

ASSOCIATED MASONIC PROVINCES

(FOUNDED 1906)

OBJECTS

1. The objects of the Associated Masonic Provinces are:—
 - (a) To promote the interests of Freemasonry in general, with particular reference to the Provinces.
 - (b) To co-ordinate arrangements from time to time for the nomination of a Provincial Brother as Grand Treasurer.
 - (c) To co-ordinate arrangements when appropriate for the nomination of Provincial Brethren as Provincial Representatives on the Board of General Purposes, the Board of Benevolence, the Panel for Appeals Courts and such other Committees as may be formed by the Grand Lodge with Provincial representation.

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The names of the Provinces in the twelve Groups as now constituted are:—

- Group 1: Northumberland, Cumberland and Westmorland, Durham.
 - Group 2: West Yorkshire, North and East Yorkshire.
 - Group 3: West Lancashire, Isle of Man.
 - Group 4: East Lancashire.
 - Group 5: Cheshire, North Wales, Shropshire, Staffordshire.
 - Group 6: Midlands, Herefordshire, South Wales (E.D.), South Wales (W.D.), Gloucester, Bristol.
 - Group 7: Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Berkshire.
 - Group 8: Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Bedfordshire.
 - Group 9: Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, Hertfordshire, Cambridgeshire.
 - Group 10: East Kent, West Kent and Surrey.
 - Group 11: Middlesex, Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Sussex.
 - Group 12: Wiltshire, Dorset, Somerset, Devonshire, Cornwall.
- (d) To suggest and promote any desirable alterations in the Constitutions or in the body of Grand Lodge.

HONORARY PATRONS

2. The Provincial Grand Masters of Provinces in membership with the Association shall be Honorary Patrons thereof, and at liberty to attend and vote at all meetings of the Association.

CONSTITUTIONS

3. Membership of the Association shall be restricted to Provincial Grand Lodges of England and Wales which shall each elect 3 representatives to their Group and if not so elected they shall be nominated by the Provincial Grand Master and their names and addresses communicated to the Secretary of the Group immediately thereafter.

Each Province shall pay annually to the Treasurer of the Association the sum of £4 for each representative.

Each Group shall elect a Chairman and Secretary. They shall also elect three of their members to attend meetings of the Association of whom one at least should so attend.

Groups shall meet at least twice yearly in January and July so as to give time for the forwarding of items for the March and September meetings of the Association. This would then allow the recommendations to be sent forward to the Provincial Grand Masters' forum which will normally meet in April and December.

The Secretary of each Group will be responsible for circulating notices and minutes of Association meetings sent to him by the Secretary of the Association.

VOTES

4. Each Group's representatives will have one vote between them. No proposition will be carried unless receiving two thirds of the votes cast.

MANAGEMENT

5. At the March meeting there shall be elected a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and two members who, with the Immediate Past Chairman, shall form the Executive Committee. The Committee shall meet on the day of the two meetings of the Association and at such other times as the Chairman may direct.

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman shall retain their appointments for a full year whether or not they remain representatives of a Group and this shall apply equally to the Immediate Past Chairman.

The Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary will cease to be and need not have been representatives of a Group.

MEETINGS

6. There shall be two meetings of the Association annually in March and September on the days of the meeting of Grand Lodge. All Group representatives shall receive from the Secretary 14 days' notice of such meeting, which notice shall state the business to be transacted thereat.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

7. A Special meeting of the Association may be called at any time by the Executive Committee and shall be called at the request in writing to the Chairman of at least six members of the Association. The Secretary shall before such Special Meeting send at least 14 days' notice to the members stating the reason for calling such meeting.

NOTICES OF MOTION

8. All Notices of Motion shall be sent to the Secretary at least four weeks before the meeting at which such proposition is to be discussed and shall be printed in the summons convening such meeting and sent to the members at least 14 days prior to such meeting.

TREASURER

9. At the March meeting the Treasurer shall present an audited statement of receipts and payments for the year ending the last day of December in such year.

SECRETARY

10. The Secretary shall be paid all reasonable travelling and hotel expenses in addition to his ordinary secretarial expenses, and shall receive such an Honorarium as may be voted by the members of the Association at their March meeting.

AUDITORS

11. At the March meeting, two representatives shall be elected as Auditors of the Accounts of the Association.

CANDIDATE FOR BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMISSION FOR APPEALS COURTS AND COUNCIL OF THE GRAND CHARITY

12. Each Group shall in turn suggest one of its Brethren as a candidate for the Board of General Purposes and similarly for the Commission for Appeals Courts and the Council of the Grand Charity and the name and qualifications of the suggested Brother shall be sent to the Secretary four weeks before the September meeting of the Association, and the name and qualifications of such candidate shall be printed in the summons convening such meeting.

Should any Group nominate more than one candidate the Association shall decide which candidate shall be adopted for recommendation to the Provincial Grand Masters.

CANDIDATE FOR GRAND TREASURER

13. The name and qualifications of any Provincial Brother or Brothers suggested for election as Grand Treasurer shall be sent to the Secretary four weeks before the March meeting of the Association, and shall be printed in the summons convening the meeting.

Joseph Pendrill,
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Secretary of the Association.

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