

Forward Lodge

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I.

The Lodge shall meet at the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms, Francis Road, Birmingham, on the first Monday of each month, except June, July, August, September and December.

II.

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Past Masters and Officers of the Lodge. The Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all general matters of administration, proposals for membership and on any matters

specially referred to it by the Lodge or by any individual member of the Lodge. Six members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

The Master and the Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all Committees except, as to the Secretary, of the Audit Committee.

III.

The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in January. The Master so elected shall be installed at the regular meeting in February.

IV.

Subject to the provisions of Rule 113, Book of Constitutions, the Tyler shall be elected by a show of hands at the regular meeting in January.

V.

The election of Candidates for Initiation and Joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 157 to 166, Book of Constitutions.

VI.

X The election of Candidates shall be by ballot and one black ball shall exclude.

VII.

The Initiation Fee shall be Twenty-five Pounds, the Joining Fee Six Guineas and the Re-joining Fee Two Guineas, such fees to be exclusive of Subscriptions. The Annual Subscription (except for non-dining membership as provided for in By-Law VIII.) shall be Ten Guineas per annum payable in advance on the first of February. A new member's Sub-

scription if the date of his Initiation or Joining is later than May, shall be for the current year one-half of the amount of the Annual Subscription. The Visitor's Fee at Dinners shall be such amount as the Lodge shall from time to time determine by Resolution after notice on the Summons. The Master shall be entitled to invite two guests to each Dinner free of the Visitor's Fee.

Any member whose Subscription is unpaid for one year shall be liable to be proceeded against under Rule 181, Book of Constitutions, with a view to exclusion.

VIII.

Any member who, for some cause satisfactory to the Lodge, is not in a position to attend the Meetings regularly may on written application to the Sec-

retary, and by Resolution of the Lodge, be considered a non-dining member and shall pay a Subscription of Two Guineas annually in advance on the first of February. When attending the Lodge and dining, such member shall pay the current Visitors' Fee. The roll of non-dining members shall be subject to revision annually in November.

IX.

A member may at any time resign his membership (either immediately or as from some later date specified by him at the time) by notifying such resignation either by a written notice to the Secretary or orally to the Lodge at a regular Meeting.

X.

All Subscriptions and all monies due to or held for the Lodge shall be paid or

remitted to the Treasurer direct. The Treasurer shall make such payments as are duly authorised or have been sanctioned by the Lodge.

XI.

The Audit Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens and two other members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually by the Lodge at the regular meeting in January. The accounts shall be made up to 31st January in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the regular meeting in March. A copy of the accounts and of the Audit Committee's certificate that all balances have been checked and that the accounts have been audited shall be sent to all members with the Summons convening the Meeting.

XII.

An Inventory of the property of the Lodge shall be made annually by the Secretary between the election and installation of the Master, and entered by him in the Minute Book prior to the Installation Meeting; and checked and (if correct) countersigned by the incoming Secretary on his taking Office.

XIII.

No alteration of these By-Laws shall be made until due notice of Motion has been given of the proposed alteration at a regular meeting of the Lodge and carried by a majority of the Brethren present at the next regular meeting, nor until such alteration has been approved by the Provincial Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master.

Approved—MICHAEL CLARKE,
Prov.G.Master.

11th January, 1962.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master

J. W. STUBBS,
Grand Sec.

22nd January, 1962.