

# General Regulations,

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*Anno 1720, when he was Grand=Master, and approv'd by the GRAND-LODGE on St. John Baptist's Day, Anno 1721, at Stationer's-Hall, London; when the most noble PRINCE John Duke of MONTAGU was unanimously chosen our Grand=Master for the Year ensuing; who chose JOHN BEAL M. D. his Deputy GRAND-MASTER; and Mr. Josiah Villeneau / Mr. Thomas Morris, jun. were chosen by the Lodge GRAND-WARDENS. And now, by the Command of our said Right Worshipful GRAND-MASTER MONTAGU, the Author of this Book has compar'd them with, and reduc'd them to the ancient Records and immemorial Usages of the Fraternity, and digested them into this new Method, with several proper Explications, for the Use of the Lodges in and about London and Westminster.*

I. The **Grand-Master**, or his DEPUTY, hath Authority and Right, not only to be present in any true *Lodge*, but also to preside wherever he is, with the *Master* of the *Lodge* on his Left-hand, and to order his *Grand-Wardens* to attend him, who are not to act in particular *Lodges* as *Wardens*, but in his Presence, and at his Command; because there the Grand-Master may command the *Wardens* of that *Lodge*, or any other Brethren he pleaseth, to attend and act as his *Wardens pro tempore*.

II. The MASTER of a particular *Lodge* has the Right and Authority of congregating the Members of his *Lodge* into a *Chapter* at pleasure, upon any Emergency or Occurrence, as well as to appoint the time and place of their usual forming: And in case of Sickness, Death, or necessary Absence of the *Master*, the senior *Warden* shall act as *Master pro tempore*, if no Brother is present who has been *Master* of that *Lodge* before; for in that Case the *absent Master's* Authority reverts to the last *Master* then present; though he cannot act until the said *senior Warden* has once congregated the *Lodge*, or in his Absence the *junior Warden*.

III. The *Master* of each particular *Lodge*, or one of the *Wardens*, or some other Brother by his Order, shall keep a Book containing their *By-Laws*, the Names of their Members, with a List of all the *Lodges* in Town, and the usual Times and Places of their forming, and all their Transactions that are proper to be written.

IV. No *Lodge* shall make more than FIVE *new Brethren* at one Time, nor any Man under the Age of *Twenty-five*, who must be also his own Master; unless by a Dispensation from the *Grand-Master* or his *Deputy*.

V. No Man can be made or admitted a Member of a particular *Lodge*, without previous notice *one Month before* given to the said *Lodge*, in order to make due Enquiry into the Reputation and Capacity of the *candidate*; unless by the Dispensation aforesaid.

VI. But no Man can be enter'd a Brother in any particular *Lodge*, or admitted to be a Member thereof, without the *unanimous Consent of all the Members of that Lodge* then present when the *Candidate* is propos'd, and their Consent is formally ask'd by the *Master*; and they are to signify their *Consent* or *Dissent* in their own prudent way, either virtually or in form, but with Unanimity: Nor is this inherent Privilege subject to a Dispensation; because the *Members* of a particular *Lodge* are the best Judges of it; and if a fractious Member should be impos'd on them, it might spoil their Harmony, or hinder their Freedom; or even break and disperse the *Lodge*; which ought to be avoided by all good and true Brethren.

VII. Every *new Brother* at his making is decently to cloath the *Lodge*, that is, all the Brethren present, and to deposite something for the Relief of indigent and decay'd Brethren, as the *Candidate* shall think fit to bestow, over and above the small Allowance stated by the *By-Laws* of that particular *Lodge*; which *Charity* shall be lodg'd with the *Master* or *Wardens*, or the Cashier, if the Members think fit to chuse one. And the *Candidate* shall also solemnly promise to submit to the *Constitutions*, the *Charges*, and *Regulations*, and to such other good *Usages* as shall be intimated to them in Time and Place convenient.

VIII. No Set or Number of Brethren shall withdraw or separate themselves from the *Lodge* in which they were made *Brethren*, or were afterwards admitted *Members*, unless the *Lodge* becomes too numerous; nor even then, without a Dispensation from the *Grand-Master* or his *Deputy*: And when they are thus separated, they must either immediately join themselbes to such *other Lodge* as they shall like best, with the unanimous Consent of that other *Lodge* to which they go (*as above regulated*) or else they must obtain the *Grand-Master's* Warrant to join in forming a *new Lodge*.

If any Set or Number of *Masons* shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge without the *Grand-Master's* Warrant, the *regular Lodges* are not to countenance them, nor own them as *fair Brethren* and duly form'd, nor approve of their Acts and Deeds; but must treat them as Rebels, until they humble themselves, as the *Grand-Master* shall in his Prudence direct, and until he approve of them by his *Warrant*, which must be signify'd to the *other Lodges*, as the Custom is when a *new Lodge* is to be register'd in the *List of Lodges*.

IX. But if any Brother so far misbehave himself as to render his *Lodge* uneasy, he shall be twice duly admonish'd by the *Master* or *Wardens* in a *form'd Lodge*; and if he will not refrain his Imprudence, and obediently submit to the Advice of the Brethren, and reform what gives them Offence, he shall be dealt with according to the *By-Laws* of that particular *Lodge*, or else in such a manner as the *Quarterly Communication* shall in their great Prudence think fit; for which a *new Regulation* may be afterwards made.

X. The *Majority* of every particular *Lodge*, when congregated, shall have the Privilege of giving *Instructions* to their *Master* and *Wardens*, before the assembling of the *Grand Chapter*, or *Lodge*, at the three *Quarterly Communications* hereafter mention'd, and of the *Annual Grand Lodge* too; because their *Master* and *Wardens* are their Representatives, and are supposed to speak their Mind.

XI. All *particular Lodges* are to observe the same *Usages* as much as possible; in order to which, and for cultivating a good Understanding among *Free-Masons*, some Members out of *every Lodge* shall be deputed to visit the *other Lodges* as often as shall be thought convenient.

XII. The **Grand-Lodge** consists of, and is form'd by the *Master* and *Wardens* of all the regular particular *Lodges* upon Record, with the GRAND-MASTER at their Head, and his *Deputy* on his Left-hand, and the *Grand-Wardens* in their proper Places; and must have a QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION about *Michaelmas*, *Christmas*, and *Lady-Day*, in some convenient Place, as the *Grand-Master* shall appoint, where no Brother shall be present, who is not at that time a Member thereof, without a Dispensation; and while he stays, he shall not be allow'd to vote, nor even give his Opinion, without Leave of the *Grand-Lodge* ask'd and given, or unless it be duly ask'd by the said Lodge.

All Matters are to be determin'd in the *Grand-Lodge* by a Majority of Votes, each Member having one Vote, and the *Grand-Master* having two Votes, unless the said *Lodge* leave any particular thing to the Determination of the *Grand-Master*, for the sake of Expedition.

XIII. At the said *Quarterly Communication*, all Matters that concern the *Fraternity* in general, or particular *Lodges*, or single Brethren, are quietly, sedately, and maturely to be discours'd of and transacted: *Apprentices* must be admitted *Masters* and *Fellow-Craft* only here, unless by a Dispensation. Here also all Differences, that cannot be made up and accommodated privately, nor by a particular *Lodge*, are to be seriously considered and decided: And if any *Brother* thinks himself aggrieved by the Decision of this Board, he may appeal to the *annual Grand-Lodge* next ensuing, and leave his Appeal in Writing, with the *Grand-Master*, or his Deputy, or the *Grand-Wardens*.

Here also the *Master* or the *Wardens* of each particular Lodge shall bring and produce a List of such Members as have been made, or even admitted in their particular *Lodges* since the last *Communication* of the *Grand-Lodge*: And there shall be a Book kept by the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, or rather by some Brother whom the *Grand-Lodge* shall appoint for SECRETARY, wherein shall be recorded all the *Lodges*, with their usual Times and Places of forming, and the Names of all the Members of each *Lodge*; and all the Affairs of the *Grand-Lodge* that are proper to be written.

They shall also consider of the most prudent and effectual Methods of collecting and disposing of what Money shall be given to, or lodged with them in *Charity*, towards the Relief only of any true Brother fallen into Poverty or Decay, but of none else: But every particular *Lodge* shall dispose of their own *Charity* for poor Brethren, according to their own *By-Laws*, until it be agreed by all the *Lodges* (in a new Regulation) to carry in the Charity collected by them to the GRAND-LODGE, at the *Quarterly or Annual Communication*, in order to make a common Stock of it, for the more handsome Relief of poor Brethren.

They shall also appoint a TREASURER, a Brother of good worldly Substance, who shall be a Member of the *Grand-Lodge* by virtue of his Office, and shall be always present, and have Power to move to the *Grand-Lodge* any thing, especially what concerns his Office. To him shall be committed all Money rais'd for *Charity*, or for any other Use of the *Grand-Lodge*, which he shall write down in a Book, with the respective Ends and Uses for which the several Sums are intended; and shall expend or disburse the same by such a *certain Order* sign'd, as the *Grand-Lodge* shall afterwards agree to in a new Regulation: But he shall not vote in chusing a *Grand-Master* or *Wardens*, though in every other Transaction. As in like manner the *Secretary* shall be a Member of the *Grand-Lodge* by virtue of his Office, and vote in every thing except in chusing a *Grand-Master* or *Wardens*.

The *Treasurer* and *Secretary* shall have each a *Clerk*, who must be a Brother and *Fellow-Craft*, but never must be a Member of the *Grand-Lodge*, nor speak without being allow'd or desir'd.

The *Grand-Master*, or his Deputy, shall always command the *Treasurer* and *Secretary*, with their *Clerks* and *Books*, in order to see how Matters go on, and to know what is expedient to be done upon any emergent Occasion.

Another Brother (who must be a *Fellow-Craft*) should be appointed to look after the Door of the *Grand-Lodge*; but shall be no Member of it.

But these Offices may be farther explain'd by a *new Regulation*, when the Necessity and Expediency of them may more appear than at present to the *Fraternity*.

XIV. If at any GRAND-LODGE, stated or occasional, quarterly or annual, the **Grand-Master** and his *Deputy* should be both absent, then the present *Master* of a *Lodge*, that has been the longest a *Free-Mason*, shall take the Chair, and preside as *Grand-Master pro tempore*; and shall be vested with all his Power and Honour for the time; provided there is no Brother present that has been *Grand-Master* formerly, or *Deputy Grand-Master*; for the last *Grand-Master* present, or else the last *Deputy* present, should always of right take place in the Absence of the *present Grand-Master* and his *Deputy*.

XV. In the Grand Lodge none can act as *Wardens* but the *Grand-Wardens* themselves, if present; and if absent, the *Grand-Master*, or the Person who presides in his Place, shall order *private Wardens* to act as *Grand-Wardens pro tempore*, whose Places are to be supply'd by two *Fellow-Craft* of the same *Lodge*, call'd forth to act, or sent thither by the particular *Master* thereof; or if by him omitted, then they shall be call'd by the *Grand-Master*, that so the *Grand-Lodge* may be always compleat.

XVI. The *Grand-Wardens*, or any others, are first to advise with the *Deputy* about the Affairs of the *Lodge* or of the Brethren, and not to apply to the *Grand-Master* without the Knowledge of the *Deputy*, unless he refuse his Concurrence in any certain necessary Affair; in which Case, or in case of any Difference between the *Deputy* and the *Grand-Wardens*, or other Brethren, both Parties are to go by Concert to the *Grand-Master*, who can easily decide the Controversy and make up the Difference by virtue of his great Authority.

The *Grand-Master* should receive no Intimation of Business concerning *Masonry*, but from his *Deputy* first, except in such certain Cases as his Worship can well judge of; for if the Application to the *Grand-Master* be irregular, he can easily order the *Grand-Wardens*, or any other Brethren thus applying, to wait upon his *Deputy*, who is to prepare the Business speedily, and to lay it orderly before his *Worship*.

XVII. No **Grand-Master**, *Deputy Grand-Master*, *Grand-Wardens*, *Treasurer*, *Secretary*, or whoever acts for them, or in their stead *pro tempore*, can at the same time be the *Master* or *Warden* of a particular *Lodge*; but as soon as any of them has honourably discharg'd his *Grand Office*, he returns to that Post or Station in his particular *Lodge*, from which he was call'd to officiate above.

XVIII. If the DEPUTY GRAND-MASTER be sick, or necessarily absent, the *Grand-Master* may chuse any *Fellow-Craft* he pleases to be his *Deputy pro tempore*: But he that is chosen *Deputy* at the *Grand-Lodge*, and the *Grand-Wardens* too, cannot be discharg'd without the Cause fairly appear to the *Majority* of the *Grand-Lodge*; and the **Grand-Master**, if he is uneasy, may call a *Grand-Lodge* on purpose to lay the Cause before them, and to have their Advice and Concurrence: in which case, the *Majority* of the *Grand-Lodge*, if they cannot reconcile the **Master** and his *Deputy* or his *Wardens*, are to concur in allowing the **Master** to discharge his said *Deputy* or his said *Wardens*, and to chuse another *Deputy* immediately; and the said *Grand-Lodge* shall chuse other *Wardens* in that Case, that Harmony and Peace may preserv'd.

XIX. If the **Grand-Master** should abuse his Power, and render himself unworthy of the Obedience and Subjection of the *Lodges*, he shall be treated in a way and manner to be agreed upon in a *new Regulation*; because hitherto the ancient *Fraternity* have had no occasion for it, their former GRAND-MASTERS having all behaved themselves worthy of that honourable Office.

XX. The *Grand-Master*, with his *Deputy* and *Wardens*, shall (at least once) go round and visit all the *Lodges* about Town during his *Mastership*.

XXI. If the **Grand-Master** die during his *Mastership*, or by Sickness, or by being beyond Sea, or any other way should be render'd incapable of discharging his Office, the DEPUTY, or in his Absence, the *Senior* GRAND-WARDEN, or in his Absence the *Junior*, or in his Absence any three present *Masters* of *Lodges*, shall join to congregate the GRAND-LODGE immediately, to advise together upon that Emergency, and to send two of their Number to invite the *last* GRAND-MASTER to resume his Office, which now in course reverts to him, or if he refuse, then the *next last*, and so backward: But if no former *Grand-Master* can be found, then the *Deputy* shall act as *Principal*, until another is chosen; or if there be no *Deputy*, then the oldest *Master*.

XXII. The **Brethren** of all the *Lodges* in and about *London* and *Westminster*, shall meet at an ANNUAL COMMUNICATION and *Feast*, in some convenient Place, on St. JOHN *Baptist's* Day, or else on St. JOHN *Evangelist's* Day, as the *Grand-Lodge* shall think fit by a *new Regulation*, having of late Years met on St. John *Batptist's* Day: Provided, The *Majority* of the *Masters* and *Wardens*, with the *Grand-Master*, his *Deputy* and *Wardens*, agree at their *Quarterly Communication*, three Months before, that there shall be a *Feast*, and a *General Communication* of all the Brethren: For if either the *Grand-Master*, or the *Majority* of the particular *Masters*, are against it, it must be dropt for that Time. But whether there shall be a *Feast* for all the *Brethren*, or not, yet the **Grand Lodge** must meet in some convenient Place *annually* on St. JOHN'S DAY; or if it be *Sunday*, then on the next Day, in order to chuse every Year a *new* GRAND-MASTER, *Deputy*, and *Wardens*.

XXIII. If it be thought expedient, and the GRAND-MASTER, with the *Majority* of the *Masters* and *Wardens*, agree to hold a GRAND FEAST, according to the ancient laudable Custom of *Masons*, then the **Grand-Wardens** shall have the care of preparing the *Tickets*, seal'd with the *Grand-Masters's* Seal, of disposing of the *Tickets*, of receiving the Money for the *Tickets*, of buying the Materials of the *Feast*, of findig out a proper and convenient Place to feast in; and of every other thing that concerns the Entertainment.

But that the Work may not be too burthensome to the two *Grand-Wardens*, and that all Matters may be expeditiously and safely managed, the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, shall have power to nominate and appoint a certain Number of Stewards, as his *Worship* shall think fit, to act in concert with the two *Grand-Wardens*; all things relating to the *Feast* being decided amongst them by a *Majority* of Voices; except the *Grand-Master* or his *Deputy* interpose by a particular Direction or Appointment.

XXIV. The *Wardens* and **Stewards** shall, in due time, wait upon the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, for Directions and Orders about the Premises; but if his *Worship* and his *Deputy* are sick, or necessarily absent, they shall call together the *Masters* and *Wardens* of *Lodges* to meet on purpose for their Advice and Orders; or else they may take the Matter wholly upon themselves, and do the best they can.

The *Grand-Wardens* and the *Stewards* are to account for all the Money they receive, or expend, to the *Grand-Lodge*, after Dinner, or when the *Grand-Lodge* shall think fit to receive their Accounts.

If the **Grand-Master** pleases, he may in due time summon all the *Masters* and *Wardens* of *Lodges* to consult with them about ordering the *Grand-Feast*, and about any Emergency or accidental thing relating thereunto, that may require Advice; or else to take it upon himself altogether.

XXV. The *Masters* of *Lodges* shall each appoint one experienc'd and discreet *Fellow-Craft* of his *Lodge*, to compose a Committee, consisting of one from every *Lodge*, who shall meet to receive, in a convenient Apartment, every Person that brings a Ticket, and shall have Power to discourse him, if they think fit, in order to admit him, or debar him, as they shall see cause: *Provided* they send no Man away before they have acquainted all the Brethren within Doors with the Reasons thereof, to avoid Mistakes; that so no true Brother may be debarr'd, nor a false Brother, or mere Pretender, admitted. This *Committee* must meet very early on *St. John's Day* at the Place, even before any Persons come with Tickets.

XXVI. The GRAND-MASTER shall appoint two or more **trusty Brethren** to be Porters, or Door-keepers, who are also to be early at the Place, for some good Reasons; and who are to be at the Command of the *Commitee*.

XXVII. The *Grand-Wardens*, or the *Stewards*, shall appoint beforehand such a Number of Brethren to serve at Table as they think fit and proper for that Work; and they may advise with the *Masters* and *Wardens* of *Lodges* about the most proper Persons, if they please, or may take in such by their Recommendation; for none are to serve that Day, but *free* and *accepted Masons*, that the Communication may be free and harmonious.

XXVIII. All the Members of the *Grand-Lodge* must be at the Place long before Dinner, with the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, at their Head, who shall retire, and form themselves. And this is done in order,

- 1. To receive any *Appeals* duly lodg'd, as above regulated, that the *Appellant* may be heard, and the Affair may be amicably decided before Dinner, if possible; but if it cannot, it must be delay'd till after the *new Grand-Master* is elected; and if it cannot be decided after Dinner, it may be delay'd, and referr'd to a *particular Committee*, that shall quietly adjust it, and make Report to the next *Quarterly Communication*, that Brotherly-Love may be preserv'd.
- 2. To prevent any Difference or Disgust which may be feared to arise that Day; that no Interruption may be given to the Harmony and Pleasure of the GRAND FEAST.
- 3. To consult about whatever concerns the Decency and Decorum of the *Grand-Assembly*, and to prevent all Indecency and ill Manners, the Assembly being promiscuous.

- 4. To receive and consider of any good Motion, or any momentous and important Affair, that shall be brought from the particular *Lodges*, by their Representatives, the several *Masters* and *Wardens*.

XXIX. After these thing are discuss'd, the **Grand-Master** and his *Deputy*, the *Grand-Wardens*, or the *Stewards*, the *Secretary*, the *Treasurer*, the *Clerks*, and every other Person, shall withdraw, and leave the *Masters* and *Wardens* of the particular *Lodges* alone, in order to consult amicably about electing a NEW GRAND-MASTER, or continuing the *present*, if they have not done it the Day before; and if they are unanimous for continuing the *present* Grand-Master, his *Worship* shall be call'd in, and humbly desir'd to do the *Fraternity* the Honour of ruling them for the Year ensuing. And after Dinner it will be known whether he accepts of it or not: For it should not be discover'd but by the Election itself.

XXX. Then the *Masters* and *Wardens*, and all the Brethren, may converse promiscuously, or as they please to sort together, until the Dinner is coming in, when every Brother takes his Seat at *Table*.

XXXI. Some time after Dinner the GRAND-LODGE is form'd, not in Retirement, but in the Presence of all the Brethren, who yet are not Members of it, and must not therefore speak until they are desir'd and allow'd.

XXXII. If the **Grand-Master** of last Year has consented with the *Master* and *Wardens* in private, before Dinner, to continue for the Year ensuing; then one of the *Grand-Lodge*, deputed for that purpose, shall represent to all the Brethren his WORSHIP'S good Government, &c. And turning to him, shall, in the Name of the *Grand-Lodge*, humbly request him to do the FRATERNITY the great Honour (if nobly born, if not) the great Kindness of continuing to be their *Grand-Master* for the Year ensuing. And his *Worship* declaring his Consent by a Bow or a Speech, as he pleases, the said deputed Member of the GRAND-LODGE shall proclaim him **Grand-Master**, and all the Members of the *Lodge* shall salute him in due Form. And all the Brethren shall for a few Minutes have leave to declare their Satisfaction, Pleasure, and Congratulation.

XXXIII. But if either the *Master* and *Wardens* have not in private, this Day before Dinner, nor the Day before, desir'd the last **Grand-Master** to continue in the *Mastership* another Year; or if he, when desir'd, has not consented: Then, The last GRAND-MASTER shall nominate his Successor for the Year ensuing, who, if unanimously approv'd by the *Grand-Lodge*, and if there present, shall be proclaim'd, saluted, and congratulated the new **Grand-Master** as above hinted, and immediately install'd by the last *Grand-Master*, according to Usage.

XXXIV. But if that Nomination is not unanimously approv'd, the new *Grand-Master* shall be chosen immediately by *Ballot*, every *Master* and *Warden* writing his Man's Name, and the last *Grand-Master* writing his Man's Name too; and the Man, whose Name the last *Grand-Master* shall first take out, casually or by chance, shall be GRAND-MASTER for the Year ensuing; and if present, he shall be proclaim'd, saluted, and congratulated, as above hinted, and forthwith install'd by the last *Grand-Master*, according to Usage.

XXXV. The last GRAND-MASTER thus continued, or the **new** GRAND-MASTER thus install'd, shall next nominate and appoint his *Deputy* Grand-Master, either the last or a new one, who shall be also declar'd, saluted and congratulated as above hinted.

The **Grand-Master** shall also nominate the *new* GRAND-WARDENS; and if unanimously approv'd by the *Grand-Lodge*, shall be declar'd, saluted, and congratulated, as above hinted; but if not, they shall be chosen by *Ballot*, in the same way as the *Grand-Master*. As the *Wardens* of private *Lodges* are also to be chosen by *Ballot* in each *Lodge*, if the Members thereof do not agree to their *Master's* Nomination.

XXXVI. But if the BROTHER, whom the present *Grand-Master* shall nominate for his *Successor*, or whom the Majority of the *Grand-Lodge* shall happen to chuse by *Ballot*, is, by Sickness or other necessary Occasion, absent from the *Grand-Feast*, he cannot be proclaim'd the NEW GRAND-MASTER, unless the *old Grand-Master*, or some of the *Masters* and *Wardens* of the **Grand-Lodge** can vouch, upon the *Honour* of a *Brother*, that the said Person, so nominated or chosen, will readily accept of the said Office; in which case the *old Grand-Master* shall act as Proxy, and shall nominate the *Deputy* and *Wardens* in his Name, and in his Name also receive the usual Honours, Homage, and Congratulation.

XXXVII. Then the **Grand-Master** shall allow any Brother, *Fellow-Craft*, or *Apprentice* to speak, directing his Discourse to his *Worship*; or to make any Motion for the good of the Fraternity, which shall be either immediately consider'd and finish'd, or else referr'd to the Consideration of the *Grand-Lodge* at their next *Communication*, stated or occasional. When that is over,

XXXVIII. The GRAND-MASTER or his *Deputy*, or some Brother appointed by him, shall harangue all the Brethren, and give them good Advice: And lastly, after some other Transactions, that cannot be written in any Language, the Brethren may go away or stay longer, as they please.

XXXIX. Every *Annual* GRAND-LODGE has an inherent Power and Authority to make *new Regulations*, or to alter these, for the real Benefit of this *ancient Fraternity*: Provided always that the *old* LAND-MARKS be *carefully preserv'd*, and that such Alterations and *new Regulations* be proposed and agreed to at the *third Quarterly Communication* preceding the *Annual Grand Feast*; and that they be offered also to the Perusal of all the Brethren before Dinner, in writing, even of the youngest *Apprentice*; the Approbation and Consent of the *Majority* of all the Brethren present being absolutely necessary to make the same binding and obligatory; which must, after Dinner, and after *new Grand-Master* is install'd, be solemnly desir'd, as it was desir'd and obtained for these REGULATIONS, when propos'd by the GRAND-LODGE, to about 150 Brethren, on *St. John Baptist's Day*, 1721.



## POSTSCRIPT

Here follows the Manner of constituting a **New Lodge**, as practis'd by his *Grace* the DUKE of WHARTON, the present *Right Worshipful Grand=Master*, according to the ancient Usages of *Masons*.

A **New Lodge**, for avoiding many Irregularities, should be solemnly constituted by the *Grand-Master*, with his *Deputy* and *Wardens*; or in the *Grand-Master's* Absence, the *Deputy* shall act for his *Worship*, and shall chuse some *Master* of a *Lodge* to assist him; or in case the *Deputy* is absent, the *Grand-Master* shall call forth some *Master of a Lodge* to act as *Deputy pro tempore*.

The *Candidates*, or the new Master and Wardens, being yet among the *Fellow-Craft*, the GRAND-MASTER shall ask his *Deputy* if he has examin'd them, and finds the Candidate *Master* well skill'd in the *noble Science* and the royal Art, and duly instructed in our *Mysteries*, &c.

And the *Deputy* answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the *Grand-Master's* Order) take the *Candidate* from among his Fellows, and present him to the *Grand-Master*; saying, *Right worshipful GRAND-MASTER, the Brethren here desire to be form'd into a new Lodge; and I present this my worthy Brother to be their Master, whom I know to be of good Morals and great Skill, true and trusty, and a Lover of the whole Fraternity, wheresoever dispers'd over the Face of the Earth.*

Then the GRAND-MASTER, placing the *Candidate* on his left Hand, having ask'd and obtain'd the unanimous Consent of all the Brethren, shall say; *I constitute and form these good Brethren into a new Lodge, and appoint you the Master of it, not doubting of your Capacity and Care to preserve the Cement of the LODGE, &c.* with some other Expressions that are proper and usual on that Occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this the *Deputy* shall rehearse the *Charges* of a *Master*, and the GRAND-MASTER shall ask the *Candidate*, saying, *Do You submit to these Charges, as Masters have done in all Ages?* And the CANDIDATE signifying his cordial Submission thereunto, the **Grand-Master** shall, by certain significant Ceremonies and ancient Usages, install him, and present him with the *Constitutions*, the *Lodge-Book*, and the *Instruments* of his Office, not all together, but one after another; and after each of them, the *Grand-Master*, or his *Deputy*, shall rehearse the short and pithy *Charge* that is suitable to the thing presented.

After this, the Members of this *new Lodge*, bowing all together to the *Grand-Master*, shall return his *Worship* Thanks, and immediately do their *Homage* to their *new Master*, and signify their Promise of Subjection and Obedience to him by the usual *Congratulation*.

The *Deputy* and the *Grand-Wardens*, and any other Brethren present, that are not Members of this *new Lodge*, shall next congratulate the *new Master*; and shall return his becoming Acknowledgments to the GRAND-MASTER first, and to the rest in their Order.

Then the *Grand-Master* desires the *new Master* to enter immediately upon the Exercise of his Office, in chusing his *Wardens*: And the NEW MASTER calling forth two *Fellow-Craft*, presents them to the *Grand-Master* for his Approbation, and to the *new Lodge* for their Consent. And that being granted,

The *senior* or *junior* GRAND-WARDEN, or some Brother for him, shall rehearse the *Charges of Wardens*; and the *Candidates* being solemnly ask'd by the *new Master*, shall signify their Submissions thereunto.

Upon which the NEW MASTER, presenting them with the *Instruments* of their *Office*, shall, in due Form, install them in their proper Places; and the Brethren of that *new Lodge* shall signify their Obedience to the *new Wardens* by the usual *Congratulation*.

And this LODGE being thus compleatly constituted, shall be register'd in the *Grand-Master's* Book, and by his Order notify'd to the *other Lodges*.