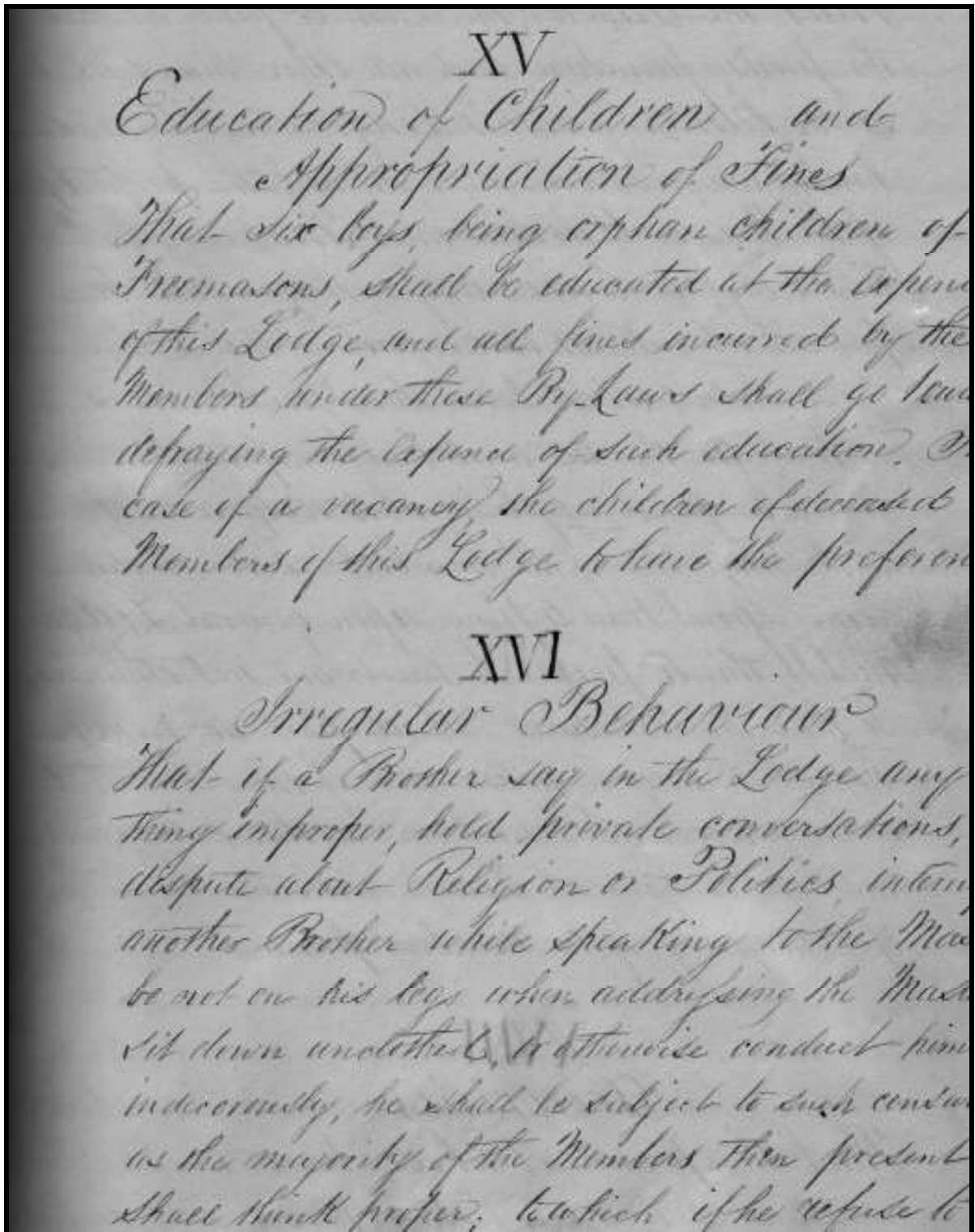


Bro Michael Scarth's By-Laws  
Relating to the education of children  
at the expense of the lodge



Bye Law XV

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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. Harvatt, S.D.	" W. Harb
" A. Knight, Sect <sup>y</sup>	" W. Cook
" W. Brier	" J. Sealing
" J. Kilvington	" 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  
 Masonry

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>l</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>rs</sup> W<sup>ts</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Do.

Festival of December 1793

Members

- M. South 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. South 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.

M. South Secy

General Lodge held 9 January 1794

Present

- B<sup>d</sup>: Scarth, as M.  
" Haincastle, as S. W.  
" Hewitt, as S. W.  
" Kilington, as S. D.  
" Hutchinson, as S. D.  
" Wright, Lecturer  
" W. Hill, Secretary  
" Henderson,  
" Russell  
" Jas Young  
" Atkin  
" J. Young  
" Kemp  
" Stanfield  
" Dawson  
" 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

Mr. 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>rs</sup> Innsays on Thursday the ninth day of January 1797

Present

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

The Committee at this Meeting were informed that there was collected at a Festival held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of last Month B<sup>rs</sup> 490. which with the Summs already received for this Fund of Charity amounts to upwards of £120. It was resolved - That 10 poor Boys resident in Sunderland and Bishopscleeve 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>r</sup>. Scarth, B<sup>r</sup>. Cook, B<sup>r</sup>. Hardcastle, B<sup>r</sup>. Mansfield, and

B<sup>r</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  
• so 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 not sufficient 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.

That 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
2	William Hill Esq. Deputy Master		x		x		6		x		x		x
3	Thomas Newby Esq. J. W.		x		x		x		x		6		x
4	Thomas Abbot Esq. J. W.		x		x		x		x		x		x
5	Michael Smith Esq. Treasurer		x		x		x		x		3		3
6	George Nicholson Esq. Secretary		x		x		x		x		x		x
7	Thomas Hardcastle Esq. J. D.		x		x		x		x		x		x
8	William Oliver Esq. J. D.		6		6		6		x		6		6
9	Richard Wright Esq. Secretary		x		x		x		x		x		x
10	Christopher Wilton Esq. 1785		6		6		x		6		6		6
11	William Fenwick Esq. 1791		3		x		x		3		3		x
12	Robert Bunyan 1787 1789		3		3		x		3		3		3
13	John Carter 7 Oct 1785		6		x		x		x		x		x
14	Thomas Jacey 12 Dec 1780		x		x		x		x		x		x
15	Richard Young 12 Sep 1776		6		6		6		x		6		x
16	George Pugh 9 Dec 1776		6		6		6		6		x		x
17	John Poff 14 June 1781		x		x		3		x		3		3
18	John Hunt 26 Dec 1782		x		x		3		3		3		3
19	George Matthews 10 Feb 1772		3		x		3		3		3		3
20	James Hill 8 Dec 1790		x		x		3		3		3		3
21	John Young 20 Feb 1777		3		x		3		3		3		3
Carried forward -			3/9		2/6		3/6		2/7		4/3		3/1

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