

2018/6.130

Ancient and Honourable Fraternity
of Free and Accepted Masons

BY-LAWS

OF THE

Arts & Crafts Lodge
No. 4134



PATRON OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS
PATRON OF THE ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS
PATRON OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION
GRAND PATRON OF THE ROYAL MASONIC HOSPITAL

*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.*

(Printed in 1983)

BY-LAWS

1. Place and Dates of Meeting.

The Lodge shall meet at the Warwickshire Masonic Temple, Clarendon Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, and shall hold regular meetings on the second Saturday in September, October, November, December, January, February and March at such hour as the Master shall direct.

2. Election and Installation Meetings.

The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in March. The Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in September.

3. Election of Tyler.

Subject to the provisions of Rule 133, B. of C., the Tyler shall be elected by show of hands at the regular meeting in March.

4. Lodge Committee.

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters of and in the Lodge, Treasurer, Secretary and subscribing officers of the Lodge. The Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership and on any matters specially referred to it by the Lodge. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

5. Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually by the Lodge at the regular meeting in March by show of hands. The accounts shall be made up to the 30th June in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the regular meeting in October. 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 Meeting.

6. FEES and ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION.

The Initiation Fee shall be £50, the joining fee £25 and the re-joining fee £15, such fees to be exclusive of subscription. The annual subscription due and payable in advance on 1st July shall be of such amount as the Lodge may from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the summons. The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription. The fee at dinners shall be pro rata to the cost of the meal. The Master shall have the privilege of inviting three guests during his year free of the visitors dining fee. Any Brother whose subscription has not been paid for one year, shall be liable to exclusion after due notice in accordance with Rule 181 of the Book of Constitutions.

7. Admission of Candidates.

The admission of candidates for initiation and joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 157 to 166, Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a candidate for initiation or joining one black ball shall exclude.

8. Termination of Membership.

A member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing to the Secretary or orally in Open Lodge, in accordance with Rule 183, Book of Constitutions, and he shall be entitled to the certificate mentioned in Rule 175, Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge. Should he at any future time wish to rejoin he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

9. Payments from Lodge Funds.

Payment of any sum exceeding £50, 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 case of emergency when such payment may be authorised by the Master and reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting. Cheques to be signed by the Treasurer and either the Worshipful Master or the Secretary.

10. Amendment of By Laws.

Except as otherwise required by Rule 141, Book of Constitutions, 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 Lodge at a regular meeting.
- (b) The Motion shall be set out in the summons for the next regular meeting or for an Emergency meeting summoned for the purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge.
- (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 Provincial Grand Master and by the Grand Master

NOTE: 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 by the Provincial Grand Master

9.5.83 Thomas A. Wood.

Approved by the M.W. the Grand Master

16.5.83 M.B.S. Higham.
Grand Secretary.