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Lodge By-Laws

2010

THE PREAMBLE

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

Should there be any objection to the introduction of a applicant for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining or Rejoining, it shall be the responsibility of the Brother making such objection to bring it to the attention, privately and in confidence, of the Worshipful Master, or the Secretary or the Director of Ceremonies.

As proper notice is always given of the intention to ballot it is required that all objections are notified in this manner before the summons with notification of the ballot is issued.

The Lodge Committee shall be informed of any objection and shall decide whether the Secretary should confer with the Proposer to give him the opportunity of withdrawing his applicant.

It shall be the custom of the Lodge that an applicant for initiation, or a Brother for Joining or Rejoining, shall not attend the Regular Meeting at which his ballot for membership takes place.

BY-LAW 1

The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Rooms, Ramada Hotel, Habberley Road, Kiddeminster and shall hold Regular Meetings on the 2nd Thursday in the months of May, September, October, November, January, and March at such hour as the Master shall direct.

BY-LAW 2

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 May.

BY-LAW 3

Subject to the provisions of Rule 113, Book of Constitutions, the Tyler shall be elected by a show of hands at the Regular Meeting in March.

BY-LAW 4

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters of, and in the Lodge, Treasurer, Secretary, and two other members to be elected annually 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 specially referred to it by the Lodge. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum.

BY-LAW 5

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. The Accounts shall be made up to 31st March in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the Regular Meeting in May.

A copy of the Accounts and of the Audit Committee's certification 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.

BY-LAW 6

The Initiation Fee shall be	£80.00,
the Joining Fee	£35.00,
the Rejoining Fee	£35.00,

such fees to be exclusive of subscription.

The Annual Subscription due and payable in advance on 1st April and exclusive of Dining Fees shall be such amount as the Lodge shall determine by resolution after notice on the summons at the previous Regular Meeting.

The fees for members and visitors for dining shall be at cost.

Any member whose subscription remains unpaid 6 months after the commencement of the Financial Year, which shall be 1st April, shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 181, Book of Constitutions.

BY-LAW 7

The admission of a Candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining or Rejoining shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 157 to 166, Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a candidate for Initiation, or a Brother for Joining or Rejoining, three black balls shall exclude.

BY-LAW 8

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 133, 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.

RULE 9

Payment of any sum exceeding £50.00 if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which due notice has been given on the summons, except in a case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

BY-LAW 10

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Subject to the provisions of Rule 141, Book of Constitutions, amendment to these By-Laws or 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 if not in accordance with the 'model' By-Laws issued from time to time on behalf of the Grand Master, by the Grand Master also.

Approved *Richard G. W. Goddard*
Provincial Grand Master

Signed *Michael A. R. Cole*
Provincial Grand Secretary

Dated *19th June 2010*

AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS	PRINTED IN SUMMONS
By-Law No.6	8th March 2001
By-Law No.6	19th September 2001
By-Law No.6	13th March 2003
By-Law No.6	26th January 2004
By-Law No.3	26th January 2004
By-Law No.1	24th January 2005
By-Law No.1	13th May 2005
By-Law No.6	12th January 2006
By-Law No.6	Mandatory
By-Law No.1	9th October 2008
Preamble	13th May 2010
By-Law No.7	13th May 2010
By-Laws No.3, 5, 6, 9 & 10c	Mandatory



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