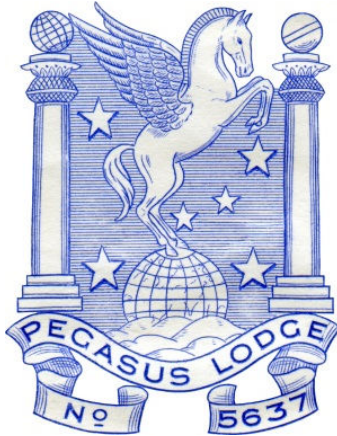


PEGASUS LODGE No 5637

Consecrated 21 September 1936



BY-LAWS

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Extract from the Oration delivered by the Consecrating Chaplain, VWBro The Rev C E Roberts, PGChap at the Consecration of the Lodge on 21 September 1936.

You will remember that mention is frequently made in our Ritual of two great pillars at the entrance to King Solomon's Temple. Now there were certain qualities about these pillars, which I want to recommend to the founders of this Lodge. The Phoenician craftsmen who made these pillars straight and strong crowned them at the top with wreaths of flowers carved in stone. To the Hebrews with their stiff geometrical art there was something very wonderful in that design, so wonderful that the Jewish historian makes a special note of it: "Upon the top of the pillars", he says, "was lily-work". They stood there those two pillars at the Temple entrance witnessing to the truth that the Psalmist afterwards put into some unforgettable words. Speaking of God he said, "Strengths and beauty are in His sanctuary....".

You have chosen for the name of your Lodge that of a certain fabulous animal. The choice is a very happy one, happier perhaps than you knew when you first chose it. Pegasus, the horse with wings the emblem of strength with beauty. Let your Lodge be a real Pegasus, strong as a horse, but winged and enriched by the beauty of its ceremonial, and adorned by the character of its members and the lily-work of fellow-feeling and kindness and self-sacrifice.

May this Pegasus colt, which is being born today, wax ever stronger and more beautiful, as he grows older; may his wings be strong enough to carry him over the heights of Parnassus.

1. Place and Dates of Meeting

The Lodge shall meet at the Masonic Hall, Ripon Street, Aylesbury, and shall hold regular meetings on the second Saturday in October, November, January, March, and April at such hour as the Master shall direct.

2. Election and Installation Meetings

The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at the regular meeting in April. The Master Elect shall be Installed at the regular meeting in October. Subject to the provisions of rule 113 Book of Constitutions, the Tyler will be elected by a show of hands at the regular meeting in April.

3. Lodge Committee

The Lodge Committee shall consist of the Master, Wardens, Past Masters of [and in] the Lodge, Treasurer, Secretary, and two Brethren to be elected annually by the Lodge at the regular meeting in October. This Committee (of which five shall form a quorum) shall consider and report to the Lodge on all proposals for membership, and on any other matters specially referred to it by the Lodge, and shall meet as directed by the Master.

4. Audit Committee and Annual Accounts

The Audit Committee shall consist of two members of the Lodge elected at the regular meeting in April. The Treasurer Accounts, duly audited, shall be presented to the Lodge at the regular meeting in January. 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 members with the summons convening the convocation.

5. Fees and Annual Subscription

The amount of the subscription, the initiation fee, the joining fee, and the re-joining fee will be submitted to the Lodge annually as a Notice of Motion at the meeting in March; the subsequent vote by the Lodge at the regular meeting in April taking effect on the first of October following.

The annual subscription shall be payable on or before the first day of October. The Candidate shall pay the initiation fee after he has signed the Declaration and before the Ceremony (Rule 169 Book of Constitution refers). The joining and re-joining fees shall be paid immediately after a favourable ballot.

In view of his services to the Lodge the secretary shall be exempt from the payment of subscription but shall nevertheless be entitled to all the privileges of a full subscribing member. He shall be allowed his expenses on Lodge nights. The Tyler shall receive a remuneration as reasonable amount as decided by the Lodge, together with his expenses for each meeting of the Lodge. The Master will be allowed to invite two guests to the Installation banquet free of the visitors' fee.

Any Brother whose subscription remains unpaid for more than nine months shall be liable to be excluded from the Lodge, after due notice, in accordance with rule 181 Book of Constitutions.

6. Dining Fees

The fees for members and visitors at dinners shall be such amounts, as the Lodge shall from time to time decide by resolution after notice on the summons at the previous regular convocation. Those members participating shall pay for the cost of dining, the Lodge paying the due proportion for visitors for which it is responsible.

7. Admission of Candidates

The election of candidates for Initiation and joining shall be conducted with conformity of rules 157 to 165 of the Book of Constitutions. The proposer and seconder will be required to appear before the Lodge committee to give any information necessary regarding the proposed candidate. On the ballot for a candidate **two** black balls shall exclude.

8. Termination of Membership

Any 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 a certificate mentioned in Rule 175 of the 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.

9. Payments from Lodge Funds

Payment of any sum exceeding £25 if 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 an emergency when such payment may be authorized by the Master and reported to the Lodge at the next regular meeting. The treasurer shall deposit all monies received by him in the bank (approved by the Brethren) in the names of the treasurer and secretary. He shall pay the ordinary working expenses when sanctioned by the master, but no other payments shall be made unless approved in open Lodge.

10. Lodge Property

The property of the Lodge shall be vested in the Master and Wardens (for the time being) in trust for the Lodge. The secretary shall keep an inventory and all such property shall be examined annually at the meeting for auditing the accounts. The secretary and treasurer are for the time being responsible for insuring the Lodge property annually.

11. Additions or Alteration to By-Laws

Additions, alterations, or amendment to these By-Laws or any of them, shall be made by notice of motion given in writing in open Lodge, at one regular meeting and the motion inserted in the summons for the next meeting, and, if then approved shall be submitted for confirmation until finally approved by the Provincial Grand Master and the MW Grand Master.

Note: In all respects the members of this Lodge shall abide by and strictly conform to the laws and regulations of the United Grand Lodge of England as embodied in the Book of Constitutions. Should there be any objections to the introduction of a candidate for initiation or joining it is recommended that such objection be mentioned privately to the Master or secretary, who may communicate to the proposer and give him the opportunity of withdrawing his candidate.

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SUBSCRIBING PAST MASTERS

W.Bro	A.J Tickner	PPGSuptWks	1978
W.Bro	J.A Pearson	PPAGDC	1984
W.Bro	G.A Mustow	PPGReg	1986
W.Bro	R.W Chevin	PSGD MetGInsp	1989,2008
W.Bro	N Few	PPGSwdB	1990,2011
W.Bro	E.S Baldwin	PPGSwdB PGDPurs(EA)	1991
W.Bro	P.P Lawrence	PPGSwdB	1992,2002
W.Bro	B.R Hutchins	PPSGD	1995,2007
W.Bro	T Rosamond		1996
W.Bro	G Bakewell	PPGReg	1999
W.Bro	J.A Meech	PPJGD	2001
W.Bro	D.E Niven	PPAGDC	2003, 2012
W.Bro	J Seymour	PPJGD	2006
W.Bro	J Swain		2009
W.Bro	C Catton		2010
W.Bro	K Rayment		2013