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1.—The Chapter shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Wellington Road, Dudley, and shall hold regular Convocations on the fourth Thursday in February, May, September and 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 February.

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

3.—Subject to the provisions 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, Principal Sojourner and two 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 January in each year and shall be presented to the Chapter, duly audited, at the regular Convocation in May. 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 £8 8s. and the joining fee £3 3s., such fees to be exclusive of subscription. The annual subscription (except for non-dining membership as provided for in By-Law No. 7) shall be £4 4s. payable in advance on 1st February. 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 liable to be excluded from the Chapter, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 71, Royal Arch Regulations, and Rule 181, Book of Constitutions (Craft).

7.—Any member who, for reasons acceptable to the Chapter, is unable regularly to attend the Convocations may, on written application to the Scribe E and by resolution of the Chapter, be considered a non-dining member and shall pay a subscription of £2 2s. annually in advance on 1st February. When attending the Chapter and dining, such member shall pay the current visitor's fee.

8.—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 one black ball shall exclude.

9.—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.

10.—Payment of any sum exceeding £10, 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.

11.—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 by the M.E. The Grand  
Superintendent

(Signed) THE REV. J. E. GROSVENOR,  
M.B.E., T.D.

7th October, 1961

Approved by the M.E. The First Grand  
Principal

(Signed) J. W. STUEBS,  
*Grand Scribe E*

20th October, 1961

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