



BY LAWS

AND

REGULATIONS

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Provincial Grand Lodge
of
Mark Master Masons of Warwickshire

Provincial Grand Master :
Right Worshipful Brother
PERCY H. JACKSON

By-Laws
and
Regulations



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Order of Precedence

WITHIN THE PROVINCE.

- 1 The Provincial Grand Master.
- 2 Past Provincial Grand Masters.
- 3 The Deputy Provincial Grand Master.
- 4 Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters.
- 5 The Provincial Grand Wardens.
- 6 Past Provincial Grand Wardens.
- 7 The Provincial Grand Overseers.
- 8 Past Provincial Grand Overseers.
- 9 The Provincial Grand Chaplains.
- 10 Past Provincial Grand Chaplains.
- 11 The Provincial Grand Treasurer.
- 12 Past Provincial Grand Treasurers.
- 13 The Provincial Grand Registrar.
- 14 Past Provincial Grand Registrars.
- 15 The Provincial Grand Secretary.
- 16 Past Provincial Grand Secretaries.
- 17 The Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- 18 Past Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
- 19 The Provincial Grand Deacons.
- 20 Past Provincial Grand Deacons.
- 21 The Provincial Grand Inspector of Works.
- 22 Past Provincial Grand Inspectors of Works.
- 23 The Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- 24 Past Assistant Provincial Grand Directors of Ceremonies.
- 25 The Provincial Grand Sword Bearer.
- 26 Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearers.
- 27 The Provincial Grand Standard Bearers.
- 28 Past Provincial Grand Standard Bearers.
- 29 The Provincial Grand Organist.
- 30 Past Provincial Grand Organists.
- 31 The Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary.
- 32 Past Assistant Provincial Grand Secretaries.
- 33 The Provincial Grand Inner Guard.
- 34 Past Provincial Grand Inner Guards.
- 35 The Provincial Grand Stewards of the year.

The Master, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of all Private Lodges in the Province as Members of the Provincial Grand Lodge rank in the order of the seniority of their Lodges upon the Roll of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Dominions and Dependencies of the British Crown.

BY-LAWS

I.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Warwickshire shall meet in the month of September in every year, or at such other times as the Provincial Grand Master shall appoint.

II.

The members of the Provincial Grand Lodge are the Officers and Past Officers thereof and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of Lodges within the Province.

All other Mark Master Masons may, by authority of the Provincial Grand Master, be permitted to attend Provincial Grand Lodge, but they shall not be allowed to speak on any question without his permission, or, in any circumstances, be allowed to vote.

III.

The Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge shall take rank in the following order, and each Officer, on his first appointment, shall pay towards the Fund for General Purposes the Fee of Honour placed opposite the name of his office :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Deputy Provincial Grand Master | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Provincial Grand Warden | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| " " Overseer | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| " " Chaplain | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| " " Treasurer | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| " " Registrar | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| " " Secretary | - | - | - |
| " " Director of Ceremonies ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| " " Deacon | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| " " Inspector of Works | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| " " Assistant Director of Cere- | | | |
| monies | 10 | 6 | |
| " " Sword Bearer | 10 | 6 | |
| " " Standard Bearer | 10 | 6 | |
| " " Organist | 10 | 6 | |
| " " Assistant Secretary | 10 | 6 | |
| " " Inner Guard | 10 | 6 | |
| " " Steward | 10 | 6 | |

The Fee of Honour shall be due and payable on appointment, and no Brother shall be allowed to assume the rank and clothing of his office until such fee shall have been paid.

IV.

The regalia belonging to his rank shall be provided by each officer on his appointment except the Jewel, which will be supplied by and be the property of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Every officer shall be responsible for the safe keeping of his Jewel during his tenure of office, and shall attend at the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge to give up his Jewel for the use of his successor, or be fined the sum of one guinea, unless he has previously returned his Jewel to the Provincial Grand Secretary. Every Provincial Grand Officer not attending the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge and not sending an explanation in writing to the Provincial Grand Secretary, shall be fined the sum of one Guinea.

V.

The Provincial Grand Registrar and the Provincial Grand Secretary, in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices, shall be governed by the laws applicable to these offices in the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. The furniture and all other property of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be in the care of the Provincial Grand Secretary for the time being.

The Provincial Grand Inner Guard shall allow none but members and authorised brethren to enter the Provincial Grand Lodge, previously seeing that every brother is properly clothed, and has signed his name with his rank and the number of his Lodge. The Provincial Grand Tyler shall assist in the discharge of these duties.

VI.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Nominations for the office must be made in writing to the Provincial Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge. Should there be two or more nominations the election shall be by ballot. In the absence of a nomination the Presiding Officer may nominate a brother for election by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

VII.

All monies belonging to the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be deposited in such Bank as the Provincial Grand Master shall direct in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall pay all accounts and, at the Annual Meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, shall present a statement of receipts and expenditure certified by two Auditors appointed by the Provincial Grand Lodge. A copy of the Audited Accounts shall be transmitted to each Lodge within the Province.

VIII.

The Master and Secretary of every Lodge in the Province shall, in the month of December of each year, make a return of the members thereof showing their attendances with the date of advancement or joining of each brother within the year, together with his mark and shall at the same time transmit, to the Provincial Grand Secretary, the fees due to the Provincial Grand Lodge. Any Lodge failing to render the Annual Return and fees due in December by the 31st day of January in the year following shall be liable to a fine of one guinea.

IX.

The following fees shall be paid to the funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge by each Mark Lodge in the Province :—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|---|---|----|----|
| For each subscribing member yearly | | 2 | 0 |
| For each Dispensation | | 10 | 0 |
| For registering a new Warrant within the Province or its removal | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| For each confirmation of By-Laws | | 5 | 0 |
| For each confirmation of amended By-Laws | | 5 | 0 |
| For each copy of Provincial By-Laws | | 1 | 6 |

X.

The Master and Secretary of every Lodge shall annually, within seven days of the Installation Meeting, make a return to the Provincial Grand Secretary of the Master, Past Masters of and in the Lodge, Wardens, Overseers and Officers. Any Lodge failing to render this return within one month of the date of the Installation Meeting shall be liable to a fine of one guinea.

XI.

The Master of each Lodge within the Province shall cause a copy of every Summons of his Lodge to be sent to the Provincial Grand Master, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Wardens, the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Chairman and Secretary of the Warwickshire Mark Benevolent Fund, and two copies to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

All communications intended for submission to the Provincial Grand Master shall be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

XII.

The Provincial Grand Secretary shall issue summonses for meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge at least fourteen days clear before the day fixed for each meeting. All business to be brought before any meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be placed on the summons convening that meeting: provided always that the Provincial Grand Master, or his Deputy, may bring forward any business he may think fit, although not necessarily expressed on the summons. Notice of all business to be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge must be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary at least thirty days before the meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge. By-Laws (subject to Rule 89 B.C.) and resolutions adopted at regular or special meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge shall not require confirmation.

XIII.

Any Lodge within the Province not represented by its Master, a Past Master or one of its Wardens at each Provincial Grand Lodge shall be subject to a fine of one guinea.

XIV.

Every application for a Dispensation shall be made in writing to the Provincial Grand Master, through the Provincial Grand Secretary, stating clearly the object thereof, accompanied by the appropriate fee.

XV.

The Master and Wardens of the Lodge at which the Provincial Grand Lodge may meet are required to assist the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies and the Provincial Grand Steward in making the necessary arrangements for such meeting so that, as regards Banquets, no expense shall be chargeable to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

XVI.

Every Lodge within the Province shall provide each of its members with a copy of these By-Laws. A copy shall be supplied to every Provincial Grand Officer on payment of his fee of honour.

Adopted, 6th September, 1941.

MATTHEW H. CLARKE,
Prov. G.M.

Approved on behalf of the General Board.

T. G. L. LUMLEY-SMITH,
Grand Sec.

LONDON, 22nd September, 1941.

Alterations to Rule IX, *re* fees approved.

PERCY H. JACKSON,
Prov. Grand Master.

September 17th, 1948.

Regulations for the Degree of Royal Ark Mariner.

1. Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in the Province are subject to the Regulations of Grand Mark Lodge, under the authority of the Provincial Grand Master.

2. The following fees shall be paid to the Funds of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge by each Royal Ark Mariner Lodge within the Province:—

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|---|----|----|
| For each candidate elevated | | 5 | 0 |
| For each joining or re-joining member | | 2 | 0 |
| For each Dispensation | | 10 | 0 |
| For each confirmation of By-Laws | | 5 | 0 |
| For each confirmation of amended By-Laws | | 5 | 0 |
| For granting a new Warrant | 2 | 2 | 0 |

3. Any matter not specifically dealt with in these Regulations for the governance of the Degree of R.A.M. shall be governed by the Regulations herein-before contained for the governance of the Mark Master Masons within the Province.

Alterations to Rule 2 *re* fees approved.

PERCY H. JACKSON,
Prov. Grand Master.

September 17th, 1948.

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Alteration of Fees. Rule IX.

Approved on behalf of the General Board.

T. G. L. LUMLEY-SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

LONDON, 14th January, 1949.

R. A. M.

Alteration of Fees. Rule 2.

Approved on behalf of the Grand Master's Royal
Ark Council.

T. G. L. LUMLEY-SMITH,
Grand Secretary.

LONDON, 14th January, 1949.