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PREFACE

Brother Stan Stirman, the curator to the R.A.O.B. Museum, has since his appointment undertaken an extensive examination of the documents, manuscripts, files, Minute Books and other non regalia items which have been donated to the Museum.

Amongst the papers that he inherited are a considerable number of manuscripts, many hand-written in pencil, some over one hundred years old, which are now so old and worn that I fear the likelihood of their surviving for much longer is in doubt.

Brother Stan, has transcribed these into computerised copy in an attempt to preserve them for future members of the Order, since they have an important story to tell in the origins of the Order

Progressively these will be published as fundraisers for the Museum under the banner title of "The Museum Collection."

This edition deals with the first meeting of the Grand Primo Lodge of England held on the 18th May, 1822. Together with the first consolidated Rules of the new Grand Primo G.L.E as presented in 1866.

In addition we include the General Rules of the Loyal Order of Antediluvian Buffaloes as issued by the Shakespeare Lodge No 1 Grand Mother Lodge in Manchester of 1872.

Bro. Mick Walker
Grand Registrar 1984
July 2000.

Transcribed from the hand written Copy of a Book of Rules by Bro W.A.Culshaw
By Bro Stan Stirman Museum Curator

Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes

The Constitution of the Grand Primo Lodge of England

We the undersigned Primos of the Metropolitan Lodges of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes being assembled by the authority of the said Lodges, for the furtherance of our Order, and the settlement of our Laws, do hereby take upon ourselves from this date, as the Grand Primo Lodge of England, the sole right of granting Dispensations and the government of all Lodges Lawfully constituted in the United Kingdom. We Therefore call upon all Primos and Brethren of such Lodges as one at present established to yield us their allegiance, and to obey all Rules, Regulations and Orders that are herein embodied, or that may from time to time be ordained by us; and we hereby acknowledge and confirm all such Lodges lawfully constituted in all rights and privileges that they presently possess.

Witness our hands this 18th day of May 1866.

G. T. Wright.

President

Edwd. T. Scates

Vice President

Joseph Jones

H. F. Harrison

Knight of the Order of Merit

E. B. Mitchell

Albert. E. B. Fullagar

Saml. G May

John Laing

Albert Bingham

Joseph Allen

Harvey Burton

Brandon Ledger

Edmond St. Albyn

Alfred Tapping

Andrew Greig

William. H. Kell

William Wade

William Winspear

H. Wilbey

Resolved: -

1. That the Primo's of the Metropolitan Lodges form a Primo Lodge, and that such Lodge be the Executive of the Order, for the granting of Dispensations, framing and approving of Rules and Bye-Laws, altering the signs and passwords when necessary, and for the general business of their Brotherhood.
2. That this Primo Lodge shall be called the **Grand Primo Lodge of England.**
3. That the Primos annually, on the first Friday in June, elect one of their number to be the President, another to be Vice-President, and another to be Secretary.
4. That the President shall be styled the Grand Primo of England and the Vice President the Deputy Grand Primo of England.
5. That in the absence of the Grand Primo the Deputy shall preside, and appoint a Vice - President, and all documents shall be signed by them pro tem.
6. That should the Presidents Office become vacant by death, removal, or incapacity. The Vice President shall become Grand Primo, and the Lodge shall elect a Deputy to fill the office during the remainder of the term.
7. That the President every six months appoint the necessary Officers.
8. That the Minutes of every meeting be duly recorded and that such Minutes be read at the next meeting night at the opening of the Lodge. Such Minutes to be confirmed by a majority of members present.
9. That all fresh Rules or confirmation of oral customs be recorded in a book kept for that purpose, such book to be a reference for the benefit of the Order.
10. That this Lodge shall have the power to alter the fundamental Rules of the Order, and also confirm or reject any Bye-Laws that Lodges may adopt.

11. That all decisions shall be carried by voting as in ordinary Lodges, the President only to give the casting vote.
12. That five members may open the Lodge and form a Quorum.
13. That the President in the absence of the Deputy may appoint another to fulfil the duties pro-tem.
14. That should the deputy Grand Primo's Office become vacant as in resolution 5 the said office shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term.
15. That upon the application of Two Primos, a Dispensation may be granted to open a Lodge; but it shall be upon the understanding that such proposal have the names of at least ten individuals who are ready to be made members of this Order, accompanied with a deposit for the initiation fees of that number.
16. That all Dispensations shall be signed by the Grand Primo and the Deputy Grand Primo and countersigned by the Secretary.
17. That every Dispensation shall be the common property of the Lodge whose name it bears, and that the title of such Lodge cannot be altered except by our authority and notice of any removal shall be sent to this Lodge.
18. This Lodge upon granting a Dispensation shall appoint a Primo as delegate from this Lodge who is to open the Lodge, and such Primo is to have with him our Dispensation which is to be read by him at such opening and such Dispensation is to be endorsed by the said Primo that the said Lodge has been legally opened by him.
19. That the Dispensation and the official documents shall be lithographed or written by our authority only and paid for by the new Lodge.
20. That the Lodge confirms the "Knighthood and Order of Merit" bestowed to those members for their conduct in the advancement of Buffaloism and they constitute such Knighthood and Order as part of the fundamental customs of the Brotherhood.

21. That the name of any Brother who is a candidate for such Knighthood in his own Lodge, before election or installation must be submitted to this Lodge for confirmation.
22. That in the Metropolitan District this Lodge shall appoint the Primo who is to install the newly made Knight.
23. That every brother when he receives the Order of Knighthood shall receive his Diploma from the Grand Lodge of England.
24. That when a candidate for the Knighthood is proposed to this Lodge for confirmation, he shall be represented by the Sitting Primo or more of the Lodge in which he was proposed.
25. That this Lodge do cause a form of Installation for the Knighthood to be written, and such form to be considered the only legal form for such an Installation and be decided by a committee.
26. That any Brother must wait for one month from the time of his proposal before he can in the ordinary Lodge be made a Primo, and such proposition in the Metropolitan District must be first forwarded to this Lodge for confirmation, except in emergency, when such Primo may be made as soon as his proposition is confirmed.
27. That this Lodge authorises and empowers One Lodge in every County to have a Grand Primo Lodge to be called the "Provincial Grand Lodge of ————," to discuss and settle local matters. Such laws as are herein embodied are to be applicable with them, but all fundamental rules and customs that they may wish to alter must first be submitted to this Lodge.
28. That the Officers in such Provincial Lodges must prefix the word "Provincial"" to their titles.
29. That this Lodge only shall have the power of altering the passwords and signs of the Order.

30. That all Officers subject to fines etc, in an ordinary Lodge be in full force in this Lodge and enforced accordingly.
31. That all fines, gifts etc, in this Lodge be carried to our account for defraying our necessary expenses or as the Lodge may direct.
32. That this Lodge may at any Special Meeting frame any other Resolutions to meet the requirements of the age, but notice of such Special Meeting must be given fourteen days before it is to be held and sent to all Metropolitan Lodges.
33. That the Resolutions form the Constitution of this Lodge and be published accordingly.

Rules of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes

As revised and sanctioned
By the Grand Primo Lodge of England.
1886

Part I Grand Primo Lodge

1. That a Grand Primo, Deputy Grand Primo, Secretary, and Treasurer be elected annually, viz, the first Friday in June.
2. That the Grand Primo shall appoint the assistant Officers every six months, viz, the first Friday in June and December.
3. The duties of the Grand Primo and the Deputy Grand Primo are to open and preside at every Grand Lodge Meeting to sign all Dispensations, Certificates, etc, to act as Judge or Clerk in case of Trial or Appeal and to close the Lodge at the appointed time.
4. That should the Presidents Office become vacant by Death, Removal, or Incapacity, the Vice President shall become Grand Primo and the Lodge shall elect a Deputy to fill the Office during the remainder of the term.
5. That should the Deputy Grand Primo's Office become vacant as in the previous rule, the same office shall be filled by election for the remainder of the term.
6. That in the absence of the Grand Primo, the Deputy Grand Primo shall preside and the Lodge shall elect a Deputy Grand Primo; but should both be absent the Lodge shall elect a Grand Primo and Deputy Grand Primo pro-tem.

7. That should the Grand Primo and Deputy Grand Primo be absent without reasonable excuse for two months, the Lodge shall have the power to elect two members in their stead.
8. That Grand Primo Lodge shall be opened from the first meeting in October until the last meeting in March at eight o'clock and from the first Meeting in April to the last Meeting in September, at half past eight o'clock and close at eleven.
9. That The Grand Primo Lodge cannot be opened or any business transacted unless five Primos are present.
10. That the Secretary shall at the opening of the Grand Primo Lodge read the previous Minutes and call the names of the officers: if absent the Grand Primo, Deputy Grand Primo and Secretary shall be fined sixpence, the other Officers two pence each.
11. That all Principle Officers in the Grand Lodge, ordinary Lodges and Gentlemen for Initiation, shall be elected by Ballot, but the ordinary business shall be carried on by the usual manner of voting.
12. That no person can be initiated into the mysteries of the Order unless he is of the mature age of twenty-one years.
13. That any Brother wishing to become a Primo must be proposed in his own Lodge and such proposition must be confirmed by the Grand Primo Lodge and such Brother cannot be installed until one month from the time he was proposed. Before he is eligible to be a Sitting Primo he must have fulfilled the three following Offices, viz, City Marshal, Tyler and Constable to the satisfaction of the Primos' and Brothers of his Lodge.

N.B.- In cases of emergency the Brother may be installed a Primo (by the sanction of Grand Lodge) as soon after he is proposed as is convenient.

14. That one Primo may be made at the expense of the Lodge in which he is proposed every six months.

15. That this Lodge confirms the Knighthood and Order of Merit bestowed to those members for their conduct in the advancement of Buffaloism, and they constitute such Knighthood and Order as part of the fundamental custom of the Brotherhood.
16. That any Brother who is elected (in his own Lodge) to receive the honour of Knighthood and Order of Merit, must, previous to his installation be submitted to this Lodge for confirmation.
17. That when a candidate for Knighthood and Order of Merit is proposed to the Grand Lodge for confirmation, he shall be represented by the Sitting Primo, or Primo of the Lodge in which he was proposed.
18. That in the Metropolitan District the Grand Primo Lodge shall appoint the Primo who is to install the newly – made Knight, using the form of Installation as provided by this Lodge.
19. That every Brother when he receives the Order of Knighthood shall receive his diploma from the Grand Primo Lodge.
20. That the word “Sir” (in respect to the Knighthood and Order of Merit) be considered a proper fraternal term
21. That on application of two Primos, a Dispensation may be granted to open a new Lodge and the Proposers of the said Lodge must be in possession of at least ten names – gentlemen wishing to become members of the Order – and deposit the initiation fees for that purpose.
22. That all Dispensations shall be signed by the Grand Primo and Deputy Grand Primo of England and countersigned by the Secretary.
23. That such Dispensation be the common property of the Lodge whose name it has and that the title and number of such Lodge cannot be altered except by the authority of the Grand Primo Lodge: and in case of removal notice must be sent to the Grand Primo Lodge.

24. That upon the granting of a Dispensation, the Grand Lodge shall appoint a member of the Grand Primo Lodge to open and consecrate the new Lodge and such Brother to have with him the said Dispensation, which is to be read and endorsed by the said Brother that the Lodge has been legally opened by him.
25. That the Dispensation and other official documents shall be lithographed or written, or printed by the authority of the Grand Primo Lodge and paid for by the new Lodge.
26. That the Grand Primo Lodge only shall have the power of altering the passwords and signs of the Order.
27. That all Officers subject to fines in an ordinary Lodge shall be in fines in this Lodge and subjected accordingly.
28. That all Fines, Gifts etc in this Lodge be carried to the Lodge Account for the defraying of expense or as the Lodge may direct.
29. That this Grand Primo Lodge shall be considered the District Lodge or Provincial Lodge of the Metropolitan District and have the government of the same
30. That the first Lodge opened in any County shall be styled the District or Provincial Lodge and No 1 of that District except as relative to the previous rule.
31. That every Lodge will be held accountable to the Provincial Grand Lodge for its proceeding, but every Provincial Lodge will be held responsible to the Grand Primo Lodge.
32. That the Provincial Lodges shall not grant any Dispensations except those of the Grand Primo Lodge so that the same may be registered.
33. That every Provincial Lodge shall make a return every six months of its new members or deceased ones, so that the same may be enrolled and recorded.

34. That Provincial Lodges shall have power to settle disputes in their own District but all decisions relative to expulsion must be sent with particulars to the Grand Primo Lodge for confirmation or rejection.
35. That in the event of any ordinary Lodge not meeting for eight consecutive nights, the Dispensation and properties shall be returned to the Grand Primo Lodge or Provincial Lodge and there held in trust until the said Lodge meets again.
36. That in the Metropolitan District the ordinary Lodges shall be represented in the Grand Primo Lodge by two Primo delegates elected on the last Lodge night in the month of May each year and should he or they be absent for two months, the ordinary Lodges may elect others to fill the term of Office, but no Primo can represent two Lodges.
37. Should any Lodge become extinct its members shall belong to No1 Lodge and by paying one shilling shall have their name enrolled in such Lodge.
38. That the Grand Primo Lodge may at any Special Meeting frame any other resolutions to meet the requirements of the age, but for such Special Meeting fourteen days notice must be given before it is held and such notice to be sent to all the Metropolitan Lodges.

Part II Ordinary Lodges

39. That all Ordinary Lodges open and close at the specified time in Rule 8.
40. That all Lodges shall be opened by a Primo and four Brothers, should the Sitting Primo be absent the Lodge may be opened by the Primo Host and kept open under the control of the City Marshal and all fines enforced as if presided over by a Primo.

Initiation of Members

41. That no unenlightened individual be initiated into the Mysteries of the Order, except in a Lodge duly opened and legally constituted. One shilling shall be paid on the nomination of any Candidate and three shillings on initiation together with a sixpence for a book of Rules. Two shillings and sixpence to be placed in the Treasury and two shillings spent as the Lodge may direct.
42. That the Brother who proposes such member must have known him as a respectable person.
43. Every Brother nominated to the Office of Primo shall pay two shillings and six pence when nominated and seven shillings and sixpence when installed. Five shillings to be placed in the Treasury and five shillings to be spent as the Lodge directs (See Rule 13)

Election of Officers

44. That upon the last Lodge night of the month new Officers shall be elected.
45. That a list of Primos' initiated and elected in every Lodge with the date of their initiation or election and according to each list two Primo's in rotation to be put up for election, the rejected Primo to take his turn in the next election if present.

Officers

46. The Officers of an ordinary Lodge shall consist of a Sitting Primo (who shall preside at all Lodge meetings). City Marshal, Tyler, Waiter, Constable, Physician, Minstrel, Taster, Scavenger, Alderman of Poverty, Alderman of Juniper and Secretary – No Brother can be elected to two Offices, nor in his absence. Election to such Office to be monthly (except Secretary).

47. That the elected Sitting Primo shall choose his own officers (except Secretary) and any Brother (except a Primo) refusing to accept office shall be fined one penny.
48. Officers absent at roll call shall be fined one penny, except a Primo and Secretary whose fines are two pence each, but should such officers send a written or verbal excuse he is not to be fined.

Secretary

49. That the Office of Secretary shall be quarterly or half yearly as the Lodge may elect, and if the funds allow, be a paid office.
50. That the Secretary shall keep all books authorised by the Grand Primo Lodge.
51. That the Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous Lodge meeting at the opening of the Lodge and make a full report of the proceedings of each Lodge.
52. That the Secretary shall register all Lodge properties whether purchased by or presented to the Lodge and when and by whom presented.

Host

53. The Host cannot preside over his own Lodge, but may open and close such Lodge according to Rule 40.
54. The Host shall have the care of all regalia and other properties of the Lodge and in case of removal etc shall deliver same to the Grand Primo Lodge (See Rule).
55. That the Host of the Lodge become Treasurer, such appointment to be quarterly.
56. That the Host shall supply the Lodge with fire and light or be liable to a fine of one shilling.

57. That three weeks notice must be given by or to the Lodge previous to removal.

Relief

58. Brethren applying for relief shall be assisted from the Treasury with such sum or sums as the majority of the members may vote.
59. That travelling Brothers of the Order applying for relief shall produce their card of membership, without which their claim cannot be entertained, or satisfy the Lodge that they are members.

Honorary Members

60. Every Brother of the Order shall be considered a member of the Lodge wherein he was first initiated.
61. Should any Brother be elected a member of another Lodge after 9th. September, he shall pay one shilling before he can become a financial member of the Lodge where he is elected.

Auditors

62. The Lodge shall appoint two or more Brothers being financial members to audit the quarterly accounts and report the same at the first meeting in each fresh quarter.
63. All incidental expenses connected with the necessary regales, properties, etc, shall be defrayed from the Treasury and be allowed accordingly.

Trials

64. In all cases of Trial the Presiding Primo shall be the Judge, and the City Marshal shall be the Clerk of the Court. A Jury of not less than five shall be empanelled by the Presiding Primo and they shall appoint their own foreman.

65. The prosecution or defence be by Counsel the fee of each Counsel to be three pence, and each juryman when sworn in shall pay one penny. Plaintiff and Defendant to be sworn gratis. All Officers may refuse to serve on a Jury.
66. When a Brother who has been duly summoned to trial and he does not attend at the time specified either in person or by Counsel and suffers judgement to go by default, he shall be subjected to the sum and penalty as if present.
67. No Brother shall be expelled the Order without a fair trial and one weeks notice to be given by the accuser, stating the nature of the charge. And should he be a Primo to be tried by Primos only.
68. Should a Brother after an impartial trial be expelled the Order, he shall not be allowed to re-enter should he desire to do so under six months and shall then be proposed and seconded in full Lodge and voted by a majority and comply with whatever the Lodge demands.
69. Should a Brother of the Order be convicted of a felony he shall be expelled.
70. Any Brother sentenced to expulsion can appeal to the Grand Primo Lodge against such decision and such Grand Primo Lodge has power to hear all the evidence and give a final decision upon the case.

Bribery

71. Any brother detected bribing or offering a bribe, or canvassing either for himself or any Brother to gain an election etc. shall be fined sixpence. His employers (if any) shall suffer the same penalty, and the Office elected etc, shall be forfeited and another to take place and such offender excluded from such election.
72. No member shall be allowed to enter the Lodge in a state of intoxication.

Offences
Penalty One Penny

73. A. Entering the Lodge without giving the proper sign.
B. Wearing a hat without the permission of the Sitting Primo.
C. Eating without the Sitting Primo's permission.
D. Addressing the sitting Primo disrespectfully (seated).
E. Introducing any game of chance, betting or offering to bet.
F. Swearing or using slang language.
G. Making use of Physicians Medicine.
H. Discussing Religious or Political subjects, producing any Book, Paper or Card, printed or written, unless connected with the Order, or for the benefit of a Brother.
I. Interrupting a Brother while addressing the Lodge.
J. Addressing another without prefixing the fraternal term or title of his office.
K. Refusing to keep order at the sound of the hammer.
L. City Marshal not responding to the Sitting Primos Knocks.
M. Any Member falling asleep.
N. Any member knocking on the table, clapping his hands or stamping with his feet, or making use of any unbuffalo appliance.
O. Any Brother failing to report another for a finable offence.
P. Wilfully making a false charge against another.
Q. Any Brother speaking to another in Coventry (except the Sitting Primo) or recognising him in any manner.
R. Any Brother interfering with the duties of an Officer.

PENALTIES at the discretion of the Sitting Primo

- S. Any Brother disturbing the Lodge in a state of intoxication.
T. Any Brother injuring Lodge property.

Penalties TWOPENCE.

- T2. Using indecent obscene or profane language.
N.B. The sitting Primo committing the offence from—to—shall be fined double on each occasion.

Penalty COVENTRY

- U. Any Brother grossly misconducting himself, all Brothers in Coventry are suspended from every privilege and benefit except the right to enter and remain in the Lodge.

Penalty EXPUSION

- V. Any brother being in Coventry disturbing the Lodge.
- W. Any Brother divulging the secrets of the Order in the hearing of the unenlightened.
- X. Any Brother bringing unfounded charges against a Brothers character.

74. General Rule. Should any question arise relating to offences for which these Rules do not provide it shall be dealt with by a majority of the members present.

75. That the Sitting Primo may ask the advice of any two Primos upon any minor change brought before him and their decision shall be binding; but on any grave charge the defendant may go for trial.

76. That any Brother not appearing in decent attire shall be considered guilty of disrespect to the Lodge, for the first offence he shall be cautioned, afterwards as the Lodge may direct.

77. Bye-Laws. Every Lodge may make its own bye-laws and the same shall first be submitted for confirmation to the Grand Primo Lodge before they can have effect.

Passed this 9th day of October 1866

Signed

Grand Primo of England	Primo	G. T. Wright
Deputy Grand Primo of England	Primo	E. T. Scates

Grand Tyler	Primo	Winspear
Grand Constable	Primo	Hildreth
Grand Physician	Primo	J.Ahlen
Grand Barber	Primo	Bingham
Grand Minstrel	Primo	S. May Jnr
Grand Alderman of Juniper	Primo	Ledger
Grand Alderman of Poverty	Primo	Kell
Grand Secretary	Primo	E.B.Mitchell

Delegates

Grand Surrey	Primos'	Ledger and Grieg
Britannia	Primos'	Harris and Hildreth
Bloomsbury	Primo	Mitchell
Walworth	Primos'	Kell and Winspear
Beehive	Primos'	Scates and Burton
York Minster	Primo	Bingham
Flower of the Forest	Primos'	Wade and Jones
Sampson	Primos'	Dare and Harrison
Shakespeare	Primos'	Lock and Carcass

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Objects of the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes

These objects are Unity, Peace, Good Order, Harmony, True Fellowship and Benevolence.

The progress which the Order has made of late, is a proof how much its principles are appreciated when well understood, and that the code of Laws by which it is governed has been carefully and judiciously constructed.

Never the less it has been considered necessary that these laws should be revised and augmented by competent persons, and adapted to the increasing number and intelligence of the Order.

This has been done by a delegate meeting of Primo's assembled at the Mother (Shakespeare) Lodge

MANCHESTER.

October 25th 1872

RULES OR LAWS

1. That the No 1 Shakespeare Lodge in Manchester be acknowledged as the Mother Lodge of the Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.
2. None but the Mother Lodge shall have the power to create Districts and all Dispensations, Diplomas, Books of Rules, or Travelling Cards must be obtained from the said Mother Lodge or they will not be acknowledged.
3. The First Lodge legally opened in any District shall be entitled the District Lodge.
4. Every Legal District Lodge shall have the power to govern all Lodges in the District, but shall be governed the by the laws of the Order.

5. Every District Lodge shall have the power to open Lodges if satisfied that such proceedings would be for the benefit of the said District and the Order in General.
6. Every Lodge shall be accountable to the District Lodge for it's proceedings and each District Lodge to the No1 Shakespeare Mother Lodge.
7. Any Legal Primo and four Brothers shall be deemed sufficient to open a Lodge and to transact the business thereof.
8. Any Primo will be responsible and subject to the censure of the Brothers for Knowingly holding a Lodge at a Non-Buffalo house, when there is a Buffalo Landlord in the Town or Place.
9. Every Lodge shall have the power of choosing it's own Officers, disposing of it's own funds, and managing its own business. All funds must be applied to the purpose for which they were subscribed and in open Lodge
10. When a new Lodge is opened at a Buffalo Landlords house, he shall be allowed the privilege of choosing the name of the Lodge, but there shall not be two Lodges of the same name in the one District.
11. No Lodge shall be removed without the permission of the District Lodge.
12. Every Lodge in each District shall be numbered according to the priority of opening
13. The Presiding Primo, previous to the opening of the Lodge shall see that none but Brothers are present, after, the City Tyler shall demand the password from each person requesting admission, and all Brothers entering a Lodge shall give the Buffalo sign to the Presiding Primo and City Marshal before taking his seat.
14. Should any Lodge become extinct its members with the consent of the District Lodge shall become members thereof by paying the sum of sixpence each, just as if made therein at first.

15. Lodges shall become extinct when not legally opened for eight consecutive nights, and all funds, Books, Papers, or other properties shall be deposited with the District Lodge, wherein such extinct Lodge was situated.
16. Two Lodges in the same District shall not open on the same night unless there are more than seven Lodges, then the District Lodge shall grant the last Lodge opened, what night it thinks best.

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