

Ancient and Honourable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons

BY-LAWS

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FOREWORD

With pride and great joy I feel privileged to consider this Lodge:-

The Provincial Grand Stewards' Lodge No. 9142, as my very own personal Masonic Child. A child born on the 31st May, 1985 from an earnest desire conceived in my mind soon after I was appointed and invested as the Provincial Grand Master for Worcestershire, that I would introduce in the Province a change of appointment by style in respect of the Rank of Steward.

This rank is conferred upon those brethren of high quality and distinctive bearing and as in the past all brethren will wear the "Red" of Steward with pride. The Stewards' Lodge will be an example and form the basis of Freemasonry as we are taught to know it.

I am proud of all the members of this Lodge, just as I am of all my Lodges in this Province.

May this Lodge prosper and justify my faith: my hopes: and my prayers for Happiness, Sincerity, Efficiency, and Masonic Love to abide in this Lodge, until time with us is no more.

EDWARD F. HANSON,
Provincial Grand Master.

May 1985.

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I.

MEETINGS

The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Worcester on the second Friday in May and September.

II.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION MEETINGS

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in September. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting held in May.

III.

ELECTION OF TYLER

The Tyler shall be elected annually, in open Lodge, at the regular meeting held in September by a show of hands.

IV.

LODGE COMMITTEE

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge. This committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for Membership and on any other matters specially referred to it by the Lodge.

Ten Members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

V.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge who shall be annually elected by the Lodge at the regular meeting in September. This Committee shall audit the accounts made up to the 31st March in each year and shall be duly presented to the Lodge, audited, at the regular meeting held in September. 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.

VI.

MEMBERSHIP

The admission of candidates for membership shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 157 to 166, Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for membership one black ball shall exclude.

VII.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

The Annual Subscription shall be payable in advance on the first day of April and shall be of such an amount as the Lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the Summons.

VIII.

FEES & CHARGES

The initiation fee shall be	£500.00
The joining fee shall be	£10.00
The re-joining fee shall be	£10.00

IX.

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 shall be entitled to a Certificate as mentioned in Rule 175, Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge. Should he at any future time wish to re-join the Lodge he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

X.

PAYMENTS FROM LODGE FUNDS

The Treasurer shall be in charge of the Lodge Funds. Payments 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 in the Summons, except in the case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and reported to the Lodge at the next meeting.

XI.

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:

- (a) Notice of motion in writing stating the precise amendment or amendments proposed shall be given in open LODGE at a regular meeting.
- (b) The motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular meeting or for an emergency meeting summoned for that purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge.
- (c) A Resolution for Amendment, of which notice shall then have been given as aforesaid, shall be carried if a majority of the members voting shall be in favour of it, but shall not be effective until approved by the Provincial Grand Master.

NOTE:

The numbers of the Rules in the Book of Constitutions given in the text of these By-Laws are as they appear in the 1984 Edition of the Book of Constitutions.

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Approved: By the PROVINCIAL GRAND MASTER.

Date: 6th DECEMBER, 1985.

Signed: Gordon J. T. Pearce

Provincial Grand Secretary

In accordance with amended Rule 136 Book of Constitution. Approved at the Quarterly Communication (Item 4) on the 11th day of September 1985.

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FOUNDERS' RECOMMENDATIONS

Membership

Membership is primarily intended for those Masons who have served as Provincial Grand Stewards in Craft, Royal Arch or Mark Masonry.

Officers

Appointments shall be in the hands of the Master-Elect, who will consult with the Lodge Committee.

All Offices, except those of Treasurer, Secretary, Charity Steward, & Almoner shall be vacated annually.

The selected Wardens will progress to the Masters Chair should they so desire.

As every Member of the Lodge is eligible for election as Master, the reading of the List is not necessary, but every Member has the right to vote for whom he pleases.

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Election of the Junior Warden

Following notification by Bro. Secretary, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge will receive from the W.M., S.W., J.W., and the two most recent Past Masters, five names in order of preference for the office of Junior Warden. The Senior Past Master will then total the number of points, and notify the W.M. of the result.

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