

RULES & REGULATIONS

OF THE

MASONIC

Charities' Association

FOR THE PROVINCE OF

NORTH & EAST YORKSHIRE

TO BE SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF

Provincial Grand Lodge

1880.



RULES AND REGULATIONS.



I.

THAT the Association be called THE MASONIC CHARITIES' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROVINCE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

II.

THAT exclusive of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master and the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master (who shall respectively be the Patron and Vice-Patron), Prov. Grand Treasurer, Prov. Grand Secretary, and Prov. Charity Steward, who shall be ex-officio members, it shall consist of four members to be elected by the Prov. Grand Lodge, of whom two shall retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election, and one member to be elected annually by each Lodge in the Province which shall have paid its dues.

III.

THAT the Provincial Grand Lodge Representatives shall be elected annually, at the regular Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, and the members of other Lodges at their next regular Lodge after the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, providing there shall have been sufficient time for the notice to appear on the summons calling that Lodge; if not, then at the next following regular Lodge.

IV.

THAT on or before the 30th day of October in each year, the Secretary of the Association shall send a printed form (as per Schedule A) to each Lodge, for the purpose of returning the name, address, and Masonic rank of the Representative of such Lodge, and that such form shall be returned to the Secretary before the 31st day of December in each year; should no such return be sent in, then the Representative of that Lodge for the previous year shall be deemed the Representative until notice to the contrary shall have been given to the Secretary.

V.

THAT a General Meeting of the Association shall be held twice a year, viz. : in the months of January

and July, at York, or at such other place as the Committee may determine; and at the first meeting a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and other necessary officers for the ensuing year shall be elected, and other business of the Association transacted—five to be a quorum.

VI.

THAT the members present at such first General Meeting shall have power to appoint from amongst their number a small Working Committee, and may delegate to such Committee any duties they may think expedient.

VII.

THAT every member shall be eligible for re-election.

VIII.

THAT the objects of the Association shall be the furtherance of the Provincial interests in the Masonic Charities, and especially by procuring the admission of Candidates of this Province into the various Masonic Institutions; by inducing brethren to become Subscribers to these Institutions; by having the Votes of the Lodges, Chapters, and brethren regularly collected and forwarded, properly signed with the name, &c. of the voter, *but not filled in*, to the Provincial

Charity Steward, or to the Secretary of the Association, in sufficient time before each Election; and by whatever other means may be considered advisable and most likely to attain the objects of the Association.

IX.

THAT the Provincial Charity Steward or other brother authorised to receive and use the Votes of the Province, shall, at the next meeting of the Association after each election for the Masonic Institutions, make a full Report in writing on Form B (*see appendix*) of the number of Votes he has received from each Lodge, Chapter, Brother, &c. in the Province, and how they have been disposed of; and also what Candidates, if any, have been elected into those Institutions.

X.

THAT the selection of Candidates to be supported by the Province for admission into any of the Institutions shall be decided by the votes of the majority of the members of the Association present at any meeting called for that purpose, and of which not less than seven days' notice shall have been given by the Secretary to each member of the Association.

XI.

THAT all Candidates to be supported by the Province shall first be approved by this Association before their names are placed on the Lists of the various Masonic Institutions.

XII.

THAT any member having a Candidate to propose for admission into any of the Masonic Institutions for adoption by the Province, shall send to the Secretary on Form C (*see appendix*) to be supplied by him, the name, age, address, position, &c. of such Candidate, and other information necessary to enable the Association fully to investigate such case.

XIII.

THAT in the event of the Province not having a Candidate for any Election of the Institutions, the Charity Steward be authorised to exchange, if he think fit, any Votes he may have received with another Province, taking care that proper arrangements are made for the repayment of all Votes so lent.

XIV.

THAT in the event of the Representative of any Lodge being unable from any cause to attend the

General or Committee meetings, he may depute the W.M., a P.M., or acting Warden of the Lodge he represents to attend in his stead; and such deputy shall have power to make or support any proposition at such meeting, and to vote thereon.

XV.

THAT in the event of a member dying during his year of office, or refusing, or being unable from any cause to act, if a Provincial Grand Lodge Representative—the Prov. Grand Master, or Deputy Prov. Grand Master may, if he think fit, appoint a brother to fill the vacancy until the next Provincial Grand Lodge; and if the Representative of a Lodge, then his Lodge may at any time elect a successor for the current year; notice of which shall be given to the Secretary on the proper form; and add in place of Bro. ——— (name given) previously elected, “dead,” “resigned,” or “declined to serve.”

XVI.

THAT the Patron, Vice-Patron, Chairman, or Vice Chairman, or any six members of the Association, may at any time call a Special Meeting of the Association (notwithstanding the dates fixed by Rule 6) by giving fourteen days' notice in writing to the Secretary, who shall give at least seven days' notice

of such meeting to each member, stating in the summons the nature of the business to be transacted, and no other business than that named in the summons shall be taken.

XVII.

THAT a Register of all Votes held by the brethren, &c. be made out in pamphlet form for ready reference, and a copy sent to each member of the Association, and to each Lodge in the Province, and each Representative of a Lodge shall annually correct the List of his Lodge, and at once advise the Secretary on Form D (*see appendix*) of any alterations, so that they may be correctly recorded.

XVIII.

THAT once in every year a Report of the transactions of the Association during the preceding year shall be printed and presented to Provincial Grand Lodge at its yearly meeting, and a copy sent to each Representative, and to each Lodge.

XIX.

THAT the working expenses of the Association and of any Committee, including the Railway fares of the members, be borne by the Province; but after the first twelve months, the total sum to be expended

shall not exceed twenty pounds per annum; the personal expenses of each member shall be borne by himself or by his Lodge, as the latter may determine.

XX.

THAT these Rules shall be submitted to Provincial Grand Lodge for approval and confirmation, after which they shall be printed, and a copy sent to each Representative, and to each Lodge in the Province, and shall remain in force until repealed or altered by the sanction of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

XXI.

THAT all matters not herein provided for shall be referred for settlement to the Prov. Grand Master, his Deputy, or any brother whom either may appoint.

LODGE REPRESENTATIVES.

Vide Rule IV.

"The Provincial Grand Lodge Representatives shall be elected annually at the regular Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, and the members of other Lodges at their next regular Lodge after the Provincial Grand Lodge meeting, provided there shall have been sufficient time for the notice to appear on the summons calling that Lodge; if not, then at the next following regular Lodge."

DUTIES.

I.

Every brother elected to represent his Lodge on the Charity Association of the Province is expected to attend all its meetings.

II.

It is his duty to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the Masonic Charities, to enable him to explain to the brethren the special advantages to Donors and Subscribers.

III.

It is his duty to collect the Voting Papers of his Lodge and brethren thereof, and to forward them signed, *but not filled up*, to the Secretary, or other authorised brother, as early as possible after their receipt.

IV.

He is desired to use his best endeavours in procuring subscriptions and donations, and to disseminate as widely as possible all information with respect to the several Masonic Charities, their respective claims, means and requirements, which information he may obtain from the Secretary, or from the Secretaries of the various Masonic Institutions.

V.

He is to explain to the brethren of his Lodge that the whole of the Lodge, and individual member's Votes for the Masonic Charities are to be given in support of the Candidates *selected by the Association.* and to show the brethren the immense advantage this Province will gain by combined action in voting on the principle of united organization as against individual efforts.

 REMARKS.

There are reasons for believing that this Province, by its private Lodges, dispenses a larger amount of Charity than it has credit for, and with the view of arriving at a tolerably accurate estimate of the amount thus dispensed, each Charity Representative should ascertain, and report (at the meetings of the Association) the amount contributed by his Lodge during the past three or five years, and to which Charity or Charities, or Masonic object, such donations or subscriptions have been devoted.

To report what steps (if any) have been taken in carrying out the Resolution of Provincial Grand Lodge to *voluntarily* subscribe 6d. per quarter to charitable purposes.