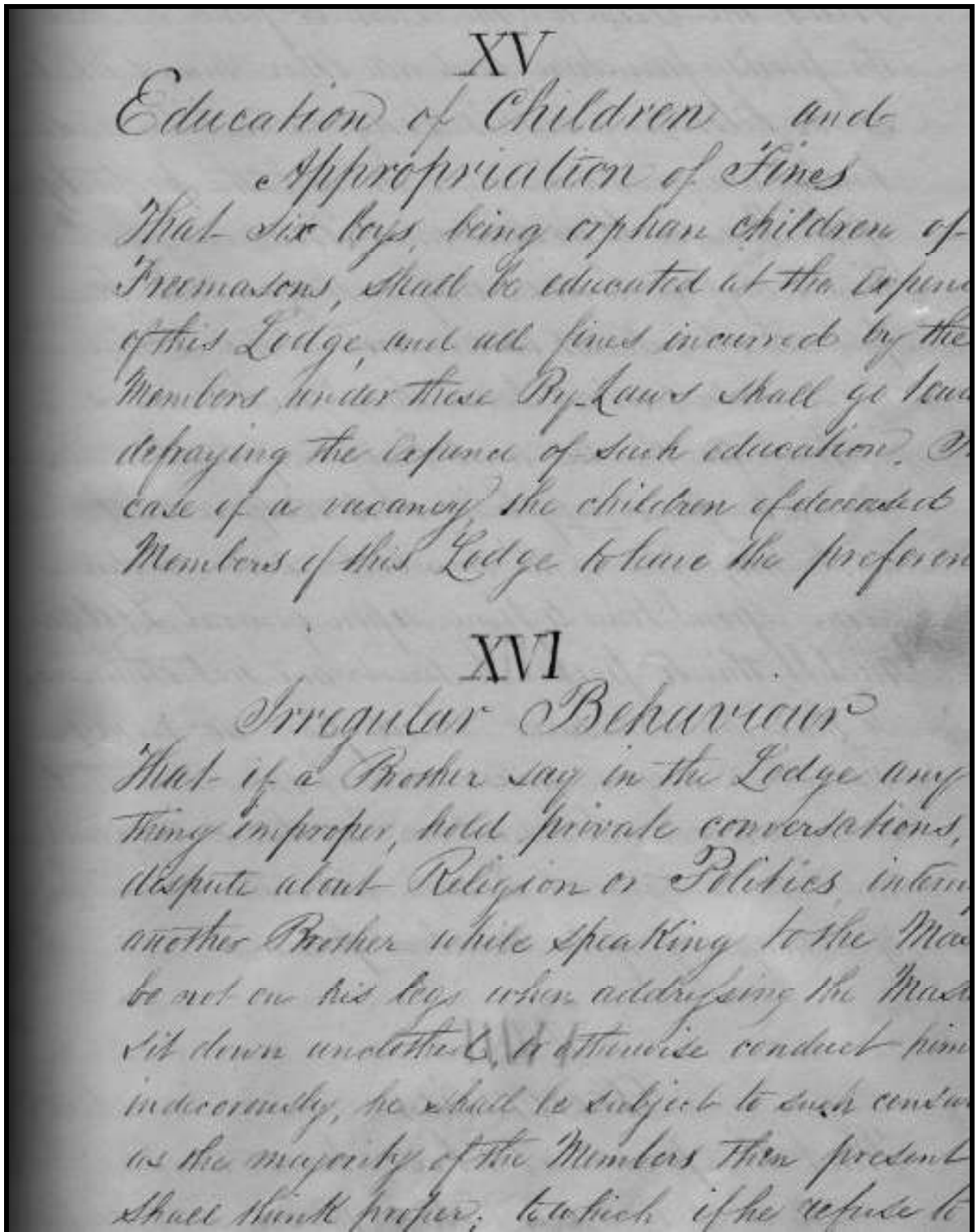


Bro Michael Scarth's By-Laws  
Relating to the education of children  
at the expense of the lodge



Bye Law XV

In a general Lodge of the Ancient Fraternity of free and  
accepted Masons under the Constitution of England held at the  
Sea Captain's Lodge N<sup>o</sup> 129 Sunderland in the County of Durham  
on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 1773. -

Present

- |                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| B <sup>e</sup> . M. Scott, Master | B <sup>e</sup> . J. Davison |
| " J. Hasley, B.M.                 | " W. Friend                 |
| " J. Stark, S.W.                  | " W. Shield                 |
| " J. Haidecastle, J.W.            | " J. Wilson                 |
| " G. Parker, Sec <sup>y</sup>     | " W. Ruffele                |
| " W. Hills, Sec <sup>y</sup>      | " J. Stanfield              |
| " J. Carter, S.D.                 | " J. Atkin                  |
| " J. Harrett, S.D.                | " W. Harb                   |
| " A. Knight, Sect <sup>y</sup>    | " W. Cook                   |
| " W. Brier                        | " J. Sealing                |
| " J. Kilington                    | " H. Sturges                |
| " J. Kelp                         | " Davis, Quarter            |
| " J. Hills                        |                             |

The Minutes and Resolutions of the last General Lodge were  
read and confirmed. -

This Lodge having taken into Consideration the Benefits that  
arise to Society in general by a proper Education of Children  
and that it might tend in some degree to encourage  
Masons

Masonry and the Arts and Sciences of this Country, if a Fund  
was raised in each Lodge for the purpose of educating such of  
their Brethren's Children as might not have the means of procuring  
a proper Education. —

1<sup>o</sup> Resolved Unanimously  
That all Fees received of the Members of this Lodge since the  
of January last and all Fees to be received hereafter at  
five Shillings out of the Fees for initiating each Person into the  
Lodge since that time and five Shillings out of the Fees here  
after to be received in this Lodge on initiating each Person into  
the Society of Masons shall be considered as a separate Fund to  
be applied for the Purpose of educating Children in such manner  
as the Committee hereafter mentioned or any five of them shall  
think best and most proper.

2<sup>o</sup> That such Committee shall consist of twelve Members, viz. the  
Master, two Wardens, two Deacons, Treasurer and Secretary for the  
being and four other Members to be elected annually when the officers  
are chosen. —

3<sup>o</sup> That in order to increase the Fund a voluntary contribution

shall be made by the Members at all future Festivals when  
 the Master shall inform the Members their present of all the  
 Proceedings of the Committee during the three last years as also  
 how the Fund of Charity has been applied

That B<sup>r</sup>. Stanfield, B<sup>r</sup>. Hutchinson and B<sup>r</sup>. Shelds shall be  
 appointed Auditors agreeable to the U<sup>l</sup>. Ord. to examine the  
 Treasurers Accounts and report on the same at the next General Lodge

The Members present Unanimously selected <sup>for death</sup> a Master, but  
 he declined, and it was then

Resolved Unanimously,

That our Honorable B<sup>r</sup>. Burden shall be and he is hereby  
 chosen Master for the Year ensuing.

That the following Brethren shall be Wardens and Treasurers for  
 the year ensuing, viz:

B<sup>r</sup>. J. Stord, to be S. W.

" J. Handmiller, to be S. W.

" G. Parker, to be Treas<sup>r</sup>

Thus

That the following B<sup>rs</sup> be recommended to the R<sup>ts</sup> W<sup>ts</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>  
to be by him appointed to be Officers for the year ensuing, viz.

B<sup>r</sup> South, to be D. R. or acting B<sup>r</sup>.

" M. Hill, to be Secy

" J. Foster, to be S. D.

" J. Haskitt, to be J. D.

" D. Wright, to be Lieut.

" D. McQuinn, to be Tiler

That the following Persons be appointed to act with the  
Masters, Wardens, Deacons, Treasurer and Secretary as the  
Committee of Charity for the year ensuing, agreeable to the

D<sup>r</sup> Resolution made this Evening, viz: B<sup>r</sup> Stanfield, B<sup>r</sup> Stone,  
B<sup>r</sup> Wilson and B<sup>r</sup> Helvington.

Attest M<sup>r</sup> K. S. M. G. S.

Festival of December 1793

Members

- M. Scarth as Master
- T. Hunt
- T. Hardcastle
- G. Parker
- J. Carter
- J. Hewitt
- W. Hill
- T. Howler
- R. Wright
- J. S. Fairfield
- T. Winton
- J. Hoff
- J. Young
- R. Young
- W. Child
- J. Smith
- J. Henderson
- J. Atkin
- W. Hutchison
- R. Buryan
- T. Reed
- J. Wood
- W. Friend
- W. Russell
- D. Baxter

Visiting Brethren

- J. Brown, of Phoenix Lodge
- W. Ferguson, of do
- Rev. Mr. Hiskill of do
- W. Lynde Lodge of do
- Geo. Howe, Lyoni
- Geo. Graham
- J. Douglas
- Geo. Wilkinson

The Acting Master M. Scarth informed this Meeting of the Resolutions of the last General Lodge for establishing a School which were approved of and a Collection made (agreeable to the 3<sup>d</sup> Resolution of that Lodge) of £5.9s.

A Letter was read from the R. W. Master B. Burdon (then in London) regarding the 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the last General Lodge.

The Day was spent with great harmony and the Lodge closed in due form.

W. Scarth Secy

General Lodge held 9 January 1794

Present

- B<sup>d</sup>: Scarth, as M.
- Waincastle, as S. W.
- Hewitt, as S. W.
- Kilington, as S. D.
- Hutchinson, as S. D.
- Wright, Lecturer
- W. Hill, Secretary
- Henderson,
- Rupell
- Isac Young
- Aitkin
- J. Young
- Hep
- Stanfield
- Damison
- Robinson } Victors
- Graham }
- A. Hornby, Made

B<sup>d</sup>: Scarth proposed B<sup>d</sup>: Grove of Shotton Hall to  
become a Member of this Lodge

Ordered - That he be ballotted for at the next General  
Lodge - Lieutenant A. Hornby was duly made a Member

Scarth as Chairman of the Committee appointed at the General Meeting held the 12<sup>th</sup> day of last Month for establishing a school presented to this Lodge the Resolutions of the said Committee of which the following is a Copy

At a Meeting of the Committee appointed for establishing a school held at B<sup>o</sup> Juncoys on Thursday the ninth day of January 1797

Present

- |                                 |                                |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| B <sup>o</sup> M. Scarth, A. M. | B <sup>o</sup> S. T. Mansfield |
| "    T. Hardcastle, J. M.       | "    Sturington                |
| "    J. Hewitt, J. D.           | "    W. Mills                  |

The Committee at this Meeting were informed that there was collected at a General Meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of last Month B<sup>o</sup> 490 which with the Summs already received for this Fund of Charity amounts to upwards of £1200 - That 10 poor Boys resident in Sunderland and Bishopscote worth above 7 years and under 14 years of age shall be put to school and paid for out of the said Fund and that each Member of the Committee may recommend one Boy and the Boys to be put to school shall be determined by Ballot if more than the number wanted be recommended.

That B<sup>o</sup> Scarth, B<sup>o</sup> Cook, B<sup>o</sup> Hardcastle, B<sup>o</sup> Mansfield, and

B<sup>o</sup>

• Mr Wilson shall be and they or any three of them are hereby  
• pointed a select Committee for appointing and agreeing with  
• proper persons to teach such Boys, Reading, Writing and Common  
• Arithmetic and also to superintend the Boys when at school as  
• as they can make it convenient and that such select Committee  
• be requested to agree with the Master to go with the Boys to the  
• Parish Church in Sunderland on each Sunday Morning and  
• there attend their Divine Service

• That an Account shall be kept by the Master in which  
• shall be entered the Names of the Boys, what they learn, and  
• an exact Account of each Boys attendance at school.

• That each Boy shall be in the School at least six hours  
• each day except Saturdays and on each Saturday at least three  
• hours and attend in the school each Sunday Morning at  
• eight o'clock to go from thence with the Master to the Parish Church  
• upon and there attend Divine Service

• That in order that the Boys may be obliged to attend  
• School regularly there shall be paid unto the Master by the

of each scholar that shall or may be absent from  
 school halfpenny for each and every day that he may not attend  
 school. And the Master shall not teach any such Boy or Boys until  
 he has the said halfpenny for every day each Boy may be absent except such  
 days have been presented by sickness or other inevitable causes to be allowed of  
 by the Select Committee.

That if any Boy be absent 12 days in any Calendar Month (except  
 such as shall be sufficient causes to be allowed of by the Select Committee) he shall  
 be discharged and the Select Committee shall appoint another in his stead  
 at the end of the Year and so in every year.

That the Master shall be tender in correcting the Boys sent to his school  
 and take all possible care to prevent immorality and if his endeavors  
 are insufficient to complain thereof to the Select Committee and they shall  
 have full power to discharge such Boy or Boys that may misbehave  
 and appoint others in the stead of such of them as shall be so discharged.

And these Resolutions be signed by B. South in the name of the  
 Select Committee. Resolutions are signed "B. South"  
 and it is unanimously that this B. South appears of the before  
 said Resolutions.

B. South

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 So the Bye Laws which had been crafted so expertly by Scarth  
 achieved the result of establishing the school and the financial backing needed to succeed.

# Sea-Captain's Lodge, Sunderland

No	Member's Name	When Admitted	1790	1791	1792	1793	1794	1795	1796	1797	1798	1799	1800
1	Newland Burden Capt. Master		3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
2	William Hill Esq. Deputy Master		x	x	6	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
3	Thomas Newby Esq. J. W.		x	x	x	x	x	6	x	x	x	x	x
4	Thomas Abbot Esq. J. W.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
5	Michael Smith Esq. Treasurer		x	x	x	x	x	3	x	x	x	x	x
6	George Nicholson Esq. Secretary		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
7	Thomas Hardcastle Esq. J. D.		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
8	William Oliver Esq. J. D.		6	6	6	x	x	6	x	x	x	x	x
9	Richard Wright Esq. Secretary		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
10	Christopher Wilton Esq. J. D.	1785	6	6	x	x	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
11	William Fenwick Esq. J. D.	1791	3	x	x	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
12	Robert Bunyan Esq. J. D.	1789	3	3	x	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
13	John Carter Esq. J. D.	1785	6	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
14	Thomas Jowsey Esq. J. D.	1780	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
15	Richard Young Esq. J. D.	1776	6	6	6	x	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
16	George Pugh Esq. J. D.	1776	6	6	6	6	6	x	x	x	x	x	x
17	John Poff Esq. J. D.	1781	x	x	3	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
18	John Hunt Esq. J. D.	1782	x	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
19	George Matthews Esq. J. D.	1772	3	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
20	James Hill Esq. J. D.	1790	x	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
21	John Young Esq. J. D.	1777	3	x	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Carried forward			3/9	2/6	3/6	3/7	4/3	3/1					

The first page from the Fines Book the proceeds of which helped to pay for the education of poor children.