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OF
BORDESLEY ABBEY
LODGE

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1. The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Ipsley Street, Redditch on the fourth Thursday in the months of January, February March, October and November, and on the third Thursday in December.

2. The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot and the Tyler by a show of hands at the regular meeting in February. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular Meeting in March.

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3. The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, the Senior of any Stewards who may be appointed and the two Brethren to be appointed by the Lodge in February each year. This Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership and any matters specifically referred to it by the Lodge. The Audit Committee consisting of two Brethren shall be elected at the February meeting. The accounts shall be made up to the last day in February and presented at the October meeting.

4. The initiation fee shall be fifteen guineas. A sum of two guineas shall be transferred to the Bordesley Abbey Lodge Reserve

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Fund from every Initiation fee. The joining fee shall be five guineas; the re-joining fee of a former Member shall be one guinea and the annual subscription six guineas (payable in advance in March). An Initiate or Joining Member shall pay a proportionate subscription for the first year from the date of his entrance to the end of the following February. The visitor's fee at dinners shall be such sum as may be fixed by the Lodge Committee from time to time and reported to the Lodge. The Master shall have the privilege of inviting four guests to the dinner following the Installation Meeting and two guests to each other dinner free of the visiting fee. Any Brother whose subscription is unpaid for more than one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge in accordance with Rule 181, Book of Constitutions.

Members of the Lodge who neither reside nor

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have any address within twenty miles of the Masonic Hall, Ipsley Street, Redditch, and have paid all dues and the regular Lodge fees for two years in succession may on application be continued as Members with the usual privileges for an annual subscription of one guinea and a fee equal to the visitor's fee for each attendance at dinner following Lodge meetings.

5. The election of Candidates for initiation and joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Rules 157

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to 166 Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a Candidate one black ball shall exclude.

Full particulars of all Candidates for initiation into or joining the Lodge shall be submitted in writing on the prescribed form to the Secretary for consideration of the Lodge Committee before they are proposed in open Lodge.

6. A Member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender

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his resignation in writing or orally in open Lodge and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 175, Book of Constitutions stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge. Unless such resignation is received before the annual subscription becomes due, he shall be liable for the same.

7. Payment of any sum exceeding five guineas, 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 a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the

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Master and confirmed by the Lodge, at the next regular meeting.

8. Addition, alteration or amendment to these By-laws or any of them shall be made by notice of motion given in open Lodge at one regular meeting or to the Secretary in writing not less than fourteen days before the next meeting for insertion in the summons. The motion shall be considered at that meeting and, if then approved, shall be submitted for confirmation at the next regular meeting, but shall not become effective until finally approved by the Provincial Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Master.

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Should there be any objection to the introduction of a Candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining, it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his Candidate.

Approved :—

Ben Marsh,

Provincial Grand Master.

Approved by the M. W. Grand Master,

Sydney A. White.

Grand Secretary.

8/8/1951