

Bordesley Abbey Lodge No.4495



BY-LAWS

Revised December 2012

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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 of 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 at the regular meeting in February. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in March.

3. **Election of Tyler.**

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 February.

4. Lodge Committee

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, Deacons, Inner Guard and Stewards. A quorum will consist of five Lodge Members, including the Master or his appointed representative and one Past Master, of or in the Lodge.

5. Audit Committee and Annual Accounts

The Audit Committee shall consist of two Members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually at the regular meeting in February. The accounts shall be made up to last day in February and shall be 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.

6. Fees and Annual Subscription

The initiation fee shall be twenty five pounds and the joining and re-joining fee fifteen pounds, such fees to be exclusive of subscriptions. 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.

Any member whose subscription is unpaid for eight months shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with rule 181, Book of Constitutions.

7. 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 country member and shall pay a subscription in advance on the first day of March, of such less amount than that provided for in by-law No.6 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.

8. 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.

9. Termination of Membership

Any 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.

Should he at any future time wish to rejoin, he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

10. Payments from Lodge Funds

Payment of any sum exceeding £100.00 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 a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

11. 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 shall not be effective until approved by the Provincial Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Master.

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.

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

Signed:

**R.W.Bro. Richard George Hamilton Goddard.
Provincial Grand Master.**

Dated: 6th December 2012

Signed:

**W.Bro.M.H. R. Coie, PAGDC
Provincial Grand Secretary;**

Dated: 6th December 2012

N.B. - The numbers of the Rules in the Book of Constitutions given above are as they appear in the 2012 edition.