

# BORDESLEY ABBEY LODGE

No. 4495



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**1 Place and Dates of Meeting**

The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Redditch, and shall hold regular meetings on the fourth Thursday in the months of January, February, March, October and November and on the third Thursday in December.

**2 Election and Installation Meetings**

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler by a show of hands at the regular meeting in February. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular Meeting in March.

**3 Lodge Committee**

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, Deacons, Inner Guard and Stewards.

**4 Audit Committee and Annual Accounts**

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge who shall be elected at the February Meeting. The accounts shall be made up to the last day in February and presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the regular meeting in October.

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.

## 5 Fees and Annual Subscription

The initiation fee shall be twenty-five pounds; the joining fee shall be fifteen pounds and the rejoining fee fifteen pounds, such fees to be exclusive of subscription. In addition to these fees, the candidate shall pay to the Lodge such registration fees as are payable to Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, together with any tax thereon, and the candidate before becoming a member be informed of the total amount due. The annual subscription due and payable in advance on the first day of March and exclusive of dining fees, shall be of such amount as the Lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the summons at the previous regular meeting.

A dining fee shall be payable in respect of each Member or Visitor staying for refreshments after a meeting. This fee shall be fixed by the Lodge Committee.

## 6 Country Membership

Any member who, for reasons acceptable to the Lodge, is not in a position to enjoy the privileges of the Lodge regularly, may, on written application to the Secretary and by resolution of the Lodge Committee, be considered a non-dinning or country member and shall pay a subscription annually in advance on the first day of March, of such less amount than that provided for in By-Law No. 5 as the Lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the summons at the previous regular meeting. When attending the Lodge and dining such member shall pay the current dining fee.

## 7 Admission of Candidates

The admission of Candidates for initiation and joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 157 to 166, Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a candidate for initiation or joining one black ball shall exclude.

Full particulars of all Candidates for initiation into or joining the Lodge shall be submitted in writing on the prescribed form to the Secretary for consideration of the Lodge Committee before they are proposed in open Lodge.

## **8 Termination of Membership**

A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary or orally in open Lodge, in accordance with Rule 183, Book of Constitutions, and he shall be entitled to the Certificate mentioned in Rule 175, Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge. Unless such resignation is received before the annual subscription becomes due, he shall be liable for the same. Should he at any future time wish to rejoin, he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

## **9 Payments from Lodge Funds**

Payment of any sum exceeding fifty pounds, if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given on the summons, except in case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and reported to the Lodge, at the next regular meeting.

## **10 Amendment of By-Laws**

Except as otherwise required by Rule 141, Book of Constitutions, amendment of these By-Laws or of any of them may be made only in the following manner:-

Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open Lodge at a regular meeting.

The Motion shall be set out on the summons for the next regular meeting or for an Emergency meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge

A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of the members voting shall vote in favour of it, but it shall not be effective until approved by the Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Master

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**Note:-** Should there be any objection to the introduction of a Candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate, prior to the proposal being put in Open Lodge.

Approved by, and on behalf of the M. W. The Grand Master

R. W. Bro. Barrie Cooper  
Provincial Grand Master

Dated sixteenth day of August 1996

*N.B.-The numbers of the Rules in the Book of Constitutions given  
above are as they appear in the 1989 Edition.*

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