

PROVINCE OF KENT



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The Book of Constitutions is the Authority for guidance in all matters of the Craft. The By-Laws are to provide for such as are not settled by that Book.

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1.—The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Sandgate High Street, Folkestone, and shall hold Regular Meetings on the second Monday in each month (except June, July, August and September) at such hour as the Master shall direct.

2.—The Master and the Treasurer shall be elected by Ballot at the Regular Meeting in October. The Master Elect shall be installed at the Regular Meeting in November.

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

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 October. 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.

5.—The Audit Committee shall consist of two Members of the Lodge who shall be elected annually at the Regular Meeting in October. The accounts shall be made up to the 31st December in each year and shall be presented to the Lodge, duly audited, at the Regular Meeting in March. A copy of the accounts and of the Audit Committee's certificate that all the balances have been checked and that the accounts have been audited shall be sent to all Members with the summons convening the Meeting.

6.—The Initiation Fee shall be £30, the Joining Fee ~~£5~~, such fees to be exclusive of subscriptions. For a Brother **NOT** previously registered in the Books of the United Grand Lodge of England an additional fee of £2 shall be payable. The Annual

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INTRODUCTION TO BY-LAWS

As Society cannot subsist without its essential Laws, Orders, and Constitutions, let therefore the chief care of every member of this Lodge be to promote its harmony and welfare by a strict obedience to them, laying aside all pique and prejudice, and endeavouring, by his civil demeanour to gain the esteem of every other Member of the Lodge, and be cautious of offending by any contempt, disrespect or neglect.

By the general Laws of our ancient Constitution no private, sordid, or lucrative views should ever prevail on us to admit to the knowledge of our mysteries the unworthy, profane, or contentious. It therefore behoves every Member to demonstrate, by his behaviour that he comes not under any of these descriptions, but is deserving of the great honour conferred in admitting him a Member of our venerable Institution.

Let all deference and regard be paid to the particular Officers of this Lodge in their respective places, whose most immediate business and duty is to carry into effect the LAWS and CONSTITUTIONS of our Order.

to be as determined by the P.C.
Subscription shall be £5 payable in advance in January. Members residing beyond 20 miles from the Masonic Hall, Sandgate High Street, Folkestone may pay as subscription £3-50 if paid in advance in ^{for} January otherwise the full subscription of ~~£5~~ shall be ^{for} payable. The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription. 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. *£12*

Joining £25
7.—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 Initiation, Joining or re-joining, two black balls shall exclude.

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 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.

£50
9.—Payment of any sum exceeding £10 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 case of emergency, when such payment may be authorised by the Master and reported to the Lodge at the next Regular Meeting.

4 Past Masters

10.—The Master, I.P. Master, Treasurer and Secretary shall form a Proposals Committee to consider the particulars furnished by candidates in accordance with Rule 164, Book of Constitutions.

11.—The Jewels and Furniture of the Lodge belong to and are the property of the Master and Wardens for the time being, in trust for the Members of the Lodge and they shall be held responsible that they are carefully put away, kept in good repair and comprehensively insured in an approved Office.

12.—The Castle Lodge Charity Fund is to be devoted solely to Masonic Charities and supported by voluntary contributions and grants from Lodge Funds.

13.—Subject to the provisions of Rule 141, Book of Constitutions, amendment of these By-Laws or any of them may be made only in the following manner:—

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- (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 that 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 present vote in favour of it, but it shall not be effective until approved by the Provincial Grand Master and by the Grand Master.

Approved by the R.W. Provincial Grand Master
this 14th day of February, 1962.

A. MCKENZIE-SMITH,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master.

J. W. STUBBS,
Grand Secretary.

16th February, 1962.

By-Law 6 to increase annual subscriptions.
Amendment to By-Law 6 approved by the R.W.
The Provincial Grand Master the 11th day of June,
1971.

F. G. V. LOVELL,
Provincial Grand Secretary.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master.

J. W. STUBBS,
Grand Secretary.
12th June, 1971.

THE WARRANT

The Warrant of the Castle Lodge is dated 19th
April, 1873 and was granted on the Petition of the
following Brethren:—

Bro. Charles Coates
Bro. Henry J. Day
Bro. Clement Gosby
Bro. Charles H. Clements
Bro. Thomas Woodman
Bro. Frederick Sladden
Bro. Edward Evans.

DEPARTMENT IN LODGE

1.—Every Brother shall enter the Lodge in
EVENING DRESS OR DARK SUIT WITH
WHITE COLLAR, DARK TIE, DARK SOCKS,
BLACK SHOES AND WHITE GLOVES and
properly clothed as a Mason.

2.—The Brethren shall keep their seats during
the transaction of Lodge business, except the
Deacons and Director of Ceremonies, who are
allowed to move from place to place in discharge
of their duties.

3.—A Member addressing the Master shall
rise and remain standing during the time, and
shall not be interrupted so long as he is speaking
on a proper subject, and is in order, and using
respectful language.

4.—There shall be no admission during the
ceremonies and no Bro. shall leave the Lodge
before it is closed without permission of the W.M.

Should there be any objection to the introduction
of a Candidate for Initiation or Joining, it is
recommended that such objection be mentioned
privately to the W.M., Treasurer or Secretary, who
may communicate with the proposer and give him
the privilege of withdrawing his Candidate.

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Lodge Regulations

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER

The Worshipful Master shall rule and direct the Lodge and his decision shall only be questioned by appeal to a higher authority, or he may refer the matter to the Permanent Committee when all discussion shall instantly cease.

THE TREASURER

The Treasurer shall receive all monies belonging to the Lodge and shall make such payments as shall be duly vouched and sanctioned by the Master or voted by the Lodge. He shall keep an accurate account of his receipts and disbursements in the proper books. All monies shall be deposited in the Midland Bank Folkestone or with the Postmaster General in the name of the Lodge.

THE SECRETARY

The Secretary shall be punctual in attendance at the opening of the Lodge so as to read the minutes of the last Regular Meeting and Lodges of Emergency. He shall issue such summonses, conduct

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Proposed alterations to By-laws and Duties of Officers

By-law No.6. The Initiation, Joining Fee and Lodge Annual Subscription shall be as agreed by the Permanent Committee and subsequently approved by the Brethren in open Lodge. Members residing beyond 20 miles from the Masonic Hall, Sandgate High Street, Folkestone may pay a reduced subscription if paid in advance in January otherwise the full subscription shall be payable. The Secretary's services shall be deemed equivalent to payment of subscription. 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 Constitution.

By-law No.9. Sum of money to be increased to £50.

By-law No.10. After Secretary add 'and four Past Masters'. After Book of Constitution add 'Four members of the Committee shall form a quorum'.

Duties of Officers - Almoner - sum of money shall be increased to £25.

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By Law No. 6.
wef- 11/5/87

& joining fee. Rs 25

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Post-Manager for W H Pearson Ltd
Horncliffe Depot.

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Radner Cliff Crescent.

Caretaker of the Westlean
Church, Fough Road.

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Coastguard Cottages. I believe
he had the Kent Taps at one time
in the building trade and
in Seymour Villas
will be of interest to you.
Yours sincerely,

D. Homan (175) NEE BROWN

Original Sandgate Bowls Club

MILITARY ROAD



MR GODFREY

MR BOOTH

MR BAKER

MR STANIER

MR BROWN
(MY DAD)



1st Sandgate St Paulo 1929.



2nd Sandgate about 1937-38

POST CARD

CARTE POSTALE

Communication—Correspondance

Address—Adresse



Diamond Jubilee Of Men's Club 1955

Changes During The Years

THERE was a large attendance at the 50th annual meeting of Sandgate Men's Club on Monday evening.

The Chairman (Mr. G. Bridgeland) presided.

The accounts, which were approved, showed that the bar takings during the year amounted to £1,988/14/4, representing a gross profit of £376/17/10. The profit and loss account revealed a credit balance of £16/13/5 on the year.

ASSETS

Assets amounting to £289/11/3 were also reported.

The Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. J. Lusted), said 18 new members were enrolled during the year, and four had died. That day he had learned of the death of another member.

Bar receipts were down by £207 compared with last year, but the profit was only £30 less, which could be accounted for by an increase in prices made during the year. National Savings were going strong, more than £1,200 having been contributed during the year.

Trophies and prizes won in club tournaments during the year were presented by the President (Ald. C. E. Lister) as follows:

Billiards: Bridgeland Cup, W. Stone; Vicar's Cup for runner-up, H. Fletcher.

Snooker: Baid Cup, J. Mason; Langley Cup for runner-up, R. J. Philpott.

Darts: Reich Trophy, G. Punnett; runner-up, R. G. Marshall. Cribbage: Morgan Tankard, A. Young; runner-up, J. Kyte.

OFFICERS

The following officers were elected:

President, Ald. C. E. Lister; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer,

reverted in Sandgate for many years, but Major Master declined to accept the opportunity of seeking election.

In a review of the Club's history, Mr. Lusted said it was formed on February 19th, 1895, by the Rev. Mr. Bryan and 23 others, and was named St. Paul's Working Men's Club.

ANY DOUBT

On Fridays all games were suspended for three-quarters of an hour to give members the opportunity to make known any doubt they might have concerning their spiritual welfare.

Combined with St. Mary's Club, St. Paul's promoted a cottage gardeners' show at Polkstone Town Hall in August that year.

In May, 1897, the Club moved to the Soldiers' Institute in Chapel Street (now Wilberforce Road), the rent being £38 per year. That year a dramatic entertainment was produced at the Pleasure Gardens Theatre, and raised £49.

In 1914 Chichester Hall opened.

The hall was built by public donations, and money was raised from a fete. Mr. C. H. Master, whose son was present that evening, contributed lavishly towards the fund, and was responsible for drawing up the deeds.

In 1923 Sir Philip Sassoon, M.P., offered a challenge shield for competition between clubs.

SECRETARY

In 1931, Mr. Couchman resigned as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, having held office since the formation of the Club, and he (Mr. Lusted) was elected in his place.

Dealing with more recent years, Mr. Lusted said in 1946 the Club reached a turnover of £110. In subsequent years the figures were: 1947, £1,521; 1948, £1,816; 1951, £1,696; 1952, £2,314; 1953, £2,339; 1954, £1,989.

Looking through the history