

District Grand Lodge of M. M. M.

Argentine Republic.

Under the Grand Lodge of M. M. M.

of

England and Wales

the

Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown

1st Regular Meeting

holden at

Calle Sarmiento Nr. 1230, Buenos Aires.

Saturday, August 12th, 1911.



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First Regular Meeting of the District Grand Lodge of M. M. M., Argentine Republic, held at Calle Sarmiento No. 1230, Buenos Aires, Saturday August 12th, 1911.

PRESENT :

Officers :

R. W. Bro.	F. H. Chevallier Boutell,	Dist. G. M.
W.	„ Ernest Danvers,	D. D. G. M.
„	„ W. E. J. Haxell,	D. G. Sec.

Members :

W. Bros. A. L. Tatton, R. Mold, Bros. J. J. Dowson, J. H. Greene, J. A. King, J. Robinson, T. Gregory, T. Lloyd, S. S. Sharpe.

Visitors :

Bros. C. Brée, G. E. Leslie, W. C. Porteous, J. Mackintosh, F. W. Brooker, G. D. Jones, W. F. Walker, E. Theobald, C. Brooking.

TOTAL : *Officers and Members* 12

Visitors 9

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- Lodge opened** The District Grand Lodge opened in due form and with solemn prayer at 8.50 p. m., W. Bro. Reginald Mold and Bro. Thos Gregory acting as District Grand Wardens pro tem.
- Salutes.** The R. W. Dist. G. M., D. D. G. M., and the D. G. Officers were saluted in due form, and in accordance with their rank.
- Welcome.** The R. W. Dist. G. M. welcomed the B. P. on the occasion of the opening of the first District Grand Lodge of M. M. M. in the Argentine Republic.
- Treasurer.** W. Bro. E. Danvers proposed, and Bro. J. J. Dowson seconded, the appointment of Bro. John Bramwell as Treasurer of the District Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, which, on being put to the vote, was carried unanimously.
- Investiture of Officers.** The R. W. Dist. G. M. appointed his officers for the ensuing year, and proceeded to invest those present.

S. W.	W. E. C. Haxell	
J. W.	T. H. Marston,	absent
M. O.	C. C. Cox,	absent
S. O.	R. Mold	
J. G.	A. L. Tatton	
Chap.	Rev. Thos Wright,	absent
Reg.	J. H. Greene	
Sec.	J. J. Dowson	
S. D.	H. C. Ehlert,	absent
J. D.	H. A. Leigh Cooke,	absent
D. C.	C. Brée	
Org.	S. S. Sharpe	
I. G.	T. F. Walker,	absent
Tyler	J. A. King	

- By-laws.** The R. W. Dist. G. M. stated that the next Business was the adoption of the By-laws of the District Grand Lodge, and in view of the fact that the proposed charges were higher than those collected in England, the attention of all the Lodges in the District had been especially called to Rule No. 91 of the Book

of Constitutions. After some discussion, the following By-laws were adopted.

BY-LAWS.

I.

The District Grand Lodge shall consist of: — Members of
District
Grand Lodge.
The District Grand Master, his Deputy, the Present and Past District Grand Officers (except Past District Grand Stewards), and the Masters, Past Masters, Wardens and Overseers of all Lodges within the District, and Past Masters of any Lodge under the English Constitution, being members of Grand Lodge.

No Brother can be a member of District Grand Lodge unless he is a subscribing member of a Lodge within the District.

II

The Officers of this District Grand Lodge shall take rank as follows: — Rank of Dis-
trict Grand
Lodge Officers

1. The District Grand Master.
2. The Deputy District Grand Master.
3. The District Grand Senior Warden.
4. The District Grand Junior Warden.
5. The District Grand Master Overseer.
6. The District Grand Senior Overseer.
7. The District Grand Junior Overseer.
8. The Two District Grand Chaplains.
9. The District Grand Treasurer.
10. The District Grand Registrar.
11. The District Grand Secretary.
12. The District Grand Senior Deacon.
13. The District Grand Junior Deacon.
14. The District Grand Inspector of Works.
15. The District Grand Director of Ceremonies.
16. The District Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.
17. The District Grand Sword Bearer.
18. The District Grand Standard Bearer.
19. The District Grand Organist.
20. The District Assistant Grand Secretary.
21. The District Grand Inner Guard.
22. The Four District Grand Stewards.
23. The District Grand Tyler.

Past District Grand Officers shall take rank with, but after, Present District Grand Officers of corresponding rank. District Grand Stewards on going out of office shall cease to be members of this District Grand Lodge, unless otherwise qualified. They shall be, however, entitled to wear their clothing as Past District Grand Stewards at all Masonic Meetings of the Mark degree.

III.

Duties of District Grand Lodge Officers

The duties of all District Grand Officers shall, as nearly as circumstances will allow, be similar to those of Grand Lodge Officers holding like appointments. Mark Masons may attend District Grand Lodge, but cannot speak or vote.

IV.

Motions do not require confirmation.

The District Grand Master, or in his absence, the Deputy District Grand Master, may bring forward, or permit to be brought forward, any motion or other matter that they may deem advisable. Motions, by-laws and resolutions duly passed and adopted at any meeting of the District Grand Lodge shall not require confirmation.

V.

Dates of Meetings

The District Grand Lodge shall meet regularly twice in every year, on the third Saturday in the months of March and August, and at such other times as the District Grand Master shall appoint.

The District Grand Treasurer shall be elected and the other Officers appointed and invested at the regular meeting in August.

VI.

Financial Year.

The financial year of the District Grand Lodge shall close on July 31st, and the Treasurer's accounts, duly audited, and report shall be submitted at the August meeting of District Grand Lodge, together with the report of the District Grand Secretary.

VII.

The District Grand Lodge being opened the minutes of the last regular meeting, and of any special District Grand Lodge meeting, are then to be read and the other business regularly proceeded with.

Minutes.

VIII.

All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, each member having one vote and the District Grand Master two votes, unless the Lodge, for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the District Grand Master.

Voting.

IX.

No motion on a new subject shall be made, nor any new matter entered upon, after half-past ten at night.

Termination of business.

X.

The District Grand Lodge Fund shall be appropriated to Masonic purposes; and for the purpose of keeping up the same, every private Lodge shall contribute: -

Fees.

For every subscribing member,	
annually	\$ 2.50
For every brother advanced ...	5.-
For every joining brother ...	5.-
For every dispensation granted	10.-
For registering amendments to	
By-Laws	20.-
For every petition for a warrant	
for a new Lodge... ..	25.-

For the same purpose the undermentioned District Grand Officers, on being appointed or elected for the first time to their respective offices, shall pay the following: -

The D. D. G. M.	\$ 40.-
The D. G. Wardens, each	35.-
The D. G. Overseers, each	25.-
The D. G. Chaplains, each... ..	15.-

The D. G. Treasurer	\$ 30.—
The D. G. Registrar	25.—
The D. G. Secretary	Free
The D. G. Deacons, each	\$ 20.—
The D. G. Inspector of Works	20.—
The D. G. D. Ceremonies, each	20.—
The D. G. Sword Bearer	15.—
The D. G. Standard Bearer	15.—
The D. G. Organist	15.—
The D. Assist. G. Secretary	12.—
The D. G. Inner Guard	12.—
The D. G. Stewards, each	10.—

No charge to be made for an appointment from a superior to an inferior post.

XI.

Committee of
General Pur-
poses.

The District Grand Master, Deputy District Grand Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Registrar, and Secretary, together with the W. Masters of Lodges within the District shall form the Committee of General Purposes.

XII.

The Committee shall meet at such times and places as the District Grand Master, or the Deputy District Grand Master shall appoint, and at least once in every year. Three members shall form a quorum. In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall give a second or casting vote.

XIII.

The Committee shall have power to deal with all petitions for relief, and all other matters which may arise between the meetings of the District Grand Lodge, subject to the approval of the District Grand Master or his Deputy.

XIV.

The Committee of General Purposes shall meet prior to the regular meeting in or about August

for the purpose of auditing District Grand Lodge accounts, and shall submit a report thereon to District Grand Lodge. The Committee may also submit any recommendation relating to the Order.

XV.

One-tenth part of all fees payable to District Grand Lodge shall be set apart to form a Fund of Benevolence. All fines paid to, and voluntary contributions made from time to time to District Grand Lodge for charitable purposes, shall be placed to the account of this Fund. Fund of Benevolence.

XVI.

All moneys paid on account of the Fund of Benevolence shall be received by the District Grand Treasurer, and he shall make no payments therefrom without a written order from the District Grand Master or the Deputy District Grand Master; a grant may be made by the Committee of General Purposes, not exceeding \$ 100.— paper in which case an order signed by the Chairman of the meeting at which such grant shall have been voted shall be deemed sufficient authority.

XVII

Immediately after the advancement of a candidate or the admission of a joining member the Master of every Lodge in the District shall transmit to the District Grand Secretary on forms which will be supplied by him, the names in full, date of advancement or joining, mark, profession and residence of each candidate so advanced or admitted. Returns of Private Lodges.

The Master of every Lodge in the District shall, also once in each year, transmit or cause to be transmitted to the District Grand Secretary, the following returns (blank forms for which will be supplied by the District Grand Secretary), signed

by himself and the Secretary of his Lodge,
viz :

1. A return, in duplicate, of the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Overseers and Past Masters who are subscribing Members.
2. A complete list of the officers.

N. B. — The above returns, Nos. 1 and 2 are to be transmitted immediately after the annual installation.

3. A return, in duplicate, of the subscribing members of the Lodge on the 31st December and of the brethren (giving full names) advanced or admitted since the last returns, giving dates of admission and of the degree conferred, profession, and residence of new members. In the case of joining members, the name and number of Lodge from which they joined must also be specified.
4. A list of the brethren who have left the Lodge since the last return, together with date and cause of leaving.

XVIII.

Death, Exclusion, or Resignation to be notified. The death, exclusion or resignation of any member of a private Lodge must be immediately notified by the Master to the District Grand Secretary.

XIX.

Summonses from Private Lodges. The Master of each Lodge in the District shall cause to be forwarded to the District Grand Master, the Deputy District Grand Master and the District Grand Secretary a complete summons of every meeting of his Lodge at the same time as it is forwarded to the members.

XX.

D. G. Lodge Regalia. The District Grand Lodge Regalia shall be paid for out of the District Grand Lodge fund and be the exclusive property of the District Grand Lodge. Such regalia shall be in the care of the District Grand Director of Ceremonies and duly insured by him against fire.

XXI.

One copy of the foregoing By-Laws shall be given to each Lodge in the District. These By-Laws may be altered or any other By-Law added thereto, on due notice being given to the District Grand Secretary in writing one month before a regular meeting, and the proposed alteration or addition will be considered and voted on at the next regular meeting of District Grand Lodge.

Alterations to
By-Laws.

The R. W. Dist. G. M. expressed his thanks to W. Bro. Ernest Danvers for having prepared the By-laws, as well as for the able assistance rendered to him in other respects in conducting the affairs of the District.

Thanks to
D. D. G. M.

The R. W. Dist. G. M. informed the B. B. that his term of office would expire on the 12th October next, and that in accordance with Rule No. 72 of the Mark Constitutions a recommendation with regard to a successor must be made by the District. W. Bro. Danvers rose, and stated that as there would be no other meeting of the District Grand Lodge before that date he had very much pleasure in proposing that a recommendation be forwarded to the M. W. G. M. to renew R. W. Bro. F. H. Chevallier Boutell's appointment for a further period. He felt sure that this recommendation would meet with the warm approval of every member of the District. The motion having been seconded by the D. G. S. W. was put to the meeting by the D. D. G. M. and unanimously carried, the Dist. G. Sec. being instructed to communicate the resolution to the R. W. G. Sec. The R. W. Dist. G. M. expressed his acknowledgment to the B. B. for this further indication of their confidence, and promised to use every effort to promote the interests of the Order in his District.

R. W. Dist.
G. M.

The R. W. Dist. G. M. informed the B. B. that Bro. John Bramwell, who had just been elected Treasurer of the District, would be absent from the country until the beginning of October, and he had much pleasure in appointing Bro. J. J.

D. G. Treas.

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Dowson, Dist. Grand Sec. to act for him until his return.

Finances. W. Bro. Danvers stated that the sundry expenses, incurred up to date for account up the District Grand Lodge, had been financed by the Buenos Aires Lodge No. 481, and moved a vote of thanks to that Lodge for their assistance in this respect, which was seconded by W. Bro. Reginald Mold and carried unanimously. W. Bro. W. E. O. Haxell, the W. M. of the Buenos Aires Lodge No. 481 replied, acknowledging the resolution, and expressed his great pleasure in having been able to be of assistance.

Refreshments. On the motion of W. Bro. Danvers seconded by W. Bro. Mold it was unanimously resolved that no portion of the Lodge funds should be devoted to refreshments.

Apologies. Apologies for inability to attend this meeting were received from W. Bro. T. H. Marston, W. Bro. H. A. Leigh Cooke, and W. Bro. C. C. Cox.

Refreshment Bag. The bag on being passed round produced the sum of \$20 which was handed to Bro. Sec. for refreshment expenses.

Lodge closed. The District Grand Lodge was closed in due form at 10.00 p. m. and with solemn prayer.

J. J. DOWSON,
Dist. G. Sec.

D. G. Sec's. Address;

187 Calle Maipú,

Buenos Aires.