second Thursday in the months of February, May, August, and November, at such hour as may be deemed most expedient at the time, which hour shall be stated in the regular summonses.

III.

Election of Officers.

The Officers shall be elected by ballot at the Convocation in February, and at the same or subsequent Chapter after their being elected, the Principals shall be regularly, and in ancient form, installed and invested, and the other Officers, invested; the Principal Sojourner appointing his assistants, subject to the approval of the M. E. Z.

IV.

Scribe E. and his duty.

Scribe E. shall issue summonses, seven days at least, previous to each Convocation, particularly noticing Elections—Brethren proposed as Candidates for exaltation—specifying their additions, or professions, and places of abode, and by whom proposed and seconded—By-laws to be repealed, or new ones made. He shall make minutes of the proceedings of the Chapter; make and answer all communications, under the direction of the Principal; and during the first week in March, shall furnish (if called upon) a list of the Members to be registered with the Clerk of the Peace.

V.

Scribe N.

Scribe N. shall be attentive to the regular ceremonies observed in open Chapter, and cause the same at all times to be properly tiled, and render assistance to the senior Scribe, consistent with their offices.

VI.

Principal Sojourner.

The Principal Sojourner shall attend in proper time to guard the interior of the Chapter at its opening, take care the Candidates are properly prepared previous to their admission for exaltation in Chapter, and nominate, on his election, those members as his two assistants whom he shall consider to be the best qualified, as well by Masonic knowledge, as personal good conduct, for the approval of the M. E. Z.

VII.

Assistant Sojourners.

The Assistant Sojourners are expected to be punctual to the hour of meeting, and, with the assistance of one of the Stewards, attend to the examination of Visitors, and report them to the

Principals in due form ; and further assist the Principal Sojourner during the ceremony of exaltation, or other duties in Chapter, consistent with their important situation.

VIII.

The Treasurer and his duty.

The Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Convocation in February, and shall be duly invested ; he shall receive the Cash of the Chapter, and discharge Bills when duly vouched and sanctioned by the Principals or one of them ; he shall keep Books in which his accounts of receipts and disbursements shall be regularly stated, so as to disclose at one view the amount of cash in his hands ; and which books shall be open for the inspection of every subscribing Member of the Chapter, at every Convocation. His Accounts shall be yearly audited by the Committee provided for in rule 12, previous to the Convocation in February, and the balance (if any) appearing to be due shall then be paid over to the Treasurer elect, or otherwise as the Chapter shall direct.

IX.

Stewards.

One Steward shall attend, and assist in the examination of Visitors.

The Stewards shall order all refreshments, and attend to the order and accommodation of the Chapter.

X.

Master of the Ceremonies.

The Master of the Ceremonies shall take care that the Janitor keeps in good order the furniture and regalia ; that Members and Visitors are introduced in due form, and properly situated in the Chapter, and at the Banquet ; he is to accompany Visitors, and instruct them in the peculiar customs of the Chapter, that they may regulate their conduct accordingly. He shall also assist the Stewards in the examination of Visitors, and take care that the Janitor provides every thing requisite in the Chapter.

XI.

Officers pro tempore.

In case of non-attendance of any Officer, the M. E. Z. for the time being, may appoint any Member to fill his place pro tempore, that the duties of the Chapter may in no respect be neglected.

XII.

Permanent Committee.

A Permanent Committee, consisting of the three Principals, two Scribes, and the Treasurer for the time being, with the immediate past Z. shall superintend the finances and property of the Chapter, and consider of any special matter regarding its interest; they shall meet when summoned by the M. E. Z., three to be a quorum, and the M. E. Z. shall report thereon to the Chapter at the next Convocation for approbation.

XIII.

Qualification for Officers.

No Member shall be qualified for any office, or be permitted to vote on any occasion, who has not paid up his subscription, as none but subscribing Members are entitled to vote.

XIV.

Operation of Ballot.

Whenever a ballot takes place for the exaltation of a Candidate into this sublime degree, or for the admission of a Member, if two negatives appear the Candidate shall not be considered as duly elected;

but on motion being made, a second ballot may take place at the same Convocation, but if again two negatives appear, the Candidate shall be precluded for Six Months; but if three negatives appear on any ballot, the proposition shall be considered as rejected, and the same shall not be again made until the expiration of twelve months.

XV.

Motions to be made in Writing.

No motion of any kind shall be regarded unless duly seconded and forwarded in writing to the M. E. Z., with the names of the mover and seconder.

XVI.

Exaltation of Candidates and Admission of Members.

When any Brother is proposed to be admitted as a Candidate for exaltation in this Chapter, a deposit of One Guinea shall be made, and he shall be ballotted for at the next Convocation, or at the same Convocation, providing that seven days' notice of the proposition, with the names of the proposer and seconder, shall have been given to every subscribing Member of the Chapter, and if approved he shall, in consequence, be exalted. The fee for exaltation into

this Sublime Degree and to become a Member, shall be Three Guineas, including the fees for registry at Grand Chapter, and Grand Chapter Certificate.

The joining fee, if exalted in this Chapter, shall be ten shillings and sixpence; if exalted in any other Chapter under the English Registry, shall be One Guinea; and if otherwise £1 11s. 6d.. If a Candidate, approved by ballot, do not attend within six months, the deposit shall be forfeited, unless a sufficient apology be made and accepted; and if a rejection should be the result of the ballot, the previous deposit shall be returned to the Member who made the proposition.

XVII.

Cases of Emergency.

In cases of Emergency satisfactorily explained, the M. E. Z. is empowered to summon a Convocation, stating in the summons the particular business on which the Chapter is convoked.

XVIII.

Propositions to be made in writing, and inserted in the Summons.

All propositions for admission or exaltation, shall be made in writing and delivered to the M. E. Z.,

expressing the Christian and Surname, and additions, profession, and place of abode of the Candidate ; and the companions by whom proposed and seconded ; that those particulars may be correctly entered on the minutes, and inserted in the next summonses.

XIX.

Member erasing his Name.

Any Member who shall, in open Chapter, desire his name to be erased from the books of the Chapter, shall not again be admitted as a Member without a fresh ballot, and paying One Guinea exclusive of a due proportion of subscription for the current year ; this, however, shall not extend to any Member desirous of being discontinued who on stating such his intention by letter to Scribe E. previous to the Chapter in February, and discharging all arrears, may be discontinued accordingly ; and be at any time afterwards re-admitted on application for that purpose, paying ten shillings and sixpence, independent of a due proportion of the subscription for the current year ; provided in all cases that the Candidate be approved on ballot. But whoever shall not have given in his name previous to the Chapter in February, (as above required) shall be considered as a subscribing Member for the ensuing year.

XX.

Subscription.

The annual Subscription of each Member shall be five shillings, to be paid in advance at the Chapter in February. Any Member being in arrear at the expiration of twelve months shall be written to by the Scribe E. to remind him of his default; when should no satisfactory answer be returned within three months, such Member shall be liable to erasure.

XXI.

Visitors.

No Companion shall be admitted to visit the Chapter, unless he has been duly examined and approved, or is satisfactorily vouched for by a Member of the Chapter, and introduced in due form by the proper officer; and no resident Companion, who is not a subscribing Member of some Chapter, shall be admitted to visit more than once at regular Convocations, during his secession from the Order.

XXII.

Furniture of the Chapter.

The books, papers, and other property of every kind attached to the Chapter shall be considered as

vested in the Principals for the time being, in trust nevertheless, for themselves and the other Members of the Chapter. A regular inventory of the whole shall be entered in the Minute Book, and the same shall be examined by the Master of the Ceremonies and the Stewards at the Convocation in February, and by the principal Z. on his Installation.

XXIII.

The Janitor's fees and duty.

The Janitor must be particularly cautious not to admit any person into the Chapter, but whom he shall positively know to be a Member. He shall attend without the entrance of the Chapter. He shall be allowed the sum of Two Pounds per annum, payable half-yearly, in lieu of all fees, but exclusive of refreshment. He shall take care of, and keep in good order, the furniture belonging to the Chapter; and shall see that every person, whether Member or Visitor, enters his name in a book (provided for that purpose) previous to his admission into the Chapter.

XXIV.

Mode of altering By-Laws.

No alteration shall be made in these By-Laws, nor any new ones added, but at a regular Convocation of

the Chapter, by writing handed up to the M. E. Z. on the throne ; and if seconded, inserted in the proceedings of the Chapter ; the M. E. Z. announcing that it will be discussed at the following Chapter, for which purpose it shall then be mentioned in the summonses.

XXV.

By-Laws and lists of Members.

Every Member of the Chapter shall be provided with a printed copy of the By-Laws, and a list of the Members, distinguishing their dates of exaltation, offices, &c., and a copy of the said list shall be delivered by the Janitor to each Member, as soon as the same shall be printed.

CONFIRMED IN OPEN CHAPTER,

Nov. 27th, 1843.

WILLIAM KELLY, M. E. Z.

THOMAS MOXON, H.

CHARLES GREEN, J.

REVISED AND CONFIRMED IN OPEN CHAPTER,

March 29th, 1865.

ROBERT BREWIN, M. E. Z.

FREDERICK GOODYER, H.

WILLIAM WEARE, J.

A LIST OF THE MEMBERS
OF THE
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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 279, LEICESTER,

FROM THE TIME OF ITS FORMATION, A.D., 1796, TO THE PRESENT TIME

—♦♦ 363 ♦♦—

*Those Marked (†) are Joining Members.
Those Marked (*) are the present Members.*

—♦♦ 363 ♦♦—

1796	Abbey, John	1866	Boulton, William *
1815	Agar, Thomas	1873	Capam, James
1821	Amick, John	1814	Coak, Thomas
1822	Alston, Samuel	1818	Cann, Berlain, T.
1838	Abbott, Job, (<i>Janitor</i>)	1811	Crowder, Joseph
1849	Angrave, Thomas	..	Cooke, William
1796	†Burley, William	1822	Chapman, John
..	Barney, Timothy	1823	Cheeper, Anthony
1817	Brown, William	1842	Crawford, Robert *
1822	†Burnaby, Rev. Thos., M.A.	1849	†Cuff, Edw. George
1823	—, Beaumont	1856	†Clephan, Edwin *
1824	Birdsall, Spencer Sutton	1856	†Cooke, James *
..	—, William	1857	Cummings, Alfred
1832	Boyer, Arthur	1858	†Cooper, Thomas *
1843	Briggs, Jeremiah	1866	Challis, David *
1844	Brown, Thos. Chairman *	1817	†Davey, Henry
..	Burdett, Charles *	..	Davis, Wm. Halhed
..	Bennett, Joseph †	1833	Dolby, Wm. Ashton ‡
1848	Bate, John	1859	Davis, Harry James *
1849	Buck, John *	1861	†Dawson, Edwd. Finch *
1853	Bankart, George *	1865	Davies, Jemson, junr. *
1858	Brewin, Robert *	1826	†Elverson, James
1859	Bithrey, Wm. Silvester *	1844	Evans, John Robert
1861	Bembridge, Chas., (<i>Janitor</i>)	1853	Everard, Thomas

‡ Elected an Honorary Member, May 22nd, 1849, when P. Z. of St. Wulstan's Chapter, No. 280, Worcester.

§ Re-joined 1847.

1816	†Fox, John, (Alderman)	1822	Longdon, Samuel
1817	† { Fowke, Sir Fredk. Gust., Bart.	1829	L'Hermite, Henry
1824	Freer, Thos., (West Cotes)	1831	Leach, Thomas
1829	Flint, William	1843	Leveau, Abraham A.
..	Freake, John Frederick	1858	†Löhr, Geo. Augustus*
1847	{ Fenwick, Rev. Gerard C., M.A.*	1861	Lloyd, Geo. Fieldhouse
1814	Gird, Henry	1817	†Mansell, William
1818	Gregory, Thos. Vowe Musson, Christopher
1838	Green, Charles	..	†Marris, ———
1844	Gibbins, William	1823	Macaulay, Colin C.
1847	Gibson, James*	1824	Mavius, Charles
1853	Gill, Henry*	1829	Morris, Samuel Cheek
1856	†Goodyer, Frederick*	..	Martin, John
..	†Goodwin, Jno. Willis	1835	Moxon, Thomas
1863	†Gibson, John*	1836	Miles, Thos. Brooke
1865	Green, Henry Peake*	1844	†Murphy, Jas. Brazazon
1796	†Hodges, Edward	1853	Morris, Charles
1814	Higginson, Nicholas	1850	Marris, Wm. Henry*
1816	Hester, William	1861	†Moreton, Capt. Hon. H. R.*
1817	Hurst, ———	1863	†Manning, Fredk.*
..	Hodgson, Jonathan	1864	Moore, William*
1822	Howe, Right Hon. Earl*	1865	Millicin, William*
1830	Hextall, Thomas	1822	Naylor, Samuel
1836	Hodges, Edward	1823	Nicholson, Saml. Wall
1841	Higgins, William	1855	Norton, Wm. Fletcher
1842	Hames, Joseph	1853	Newcome, Fred. Pern
1843	Hawkins, Geo., (Janitor)	1857	Nedham, Martin
1856	†Hardy, William	1814	Osborne, Wm., (Janitor)
1859	Holland, John*	..	Owston, Welborn
..	Haxby, Joseph Barber*	1822	Oldacres, John
1861	Herbert, Thomas*	1833	Owston, Geo. Welborn
1865	Hodges, George Henry*	1822	Pochin, George
..	.. John Edward*	1823	Parsons, William
..	.. Harris, Joseph*	1831	Payne, Thomas
1796	†Hingle, William	1842	Pratt, John*
1841	Irwin, Wm. Crosley, M.D.*	1843	Palmer, Wm. Grimes
1843	Johnson, Richard Wm.	1844	Paget, Henry, (Birstal)
1852	†Jackson, Peter Alfred	1847	Pettifor, William*
1858	Johnson, William, junr.*	1856	Pennock, Jas., (Janitor)
1863	†Jackson, William	1857	Paul, John Dennis
1821	Kirk, Charles	1796	Richardson, William
1841	Kelly, William* †	1814	Rawson, Richard
1841	†Knight, James	1817	Ridgway, ———
1851	Kinder, Henry*	1819	Riley, Wm., (Janitor)
1856	†Kinton, John Joseph*	1829	Ross, Charles
1796	†Luck, George	1833	Rancliffe, Rt. Hon. Lord
1819	†Lang, Peter Thomas	1844	Rising, Robert
		1856	†Reeve, Wm. Napier*
		1865	Ride, Joseph*

† Elected an Honorary Member, February 21st, 1853.

§ Re-joined, 1849.

1796 †Smith, Joseph	1822 †Thompson, Laurence §
1814 Smart, Thos. Raynor	„ Tripp, Thos. Tertius
1816 Simms, Palin	1843 †Turner, Robert
1817 Smith, Abraham	1866 Turner, Luke *
1819 Stallard, John Pinfold	1847 †Underwood, Joseph *
1831 Stevens, Augustus	1829 Wagstaff, James
„ Samuel, Marcus	1836 Williams, Chas. Mareh
1842 Sharp, James * †	1843 Williamson, William
1846 Styer, Abraham Simeon	„ Wood, Thomas
1856 †Shaw, George, M.D.*	1844 Wheeler, Thos. Henry
„ †Stallard, Saml. Slack	„ †Wright, Rev. Gervase, M.A.
1858 Spencer, John *	1847 Windram, Wm. James
„ †Spooner, Thomas *	1853 Weare, William *
1861 Sheppard, Thomas *	1858 Wheeler, Henry Westwood
1864 Spittal, Rev. John, M.A.*	1859 Willey, Chas. Joseph *
1865 Stretton, Clement *	1866 { Woodcock, Rev. Edward
1817 Turner, Thomas	{ Walker, M.A.*

† Re-joined, 1865.

§ For several years Prestonian Lecturer, &c.; Elected an Honorary Member, November 11th, 1822.

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PRINCIPALS OF THE CHAPTER OF FORTITUDE, No. 279.

FROM ITS FOUNDATION IN SEPTEMBER, 1796.

YEAR.	1ST PRINCIPALS.	2ND PRINCIPALS.	3RD PRINCIPALS.
1796, Aug. 25	Edward Hodges	William Burley	William Ingle
	* * *	* * *	* * *
1814, May 22	Thos. Raynor Smart	William Burley	Joseph Smith
1815, Dec. 20	" "	" "	" "
1816, Nov. 20	" "	John Fox	" "
1817, Nov. 20	" "	Joseph Smith	John Fox
1819, Dec. 28	Thomas Cooke	Joseph Smith	John Fox
1820, Dec. 28	Sir F. G. Fowke, Bart.	John Fox	Christopher Musson
1823, Sep. 28	" "	Rt. Hon. Earl Howe	George Pochin
1826, March 26	" "	" "	William Cooke
1828, June 7	" "	George Pochin	" "
1829, May 14	" "	" "	" "
1831, Oct. 3	Rt. Hon. Earl Howe	William Cooke	James Elverson
1833, Sep. 24	William Cooke	James Elverson	S. C. Morris
1835, Feb. 12	James Elverson	S. C. Morris	Rt. Hon. Lord Rancliffe
1836, Dec. 7	S. C. Morris	Christopher Musson	John Mortin
1838, Sep. 26	C. Musson	John Mortin	Peter Thos. Lang
1841, Sep. 21	John Mortin	T. B. Miller	W. C. Irwin, M.D.
1842, July 11	T. B. Miller	P. T. Lang	" "
" Dec. 27	" "	W. C. Irwin, M.D.*	William Kelly
1843, Aug. 31	William Kelly	Geo. Moxon	Charles Green
1844, Nov. 27	Thos. Moxon	Chas. Green	Robert Crawford
1845, Nov. 27	Chas. Green	Robert Crawford	W. G. Palmer
1846, Nov. 16	Robt. Crawford	W. G. Palmer	T. H. Wheeler
1847, Nov. 15	W. G. Palmer	T. H. Wheeler	W. A. Dolby
1848, Nov. 22	T. H. Wheeler	W. A. Dolby	Wm. Pettifor
1849, Nov. 19	W. A. Dolby	W. Pettifor	W. J. Windram
1851, Feb. 24	W. Pettifor	W. J. Windram	James Gibson
1852, Nov. 22	W. J. Windram	James Gibson	Joseph Underwood
1856, May 17	James Gibson	Edwin Clephan	" "
1858, Feb. 13	Edwin Clephan	Joseph Underwood	Henry Kiuder
1859, Nov. 31	Joseph Underwood	Henry Kinder	George Bankart
1864, Feb. 14	" "	" "	" "
Nov. 14	Henry Kinder	George Bankart	Robert Brewin
1863, Nov. 13	Geo. Bankart	Robert Brewin	Alfred Cummings
1864, Nov. 13	Robt. Brewin	Fredk. Goodyer †	Wm. Weare
1866, Feb. 8	" "	" "	" "

* At the Convocation of the Chapter, on Aug. 31, 1843, the rank of M.E.Z. was conferred on Comp. Irwin, by Sir F. G. Fowke, Grand Sup., and he was duly installed.

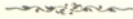
† Elected 29th March, 1865, vice Comp. Alfred Cummings, deceased.

N.B.—Comp. John Joseph Kinton has the rank of Past Z. of St. Augustine's Chapter.

OFFICERS OF THE CHAPTER OF FORTITUDE,

No. 279.

ELECTED FEBRUARY 8TH, 1866.



- COMP. ROBERT BREWIN, M.E.Z.
 „ FREDERICK GOODYER, H.
 „ WILLIAM WEARE, J.
 „ WILLIAM KELLY, P.Z. AND F.C.H., *Treasurer.*
 „ HENRY PEASE GREEN, E.
 „ REV. JOHN SPITTAL, N.
 „ HARRY JAMES DAVIS, *Principal Sojourner.*
 „ } *Assistant Sojourners.*
 „ }
 „ WILLIAM PETTIFOR, P.Z., *Director of Ceremonies.*
 „ FREDERICK MANNING } *Stewards.*
 „ JOSEPH RIDE }
 „ CHARLES BEMBRIDGE, *Janitor.*

OFFICERS OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER
OF
LEICESTERSHIRE,

Appointed April 20th, 1858,

BY THE

Grand Superintendent, Comp. the Rt. Hon. Earl Howe, G.C.H., P.G.M.

<i>Provincial Grand H.,</i>	Comp.	William Kelly, P.Z., D.P.G.M.
„ „ <i>J.,</i>	„	William Pettifor, P.Z.
„ „ <i>Scribe E.</i>	„	W. J. Windram, P.Z.
„ „ <i>Scribe N.</i>	„	R. Crawford, P.Z.
„ „ <i>Principal Sojourner</i>	„	E. Clephan, P.Z.
„ „ <i>1st Assist. Sojourner</i>	„	J. J. Kinton, P.Z.
„ „ <i>2nd ditto</i>	„	W. Williamson, P.H.
„ „ <i>Treasurer</i>	„	Josh. Underwood
„ „ <i>Registrar</i>	„	Chas. Morris
„ „ <i>Sword Bearer</i>	„	Frederick Goodyer
„ „ <i>Director of Ceremonies</i>	„	W. N. Reeve
„ „ <i>Organist</i>	„	G. A. Löhr
„ „ <i>Standard Bearer</i>	„	Wm. Hardy, <i>deceased</i>
„ „ <i>Janitor</i>	„	James Pennock.

BY J. A. W. B.

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