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# BY-LAWS

FOR THE

REGULATION OF LODGE

No. 349,

OF THE MOST ANCIENT FRATERNITY

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

CONSTITUTED IN THE YEAR 1790,

~~NEW FIELD~~  
*Masonic Hall*  
~~AT THE REIN DEER INN,~~

WORCESTER.

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*appear in Lodge* <sup>4</sup>

the Master, ~~sit down~~ unclothed, or otherwise conduct himself improperly, such offending Brother shall be called to order, and should he still continue refractory, or interrupt the business, he shall be peremptorily commanded by the Master to withdraw for the evening, and be subject to a fine at the option of the majority of the Brethren then present, to which should he refuse to accede, he shall receive public censure at the next open Lodge; and should he neglect to attend the Lodge when summoned, or prove again refractory, his name shall be erased from the Lodge, and notice to that effect, stating his offence, be sent to him by the Secretary.

### III.

Members  
desirous of  
being dis-  
continued.

Any Brother desirous of being discontinued a Member, on signifying such his intention, either personally in open Lodge or by letter to the Secretary, and discharging his arrears for the current year up to the 27th December, may be discontinued accordingly, and be afterwards re-admitted on application for that purpose, paying One Guinea, provided in all such cases that he be approved on the ballot.

*it shall be a standing clause to the T. to make written appl for the same & if not paid within the following 6 Mo - the T again want to him.*

*Memo - to be made more explicit*

Where any Subscription shall be withheld for one year, the Secretary shall make a written application for the same; and if not paid within the following year, the party so neglecting to discharge his arrears shall cease to be a Member of the Lodge; and no Member shall be qualified to hold any office in the Lodge, or permitted to vote on any question, or ballot for a new Member, who has not paid up his Subscription.

*Application for Arrears. in the following form for the Party is No Member in arrear to vote.*

*right to discharge his arrears to allow to be a V. Member of the Lodge*

The Jewels and Furniture of the Lodge shall be considered as vested in, and actually the property of, the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust, nevertheless, for themselves and the rest of the Members of the Lodge, and shall not be worn or made use of out of the Lodge, except on special occasions, and to be approved by the Master.—A regular Inventory of the whole shall be entered in the Book of By-Laws.

*Jewels and Furniture vested in Master and Wardens. & other Property*

*Warrant* VI.

The Lodge shall be held on the first Thursday in the Months of February, March, April, September, October, November, and December; the Brethren to be summoned for

*Time of Meeting.*

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Admission. The Candidate shall be balloted for at the next regular Lodge, if approved on the ballot to be initiated into the first degree as soon as possible, on payment of the usual fees, for the amount of which the Member who proposed him shall be answerable to the Lodge.

## XII.

Operation  
of ballot.

When a ballot takes place, if one black ball or negative appear in the box, a second ballot may take place the same evening, on a motion being made for that purpose; if it should a second time appear, a motion may be made to repeat the ballot at the next Lodge; but if two negatives appear, the ballot must be suspended for twelve months.

## XIII.

Forfeiture  
of Propo-  
sition, Fee.

The Candidate approved on the ballot, and not appearing to be initiated in the space of six months, the deposit to be forfeited, and his election to be declared void, unless satisfactory apology be made.

## XIV.

Masons not  
made in  
this Lodge.

If any Brother be desirous to become a Member of this Lodge, who was not made therein, the fee shall be Two Guineas, with Half-a-Crown the registering fee to the Grand Lodge.

The proposition under the same regulations as voted in the 11th By-Law.

A ballot shall take place at the next Lodge, subject to the regulations stated in the 13th By-Law ; if approved he shall be immediately received on payment of the remainder of the fees.

## XV.

Every Member of the Lodge shall subscribe Annual Subscription. and pay annually to the Treasurer the sum of One Pound Six Shillings (which includes Two Shillings to the Fund of Benevolence), which sum shall be paid in advance on or before the first Lodge in January, a receipt for the same to be given by the Treasurer.

## XVI.

Any Member who shall, in open Lodge, Member erasing his name. desire his name to be erased from the Lodge Book, on account of any proposal or motion being rejected, shall not be again admitted a Member without a fresh ballot, and payment of One Guinea, and Half-a-Crown for registering fee.

## XVII.

Visitor's  
Fee.

Every Brother visiting this Lodge will be expected to produce his Certificate, and undergo an examination, or must be vouched for by a Member of the Lodge; the visiting fee to be paid to the Tyler previous to admission.

Visiting Fee for the regular Lodge, including Dinner, 5s.  
Ditto ditto for St. John's Days, ditto 5s.  
Ditto ditto to Lodge on Supper Nights only, 2s.

N.B. The majority in any Lodge, on vote, to have the power to increase these fees, should it at any time be judged necessary to do so.

## XVIII.

Visitors  
restricted.

No visiting Brother can be allowed to interfere in the proceedings of the Lodge, unless requested by the Master.

## XIX.

Tyler's  
Duty.

The Tyler to take care of the Lodge Furniture, see that every Member signs his name in a book, to be by him kept for that purpose, prior to his entering the Lodge, collect the fees from the Visitors, and deliver the summonses to the Members, for which he shall be paid by the Treasurer Three Shillings and Sixpence for each attendance on the Lodge.



## XX.

Part of the Lodge Fund shall be appropriated to relieve distressed Brethren who may apply to the Master for that purpose; the Treasurer (on receiving his order) to pay the same; the sum not to exceed Three Shillings. Charity.

## XXI.

The Lodge Fund to contribute towards the expenses of the Members who attend the Lodge, with the exception of those who are in arrear, from whom the visiting fee shall be demanded previous to their admission. Members' Expenses.

## XXII.

If any Member shall propose any of these By-Laws to be altered or repealed, due notice shall be given to each Member of the same in the summonses, and a public ballot take place at the next regular Meeting, the Master to have the casting vote should equal numbers appear. Alteration of By-Laws.

XXIII. *inserted*

*a copy of* These By-Laws shall be read to every Brother at the time of his initiation, ~~and to~~ Members to sign By-Laws. which he shall subscribe his name as assenting to the same.

*These By-Laws were passed in Open Lodge,  
October 31, 1833.*

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