

# Lodge of Friendship

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IN THE DISTRICT OF

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Brazil

## FOREWORD.

On 16th September 1921 twenty four Brethren, most of whom were members of Eureka Lodge, Rio de Janeiro, met at the premises of the Rio Cricket and Athletic Association to discuss the founding of a Lodge at Niteroi. For the purpose of the Brethren in the district and the wider propagation of Masonry. The ever-increasing membership of Eureka Lodge had made it difficult for some time, that a further outlet for Masonic activities was necessary.

The original warrant of the new Lodge was issued by the Grand Council of Craft Masonry in Brazil under date of 20th May 1922 and the Lodge, styled Lodge of Friendship, received the official number of 12 in the register of the Grand Council, and 975 in the register of the Grande Oriente do Brasil (which until the treaty of 21st December 1912 between the two bodies, had ruled and governed the English-speaking Lodges in Brazil). Lodge of Friendship, No. 12, was consecrated on 3rd June 1922, the ceremony of Consecration, and all subsequent meetings until December 1924, being held in the Temple, at Rua Visconde de Alvaris No. 60, Niteroi, of the Brazilian Lodge "Acacia".

which stands to this day on the same site and to which English-speaking Masons in this vicinity owe a deep debt of gratitude for warm hospitality and welcome accommodation.

In 1924, after investigating various possibilities of alternative accommodation, an arrangement was made with the Board of the newly-acquired Niteroi British School whereby Lodge of Friendship was assured housing room for an indefinite period provided it defrayed the additional cleaning, lighting and other expenses. This arrangement has subsisted for the past twenty seven years and, it is by virtue of the agreement honoured by successive Boards of School Directors, that the Lodge of Friendship, No. 5563, continues to meet at Rua Miguel de Frias, No. 41, in the city of Niteroi.

On 6th May 1935 a Treaty of Friendship was concluded between the Grande Oriente do Brasil and the United Grand Lodge of England, whereby the English-speaking Lodges in Brazil were enabled to form the District Grand Lodge of South America, Northern Division, and to become an integral part of English Freemasonry under the direct jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England. Lodge of Friendship No. 12 was then entered in the register of the United Grand Lodge of England under No. 5563.

*Meetings.*

1. The Lodge shall meet at 11.30 on the third Monday in the month of August to November and March to June inclusive, and on the third Saturday in July, at such hours as the Master may direct.

*Election of Officers.*

2. The Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be elected as provided by the Book of Constitutions at the Regular Meeting in June. The Master-Elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in July.

*Treasurer's Accounts.*

3. The Treasurer shall pay into an approved Bank in the name of the Lodge any funds he holds. The signatures of the Master, Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary (if appointed) for each

Lodge year shall be registered with the Bank and all cheques must bear the signature of the Treasurer and that of the Master or Secretary or Assistant Secretary.

*Secretary's Report.*

4. The Secretary shall present a Report to the Lodge annually at the Regular Meeting in June, which shall be read prior to the election of Officers. This report shall contain a statement showing the attendance of officers during the current Lodge year and shall be included in detail in the Minutes.

*Lodge Committee.*

5. There shall be a Lodge Committee consisting of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary and two Brethren who shall be appointed by the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in August of each year, five of which shall form a quorum.

*Audit Committee.*

6. The Audit Committee consisting of two Brethren of the Lodge shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in June of each year. The Lodge

6. The Initiation Fee shall be £75 350,00 providing always that this sum shall not be inferior

*Fees and Subscriptions.*

Secretary upon the Master may communicate with the Proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate. Brother for joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or introduction of a candidate for Initiation or a *Note.* Should there be any objection to the proposed again within the space of two years.

No candidate who has been rejected by ballot or withdrawn as demonstrated hereunder may be excluded.

the ballot for a candidate. Two black balls shall the requirements of the Book of Constitutions. (In or joining shall be conducted in conformity with 8. The election of candidates for Initiation

7. The business of the Lodge shall be conducted in the English language.

*Membership.*

financial year shall end on the 30th June and the accounts shall be made up to that date and presented at the Regular Meeting in August, together with the Audit Committee's Report.

to the currency equivalent of three guineas, plus the respective Registration Fee payable to Grand Lodge, at the official rate of exchange.

The Joining Fee shall be Cr\$ 150,00 for Brethren joining from a Lodge under the Grand Lodge of England and Cr\$ 180,00 for Brethren from Lodges not under that Grand Lodge.

The Re-Joining Fee for a former Member of the Lodge shall be Cr\$ 100,00.

The Annual subscription shall be Cr\$ 200,00 for Town Members and Cr\$ 100,00 for Country Members (who are those resident beyond the confines of Niteroi and the Federal District). All Town members' subscriptions are payable half-yearly in advance in the months of July and January. Country members' subscriptions are payable annually in advance in July.

The annual subscription rate for Founding Members, however, shall remain at the original rate of Cr\$ 72,00 per annum.

The Secretary, in consideration of his services, shall be exempt from the payment of the Annual Subscription but shall enjoy all the privileges of a subscribing member.

Any Brother whose subscription is unpaid for two years shall be liable for exclusion from the Lodge in accordance with the Book of Constitutions.



12. Payment of any sum exceeding £500.00 from the Lodge Funds, if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which due notice has been given on the Summons, except in the case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and confirmed by the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

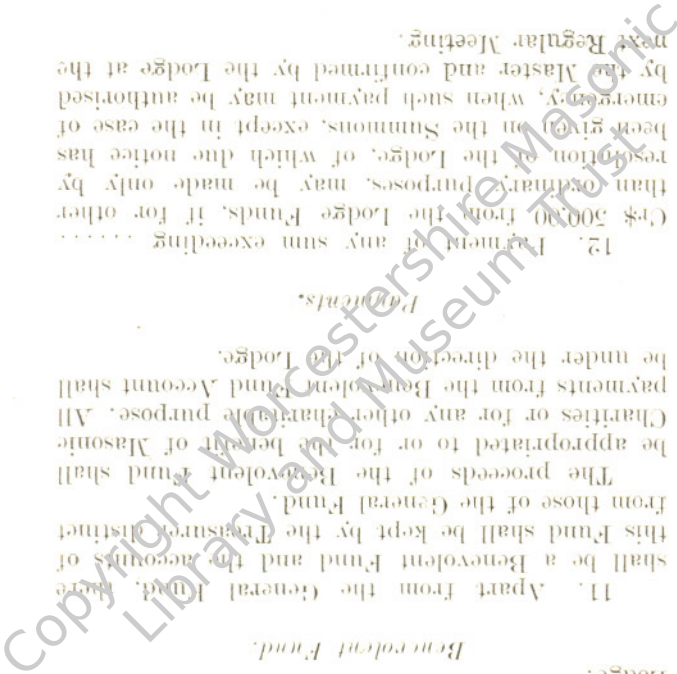
*Payments.*

11. Apart from the General Fund, there shall be a Benevolent Fund and the accounts of this Fund shall be kept by the Treasurer distinct from those of the General Fund. The proceeds of the Benevolent Fund shall be appropriated to or for the benefit of Masonic Charities or for any other charitable purpose. All payments from the Benevolent Fund Account shall be under the direction of the Lodge.

*Benevolent Fund.*

10. The Tyler, in view of his services, shall receive such remuneration as shall be voted by the Lodge.

*Tyler.*



### *Members Withdrawing.*

13. A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing, or orally in open Lodge, and shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in the Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

### *Lodge Regalia: Inventory Committee.*

14. The Lodge Regalia shall be paid for out of the General Fund and be the exclusive property of the Lodge. Such Regalia and all other Lodge furniture and property shall be duly insured by the Treasurer against damage by fire.

The Lodge shall, at the regular meeting in August, appoint a Committee of two Brethren to take an inventory of the property of the Lodge and such inventory shall be read aloud in open Lodge at the Regular Meeting in September and be embodied in the Minutes.

### *By-Laws.*

15. Any addition, alteration or amendment to these By-Laws shall only be made by notice of



motion given in writing in open Lodge at one Regular Meeting and the motion inserted in the Summons for the next Meeting. It shall then be considered at that Meeting and, if approved, shall be submitted for confirmation at the next Regular Meeting but shall not become effective until finally approved by the Rt. W. the District Grand Master and the M. W. the Grand Master.

In all respects the Members of this Lodge shall abide by, and strictly conform to, the Laws and Regulations of the United Grand Lodge of England, as embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

Adopted Niteroi, 22nd November 1951.  
Confirmed Niteroi, 26th March 1952.

*T. C. Rusling*  
Acting Master

*T. B. Leslie*  
Secretary



Approved, Rio de Janeiro, 10th May 1952.

*F. Swanson*  
Dist. Grand Master

Approved A. M. W. Dist. Grand Master, 16th June  
1952.

*Sydney A. White*  
Grand Secretary

