

**THE ORDER OF
THE ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
OF ENGLAND AND WALES AND
TERRITORIES OVERSEAS.**

**DISTRICT OF THE WEST
MIDLANDS**

**BY-LAWS
Of
Vigornia Council
No 98**



FOUNDED 30TH JUNE 1979

Adopted in open Council on the 22nd March 2013.

Master

Secretary

Approved on the.....

District Grand Prefect

District Grand Secretary

1. Place and Dates of Meeting

The Council shall meet at the Evesham Masonic Hall, 43 Swan Lane, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 4PD on the 4th Friday in June (Installation), September and October.

2. Election of Officers

The Master shall be elected in accordance with Grand Council Regulation 64(i) and the Treasurer with Regulation 74 unless a ballot is required, and the Tyler by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in October. The Master Elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in June and will appoint and invest the Officers.

3. Candidates

The election of candidates for admission, joining or re-joining shall be by ballot, 1 black ball shall exclude.

4. Fees and Subscriptions

- a) For admission to the five degrees of the Order.
- b) For joining and rejoining.
- c) For every joining member from a Constitution recognised by Grand Council.
- d) The amount of the annual subscription payable in advance on 1st June and the fees in a), b), and c) above shall be such sums as determined by resolution in open Council after due notice on the Summons. The amounts shall include all fees and dues payable to Grand Council, District Grand Council and any other payments or financial liability incurred by the Council and/or the candidate for membership.

5. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall receive all fees, dues etc and shall deposit them in the name of the Council in a bank approved by the Council. He shall pay all accounts, and shall, at the Regular Meeting in September, present an audited balance sheet of the Council accounts made up to 31st August.

6. Arrears of Subscriptions

A member more than one year in arrears shall not hold office in the Council. If he be 2 years in arrears he shall be excluded.

7. Secretary

The Secretary shall keep minutes of proceedings of the Council and separately, of any Council committee. He shall issue summonses for all Council meetings at least seven days in advance, to every member of the Council. His services may be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription if he so desires.

8. Council Committee and Auditors

The Council Committee shall consist of the Founders, Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, subscribing Past Masters and two Brethren elected at the Installation Meeting in June. Two auditors shall be elected annually at the same meeting.

9. Resignation.

A Brother wishing to resign from the Council shall give notice, either in open Council or by letter to the Secretary, and, on payment of all dues, shall be entitled to a Certificate of Clearance.

10. Honorary Members

A Brother who has given distinguished service to the Order in general, or to the Vigornia Council in particular may be elected an Honorary Member of the Council

11. Council Effects

The jewels and furniture of the Council are the property of the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the members. The Warrant of Constitution is the Property of the Grand Master, and the Master shall be responsible for its safe custody, and shall produce it at every meeting of the Council.

12. Alteration of By-Laws

Alterations to these bylaws shall be in accordance with the Constitutions of the Order. Subject thereto, notice of a Motion for any alteration of, or addition to, these by-laws must be given at one meeting. The alteration or addition shall appear on the Summons for the next meeting. If approved by a majority of those present and voting, the alteration or addition shall be submitted for the approval of the (District Grand Prefect and the) M.W. Grand Master.

13. Presentation of By-Laws

A copy shall be presented to each new member of the Council, and to the Master at the Installation.