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A meeting having been called for the purpose of forming a new Lodge with its meeting place at Banstead, in the locality of the residences of the Promoters, it was agreed, after consultation, to petition the M.W. the Grand Master of England for his sanction, and the prayer was supported by the Master, Wardens and Brethren of the Banstead Lodge, No. 5032. By the petition, it was requested that the Lodge should be called the Copthorne Lodge, and that the first Master should be Brother the Reverend Canon Frederick Norman Skene, M.A., P.M. and P.P. G. Chaplain, Surrey; the first Senior Warden, Brother Henry Herbert Pox, M.M., 5032; and the first Junior Warden, Brother Sidney James Henry Williams, M.M., 1734.

On the 2nd August, 1933, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught and Streathearn, K.G., &c., &c., &c., &c., the Most Worshipful The Grand Master, was pleased to issue his Warrant for

THE COPTHORNE LODGE No. 5427, to be held at the Drift Bridge Hotel, Banstead, County of Surrey, on the first Saturday in November, December, February and May, and of which Bro. P. N. Skene was to be the first Master, Bro. H. H. Fox the first Senior Warden, and Bro. S. J. H. Williams the first Junior Warden.

The other Founders of the Lodge were:—

Brothers C. S. Poole, P.M.; A. H. Y. Avison, P.M. ; C. Phipps, P.M., L.R. ; T. F. Tew, P.M.; Rev. P. R. Lobb, B.A.; G. W. Cresswell; R. R. Skidmore; A. S. Gurney; W. Browne; L. A. Dearle; S. E. Hardy; S. Bailey; E. B. Putman; H. A. Loe; R. Boyd; A. G. Holmes; T. O. Williams, and F. H. Ayling.

On the 5th October, 1933, the Lodge was consecrated by W. Bro. G. H. Redwood, P.G.D., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Surrey, assisted by W. Bro. J. B. Carrie, P.G.D., Assistant

Provincial Grand Master; W. Bro. A. Purkess, P.A.G.D.C., Prov. S.G.W.; W. Bro. Sir R. C. Evans, Prov. J.G.W.; W. Bro. Lt.-Col. H. A. Mann, O.B.E., M.C., Asst. G. Swd. B., Prov. G. Sec.; W. Bro. the Reverend A. G. LeMasurier, M.A., Prov. G. Chap. ; W. Bro. G. R. Saunders, P.A.G.D.C., P.P.S.G.W., and W. Bro. W. A. Latham, P.A.G.P., Prov. Asst. Or. Sec.; and in recognition of their valuable services, those Brethren were elected Honorary Members.

Bro. F. N. Skene was duly installed as the Master; and the Officers were appointed for the year 1933-4.

PREAMBLE.

These By-laws, which were agreed to at a meeting of the Lodge on the 4th November, 1933, and sent to the M.W. The Grand Master for approval, are to be observed and obeyed by the members of the Lodge, and anything relating to the business of the Lodge that is not provided for in these By-laws shall be regulated by the Book of Constitutions.

The Lodge fully acknowledges the Supremacy of the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England, and submits to all Laws issued by its authority.

BY-LAWS OF THE COPTHORNE LODGE. No.
5427.

Meetings.

1.—The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held at the "Drift Bridge Hotel," Banstead, in the Province of Surrey, on the first Saturday in November, December, February and May, at such hour as the Master shall appoint.

Election of Master, Treasurer and Tyler.

2.—The Master and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot, and the Tyler by show of hands at the regular meeting in May; and the Master Elect shall be installed at the regular meeting in November.

The Treasurer.

3.—The Treasurer shall receive all moneys of the Lodge, and shall make such payments as are duly authorised, or are sanctioned by the Lodge. He shall keep proper account books, in which his receipts and disbursements shall be regularly stated. His accounts shall be annually audited previous to the regular meeting in November. He shall insure the property of the Lodge against fire in some well-known office for its value.

The Secretary.

4.—The Secretary shall prepare and issue the summonses at least ten days prior to the meeting of the Lodge, attend such meetings, read the minutes, enter the transactions of the Lodge in the Minute Book, make the prescribed returns to Grand Lodge and the Provincial Grand Lodge, keep an inventory of all the property of the Lodge, and properly transact all the usual duties appertaining to his Office. For the performance of these duties he shall be exempt from Subscription to the Lodge, but he shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a subscribing member.

Ballots for Candidates.

5.—At a ballot for a candidate for membership, two negatives shall exclude. Should the candidate not attend for initiation or admission within one year after his election the election shall be void.

Fees and Subscriptions.

6.—The Initiation Fee shall be ten guineas; the Joining Fee five guineas, and the Re-joining Fee one guinea, except that when the membership of the Lodge is over 50, the Initiation Fee and Joining Fee shall be fifteen guineas and seven guineas respectively.

The Annual Subscription shall be four guineas,

payable at the commencement of the financial year in November. Initiates and Brethren joining in February or May shall pay two guineas only for that Lodge year. Any member by consent of the Lodge shall be entitled upon his request to become a non-dining member. He shall pay a subscription of one guinea.

Arrears.

7.—No member shall be qualified to be appointed to any office in the Lodge, or be permitted to vote, or partake of refreshment at the expense of the Lodge, whose subscription is unpaid for six months, and none but subscribing members shall be allowed to vote.

Any member whose subscription is unpaid for twelve months shall have his name returned to Grand Lodge as being in arrear. If the subscription of any member remains unpaid for two years he shall be liable to exclusion from the Lodge under Rule 210, Book of Constitutions; and if his subscription becomes three years in arrear, he shall then cease to be a member of the Lodge under Rule 175, Book of Constitutions.

Termination of Membership.

3.—A Member desirous of terminating his membership of the Lodge shall tender his resignation in writing, or orally in open Lodge, and he shall be entitled to

the certificate mentioned in Rule 203, Book of Constitutions, stating the circumstances in which he left the Lodge.

Visitors.

9.—Each Brother visiting the Lodge shall inscribe his name, Masonic rank, and the name and number of his Lodge, as well as the name of the member by whom he is introduced; and every member introducing a visitor to the banquet shall pay a visiting fee of 12/6. The Master shall have the privilege of inviting one guest to each banquet free of charge.

Property of the Lodge.

10.—The property of the Lodge shall be vested in the Master and Wardens in trust for the Lodge. An inventory of the same shall be kept by the Secretary, which shall be examined and inspected by the Audit Committee annually.

Audit Committee.

11.—The Audit Committee shall consist of the Master, the Wardens, the Secretary, and two Past Masters and three Master Masons not in office, who shall be appointed by the Lodge at the regular meeting in May. Five shall form a quorum.

Honorary Membership.

12. Honorary Members shall be those Brethren upon whom the Lodge has conferred the distinction as a mark of respect, or in consideration of their zeal and exertion in the cause of Freemasonry. Their election shall be in strict conformity with Rule 188, Book of Constitutions.

Lodge Jewels.

13.—No Officer's Jewel shall be taken from the Lodge except on the Meeting Night previous to a Quarterly Communication, or a meeting of Grand Lodge or Provincial Grand Lodge; and any Jewel so taken away shall be returned to the Lodge before the time appointed for the next meeting.

Advisory Committee.

14.—The Advisory Committee shall consist of the Master, the Wardens, the Past Masters of the Lodge, all installed Masters who are Founders of the Lodge, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and three Brethren not in office, appointed by the Lodge at the regular meeting in May. *Five* shall form a quorum.

Benevolent Fund.

15.—A Benevolent Fund shall be formed and maintained by taking one guinea from each Initiation Fee,

half a guinea from each Joining Fee, and half a crown from each member's annual subscription, and the contents of the Charity Gavel. The Benevolent Fund shall be kept by the Treasurer in an account separate from the Lodge Funds.

16.—The Master, the Treasurer, the Almoner, and the Secretary shall have power at their conjoint discretion to make a grant not exceeding ten guineas to a member of the Lodge in case of urgent necessity without reference to the Lodge, but such grant must be brought before the Lodge for confirmation at the next regular meeting.

Reading of By-laws—Amendments.

17.—These By-laws, shall be read at least once in every year. Any member desirous of proposing an addition or amendment of these By-laws shall give at least one month's notice in writing of the same at a regular Lodge meeting, stating the motion he intends to make; and every member shall have notice thereof in the summons for the next Lodge meeting, when the motion may be considered, and if approved entered on the Minutes, but shall not become effective until confirmed at a subsequent Lodge Meeting and finally

approved by the Provincial Grand Master and the M.W. the Grand Master. No motion after having been disposed of shall be again brought forward in less than six months.

Approved, 4th December, 1933,

G. H. REDWOOD. *Dep.*
Prov. Grand Master, Surrey.

Approved by the M.W. The Grand Master,

P. COLVILLE SMITH,
G. Sec. 5th December, 1933.