



Provincial Grand Mark Lodge
of Northumberland



The Ancient and Honourable
Society of Royal Ark Mariners
of Northumberland

BY-LAWS

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF NORTHUMBERLAND

1. COMPOSITION

The Composition of Provincial Grand Lodge is as defined in the Constitutions and Regulations.

2. GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

A Committee of General Purposes shall be formed consisting of the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Assistant Provincial Grand Master, Provincial Grand Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Director of Ceremonies and the Master of each Lodge and all Grand Officers in the Province. This Committee shall have the Power to Appoint Sub-Committees among themselves.

The Committee shall meet at such times and places as the Provincial Grand Master or the Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall appoint at least once in every year before the Annual Meeting. Five Members shall form a quorum.

With the exception of the ordinary expenses of Provincial Grand Lodge payment of which must have the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master, the committee shall control the finances of Provincial Grand Lodge, examine all accounts thereof and authorise payments by the Provincial Grand Treasurer, and generally advise Provincial Grand Lodge, on financial matters. The Committee shall also deal with all matters affecting the welfare of Provincial Grand Lodge receive and consider all motions and propositions and when thought necessary submit recommendations thereon, for the consideration of Provincial Grand Lodge.

16. THE DEGREE OF ROYAL ARK MARINER

These By-Laws are applicable to and are to be observed by Royal Ark Mariner Lodges in the Province, as laid down in the Royal Ark Mariner Regulations contained in the Constitutions and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons.

Wherever the word Lodge is, mentioned herein, it includes Royal Ark Mariner Lodges.

17. Fees payable as per By-Laws 6 and 7.

Approved by Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland at the Annual Provincial Meeting held at Seaton Delaval

G CRAIGS

Provincial Grand Master

C ALLAN

Provincial Grand Secretary

Approved on behalf of the General Board

14. LODGE SUMMONSES

The Secretary of each Lodge shall send four copies of the Lodge Summons of every meeting to the Provincial Grand Secretary, to be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and Assistant Grand Master, at the same time that they are forwarded to the brethren.

15. BENEVOLENCE

The management of:

- (a) The Northumberland Mark Benevolent fund.
- (b) Any other funds which may from time to time be entrusted to it by a Resolution duly passed by Provincial Grand Lodge.
- (c) All matters connected with the Benevolent, Education and Annuity branches of the Fund of Benevolence contained in the Constitutions and Regulations.

Shall be delegated to a Committee to be called: -

THE BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE OF MARK MASTER MASONS OF THE PROVINCE OF NORTHUMBERLAND

3. TRUSTEES

The Capitol Stock and funds shall be, invested in the names of three or more Trustees to be elected from time to time by a resolution of Provincial Grand Lodge as vacancies occur.

The Trustees shall be bound to invest in such a manner not being securities to bearer or shares or other property involving liability (whether authorised by Law for the investment of Trust Funds or not) as any Resolution passed by a simple majority of the members present at a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge shall, from time-to-time direct, and for that purpose to call in or realise such then existing investments as may be directed by such resolution as aforesaid, or may, by writing under his hand resign his office.

On any appointments of a new Trustee or Trustees all such instruments as may be necessary to vest the funds of Provincial Grand Lodge in the new Trustee or Trustees (if any) shall forthwith be executed by all necessary parties.

This By-law shall be considered an instrument for creating a Trust within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and the statutory power of appointing new Trustees may be exercised by such resolutions as aforesaid or the removal of a Trustee as well as in the events mentioned in that Section.

4. MEETINGS

Twenty-eight days' notice of every meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge appointed to be held shall be given by the Provincial Grand Secretary to all members of Provincial Grand Lodge. The said notice shall state the place, day, and hour at which the meeting is to be held, and a summary of the business to be transacted and of propositions to be made at such a meeting.

5. BUSINESS

Every motion for a new By-Law, or for the repeal of an old one, or any other proposition intended to be made at a meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge, shall be stated in writing, together with the name of the mover, his rank in Mark Masonry, and the number of the Lodge of which he is a subscribing member, and transmitted not later than the 31st July to the Provincial Grand Secretary, who shall submit the same to the Committee of General Purposes, and no motion or matter shall be entertained by Provincial Grand Lodge, or brought into discussion therein, unless the foregoing requirements be complied with, except by special permission of the Provincial Grand Master.

Decisions of Provincial Grand Lodge shall take immediate effect unless otherwise stated.

6. FEES

Every Lodge shall pay to the General Fund of Provincial Grand Lodge:

Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges

Annual Dues payable by Lodges on 31st August in each year in respect of every brother who has been a member of the Lodge during any part of the preceding 12 months will be an amount fixed from time to time by the Committee of General Purposes.

All Mark and Royal Ark Mariner Lodges will pay an annual subscription in respect of Annual General Meeting expenses, the amount to be fixed by the Committee of General Purposes.

Fees for Advancement, Elevation, Joining Members, Registering By-Laws or New Lodges or the removal of a Warrant, and for

11. CORRESPONDENCE

All Communications from Masters of Lodges or others intended for submission to the Provincial Grand Master or Provincial Grand Lodge, shall be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

12. DISPENSATIONS

Whenever application shall be made to the Provincial Grand Master for a Dispensation, such application must be sent in writing to the Provincial Grand Secretary stating fully the occasion, objects, and purposes in connection therewith, and be accompanied by a remittance of the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge Fees on separate cheques.

13. BY-LAWS

Each Lodge in the Province shall frame By-Laws, or revise if necessary, existing By-laws, so as to be in strict accordance with the constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons and the By-Laws of Provincial Grand Lodge. When so framed or revised such Lodge By-Laws must be submitted to the Provincial Grand Master, through the Provincial Grand Secretary, for his approval prior to their transmission to the Grand Secretary for approval of the General Board, and when so approved four copies must be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary, any subsequent alterations or additions must, in like manner, be submitted and will not be valid until so approved.

TYLER: He shall attend all regular meetings of Provincial Grand Lodge and act under the instructions of the Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies.

9. ANNUAL FESTIVALS

The entertaining Lodge, or Lodges, and the Provincial Grand Stewards shall so regulate the Annual Festival that no expense whatever falls on Provincial Grand Lodge except by authority of the Committee of General Purposes.

10. RETURNS

The Secretary of every Lodge shall, in September of each year, transmit to the Provincial Grand Secretary a Return in the Register Provided made up for the twelve months to the 31st of August containing the name of every subscribing member with the date of his Advancement or Joining of each Brother admitted within that year. With the Return shall be sent a cheque crossed and made payable to Provincial Grand Lodge for the appropriate fees.

Should a Lodge fail to make such Return or Payment, Rule 103 of the Constitutions and Regulations shall apply.

The Master of each Lodge shall, immediately after his installation, make a Return to the Provincial Grand Secretary on the form provided, of the Master, Wardens, Overseers, Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary with their full postal addresses, or the members of the Lodge may be, disqualified from voting in the Provincial Grand Lodge. Any Master neglecting to make this Return within seven days after notice in writing shall be liable to penalties defined in Rule 103 of the Constitutions and Regulation.

Dispensations, other than those which can be only granted by the Grand Master and for every copy of the Provincial By-Laws will be fixed from time-to-time by the Committee of General Purposes.

7. FEES OF HONOUR

Every Brother on first appointment to an of the under-mentioned Offices or to the corresponding Past Rank shall pay to the General Fund a fee to be set from time-to-time by the Committee of General Purposes, provided that, on promotion to any office or rank for which a higher fee is payable than that for the one he then holds he shall pay only the difference between the two fees.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master	£100:00
Assistant Provincial Grand Master	£70:00
Provincial Grand Warden	£40:00
Provincial Grand Overseer	£30:00
Provincial Grand Chaplain	£30:00
Provincial Grand Treasurer	£30:00
Provincial Grand Registrar	£30:00
Provincial Grand Secretary	£30:00
Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	£30:00
Provincial Grand Inspector of Works	£30:00
Provincial Grand Sword Bearer	£30:00
Deputy Provincial Grand Chaplain	£30:00
Deputy Provincial Grand Secretary	£30:00

Deputy Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	£30:00
Provincial Grand Deacon	£20:00
Provincial Grand Charity Steward	£20:00
Assistant Provincial Grand Chaplain	£20:00
Assistant Provincial Grand Secretary	£20:00
Assistant Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies	£20:00
Provincial Grand Almoner	£20:00
Provincial Grand Organist	£20:00
Provincial Grand Standard Bearer	£20:00
Provincial Grand Inner Guard	£20:00
Provincial Grand Steward	£20:00
Provincial Royal Ark Mariner Grand Rank	£20:00

8. OFFICERS

TREASURER: No Brother shall be eligible for this office unless nominated in writing by two members of Provincial Grand Lodge and the nomination shall have been received by the Provincial Grand Secretary not later than twenty-eight days before the ensuing Annual Meeting.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall receive and keep proper account of all dues, Fees, Fines, and other monies of Provincial Grand Lodge, and shall deposit them in a Bank approved by the Committee of General Purposes to an account opened in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland. He shall make such payments there-out as may

be authorised by the Committee of General Purposes, by Provincial Grand Lodge, or by the Provincial Grand Master, and shall deliver up all books of accounts, vouchers, and all property of Provincial Grand Lodge in his possession or control whenever called upon by the Provincial Grand Master or the Deputy Provincial Grand Master. All payments shall be made by cheque signed by the Provincial Grand Treasurer and the Provincial Grand Secretary, or two other duly authorised officers.

SECRETARY: He shall issue all summonses with Agenda for all meetings of Provincial Grand Mark Lodge and its Committees, of which he shall be an ex-officio member, attend and take minutes of all proceedings, receive all Dues, Fees, Fines and other monies of Provincial Grand Lodge payable by Lodges and Brethren and transmit the same to the Provincial Grand Treasurer; prepare all Certificates, and such other documents as the Provincial Grand Master or the Assistant Grand Master may from time-to-time direct; receive Petitions for relief, obtain all possible information in each case and submit all applications and communications intended for submission to the Provincial Grand Master or Provincial Grand Lodge and shall have charge of the Clothing and Furniture of Provincial Grand Lodge.

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES: He shall have the arrangement and direction of all proceedings and ceremonies in Provincial Grand Lodge.

AUDITORS: Two shall be, elected annually to audit all Accounts of Provincial Grand Lodge and report with any recommendations to the Committee of General Purposes.