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# ROYDS LODGE

MALVERN

No. 1204

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## BY-LAWS

The Book of Constitutions shall be referred to on every occasion for the guidance of officers of this Lodge, these By-Laws being only intended to provide for such matters as are not settled by the Book of Constitutions.

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1. The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Malvern, on the third Thursday in each month except in the months of June, July, August and September—at such hour as the Master may direct. The permissible hours under the Licensing Act shall be from 6 to 10 p.m.

2. At the Regular Meeting in April the Master, Treasurer and Charity Steward shall be elected by ballot, and the Tyler shall be elected by a show of hands. The Master shall be Installed at the Regular Meeting in May of each year.

The financial year shall, however, end on December 31st in each year, and the Audited Financial Statement be presented by the General Purposes Committee at the February Meeting.

3. The following fees shall be payable in advance:

Initiation Fee	...	...	...	...	£12 12 0
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Joining Fee—

(A) By Brethren who are, or have been, Members of a Lodge under English Constitution	...	...	...	...	4 4 0
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(B) By Brethren who are not, and have not been, Members under the English Constitution	...	...	...	...	5 5 0
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Annual Subscription to Lodge (exclusive of cost of dining)	...	...	...	...	3 13 6
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In the case of Members who reside more than ten miles from the Masonic Hall, the Subscription may, if the Member so desire, be	...	...	...	...	1 1 0
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In the case of any Brother initiated or joining the Lodge after the Summer Recess, the proportion of the Annual Subscription for the remainder of that year shall be	...	...	...	...	1 16 9
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4. A General Purposes Committee, consisting of the Master and Members of the Lodge who are Past-Masters, shall deal with financial matters connected with the Lodge, including the auditing of Treasurer's and Secretary's Accounts, also any other matters referred to it by the Lodge, or the Worshipful Master, including the consideration of applications for Initiation or Joining by prospective Candidates. Five to form a Quorum.

5. A Catering Committee and the Lodge Representatives on the Provincial Charity Committee and the Library and Museum Committee shall be elected at the Regular Meeting in April.

6. The fee for dining shall be such as the Catering Committee may decide from time to time. The General Purposes Committee may invite visitors to dine at the expense of the Lodge. The cost of Refreshments of any Brother not a member of the Lodge shall be paid for by the Brother upon whose introduction or invitation he is present.

7. The method of application for Initiation or Joining shall be in accordance with the Book of Constitutions, with the proviso that two Black Balls shall exclude.

8. No sum exceeding £5 shall be expended out of the funds of the Lodge, for other than ordinary purposes without the sanction of the Lodge by resolution, of which notice has appeared on the Summons.

9. A fund shall be established and an account shall be opened at a Bank, to be called "The Royds Lodge Reserve Fund", and the General Purposes Committee may, by resolution, direct that all Initiation and Joining Fees, or a portion of such, also any special donations or surplus funds, shall be transferred thereto. The Fund shall only be applied for charitable or such other special purposes as the Lodge shall direct. No sum shall be paid out of the Fund unless notice has appeared on the Summons, and until the same has been voted in open Lodge by a majority of the Brethren present. Cheques on this Fund shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and Treasurer.

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10. No motion to add to, alter, or amend the foregoing By-Laws shall be made, without first giving notice of such a motion, in writing, in open Lodge, and notice thereof shall be inserted by the Secretary in the Summons for the next Lodge meeting, when the motion may be considered, and, if approved, entered on the Minutes, but shall not become effective until confirmed at a subsequent Lodge Meeting, and approved by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master.

*Should there be any objection to the introduction of a Candidate for Initiation, or Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Worshipful Master, who shall bring the matter before the General Purposes Committee.*

Approved, FRANCIS DAVIES,  
Prov. Grand Master, Worcestershire.  
W. SOMERS,  
Prov. Grand Secretary.

1st May, 1927.

Approved by M.W. Grand Master  
12th May, 1927.  
P. COLVILLE SMITH,  
Grand Secretary.

ADDITION TO BY-LAW No. 3

The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription.

Approved, BEN MARSH,  
Provincial Grand Master.

Addition to By-Law No. 3 approved by the M.W. The Grand Master.

SYDNEY A. WHITE,  
Grand Secretary.

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW No. 3

The Annual Subscription to be £4 14s. 6d. Members residing more than 50 miles from the Masonic Hall, £1 11s. 6d.

Approved, BEN MARSH,  
Provincial Grand Master.

Approved by the M.W. Grand Master,  
SYDNEY A. WHITE,  
Grand Secretary.

30th April, 1953.