

BY-LAWS

OF

The Lechmere Lodge of Mark Masters,

No. 59,

STATIONED IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.



*Held under Charter from the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of
England and Wales, and the Colonies and Possessions of the
British Crown.*

AT a MEETING of the LECHMERE LODGE OF MARK MASTERS, No. 59,
holden at the GUILDHALL, on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7th, 1866,
the following By-Laws were unanimously adopted for the
guidance of the Lodge.

C. C. WHITNEY GRIFFITHS,

W.M.

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

F. BINCKES,

GRAND SECRETARY.

December 1866.

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NAME OF LODGE.

1.—That this Lodge shall be called “THE LECHMER LODGE OF MARK MASTERS,” No. 59.

DAYS OF ASSEMBLING.

2.—The meetings shall be held at the Masonic Hall, Broad Street, Worcester, on the Second Tuesday in February, June, and October, of which seven days' notice shall be given. Lodges of emergency may be summoned at the discretion of the W.M.

OFFICERS OF THE LODGE.

3.—The Officers of the Lodge shall consist of the W.M., Senior and Junior Wardens, Chaplain, Master Senior and Junior Overseers, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar of Marks, Senior and Junior Deacons, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Inner Guard, and Tyler.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

4.—The election of the W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler shall take place at the regular Lodge in February; and on the confirmation of the minutes, and the adoption of the Auditors' Report, at the regular lodge in June, the W.M. Elect shall be Installed, and shall appoint his officers.

ELECTION OF CANDIDATES AND JOINING MEMBERS.

5.—Candidates may be proposed at any meeting of the Lodge, or by a note in writing signed by two Members and addressed to

the W.M. ten days previous to a meeting; and the ballot for the Candidate so proposed shall be taken at the next meeting of the Lodge, provided that the summons calling such meeting state that such ballot will take place, and the name, occupation, and residence of each Candidate, the name and number of his Craft Lodge, and the names of his proposer and seconder. Joining Members may be proposed and balloted for in like manner, upon production of their Grand Lodge Certificate and a certificate from their last Lodge that all arrears have been paid.

MODE OF ELECTION.

6.—The election of Members shall be by ballot, and should there be two black, or negation, the Candidate shall not be elected.

DEPOSIT FEE.

7.—The proposer of a Candidate shall deposit one guinea with the Secretary, which shall be taken in part-payment of the advancement fee if the Candidate be approved, but shall be returned if the Candidate be not approved; and if a Candidate be approved, and neglect to attend for two regular meetings after such approval, the deposit fee shall be forfeited to the Lodge Fund, unless such absence be accounted for to the satisfaction of the W.M.

THE FEE FOR ADVANCEMENT.

8.—The fee for advancement shall be £2. 12s. 6d., which shall include the certificate from the Grand Lodge.

JOINING FEE.

9.—The fee for a Joining Brother shall be one guinea. A Brother advanced under any jurisdiction other than that of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England, &c., and being accepted as a

Members of this Lodge, and regularly affiliated, shall pay a fee of £1. 10s., for which he will be entitled to a Grand Lodge Certificate.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

10.—The annual subscription shall be one guinea. Subscriptions to be paid in advance, to the Treasurer, at the meeting in June.

VISITORS.

11.—Every Visitor shall produce his Grand Lodge Certificate, and, if not vouched for by a Member, shall be subject to examination.

TREASURER'S DUTIES.

12.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due to the Lodge, and pay all bills when duly verified by the W.M. He shall enter his accounts in a book provided by the Lodge. He shall read an account of his receipts and payments at each meeting, if required by the W.M., and the book shall be produced and lie open for the inspection of the Members at every meeting of the Lodge. His accounts shall be annually examined by the Audit Committee between the meetings in February and June, and the balance, if any, be paid over to the Treasurer Elect, or otherwise, as the W.M. may direct.

SECRETARY'S DUTIES.

13.—The Secretary shall keep regular minutes of the proceedings of the Lodge, a list of the Members, with their places of residence, and the name and number of their respective Craft Lodges. He shall issue the summons for each meeting, stating the business to be transacted, and cause the same to be delivered seven days before the appointed date.

REGISTRAR'S DUTIES. 11b for the

14.—The Registrar shall keep an accurate Register of all the Members, with their marks clearly defined, examine the certificates of Joining Brethren, and keep an Inventory of the Property of the Lodge.

TYLER'S DUTIES.

15.—The Tyler shall attend all the meetings of the Lodge. He shall see that the Brethren are properly clothed, and that they sign their names in a book previous to entering the Lodge. He shall deliver the summons seven days previous to each meeting. He shall also keep the jewels, collars, and furniture of the Lodge in good condition; and shall be paid 3s. 6d. for each meeting.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS.

16.—Any Member desiring to resign shall give notice at a regular meeting, or in writing to the W.M., when, on payment of his arrears, he shall cease to be a Member of the Lodge.

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

17.—An Audit Committee, consisting of the W.M., P.M's, Treasurer, Secretary, and Registrar, for the time being, shall audit the Treasurer's accounts (three to form a quorum), and shall, at the regular meeting in June previous to the Installation, make their report to the Lodge.

LODGE PROPERTY.

18.—The jewels, clothing, and other property of the Lodge, shall be kept in a box having a lock and two keys, one of which shall be kept by the W.M.

Ⓟ Ⓜ BY-LAWS.

9.—These By-Laws shall be fairly transcribed in a book, and every Member shall sign his name thereto, and shall thereupon be deemed bound thereby. They shall be printed, and a copy presented to every Member of the Lodge; and no alteration shall be made unless upon motion, notice of which has been given in a regular Lodge at a previous meeting, and the full particulars of such alteration inserted in the summons, and such alteration shall not become valid until it has received the sanction of the Lodge by a majority of votes.