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Name.

1. This Lodge shall be called the "Semper Fidelis Lodge of Instruction," holden by the authority of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, No. 529, and pledged to act in strict conformity with the book of constitutions, and in accordance with the bye-laws.

Objects.

2. Its objects shall be (1) to stimulate interest in the work of Craft Masonry, and (2) to provide opportunities for the members to become proficient in and familiar with the ceremonies and lectures.

Time and place of Meeting.

3. The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Worcester, on the third Friday in every month from September to April inclusive.

Membership.

4. Any Master Mason being a subscribing member of a Craft Lodge shall be eligible for membership. Candidates shall be proposed and seconded in open Lodge, and balloted for at the following meeting, and if elected, admitted. Three black balls to exclude.

Subscription.

5. The subscription shall be 7/6 per annum, payable in January in advance. It shall be left to the discretion of the Lodge to decide whether and when this amount shall be increased or decreased, or to fix an entrance fee for new members.

Committee, &c.

6. A Committee shall be appointed consisting of the Preceptor, Deputy Preceptors, the W.M. of the Semper Fidelis Lodge, the Treasurer, the Secretary, two Stewards,

and four other members (at least two of whom shall be P.M.'s), all of whom, together with two Auditors and a Tyler, shall be elected at the December meeting in each year.

Preceptor.

7. A Preceptor, who shall have power to appoint Deputy Preceptors, shall be appointed at the Lodge meeting in December, who shall be responsible for the ceremonial work of the Lodge, and whose decisions on all matters relating thereto shall be final. He shall select the ceremonies to be performed, and in his absence the ceremony shall be taken by one of the Deputies, who shall for the time being exercise the powers of the Preceptor.

Officers.

8. The W.M. and S.W. shall be elected at every Lodge meeting for the ensuing Lodge. The other offices and candidate shall be balloted for. If any member cannot attend any meeting at which he is elected or appointed to hold any office, he shall be responsible for finding a competent substitute.

Procedure.

9. The Lodge meetings shall be conducted in all respects in the same manner as a Regular Lodge. All the formalities and courtesies observed and practised in the parent Lodge shall be strictly observed.

Accounts.

10. The Treasurer's accounts shall be made up and audited at the end of each year, and presented to the Lodge meeting in January.

Quorum.

11. No business other than Instruction shall be transacted unless at least seven members are present.

Alteration of Bye-Laws.

12. These Bye-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting, provided that not less than one month's previous notice of such proposed alteration or amendment shall have been given in Lodge, and notified on the summons for the next meeting.

January, 1918.

Alterations and Additions made on 19th December, 1919; 18th February, 1921; and 21st January, 1944.