

BY-LAWS OF THE ROBERT MUMMERY LODGE NO. 8331

1. Place and Dates of Meetings

The Lodge shall meet at the Rugeley and District Masonic Centre, The Chase Golf Club, Pottal Pool Road, Penkridge, Staffordshire, ST19 5RN, and shall hold regular meetings on the third Monday in January, February, March, April, October, November and December at such hour as the Master shall direct.

2. Election and Installation Meetings

The Master and the 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 No. 113, Book of Constitutions, the Tyler shall be elected by a show of hands at the regular meeting in April.

4. Lodge Committee

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters of and in the Lodge, Treasurer, Secretary, and four other members to be elected annually by the Lodge at the regular meeting in April. 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. Seven members of the Committee, of which three must be Past Masters, shall form a quorum.

5. Audit Committee and Annual Accounts

The Audit Committee shall consist 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 30 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 the members with the summons convening the meeting.

6. Fees and Annual Subscriptions

The Initiation Fee shall be £35.00, the Joining Fee £25.00 and the Re-joining fee £25.00. 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 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, due and payable in advance on 1 July, and exclusive of dining fees, shall be of such amount as the lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution, after notice on the summons, at the previous regular meeting. Any member whose subscription is unpaid for six months shall be liable to be excluded from the lodge, after due notice, in accordance with Rule 181, Book of Constitutions.

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

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. Such a member shall pay a subscription annually in advance on 1 July each year of such less amount than that provided for in By-Law No. 6 as the

lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution, after notice on the summons, at the previous regular meeting. When attending the lodge and dining, such a 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 two black balls shall exclude.

9. Termination of Membership

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 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.

10. Payments from Lodge Funds

Payment of any sum exceeding £100 for other than ordinary purposes may be made only by resolution of the Lodge, of which notice has been given on the summons, except in 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, any amendment to these By Laws 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 called 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 substantially in accordance with the model by-laws issued from time to time on behalf of the Grand Master, by the Grand Master also.

N. B. – The numbers of the Rules in the Book of Constitutions above are those in the current edition as at 31 July 2009.

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.