

Antient and Honourable Fraternity of
Free and Accepted Masons

BY-LAWS

OF

FEDERATION LODGE

No. 4807

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BIRMINGHAM.

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This Lodge is intended primarily for the employers of labour and those holding high executive office, in the Engineering and Allied professions.

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

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1.—The Lodge shall meet at The Edgbaston Assembly Rooms, Francis Road, Birmingham, on the first Friday in the months of January, February, March, October, November and December, at such hour as the Master may direct.

2.—The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in March, and the Master Elect installed at the Regular Meeting in October in each year; the Tyler shall be elected in March by show of hands.

3.—An Audit Committee, consisting of the Master, Wardens, two Past Masters and three Brethren, shall be appointed by the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in March to audit the accounts.

4.—The Treasurer shall perform the duties laid down in and shall be subject to the provisions of Rule 153, Book of Constitutions. No sum exceeding £10 (Ten Pounds) 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 Lodge Summons, except in cases of emergency, when such expenditure may be authorised by the Master, subject to confirmation by the Lodge. All cheques must bear the signature of the Treasurer. He shall prepare a statement of account annually, showing the exact financial position of the Lodge, which statement shall be audited by the Audit Committee appointed by the Lodge, after which it shall be submitted to the members for their consideration at the Regular Meeting in the month of November.

5.—The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, the Past Masters and the Officers of the Lodge, and two Brethren to be appointed by the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in March.

This Committee shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership and on any matters which may be referred to it by the Lodge.

6.—The Initiation Fees shall be £21 0 0, £10 10 0 of which shall be allocated to the Warwickshire Peace Memorial Fund. Half of this latter sum may be paid by yearly instalments of £1 1 0 spread over 5 years. The Joining Fee shall be £12 12 0, of which £5 5 0 shall be allocated to the Warwickshire Peace Memorial Fund, may be paid in yearly instalments of £1 1 0, spread over 5 years. If a Joining Member has already subscribed to the Warwickshire Peace Memorial Fund, the Joining Fee shall be £7 7 0. The Re-joining Fee shall be £1 1 0. The Annual Subscription shall be £9 9 0. All Subscriptions shall be payable in advance in October.

The Visitors' Fee shall be 20/-. The Master shall have the privilege of inviting six guests at Installation and three guests at Ordinary Meetings free of the Visiting Fee.

Any Brother in arrear over one year in payment of his Subscription shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice has been given to him by registered letter in accordance with Rule 181 of the Book of Constitutions.

7.—The election of Honorary Members, and the conditions of their membership, shall be regulated by the provisions of Rule 167, Book of Constitutions.

8.—Any Member of the Lodge who resides beyond 25 miles from the centre of Birmingham, or for any other reason approved by the Members of the Lodge, may, on his written application be placed on the list of Country Members, and shall pay a reduced Annual Subscription of £2 2 0.

9.—The election of Candidates for Initiation and Joining shall be conducted in conformity with the requirements of Rules 157 to 166 of the Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a Candidate for initiation or joining, two black balls shall exclude.

10.—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 re-join, he shall be subject to the rules relating to joining members.

11.—The Furniture and other articles, being the property of the Lodge, shall be entered in a book kept for the purpose, and checked annually by the Audit Committee. The Secretary shall be responsible for the safe keeping of the Register.

12.—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 to be read 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 the Most Worshipful 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 the Candidate.

Adopted in Open Lodge on 2nd October, 1959.

Prov.G.Master.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master.

Grand Sec.