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I.

The ordinary Convocation of the Chapter shall be held at the Assembly Rooms, Francis Road, Birmingham, on the first Tuesday in January, March, May, and November, and Chapters of Emergency may be called when the Principals see fit.

II.

The Annual Subscription of each Member shall be ~~£3 3s. 0d.~~ ^{FOUR GUINEAS} paid in advance in January. A member who is unable to attend

the Chapter through any cause deemed sufficient by the Chapter may, on application, have his name retained on the books by paying 15s. annually in advance. If these members attend the banquet, they shall pay on each occasion the Visitors' Fee.

III.

Any Member whose subscription is in arrear for twelve months shall not be elected to any Office until his subscription is paid. Any Member whose subscription is in arrear for a period of three years ceases to be a Member of the Chapter, and may only be re-admitted upon election after payment of all arrears due to the Chapter, by proposition and ballot as a re-joining Member.

IV.

Every newly exalted Member shall pay a fee of Seven Guineas, which shall include Registration Fee and Certificate. Every

Joining Member shall pay a fee of Two Guineas, including Registration Fee. Every re-joining Member shall pay a fee of One Guinea. Each shall pay in addition, the proportionate part of the subscription for the current year due at the time of exaltation or joining.

V.

The names of all candidates for exaltation, joining, or re-joining, together with those of their proposers and seconders, shall appear on the summons for the Convocation at which they are to be balloted for; and any candidate for exaltation, if elected, may be exalted forthwith.

VI.

No Brother or Companion shall be admitted a Member of the Chapter if, upon ballot, one black ball appear; and should a candidate not appear for exaltation within one year from his election, such election shall be void.

VII.

Honorary Members may be elected at any Convocation by a majority of three-fourths of the Members present, notice having appeared in the Summons for such Convocation ; but no Honorary Member shall vote or hold office in the Chapter.

VIII.

Any Member wishing to resign must give notice in writing to the Scribe E., and such resignation, if not withdrawn, shall be brought before the next Convocation of the Chapter, when it shall be accepted.

IX.

The election of Principals and Officers shall take place at the ordinary Convocation in November in each year ; and the installation of the Principals and investiture of the Officers at the Ordinary Convocation in the following January.

X.

The Scribe E. shall, under the direction of the First Principal, prepare and send to every Companion, by post or otherwise, the summons for each Convocation, at least seven days before the date of such Convocation. He shall take minutes of the proceedings of each Convocation, and write them fairly in the Minute Book previous to the ensuing Convocation, and shall receive all moneys due to the Chapter, and give proper receipts for same.

XI.

The Treasurer shall make all payments, but only by order of the First Principal or vote of the Chapter; he shall keep a proper book in which he shall duly enter all receipts and payments, and produce same, together with all vouchers, to be audited or inspected when required by the Chapter.

XII.

No money shall be paid or voted out of the Chapter Funds for other than ordinary purposes, without Notice appearing on the summons for the Convocation at which the money is proposed to be paid or voted.

XIII.

A Meeting for the purpose of auditing the accounts shall be held annually by an Audit Committee, between the ordinary Convocations in November and January ; such Committee shall consist of the Principals, Immediate Past Principal, and two Members to be elected annually by the Chapter ; of these, three shall form a quorum. The Scribe E. shall call such meeting by direction of the First Principal, and together with the Treasurer and Almoner, shall attend such meeting, and each shall produce all books and papers in his possession that may be required. Upon receipt and approval of the Auditor's Report the Treasurer

and Almoner shall each there and then deliver over to their successors in office, their Account Books and Vouchers, and any balance of cash they may have in hand on account of the Chapter Funds.

XIV.

The Warrant, Ornaments, Furniture, Jewels, Books, Cash, and all other property of or belonging to this Chapter shall be and is hereby vested in and deemed to be the property of the Three Principals of the Chapter for the time being in trust for the use and benefit of the Members. An inventory shall be kept by the Scribe E. of such property, corrected or amended as may be necessary from time to time and shall be compared with the property annually at the Audit Meeting.

XV.

Any Member introducing a Visitor to a Banquet of the Chapter shall pay, for an

Ordinary Convocation 10s. 0d., and for an Installation Convocation 10s. 0d., or such other sums as may be decided by the Chapter from time to time. The First Principal shall have power to invite such Companions as he may think fit.

XVI.

All matters relating to the affairs of the Chapter not provided for in these By-Laws, or Regulations for R. A. Masons, or the By-Laws of P. G. Chapter, shall be decided by a majority of votes of Members present.

XVII.

These By-Laws shall be read in open Chapter at the ordinary Convocation in November in each year.

XVIII.

No alteration in any of these By-Laws shall be made without special notice being sent to every Companion of such proposed alteration

Approved by the Fletcher Chapter at a
Convocation held on the 6th November, 1928.

T. J. WILLIAMS FISHER, M.E.Z.

J. C. BELL, S.E.

Approved—C. RAINSFORD,
Prov.G.H., in charge of Province
15th November, 1928.

Approved by the
M.E. First Grand Principal.

P. COLVILLE SMITH, G.S.E.

21st December, 1928.