

Masefield Lodge

No 2034



BY-LAWS OF THE LODGE

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1. PLACE AND DATES OF MEETING
The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Alcester Road South, Kings Heath, Birmingham and shall hold Regular Meetings on the Second Monday in the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April, at such hour as the Master shall direct.
2. ELECTION & INSTALLATION
The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the Regular Meeting in April. The Master Elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in October.

3. ELECTION OF TYLER
Subject to the provisions of Rule 113, Book of Constitutions, the Tyler shall be elected by show of hands at the Regular Meeting in April.
4. LODGE COMMITTEE
The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Past Masters of and in the Lodge, and subscribing Officers of the Lodge. 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. Six members of the Committee shall form a quorum.
5. AUDIT COMMITTEE
The Audit Committee, consisting of two members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually by the Lodge at the Regular Meeting in April. The Accounts shall be made up to 30th June in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the Regular Meeting in November. A copy of the Accounts and of the Audit Committee's certificate 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.
6. FEES & ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION
The Initiation Fee shall be the equivalent to the annual subscription, the Joining fee shall be one half of the annual subscription, and the Re-Joining fee shall be one quarter of the annual subscription, such fees to be exclusive of subscription. In addition to these fees the Candidate shall pay to the Lodge such registration fees as are payable to Grand Lodge and, if applicable, Provincial or District Grand Lodge, together with any tax thereon, and the Candidate shall, before becoming a member, be informed of the total amount due. The annual subscription (except for country membership as provided for in By-Law No. 7) due and payable in advance on the first day of October shall be of such amount as the Lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the Summons. Any Member whose subscription is unpaid for one year shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 181, Book of Constitutions. The Dining fee shall be such amount as the Lodge shall from time to time determine. The Master shall have the privilege of inviting, at his discretion, ten guests during his year of office, free of the dining fee.
7. COUNTRY MEMBERSHIP
Any member who, for reasons acceptable to the Lodge, is not in a position to enjoy the privileges of the Lodge regularly, may, on written application to the Secretary and by resolution of the Lodge, be considered a Country member and shall pay a subscription annually in advance on the first day of October of such less amount than provided for in By-Law No. 6 as the Lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the summons. When attending the Lodge and dining such member shall pay the current dining fee.
8. ADMISSION OF CANDIDATES
The admission of Candidates for initiation and joining shall be regulated by the provisions of Rules 157 to 166, Book of Constitutions. On the ballot for a candidate for initiation or joining three black balls shall exclude. 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 his Candidate.
9. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP
Any 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 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.
10. PAYMENTS FROM LODGE FUNDS

Payment of any sum exceeding £50.00 if for other than ordinary purposes, may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given in 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.

11. AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

Except as otherwise required by Rule 141, Book of Constitutions, amendment of these By-Laws or of 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 on the summons for the next regular meeting or for an Emergency meeting summoned for that purpose, and shall at such meeting be put to the Lodge.

C) A resolution for amendment, of which notice shall have been given 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: -

(1) in Provinces and Districts by the Provincial or District Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Master or

(2) in London and other places not under Districts, by the Grand Master.

N.B. The number of the Rules in the Book of Constitutions given above are as they appear in the 1989 Edition.