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At a meeting of the Vernon Lodge, No. 560, of Antient, Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Town Hall, Stourport, on Tuesday the Seventeenth day of May, 1898, the following By-laws were unanimously adopted for the guidance of the Lodge.

CHARLES MYTTON, *Master.*

EDWARD COLLENS, *Secretary.*

Approved, *(Signed),*

A. F. GODSON, P.G.M. WOR.

June 13th, 1898.

Confirmed by the W.M. Grand Master.

(Signed),

E. LETCHWORTH, G.S.

June 21st, 1898.

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

1.—The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Stourport, on the third Tuesday in each month, except June, July and August, at such time as the W. Master may direct.

2.—The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by Ballot at the regular Meeting in November, and the Master Installed at the regular Meeting in December in each year; the Tyler to be elected by show of hands in November.

3.—A Committee, consisting of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Brethren appointed by the Lodge in

November, shall be formed each year. This Committee shall audit the Accounts, and present them at the regular Meeting in January, and they may also deal with any matters specially referred to them by the Lodge.

4.—The Initiation Fee shall be Six guineas, the Joining Fee, Two guineas; the Rejoining Fee of a former Member shall be One guinea. The Annual Subscription (payable in advance in January) for Brethren residing within 5 miles of the Lodge shall be Two guineas, for those over 5 miles but within 20 miles, One guinea and a half; and for those outside that limit, One guinea. Any Brother in arrear over one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with Art. 210 of the Book of Constitutions. Any Brother not registered under the constitutions of Grand Lodge of England shall pay double the above joining fee.

5.—The Election of candidates for initiation and joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Rules 183 to 189, Book of Constitutions. On the Ballot for a Candidate for Initiation or Joining, two Black Balls shall exclude.

6.—Any Member desirous of withdrawing from the Lodge may tender his resignation either personally or in writing, in open Lodge, which shall be duly recorded, and on payment of arrears, if any, he shall be entitled to a Certificate (under Rule 213, Book of Constitutions) of the payment of all dues, and stating the circumstances under which he left the Lodge.

7.—No sum exceeding £2 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, except in cases of emergency, when such expenditure may be authorised by the W.M., subject to confirmation by the Lodge.

8.—The Secretary shall give seven days notice of all regular Lodge meetings. Lodges of emergency may be called at shorter notice by permission of the W.M.

9.—No motion to add to, alter, or amend the foregoing By-Laws, or any of them, shall be made without first giving notice of such 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 finally approved by the Provincial Grand Master, and confirmed by the M.W.G. Master.

In all respects the Members of this Lodge shall abide by, and strictly conform to, the Laws and Regulations of the united Grand Lodge of

England, as embodied in the Book of Constitutions.

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 W.M. or Secretary, who may communicate with the proposer, and give him the privilege of withdrawing his Candidate.

LIST OF BRETHREN WHO HAVE
SERVED THE OFFICE OF MASTER.

Consecrated July 11th, 1849, as the Clive
Lodge, No. 819, and holden at
Bromsgrove.

Bro. Thos. W. Kinder	1849-50.
„ Thos. W. Kinder	1850-1.
„ R. W. Johnson	1851-2.
„ Revd. Harcourt Oldham	1852-3.
„ J. H. Iles	1853-4.
„ T. Housman	1854-5.
„ J. H. Iles	1855-6.

Removed to Dudley and re-named the
Vernon Lodge.

Bro. Revd. Alex. G. Davies	1856-7.
„ G. L. Deeley	1857-8.
„ Elliott Hollier	1858-9.

Bro. Z. B. Smith	1859-60.
„ Thos. Wright	1860-1.
„ Edwin Poole	1861-2.
„ Isaac Prince	1862-3.

Number altered to 500.

Bro. John Cecil Westley	1863-4.
„ George Pitt	1864-5.

REMOVED TO STOURPORT.

Bro. George Pitt	1866.
„ George Baldwin	1867.
„ Stanley Baldwin	1868.
„ Stanley Baldwin	1869.
„ Enoch Baldwin	1870.
„ John Blundell	1871.
„ W. Lea Fawcett	1872.
„ G. W. Grosvenor	1873.
„ E. A. Broome	1874.
„ James Morton	1875.
„ Charles Jecks Dixon	1876.

Bro. J. T. Bedford	1877.
„ J. T. Meredith	1878.
„ J. T. Meredith	1879.
„ G. W. Naylor	1880.
„ R. S. Blundell	1881.
„ George Taylor	1882.
„ Thomas Vale	1883.
„ Arthur Comber	1884.
„ Charles Mytton	1885.
„ George Lees	1886.
„ Edward Lay	1887.
„ William Dorsett	1888.
„ T. Fred. Hault	1889.
„ J. W. Constanadine-Chadwick	1890.
„ H. E. C. Morrison	1891.
„ Edward Collens	1892.
„ Edward Collens	1893.
„ Donald Cargill Martin, M.A., M.D.	1894.
„ Wm. Geo. Page	1895.
„ Edward Collens	1896.
„ Robert Rhodes	1897.
„ Charles Mytton	1898.