

By-Laws  
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## INSTALLED FIRST PRINCIPALS

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1. The Chapter shall meet at the Worcester Masonic Hall, Rainbow Hill, and shall hold regular convocations on the 3rd Wednesday in June and the 2nd Saturday in November, at such hour as the Principals shall direct.

2. The three Principals, two Scribes, Treasurer, Principal Sojourner and two Assistant Sojourners shall be elected by ballot at the regular convocation in November.

A Director of Ceremonies, an Assistant Director of Ceremonies, an Organist, an Assistant Scribe E. and Stewards may also be elected. The Installation of Principals Elect and investiture of Officers shall take place at the regular convocation in June.

*(Note-A Chapter may, by annual resolution under Rule 48, Royal Arch Regulations, give authority to the Principals Elect to appoint the rest of the Officers, with the exception of the Tre-*

asurer and (subject to para. 5 of Rule 48) the Janitor. Such Authority cannot be given by By-Law.)

3. Subject to the provision of Rule 48, Royal Arch Regulations, para 5, the Janitor shall be elected by show of hands at the regular convocation in November.

4. The Chapter Committee shall consist of the Principals, Past Principals of the Chapter, two Scribes, Treasurer and three E. Companions to be appointed by the Chapter at the regular convocation in November each year. Five shall form a quorum. This Committee shall deal with any matter specially referred to it by the Chapter.

5. The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Chapter who shall be elected annually by the Chapter at the regular convocation in November. The accounts shall be made up to 31st March in each year and shall be presented to the Chapter duly audited at the regular convocation in June. 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 convocation.

6. The exaltation fee shall be £300 and the joining fee £15, such fees to be exclusive of subscription. The annual subscription due and payable in advance on 1st June, shall be of such amount as the Chapter shall from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the summons. The Scribe E's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription. The visitor's fee at dinners shall be such amount as the Chapter shall from time to time determine by resolution after notice on the summons.

Any member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be excluded from the Chapter, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 71, Royal Arch Regulations, and Rule 181, Book of Constitutions (Craft).

7. The admission of candidates for exaltation and joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 65 to 69, Royal Arch Regulations. On the

ballot for a candidate for exaltation or joining two black balls shall exclude.

8. Any member desirous of terminating his membership of the Chapter shall tender his resignation in writing to the Scribe E. or orally in open Chapter, in accordance with Rule 183, Book of Constitutions (Craft), and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 70, Royal Arch Regulations, stating the circumstances in which he left the Chapter. Should he at any future time wish to rejoin, he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

9. Payment of any sum exceeding £50 if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Chapter, of which notice has been given in the summons, except in a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the First Principal and reported to the Chapter at the next regular convocation.

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

- (a) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open Chapter at a regular convocation.
- (b) The Motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular convocation or for an Emergency convocation summoned for the purpose, and shall at such convocation be put to the Chapter.
- (c) 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 Grand Superintendent and by the First Grand Principal.

Approved 21st June 1984

EDWARD F. HANSON, J.P.

M.E. The Grand Superintendent

CHARLES PERKS

Provincial Grand Scribe E.

Approved by

M.E. The First Grand Principal.

28th June 1984

(Signed) M.B.S. HIGHAM

Grand Scribe E.