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THE
CONSTITUTION,
RULES,
Orders, and Regulations,
OF THE
Aberdeen Mason Lodge,

AS

*Sanctioned and Confirmed, at the Quarter Session
of the Peace for the County of Aberdeen.*

WITH A

LIST OF THE PRESENT MANAGERS,
LATE MASTERS, AND MEMBERS.

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Established and Ordained at a General Meeting of the Society, held upon the Sixth day of December, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-three, in terms of, and agreeably to an Act passed in the Thirty-third year of his present Majesty King George the Third, entitled "An Act for the Encouragement and Relief of Friendly Societies."

THE *Aberdeen Mason Lodge* was originally formed into a Society in the year 1541, as appears from the Books, Records, and Papers of the Society, from which time it has been continued chiefly for the purpose of establishing a Fund for the annual Relief of decayed necessitous Members, their Widows and Children, by voluntary contributions; and many have got an annual supply therefrom.

Commencement
of the Society
in 1541.

THE Society, whose Members are well affected to his Majesty's person and government, has for many years been composed of two classes, denominated *Geomatic* and *Domatic Masons*.—Under the

Of whom composed.

former denomination may be comprehended noblemen of the first rank, many gentlemen of the first families and fortune in the country, and others not professional Masons, who have become Members. And under the last are comprehended Operative Masons belonging to the town of Aberdeen.

Purposes of the Society.

I. IT is therefore Resolved,—That the Society be continued; and that the produce of the stock or funds of the Society, and annual contributions (with the exceptions aftermentioned) be appropriated and applied for the mutual relief and maintenance of all and every the Members thereof, in old age, sickness, and infirmity, or for the relief of the widows and children of deceased Members, annually, in the different classes, shares, and proportions after provided. That it shall be known under the name and designation of the *Aberdeen Lodge of Free Masons*, for relief of distressed members, their widows and children.

Official Managers.

2. THAT the Official Managers of the Society shall be composed of a Master, Depute Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, and Secretary, and six Assistants, who shall be elected from among the annual contributing members Master Masons of the Lodge annually, by a free election or ballot, at the general meeting, which is to be held for that purpose, upon the 27th of December yearly, or the next lawful day thereafter, at such hour, within their Hall in Aberdeen, as the Master, or Depute Master in his absence, may fix by an Advertisement in the *Aberdeen Journal*, or Newspaper, at least eight days before the general meeting; it being always understood, that the Mas-

Annual General Meeting, 27th December.

ter, Depute Master, Junior Warden, and Secretary are to be elected from among the Geomatic Masons, and the Senior Warden, from among the Domatic, or Operative Masons as formerly, and that three of the six office bearers going out of office, are to be of the number of assistants for the following year, except in the event of these office bearers being re-elected into their respective offices, in which case three new assistants at least shall be elected for the year ensuing.

3. THAT for the better conducting the business of the Society, there shall be elected and appointed three Stewards from among the Master Mason Members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to attend all the meetings of the Lodge, and perform the usual duty of that office, and to obey the orders of the Master and other managers for the time. Stewards.

4. THAT the Lodge shall also have power to elect and appoint a Clerk from among the members of the Society, whose business it shall be to attend all the meetings of the Society, to make up the Treasurer's annual accompts, to keep a regular and distinct Sederunt Book, in which he shall regularly minute and enter all the orders, resolutions, and transactions of the Society, which shall be patent to every member. In this Book shall be regularly entered and recorded the admission of every member, and the names of those found entitled to the benefit of the Fund, and the official managers for the time, shall have power to allow him such a Salary as they may think reasonable and adequate for his trouble, in full of all dues from entering members or otherways. Clerk.

Officer to be
appointed.

5. THAT the Lodge shall also have power to appoint a person to officiate as Officer, whose duty it shall be to summon and attend the usual meetings of the Society, and the private meetings of the Master and other office bearers, and to obey their orders and directions in that capacity, and the official managers for the time shall have power to allow him such Salary as they may think reasonable and adequate for his trouble, in full of all dues from entering members or otherways.

Standing Com-
mittee and
powers.

6. THAT the Master, Depute Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, and Assistants for the time, shall be a standing Committee for the purposes of directing the way and manner, and the securities upon which the Funds of the Society shall be laid out, as well as the application of the produce thereof, subject always to the controul of the Society, and five of the members of such Committee at least, shall at all times be necessary to concur in any act of such Committee, and all acts and orders of such Committee, under the powers hereby delegated to them, shall have the like force and effect as the acts and orders of such Society at any general meeting thereof. The Master or Depute Master being always one of the number of said five, and in the absence of both, the Senior Warden.

Property to be
vested in the
Treasurer.

7. THAT all monies, goods, chattels, stocks, annuities, and other transferable securities and effects whatever, belonging to the Society, shall be vested in the Treasurer of the Society for the time being, and his successors in office, Treasurers of the

said Society, and none others, as Trustee for the use and benefit of the Society.

8. THAT all matters and questions coming before the Society, shall be determined by a majority of the members present, and in case of an equality, the Master or Preses shall be entitled to the casting vote, besides his own deliberative vote. In the absence of the Master and Depute Master for the time, the Senior Warden shall preside, and the office bearers in their order. And the Society shall have power to impose and inflict such reasonable fines and forfeitures upon any member or members who shall offend against the present Regulations, as shall be just and necessary for duly enforcing the same, or for keeping regularity in the Society. Such fines and forfeitures being always added to the Funds. That the Master, or in his absence, the Depute Master, or Senior Warden, shall have power to call general meetings of the Lodge, for entering new members, or otherways, as may be found necessary for the affairs of the Society, by the Officer of the Lodge, in the usual manner.

Matters to be determined by a majority of votes.

9. THAT the Treasurer shall keep the Society's writes and papers of importance, receive in annual contributions, and entry money from new members, and also the annual produce of the Stock and Funds, divide and pay away the monies agreeably to the directions of the Society or official managers for the time, and no money shall be paid away by him but by orders of the Society or official managers for the time. That the Treasurer's accounts shall be fitted and cleared annually at the general meeting before mentioned, and the person appoint-

Treasurer's Office.

ed to the office of Treasurer shall be obliged to find security for his intromissions and faithful management, if found necessary, or insisted upon by any nine members present at his election, before he enter upon his office. That the Treasurer's annual account shall be examined at least eight days before the annual general meeting, by at least two of the managers for the time, who shall be appointed auditors for that purpose, and shall be regularly compared by them, and certified accordingly to the Society.

Admission dues,
1*l.* 1*s.* and 10*s.*
to Mortification

10. THAT the admission dues of every person desiring to be admitted a member of this Society, shall be One Guinea, besides the contribution to the Mortification Fund after mentioned; and no person shall be admitted, unless it is certified by at least three of the official managers for the time being, that he is a person of good character, worthy to be admitted a member, and his application shall be given in to the Master, or in his absence the Depute Master, at least eight days before his admission, unless in the case of particular urging circumstances to be judged of by the official managers. That each member on his attaining the degree of Fellow-Craft, shall pay a further sum of Half a Guinea, and the like additional sum on his attaining the degree of Master Mason, all which sums shall be added to the Funds of the Society.

Fellow-Craft,
10*s.* 6*d.* Master
Mason 10*s.* 6*d.*

Eldest son of a
member pays no
dues except to
Mortification.

11. THAT the eldest son of a member, and the person marrying the eldest daughter of a member, shall be entered and admitted to that rank in the Society, which the father hath attained, free of all admission dues, except the contribution to the

Mortification Fund ; and the other sons, and those marrying the other daughters, of members shall be admitted in like manner, on payment of half of the ordinary dues of admission, except the contribution to the Mortification Fund.

Other sons, &c.
admitted for
half dues.

12. THAT no person whatever shall be admitted after his attaining Fifty years of age, nor any menial servant.

No person ad-
mitted after 50
years of age.

13. EACH member already admitted, and each member who shall hereafter be admitted, shall at the annual general meeting, contribute and pay in to the Treasurer, Two Shillings sterling, besides Sixpence to the Mortification Fund aftermentioned, and any member who shall fail to pay for three years, if residing within thirty miles of Aberdeen, shall be considered as no longer a member of the Society, and he, and his family in the event of his death, shall forfeit every benefit from the Funds thereof. That each Operative Mason shall also pay at same time, Two Shillings and Sixpence sterling, for every Apprentice entering into his service, and on such Apprentice applying to be admitted a member of this Lodge, he shall pay at his entry One Guinea, and on being past Fellow-Craft and raised to the degree of Master Mason, Half a Guinea more, besides the contribution to the Mortification Fund after mentioned.

Annual contri-
bution, 2s. 6d.

14. THAT for preserving the character of the Society, it is ordained that upon information or flagrant report of any misdemeanour—fraudulent bankruptcy, or such like, of any member, the Master, and other official managers for the time, do

Members be-
having impro-
perly to be ex-
pelled.

make strict enquiry thereanent : and if it shall appear evident to a majority of the members present at any general meeting called for the purpose, that the report is well founded, such offending member shall be expelled the Society, and forfeit forever any interest therein.

Members, &c.
to contribute 7
years before
entitled to the
Fund.

15. THAT no decayed member, his widow or children, shall be entitled to receive any benefit from the Funds of the Society, unless such member shall have regularly paid his annual contribution for the space of seven years. But declaring, that in case of the death of any member before these years are expired, his widow and children shall have power to pay up such annual contribution as the member has been deficient, so as to complete said seven years contribution ; but this must be done before the application for the benefit of the Fund.

Classes of Annuitants.

Who are entitled to the Funds

16. THAT those who shall be entitled to the benefit of the Funds are,

1st, Decayed necessitous members in old age, sickness or infirmity, whether Geomatic or Operative Masons ; whatever their rank in the Society may have been at the time.

2d, The widows and children of all deceased members, whatever their rank in the Society may have been at the time of their death.

THAT how soon the balance of the annual produce of the Funds of the Lodge, with the annual contributions shall be ascertained and ordered for

the relief of the necessitous, a certain portion thereof, under the directions of the official managers for the time, shall be set apart for the relief of the first class, and which shall be distributed among them equally and proportionally, share and share alike ; but in no case shall the allowance to any of them exceed double that to any of the second class.

THAT the remainder of the Fund shall be distributed equally and proportionally, share and share alike, among those of the second class ; but declaring, that the official managers for the time shall have power to allocate a sum not exceeding Five Pounds sterling, yearly, for occasional relief in the course of the year to necessitous brethren and others, whether they belong to this Society or not. And they shall have power, notwithstanding of any rule herein before expressed, in the event of any decayed member who has filled the office of Master, Depute Master, Wardens, Treasurer or Secretary, or the widows of such members in the event of their deaths, applying for relief from the Funds, to order them such additional allowance, as they think the Funds at the time can afford, but so as such allowance be equally applied to those who have an equal title.

Five Pounds
for incidental
charity, &c.

17. THAT in the event of any member deceasing and leaving a widow, it shall not be necessary for her to supplicate the Lodge, in order to be entitled to the benefit of the Fund : but only to give in to the Master, or Depute Master for the time, ten days before the first Monday of January yearly, a note in writing, saying that she has occasion for relief from the Funds, in which case she shall

Widows to ap-
ply 10 days be-
fore first Mon-
day in January.

be admitted accordingly. It being nevertheless understood, that the official managers for the time, are to judge how far her situation, or that of any other person applying, is such as to require relief from the Funds of the Lodge—subject always to the controul of the Society.

Widow marrying again to forfeit her interest.

18. THAT any widow on the Funds marrying again, shall forfeit her benefit therefrom; and no member on the Funds shall be entitled to elect or be elected an office bearer or assistant, nor have any vote in the direction of the Society, so long as he continues on the Funds.

Children not entitled to the Fund after 14 years of age.

19. THAT no child, or children, shall be entitled to the benefit of the Fund in the event of the widow of the father of such child or children being on the Funds at the same time; nor after their attaining fourteen years of age, unless they shall appear to be objects, in which case the committee of managers shall have power to continue the annual allowance, during pleasure.

Sums set apart for discharging the debt on the Lodge.

20. THAT for the purpose of discharging certain debts affecting the property of the Lodge, there shall be set apart, the sum of Thirty-five Pounds sterling, yearly, for the space of five years, from and after the term of Martinmas in this present year, and after that period, the sum of Fifty Pounds sterling, annually, from the annual produce of the Stock or Fund of the Lodge, besides the interests of the monies due, ay and until such debt is fully paid up, and the free balance, after deducting these respecting sums, interests of money, public burdens, and necessary expences attending the ma-

nagement and conducting the affairs of the Lodge, shall be appropriated as a Fund for an annual division on the first Monday of January, yearly, among those who shall be found entitled to the benefit of the Funds, in manner herein before expressed.

Mortification Fund.

21. THAT certain members of this Society having, by a deed of Mortification, dated 17th January 1767, destinated, appointed and mortified, fully and freely, a certain sum of money to be a Fund for the relief and support of decayed members of the said Lodge of Aberdeen, and the widows and orphans of said Lodge; and thereafter the whole members of the Society having agreed to give to the said Fund of Mortification allenary, a voluntary contribution, which has been continued by every entering member, ever since, and the said Fund kept separate from the original Funds of the Lodge, and accumulated under certain managers, and under the patronage of the Master, Wardens, and other members of the Lodge, as mentioned in said deed; and by a state of said Mortification Fund, at the term of Martinmas in this present year, it appears, that the stock in the hands of the Trustees amounts to the sum of Four Hundred and Three Pounds, Seventeen Shillings, and Fourpence Halfpenny sterling. It is therefore resolved, *Primo*, That the said Mortification Fund shall be kept seperate and distinct from the other Funds of the Lodge, under the rules, orders, and regulations therein and after specified, *viz.* That the managers or trustees of this Mortification shall con-

Mortification
Fund and its
Rules, &c.

sist of six Operative and three Geomatic Masons, being men of the best understanding, reputation, and substance, to be nominated during all the days of their lifetime, or residence in Aberdeen, and good behaviour, and in all time coming it shall be lawful only for the whole Lodge to elect men of the foresaid qualifications, when it pleases God to call any of the present managers by death, or upon the occasion of their leaving the town of Aberdeen; they always upon their entering on office taking an oath *de fide* for the faithful administration of said Mortification.

Secundo, That the aforesaid sum of £403 : 17s. 4½d, shall be lent out in whole, or in part, upon undoubted securities : one or more cautioners being conjunctly and severally bound. And if any members of this Lodge shall borrow any of this money, then the cautioner, or cautioners, shall not be of the members of the Lodge ; with this special provision, in every bill or bond accepted by all, or any of the said managers, that the annual rent and profit of the said principal sum or sums, be punctually paid in three days at farthest, after the term of payment, that thereby the annual rents of the whole sums be immediately lent out upon sufficient securities, and bear annual rent, that so the interests may be accumulated from term to term ; and that the said sums and profits shall continue in the terms herein prescribed, ay and so long until the capital stock of this Mortification be advanced to the sum of Five Hundred Pounds sterling ; and then the annual rents and profits of Two Hundred Pounds sterling, shall be delivered yearly to

The Stock not
to be broken
until it amount
to 500*l*.

the official managers of the Lodge, to be distributed by them to those that are infirm by old age, and cannot go about their employments as they were wont to do, or fallen in want or poverty through the burthen of a family, and to the widows and orphans of the contributors to this Mortification, being members of this Lodge.

Interest of 200*l.*
to be divided.

Tertio, That the other Three Hundred Pounds, as the reserved stock, shall be continued for such space of years, with the incomes and interests accumulated, as already prescribed, until the whole capital stock amount to Eight Hundred Pounds sterling, and then the annual rents and profits of Two Hundred Pounds more is to be delivered to the official managers of the Lodge for the time, to be distributed as aforesaid: and the other Four Hundred Pounds sterling, reserved, shall be continued for such space of years, with the incomes and interests accumulated, as already prescribed, until the whole capital stock amount to Twelve Hundred Pounds; and then the annual rents and profits of Eight Hundred Pounds is to be delivered to the Committee aforesaid, to be distributed as aforesaid; and the other Four Hundred Pounds sterling, as reserved stock in the hands of the nine managers, shall be continued as aforesaid, until the whole capital stock amount to Eighteen Hundred Pounds; and then the annual rents and profits of Fourteen Hundred Pounds is to be delivered to the committee aforesaid, to be distributed by them as aforesaid. The reserved stock of £400 being always under the direction of the Lodge, as mentioned in the original deed of Mortification.

When the Stock
amounts to 800*l.*

Interest of 400*l.*
to be divided.

When 1200*l.*

Interest of 800*l.*
to be divided.

When 1800*l.*

Interest of 1400*l.*
to be divided.

The Managers to meet twice in the year, and to call the Master, or Wardens, or Treasurer.

Quarto, That the said nine managers, by their acceptance, shall be bound twice every year, viz. at Whitsunday and Martinmass, to meet and elect at the first term, one of their own number of the nine, as Factor for a complete year, and no longer; and that all the transactions made by the said Factor shall be by the special advice, concurrence, and consent of the other eight managers of the Mortification, or the majority of votes; and at the foresaid two yearly meetings, nine managers shall be bound to call the Master, or in his absence, the Senior or Junior Warden, or Treasurer, providing they be members of the Mortification, and have paid to it, to be witnesses, and have the inspection of the accounts, bills and bonds, and have votes of what may occur at said meeting. And in case it shall happen that any of the nine overseers and managers of the Mortification, be convicted of the breach of his trust, or ill administration, or become uneasy in his oversight and management, then, and in that case, the other eight overseers and managers, with the Master, or in his absence, the Senior Warden, or failing both, the Junior Warden and Treasurer, after conviction, shall vote him guilty or free; and if guilty, to be divested of his office; and, upon application of the managers to the Lodge, another person shall be chosen in his room: and the Master, or in his absence, the Senior Warden, or failing both, the Junior Warden, shall sit as Preses at the two yearly meetings of the managers of the Mortification; and that at all other meetings the said managers may have occasion for, it shall be lawful for them to meet by themselves, and that the actions or

Any of the managers being convicted of breach of trust, shall be divested of his office.

The Master or Wardens to sit as Preses at the two yearly meetings.

transactions of each meeting shall be duly entered in the Sederunt Book kept for that purpose.

Quinto, That each member of the Mason Lodge, who has joined in this Mortification, or will join, or upon the admission of a new brother, in all time coming, shall pay of entry money Ten Shillings sterling, to the Factor of the Mortification, until the stock amounts to Five Hundred Pounds sterling, and so in proportion as the stock advances, or as the Lodge shall think proper; and it shall not be lawful for the Master, or any of the rest of the members of the Mason Lodge, with or without consent of the said managers, upon any pretence or pretext whatsoever, in all time coming, during the space of time, limitations, and restrictions of this Mortification, to meddle with, or uplift any sum, less or more, for any manner of use whatsoever, either public or private.

To pay 10s. after the stock amounts to 100l.

None of the managers to use the money but as designed.

Sexto, That each member already admitted, and each member who shall hereafter be admitted, shall pay annually to this Mortification, Sixpence, at the general meeting, and in case of his failing to do so for three years, if residing in Aberdeen, he shall forfeit for ever any interest therein.

Septimo, That the Master, or Depute Master, and Senior Warden, for the time being, shall be added to the foresaid nine managers, so as to make up the number of eleven in whole, and five of the said managers, at least, shall at all times be necessary to concur in any act of said Committee.—All in terms of and agreeably to the original Deed of Mortification before narrated.

22. THAT in case of any dispute, between the Society or the Committee of managers, and any individual member of the Society, the matter so in dispute shall and may be referred to such three arbitrators of character, in the town of Aberdeen, as shall be named and elected by a majority of said Committee of managers : and whatever award, order, or determination shall be made by said arbitrators, or the major part of them, according to the true purport and meaning of these Rules and Regulations, shall be binding and conclusive on all parties.

23. NONE of the preceding Rules, Orders, or Regulations, shall be altered, rescinded, or repealed, unless with the consent and approbation of three-fourths of the members of the Society, assembled at two annual general meetings, to be called for the purpose.

24. THAT all the preceding Rules, Orders, and Regulations, shall be forthwith entered in the Secderunt Book of the Society, and be subscribed as soon as possible by all the present members of the Society ; and all members to be thereafter admitted shall also subscribe the same, at their admission, by which they shall be strictly bound to the same, under the penalty of Five Pounds sterling.

The following Rule is added by order of the Quarter Sessions.

25. THAT no part of the Funds of the Society shall on any pretence be applied to any other purpose than the charitable uses for which the Society

is formed, and the necessary expence of management, under the penalty of a dissolution of the Society, or such penalty and pecuniary mulct as may be imposed, upon the complaint of the Procurator Fiscal of the Peace, for misconduct or other misdemeanours, at the instance of any one or more of the members of the Society.

WHAT is contained on this and the twenty-three preceding pages, is the Rules, Orders, and Regulations of the Aberdeen Mason Lodge, as a Friendly Society, subscribed by us on each page, and presented to the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for their sanction, by orders of the Society.

ALEX. MATHESON, Master.

(Signed) W. KENNEDY.

SAMUEL GORDON.

ALEX. ABERNETHY.

AR. DINGWALL FORDYCE, J. P.

FRAS. GORDON, J. P. *Clerk.*

Aberdeen, Twenty-fourth day of December, 1794.

THE Justices subscribing, having deliberately considered the foregoing Rules and Regulations, report as their opinion, that the same are agreeable to the Act of Parliament, and so far as they know, not inconsistent with any other law; and that in their opinion they are highly proper, and ought to be sanctioned.

JOHN GORDON.

(Signed) JOHN DURN.

AR. DINGWALL FORDYCE.

AT Aberdeen, the Twenty-sixth day of December, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-three years, at a meeting of the adjourned Quarter Sessions of the Peace, for Aberdeenshire : present, Dr Arthur Dingwall Fordyce of Culsh, John Henderson of Caskieben, and Captain James Skene, all Justices of the Peace.

Dr FORDYCE, Preses.

THE Quarter Sessions having considered the foregoing Rules and Regulations, and also the above report, finding that these Rules are agreeable to the Act of Parliament, relative to Friendly Societies, they do therefore hereby sanction, approve, and confirm the said Rules and Regulations, and allow the same to be put in force and execution from this date, as marked by the Preses of the Sessions on each page, and likewise authorise the Clerk of the Peace to sign the same, and to receive a duplicate thereof, fairly wrote out on Parchment, to be attested by him, and deposited in his custody, as the Act of Parliament directs, and to remain with him as a part of the Rolls and Records of the Sessions of the Peace ; extracts to be given out in all time hereafter, when called for.

(Signed)

AR. DINGWALL FORDYCE, J. P. and Preses.

N.B.—*The only alteration that has taken place in the foregoing Rules, Orders, and Regulations, is, that the Lodge, at a general meeting, advertised three times in the Aberdeen Journal, for the express purpose—raised the annual contributions, on the 5th April, 1802, to take place on St John's day, that year, to 4s. instead of 2s. 6d. fixed by Art. XIII. of these Regulations.*

*LIST of the Official Managers and Members of the
ABERDEEN MASON LODGE, with the dates of their
admission.*

The Right Worshipful JAMES YOUNG, Esq. Lord Provost
of Aberdeen, *Master.*

Henry Lumsden, *Advocate*, Depute Master.

✗ William Duthie, *Mason*, Senior Warden.

David Chalmers, *Printer*, Junior Warden.

John Chalmers, *Wright*, Secretary.

Alexander Nisbet, *Mason*, Treasurer.

ASSISTANTS.

James Milne, *Manufacturer.* Alex. Brown, Esq. *Baillie.*

Thomas Robertson, *Mason.* Patrick Still, *Brewer.*

Patrick Lamont, *Painter.* John Innes, *Merchant Taylor.*

Dr Skene Ogilvy, *Chaplain.* Wm. Stirling, *Advocate, Clerk.*

*List of the Noblemen and Gentlemen who have filled the
Office of Master of the Aberdeen Mason Lodge,
since the beginning of the last and present Century.*

1700 Patrick Whyte	1713 Mr George Liddel
1702 Patrick Whyte	1714 William Sangster
1703 Mr Alexander Fraser	1715 Alexander Kempt
1704 Patrick Whyte	1716 Alexander Kempt
1705 Mr Alexander Fraser	1717 Alexander Kempt
1706 Patrick Whyte	1718 Alexander Kempt
1707 Patrick Whyte	1719 William Sangster
1708 Mr Alexander Fraser	1720 William Sangster
1709 Kenneth Fraser	1721 John Aikenhead
1710 Mr George Liddel	1722 John Aikenhead
1711 Mr George Liddel	1723 William Sangster
1712 William Sangster	1724 John Aikenhead

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| 1725 John Aikenhead | 1753 Dr James Gordon |
| 1726 John Aikenhead | 1754 Alexander Osborn, Esq. |
| 1727 John Lyal | 1755 Alexander Osborn, Esq. |
| 1728 John Lyal | 1756 Sir James Reid of Barra,
Bart. |
| 1729 John Lyal | 1757 David Dalrymple, Esq.
Advocate, Sheriff-De-
pute of the County of
Aberdeen |
| 1730 John Lyal | 1758 David Dalrymple, Esq. |
| 1731 William Sangster | 1759 Right Hon. Lord Adam
Gordon, Commander
in Chief for Scotland |
| 1732 John Lyal | 1760 Hugh Gordon, Esq. of
Drimmies |
| 1733 Alex. Hector, Mason | 1761 Hugh Gordon, Esq. |
| 1734 Alexander Hector | 1762 Baillie John Copland,
Merchant |
| 1735 The Right Hon. John
Earl of Kintore | 1763 Alexander Osborn, Esq. |
| 1736 The Earl of Kintore | 1764 Alexander Osborn, Esq. |
| 1737 The Earl of Kintore | 1765 Alexander Osborn, Esq. |
| 1738 The Earl of Kintore | 1766 Baillie John Copland |
| 1739 Dr James Catanach, Ad-
vocate | 1767 Alexander Leslie, Esq.
of Berryden |
| 1740 Dr James Catanach | 1768 Alexander Leslie, Esq. |
| 1741 Sir Alex. Bannerman of
Elsick | 1769 Dr George Skene, of
Berryhill |
| 1742 Mr D. Verner, Professor,
Marischal College | 1770 Dr George Skene |
| 1743 Mr David Verner | 1771 Robert Lumsden, Esq.
of Corrachrie |
| 1744 J. Forbes, Esq. of Alford | 1772 Robert Lumsden, Esq. |
| 1745 John Forbes of Alford | 1773 Alexander Innes, Esq. of
Breda |
| 1746 Alexander Hector | |
| 1747 Mr Wm. Leslie, Mercht. | |
| 1748 Mr William Leslie | |
| 1749 J. Alexander, Advocate | |
| 1750 John Alexander | |
| 1751 John Alexander | |
| 1752 Dr James Gordon of
Pitlurg | |

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| 1774 Alexander Innes, Esq. | 1792 Alex. Mathieson, Esq. |
| 1775 Andrew Thomson, Esq.
of Banchory | 1793 Dr George Skene |
| 1776 Andrew Thomson, Esq. | 1794 Dr George Skene |
| 1777 Donaldson Simpson, Esq.
of Hazlehead | 1795 Alexander Milne, Esq. |
| 1778 Donaldson Simpson, Esq. | 1796 Alexander Milne, Esq. |
| 1779 Right Hon. Anthony,
Earl of Kintore | 1797 Thomas Leys, Esq. of
Glasgoforest, Provost
of Aberdeen |
| 1780 The Earl of Kintore | 1798 Thomas Leys, Esq. |
| 1781 Alex. Elphinston, Esq. of
Glack, Sheriff-Depute
of the County | 1799 John Dingwall, Esq. of
Ardo, Provost of A-
berdeen |
| 1782 Alex. Elphinston, Esq. | 1800 John Dingwall, Esq. |
| 1783 Dr George Skene | 1801 Dr Charles Skene |
| 1784 Dr George Skene | 1802 Dr Charles Skene |
| 1785 Alexander Milne, jun.
Esq. Merchant | 1803 William Black, Esq. |
| 1786 Alex. Milne, jun. Esq. | 1804 William Black, Esq. |
| 1787 Dr William Livingston
of Downiehill | 1805 Thomas Burnett, Esq. |
| 1788 Dr William Livingston | 1806 Thomas Burnett, Esq. |
| 1789 Thomas Leys, Esq. of
Glasgoforest | 1807 Dr Wm. Livingston |
| 1790 Thomas Leys, Esq. | 1808 Dr Wm. Livingston |
| 1791 Alex. Mathieson, Esq.
Old Aberdeen | 1809 Alex. Fraser, Esq. |
| | 1810 Alex. Fraser, Esq. |
| | 1811 Provost James Young |
| | 1812 Provost James Young |

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| <p>1754
Andrew Robertson, Esq.
of Foveran</p> <p>1755
John Black, mason</p> <p>1756
James Duncan, mason</p> <p>1757
William Reid, mason</p> <p>1760
5 Thomas Duncan, advocate</p> <p>1767
John Lindsay, mason</p> <p>1768
Alexander Mathew, mason
John Durno, advocate
William Kaird, mason</p> <p>1769
10 Wm. Douglas, mason</p> <p>1770
Convener Alex. Hutcheon</p> <p>1772
Andrew Murrian, mason</p> <p>1773
George Kemp, shoemaker</p> <p>1774
Wm. Davidson, wright</p> <p>1775
15 Alexander Anderson, Esq.
of Bourtie</p> | <p>James Hervie, merchant
Dr Alex. Dauncey, advocate
William Leslie, merchant
George Forbes, advocate
Sheriff-Substitute, Banff</p> <p>20 John Johnston, mason
John Jamieson, mason</p> <p>1776
Patrick Milne, Esq. of Cri-
monmoggat, M.P.
Geo. Thomson, Esq. mert.
John Ramsay, Esq. of Barra</p> <p>25 William Irvine, Esq. of
Cornyhaugh
Hary Lumsden, advocate
Jas. M'Lean, customhouse
Alex. More, merchant
John Leslie, goldsmith</p> <p>30 Charles Baird, silk-dyer
Rev. Skene Ogilvy, minis-
ter, Old Aberdeen
Chas. Jamieson, merchant</p> <p>1777
Wm. Wedderburn, mason
Thomas Black, druggist</p> <p>35 James Morison, mason
John Moir, mason
Charles Winster, mason</p> <p>1778
John Gill, carpenter</p> |
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- Rev. Mr James Anderson
 40 George More, merchant
 Wm. Copland, advocate
 1779
 Robert Stronach, wright
 Wm. Kennedy, advocate
 John Gordon Cumming,
 Esq. of Pitlurg
 45 Alexander Brebner, Esq. of
 Learnie
 John Ewen, merchant
 James Anderson, merchant
 1780
 John Angus, bookseller
 General Sir James Leith
 50 General Wm. Burnett
 Chas. Lunan, watchmaker
 1781
 Charles Walker, merchant
 James Bowman, merchant
 1782
 James Adam, Aboyne
 55 William Nicol, Tarland
 1784
 John Murdoch, mason
 John Smith, jun. mason
 James M'Condach, mason
 1785
 Patrick Still, merchant
 60 John Allan, mason
 Alex. Scott, upholsterer
 1786
 J. Dingwall, jun. merchant
- Dr William Livingston
 James Hadden, merchant
 65 John Forbes, Esq of Black-
 ford
 1787
 John Watson, advocate
 John Gordon, Esq of Ne-
 thermuir
 Alexander Jopp, Esq. of
 Jamaica
 William Tower, merchant
 70 Sir John Reid, Royal Navy
 Alexander Harvey, Esq. of
 Broadland
 1788
 James Seller, mason
 Lewis King, mason
 Alexander Laing, mason
 1789
 75 Alex. Mitchell, merchant
 1790
 William Stirling, advocate
 George Fife, writer
 George Sutherland, Aber-
 deen
 Thomas M'Lean, plaisterer
 80 John Farquhar, slater
 1791
 John Milne, wright
 John Jessiman, jun. mason
 Gavin Hadden, merchant
 1792
 John Weir, plaisterer

1793

- 85 Alexander Nisbet, mason
 Alex. Wallace, mason
 James Jessiman, mason

1794

- Robert Weir, hosier
 Alex. Duguid, clothier
 90 George Lamont, painter
 Moses Tough, painter
 Jas. Milne, manufacturer
 Alex. Black, shipmaster
 George Mair, shipmaster
 95 Charles Leslie, student of
 physie

Dr William Dyce

And. Black, Forresterhill
 William Black, Esq. De-
 vanah

Robert McLean, plaisterer

- 100 John Gordon, Esq. of
 Murtle

John Low, advocate

William Michie, wright

John Davidson, mason

Dr James Bannerman

- 105 Jas. Downie, shoemaker
 John Montgomery, mason
 James Gordon, merchant

1795

William Duthie, mason

1796

The Hon. Capt. Douglas
 Gordon Haliburton

110 Thomas Burnett, Esq. of
 Park

Rob. Abercrombie, mert.

John Garrioch, Esq.

Captain Hay Livingston

Francis Gordon, Esq. of
 Wheedlemont

115 Alexander Crombie, Esq.
 of Phesdo

Alex. Fraser, merchant

R. M. Burleigh, Royal
 Artillery

R. H. Bird, Rutlandshire
 Cavalry

George Jordan, ditto

120 Andrew Robertson of the
 Hon. East India Com-
 pany's Service

James Connon, mason

William Davidson, wright

George Silver, Esq. of
 Netherley

1797

Robert Tower, merchant

125 Alex. Henderson, black-
 smith

Wm. Chalmers, mason

1798

James Gill, mason

Geo. Smith, jun. mason

William Shivas, farmer

130 William Murdoch, mason

James Reid, mason

- Geo. Smith, sen. mason
1800
Wm. Leask, shipmaster
William Howie, mason
1801
- 135 Thomas Duncan, jun. ad-
vocate
Dr Charles Skene
James Young, sen. mert.
John Young, merchant
Robert Morice, advocate
- 140 Duncan Davidson, Esq. of
Mill of Kincardine
Provost James Young
The Hon. H. Ramsay
Jas. Mowat, manufacturer
Baillie Alexander Brown
- 145 William Hector, surgeon
Wm. Henderson, clerk
Hary Leith, wright
William Walker, baker
C. Winchester, advocate
- 150 William Milne, farmer
1802
Captain Wm. H. Forstein,
12th Regt. of Foot
G. Skene, Esq. Royal Navy
Geo. M'Kenzie, merchant
John Scott, manufacturer
- 155 William Knox, merchant
Alexander Duncan, quill
manufacturer
George Knox, merchant
- Wm. Clark, jun. Craigour
1803
Jas. M'Intosh, coal broker
- 160 David Chalmers, printer
Wm. Gordon, stationer
John Chalmers, wright
Robt. Caie, wood mercht.
Henry Lumsden, advocate
- 165 Alex. Davidson, plaisterer
John Moncur, mariner
James Moncur, mariner
Thos. Robertson, mason
1804
- Geo. Lamont, jun. painter
- 170 Patrick Lamont, painter
Robert Aberdein, mercht.
James Corbet, shipmaster
William Henderson, soap
manufacturer
John Cleugh, Royal Navy
- 175 J. Alexander, shoemaker
John Watts, shoemaker
John Blaikie, plumber
J. Booth, jun. blacksmith
1805
- Charles M'Condach, tailor
- 180 William Buchan, school-
master
James Smith, merchant
Leslie Cruickshank, mert.
Geo. Allan, brick-kilns
1806
James S. Forbes, merchant

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| 185 | James McLean, plaisterer | Ninian Kynoch, merchant |
| | Jas. Ferguson, manuf ac tr. | 1810 |
| | William Hudson, mason | James Smith, slater |
| | 1807 | 200 Peter Leslie, wright |
| | John Moir, mariner | Wm. Bathgate, skinner |
| | George Sangster, clerk | Wm. Spark, flesher |
| 190 | James U. M. Leith, Capt. | George Booth, wright |
| | 68th Regiment | John Blaikie, jun. plumber |
| | 1808 | 205 Alex. Gill, shoemaker |
| | James Blaikie, advocate | A. Thomson, shipmaster |
| | John Robeftson, merchant | Wm. Wedderburn, jun. |
| | John Hutcheon, advocate | John Innes, mercht. tailor |
| | Capt. Adam Melles, 45th | 1811 |
| | Regiment | Geo. Christie, stone cutter |
| 195 | Alexander Troup, mason | 1812 |
| | 1809 | 210 Robert Birnie, leather |
| | Wm. Carlier, stationer | merchant |
| | Robert Spalding, gardener | William Morison, mason |

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES
OF THE
ABERDEEN MASON LODGE.

1. THAT the yearly sum to be contributed by each member to the *Funds* of the *Lodge* shall, in place of the former contribution of *Three Shillings and Sixpence*, be *Four Shillings* sterling ; and that the annual contribution by each member to the *Mortification Fund* shall, in place of the former contribution of *Sixpence*, be *One Shilling* sterling, or such other sums, more or less, as three fourths of the members of the Society, assembled at two General Meetings, to be called for the purpose, by advertisement in one or other of the Aberdeen newspapers, at least fourteen days before such meetings, shall determine.

Yearly Contributions raised.

2. THAT the admission dues of every person who shall hereafter be admitted as a member of this *Lodge*, shall, in place of the former admission dues of *Two Pounds Two Shillings*, be *Four Pounds Four Shillings* sterling, (besides the composition to the *Mortification Fund*,) or such other sum, more or less, as shall be fixed by three fourths of the members of the Society, assembled at two General Meetings, to be called for the purpose by advertisement, as aforesaid.

Admission Dues raised.

3. THAT, in order to remove doubts which have arisen with regard to the members falling into arrear of their annual contributions, it is resolved,

Payment of Arrears.

that if any member shall refuse or neglect to pay the same for *three years*, if residing in any part of Scotland, it shall be in the option of the Society, either to cause prosecute for these arrears by an ordinary action, or to debar the party so refusing or neglecting, and his family, from the benefit of the Funds altogether. And each member residing out of Scotland, and in any other part of the world, who shall fail to pay his contributions for *seven years*, shall, in the option of the Society, be either prosecuted for his arrears, in case of returning to Scotland, or be struck off the list, and considered as no longer a member thereof; and he and his family shall, in that event, forfeit every benefit from the Funds of the Society.

PAT. HENDERSON.

16th April, 1819.

TO THE HONOURABLE THE
JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR THE COUNTY
OF ABERDEEN :

*The Petition of the Masters, Wardens, and re-
manent Members of the Aberdeen Mason Lodge,*

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That the foregoing Supplementary Rules have been laid before the Lodge, at the Meetings, and for the number of times, prescribed by the Act of Parliament and the Rules of the Society, and have been agreed to and resolved on by the Members of said Lodge, as will appear from authenticated excerpts from their Minute Book, herewith produced.

Petition to the Justices.

*The Petitioners, therefore, humbly crave your
Honours' sanction and approbation of the
foregoing Supplementary Rules.*

According to justice, &c.

CHAS. WINCHESTER, for the Petitioners.

PAT. HENDERSON.

At Aberdeen, the 20th day of September, 1819 years.

At an adjourned Meeting of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace of the County of Aberdeen, whereof CHARLES GORDON, Esq. Advocate in Aberdeen, was Preses :

The adjourned Quarter Sessions having considered the foregoing petition from the Master, Wardens, and remanent Members of the *Aberdeen Mason Lodge*, and the three Supplementary Rules there-

Sanction by the Justices.

with produced—they sanction, approve of, and confirm the foresaid Supplementary Rules, and allow the same to be put in force and execution, from this date ; and appoint the Clerk of Court to sign the same, on his receiving a duplicate thereof, and of the petition, fairly wrote on parchment, to be attested by him, and deposited in his custody, to remain as a part of the rolls and records of the Sessions of the Peace ; and extracts thereof to be given out, when called for, on payment of the ordinary fees. The foresaid Rules are not to be altered, rescinded, or repealed, nor any addition made thereto, except in terms of, and conform to, the third section of the Act of Parliament anent Friendly Societies.

CHAS. GORDON, *Preses.*

PAT. HENDERSON, J.P.C.D.

662.10

103.15

£ 665.5

75
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225

£ 975

£ 16.5

£ 8.15

RATES OF ADMISSION.

N.B.—THE rate of admission of Members, established by Article II. of the Supplementary Rules, was altered, by a General Meeting of the Lodge, on 20th February, 1823, and reduced to the former standard, according to the original Regulations; so that the present table of fees, for admission, stands as under :—

Table of Dues of admission of Members to the Aberdeen Lodge.

Composition to the Funds of the Lodge—3 Steps,	-	-	-	-	£2	2	0
To Mortification Fund,	-	-	-	-	1	1	0
Entertainment Money,	-	-	-	-	0	15	0
Dues to the Grand Lodge,	-	-	-	-	0	5	6
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					£4	3	6

Eldest son, or husband of eldest daughter of a Member, pays

To the Mortification Fund,	-	-	-	-	£1	1	0
For Entertainment Money,	-	-	-	-	0	15	0
For Grand Lodge Dues,	-	-	-	-	0	5	6
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					£2	1	6

The other sons, or those marrying the other daughters of Members, are admitted upon payment of

Composition to the Lodge Funds,	-	-	-	-	£1	1	0
To Mortification Fund,	-	-	-	-	1	1	0
Entertainment Money,	-	-	-	-	0	15	0
Grand Lodge Dues,	-	-	-	-	0	5	6
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					£3	2	6

And Honorary Members are admitted upon payment of the same fees as payable by the eldest sons, and those marrying the eldest daughters, of Members.

LIST OF MASTERS OF THE LODGE,

CONTINUED.

1813 Henry Lumsden, Esq. of Tilwhilly	1825 Provost Brown
1814 Henry Lumsden, Esq. of Tilwhilly	1826 Provost Gavin Hadden
1815 Alex. Bannerman, Esq. M.P.	1827 Provost Gavin Hadden
1816 Alex. Bannerman, Esq. M.P.	1828 Alexander Crombie, Esq. of Phesdo
1817 Thomas Burnett, Esq. of Park	1829 Alexander Crombie, Esq. of Phesdo
1818 Thomas Burnett, Esq. of Park	1830 Provost Blaikie
1819 Thomas Burnett, Esq. of Park	1831 Provost Blaikie
1820 Alexander Low, Esq.	1832 David Chalmers, Esq. of Westburn
1821 Alexander Low, Esq.	1833 David Chalmers, Esq. of Westburn
1822 Robert Duthie, Esq. of Ruth- rieston	1834 Alexander Low, Esq.
1823 Robert Duthie, Esq. of Ruth- rieston	1835 Alexander Low, Esq.
1824 Provost Brown	

LIST OF MEMBERS

CONTINUED.

1813	John Moir, blacksmith
Alexander Bannerman, Esq. merchant	James Hunter, mason
James Geo. Morison, clerk	1816
1814	Andrew Forbes, Esq. Royal Navy
Alexander Allan, advocate	10 Wm. Forbes, Esq. of the Hon. East India Company's service
George Michie, cooper	Ensign Jonathan Forbes, 78th Regt.
5 David Marshall, painter	
1815	
John Smith, tailor	

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| James Fraser, manufacturer | 1830 |
| George Troup, mason | 35 James Marshall, solicitor, Edinburgh |
| 1817 | |
| Alexander Rust, merchant | Alexander Hendry, advocate, Aberdeen |
| 15 James Anderson, vintner | Rev. James Leslie |
| Alexander Low, merchant | 1831 |
| James Riddel, do. | William Allen, merchant |
| John M'Lean, plaisterer | 1832 |
| Alexander M'Lean, do. | Charles Stuart Still, surgeon |
| 20 Peter M'Aldowie, do. | 1833 |
| 1818 | |
| Alexander Simpson, iron-monger | 40 Lewis Crombie, solicitor, Union Place |
| Alexander Allan, merchant | Alexander Cromar, surgeon |
| John Allan, do. | George Silver, younger of Netherley |
| William Allan, brick-maker | George Smith, wright |
| 1819 | Peter Russel, surgeon, H.M. |
| 25 Alexander Snell, mason | 45 James Jopp, do. H.M. |
| 1820 | William Burt Wright, surgeon, H.M. |
| Alexander Milne Mowat, advocate | 1835 |
| Robert Montgomery, mason | Isaac Machray, vintner |
| Dr. John Carnegie | William Knox, Royal Mail Coach Office |
| Robert Duthie, Esq. merchant | 50 Donald Sinclair M'Lagan of Glenquoich, Forfarshire |
| 30 Hugh Gray, do. | Alexander Nicol, stone merchant, Old Aberdeen |
| 1821 | John Angus, town-clerk depute |
| William Corbet, merchant | Andrew Watson Fordyce of Ardo |
| 1822 | |
| Joseph Hogg, wright | |
| 1825 | |
| Alexander Thomson, Esq. of Banchory | |
| Alexander Martin, merchant | |

OFFICE-BEARERS, 1836.

The Right Worshipful ALEXANDER LOW, Esq. *Master.*

Lewis Crombie, Esq. *Depute Master.*

George Smith, mason, *Senior Warden.*

Ninian Knoch, merchant, *Junior Warden.*

Alexander Martin, do. *Secretary.*

Alexander Rust, do. *Treasurer.*

The Rev. James Leslie, *Chaplain.*

Charles Winchester, advocate, *Clerk.*

Assistants.

David Chalmers, Esq.

Francis Gordon, Esq.

Alexander Cromar, Esq.

Provost Alexander Brown.

George Silver, Jun. Esq.

John Angus, Esq.

Stewards.

James Smith, John Smith, and George Smith, Jun.

AND

James Reid, *Tyler and Officer to the Lodge.*









