

For Trades House

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS

OF THE

Incorporation of Members

OF GLASGOW.

THE
INCORPORATION OF WEAVERS
OF GLASGOW.

OFFICE-BEARERS.

For the Year from September, 1887, to September, 1888.

Deacon.

JAMES HUTTON, 179 WEST GEORGE STREET.

Collector.

ANDREW PATERSON, 18 NEWHALL STREET, BRIDGETON.

Masters.

DAVID PATERSON.

JAMES WILSON.

GEORGE YOUNGER.

WILLIAM NEWLANDS.

GEORGE GIBSON.

FORREST FREW.

JOHN KNOX.

JAMES YOUNG.

JOHN B. WINGATE.

PETER STEVEN.

ROBERT GOURLAY,
Deacon's Master.

THOMAS BROWN,
Deacon's Master.

ANGUS MITCHELL,
Late Deacon.

JOHN MILLER,
Late Collector.

Clerk.

WILLIAM MACLEAN, WRITER, 115 ST. VINCENT STREET.

Officer.

THOMAS O'MAY, 2 ST. ANDREW SQUARE.

LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

I.—NAME AND DESIGNATION OF INCORPORATION.

The Incorporation shall be known, as heretofore, under the name and designation of the Incorporation of Weavers of Glasgow, and shall be governed, in time coming, as hereinafter provided for.

II.—ENTRANTS.

All applicants must be Burgesses and Guild Brethren of the Burgh of Glasgow, and produce their certificates as such on making their applications. Every person applying for admission as a member shall produce a certificate of his birth, or, failing this, make a declaration of age agreeably to a printed form to be furnished by the Clerk. These require to be lodged with the Clerk prior to the meeting of the Master Court at which the application is to be considered.

Far-Hand.—Applicants at the Far Hand are those who have had no previous connection with the Incorporation. Every Entrant at Far-Hand must be approved of by three-fourths of the Master Court present when he is proposed for admission. The Master Court shall have the absolute power to admit or reject the application.

Near-Hand.—Sons and sons-in-law of Members shall be entitled to become Members, provided their father or father-in-law, as the case may be, shall have been entered a Member for a year and a day preceding the date of application, and provided, in the case of sons-in-law, that the wife, through whom the applicant claims admission, shall be in life. Apprentices of Members of the Incorporation in business as weavers, whose indentures have been booked with the Clerk of the Incorporation within three months of their date, shall be entitled to admission as

Members at the Near-Hand on the termination of their apprenticeship.

The applicant, if found qualified, shall, upon payment of the Entry Money, as specified in the Schedule annexed, or on payment of such Entry Money as may from time to time be fixed by the Incorporation, be admitted a Member of the Incorporation, and to all the liberties and privileges thereof.

All persons joining the Incorporation shall be bound by the Rules and Regulations thereof in force for the time being.

III.—OFFICE-BEARERS AND MANAGEMENT.

1.—*Office-Bearers.*

The affairs of the Incorporation shall be managed by a Master Court, consisting of the Deacon, Collector, late Deacon, late Collector, and twelve Masters, in all sixteen. The Election shall take place as after provided, at a General Meeting of the Members specially convened for that purpose, on the first Friday after the 15th September in each year.

2.—*Deacon.*

Any Member of the Incorporation eligible to be elected to the office of Deacon must have held the office of Collector for at least one year, and been honourably discharged of his intromissions, and been a year out of that office. The Deacon shall hold office for one year, but may be re-elected.

3.—*Duties of Deacon.*

The Deacon shall act as Chairman at all Meetings of the Incorporation and Master Court, at which he is expected to wear his official medal and chain. In the absence of the Deacon, the late Deacon shall preside, and failing them the Meeting shall elect a Chairman for the time being, who must be a Member of the Master Court, and the Deacon, or the person acting as Chairman, shall, besides a deliberative vote, have also a casting vote in all cases of equality. The Deacon shall have power in any urgent case to grant a precept, not exceeding sixty

shillings. The Deacon shall be the Director of the Old Man's Friend Society.

4.—*Collector.*

Any Member of the Incorporation eligible to be elected to the office of Collector must have been for one year at least a Member of the Master Court. The Collector shall hold office for one year, but may be re-elected.

5.—*Duties of Collector.*

The Collector shall manage the whole money transactions of the Incorporation, and shall keep regular and distinct accounts of his receipts and disbursements. He shall keep an open cash account (to be operated on by the Deacon and Collector jointly, or, in absence, any two senior Members of the Master Court) with such chartered or joint-stock bank as the Master Court may direct, and regularly deposit therein all monies belonging to the Incorporation, not retaining in his hands any sum exceeding £25 sterling. The Collector shall find security for his intromissions with the funds of the Incorporation to the extent of £200. The Bond of Caution shall be prepared by the Clerk, at the expense of the Incorporation.

The Collector shall at the end of each month submit his books to the Deacon, who shall subscribe the same.

The Collector shall, with the assistance of the Clerk, annually, as at the 15th day of August, make up a correct statement of his intromissions, embracing an account of the Revenue and Expenditure during the preceding year, a Stock Account, and an Abstract or Balance, exhibiting the whole properties and monies belonging to the Incorporation, which shall be examined and compared with the relative vouchers by a Committee appointed by the Master Court to examine the same, along with a Committee of three Members of the Incorporation appointed at the Meeting in August, and who shall submit the statement, with their report thereon, to the Meeting of the Incorporation in September, and if said statement is approved of by the Meeting, the Collector shall be discharged and

acquitted, and his Bond of Caution delivered up. Any Collector not being so honourably discharged shall not be entitled to sit in the Master Court.

6.—*Representatives to the Trades House.*

The Incorporation being entitled to send four Representatives to the Trades House, of whom the Deacon and late Deacon are two, *ex officio*, the other two shall be elected at the General Meeting in September, and must be Members of the Master Court. One of the Representatives shall also be elected at said Meeting to be a Member of the Trades House Committee on Education. The Deacon shall be the Member for the Incorporation of the Trades House Committee on Buildings.

In the event of the re-election of the Deacon, the late Deacon shall be eligible for re-election as one of the four Representatives to the Trades House.

Representatives who have been elected Deacon Convener or Collector of the Trades House, must be returned as Representatives so long as they hold such offices, or are entitled to sit in the House as late Deacon Convener or late Collector.

7.—*Qualifications of Deacon, Collector, and Trades House Representatives.*

It shall not be lawful to any person who now is, or who shall hereafter be, a Member of the Incorporation, to hold office as Deacon, or to be elected a Representative of the Incorporation to the Trades House, or a Member of the Trades' House Committee on Education, unless he is a Burgess and Guild Brother of Glasgow *qua* Weaver, or shall have paid, or shall pay, to the Collector of the Trades House, two guineas, or such other sum exigible at the time as the Entry Money to the funds of the House. Representatives to the Trades' House must have a dwelling house or place of business within the Municipal boundaries of the City of Glasgow, as defined by Act of Parliament.

8.—*Election of Office-Bearers.*

The election of Office-Bearers shall be conducted in the following manner, at the Annual General Meeting in September, and the voting shall be by direct vote:—

1. The Member of the Master Court duly qualified who, on being proposed and seconded, receives the greatest number of votes of the Members present, shall be declared elected Deacon of the Incorporation for one year.

2. The Meeting shall then in the same manner elect a Collector for one year.

3. The five Masters at the top of the list shall annually retire, but are eligible for re-election. At the General Meeting of the Incorporation on the first Thursday in August, Members shall be proposed and seconded to fill the vacancies in the Master Court. In the event of there being only five nominated, they shall be declared duly elected at the Annual General Meeting in September. In the event of more than five being nominated, the names of the persons so nominated shall be printed on a slip of paper, and a copy of the slip shall be handed to each Member of the Incorporation on the qualified roll present at the Annual General Meeting in September. Each Member present shall mark with a X the persons, not exceeding five, for whom he votes, and shall sign his slip, which shall be handed in to the Clerk at the Meeting. The votes shall be counted by two scrutineers appointed at the Meeting, and the five on the list having the greatest number of votes shall be declared by the Deacon as elected to fill the vacancies. In the event of one of the nominees on the list being chosen as Collector, then the Meeting shall only elect four Masters. The Deacon shall thereafter, by virtue of his office, elect two Members of the Incorporation to serve in the Master Court for the ensuing year as Deacon's Masters.

4. Two Representatives to the Trades House from the Master Court shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting, and one to represent the Incorporation for the year on the Trades House Committee for managing the Gorbals Lands.

5. A Representative to the Trades House Committee on Education shall be elected from among the Representatives to the Trades House.

6. The qualified roll, consisting of all free Members, viz., those who have been joined a year and a day, and are not recipients from the funds, shall be laid upon the table at the commencement of the meeting, and no person shall be entitled to vote whose name shall not appear on said roll. No minor shall be qualified to vote, or hold office in the Incorporation.

7. On the election of a Member to the office of Deacon, Collector, or Master of the Incorporation, he shall, on accepting said offices, take the oath *de fidei*, as use is.

8. It shall not be competent to elect any Member to hold office in the Incorporation who at the same time is an Office-Bearer in any other of the Trades' Incorporations.

9. The Deacon and Collector on retiring from office shall have their names added at the foot of the list of Masters, the Deacon's Masters being placed immediately above them.

10. Any Master who is not present at the Meeting at which he is elected to office shall appear at the first Meeting of the Master Court thereafter, and take the oath. If he does not so appear his election shall be held to have fallen, but he may be re-elected by the Master Court.

9.—*Vacancies during Term.*

In the event of the death, resignation, or other disqualification of the Deacon, or the Collector, or any of the Representatives to the Trades House, a General Meeting of the Incorporation shall be called by the Master Court, at which the vacant office shall be filled up *ad interim*, until the next Annual Meeting for election purposes; and in the event of a vacancy occurring in any of the offices of Master, Clerk, or Officer, the Master Court shall fill up such vacancy until the next Annual General Meeting.

10.—*Clerk.*

At said Annual General Meeting a Clerk to the Incorporation shall be elected. He must be a member of the legal

profession, and if not a Member of the Incorporation at the time of his election, he must undertake to enter within three months thereafter. The duties of the Clerk shall be to conduct the business and correspondence of the Incorporation and Master Court. Among other things, he shall write, or cause to be written out, minutes of the proceedings, call all Meetings, as instructed by the Deacon, assist the Collector in making up his yearly accounts, and the Master Court in all the ordinary administration of the affairs of the Incorporation, and give his legal advice upon such when required, meet and give information to all persons applying for admission as Members, and also to Members and their widows and others applying for relief; for all which he shall be paid such yearly salary and dues as the Master Court may fix from time to time, but exclusive of the usual professional fees for preparing all legal deeds and documents, which shall be prepared by him as heretofore, and for conducting legal business of the Incorporation.

11.—*Officer.*

At said General Meeting an Officer to the Incorporation shall be elected. In making such appointment, it shall not be necessary that the person so elected be a Member of the Incorporation. His salary shall be fixed and his duties defined by the Master Court.

IV.—MEETINGS OF INCORPORATION.

There shall be two fixed Meetings of the Incorporation held in each year. These Meetings shall be as follows, viz.:—(1) The Annual General Meeting, which happens on the first Friday after the 15th of September, when the Office-Bearers for the year are elected, and the other business transacted as herein provided; and (2) On the first Thursday of August, called the Lammas Court, for general business.

Special Meetings of the Incorporation may be called for the despatch of business, or for the consideration of any matter or subject affecting the Incorporation, by the Deacon, the Master Court, or on a requisition subscribed by not less than 16 qualified Members. Should the Deacon

fail to call such Special Meeting within ten days after the requisition has been put into his hands, it shall be competent for the requisitionists to convene such Meeting through the Clerk, who shall be bound to call it.

No motion shall be made, considered, and decided on at the same Meeting of the Incorporation at which it shall be introduced; but each motion shall lie over for further consideration and decision at the next Ordinary General Meeting, or at a Special General Meeting called for the purpose. *except as after provided in Sec II clause 2.*

At all Meetings of the Incorporation any 16 of the Members on the qualified roll shall be a quorum. After the Minutes are read, if approved of, they shall be signed by the Chairman.

The fixed Meetings of the Incorporation shall be called by advertisement in the newspapers and by circular posted to the known addresses of the Members, and Special Meetings by circular only.

V.—THE MASTER COURT AND ITS MEETINGS.

The whole affairs of the Incorporation, except as is otherwise provided for by these Laws and Regulations, shall be managed by the Master Court, who may, whenever they deem it necessary, call a Meeting of the Incorporation for the consideration of any special matter or matters.

The Ordinary Meetings of the Master Court shall be five in number, and shall be held as follows:—(1) On the Friday immediately after the Annual General Meeting; (2) On the first Friday of November; (3) On the second Thursday of February; (4) On the first Thursday of May; and (5) On the first Thursday of August; but it shall be competent for the Deacon to call Special Meetings of the Master Court at any other time. The last four fixed Meetings of the Master Court shall be named Quarterly Meetings. Both the Ordinary and Special Meetings of the Master Court shall be called by circular delivered to the Members by the Officer, or through the Post-Office.

The first Meeting of the Master Court shall be held on

the Friday immediately following their election, as above arranged. At that Meeting the Master Court shall elect the Key Keepers—three for the Deacon's and three for the Collector's Box—who shall be as follows:—For the Deacon's Box, the Deacon, the late Deacon, and one Member of the Court; for the Collector's Box, the Collector, the late Collector, and one Member of the Court. The Meeting shall appoint the following Committees:—(1) To look after and let the Incorporation property; (2) To provide for the education of the children of such Members as may require it; (3) To arrange for the visitation of those receiving aid from the Incorporation residing in the city, and obtaining information regarding those at a distance; and (4) To examine the securities of the Incorporation.

At the four Quarterly Meetings the general business shall be transacted, such as—The admission of Members, revision of the Roll of Pensioners, and any other business competent to be dealt with by the Master Court.

At all Meetings of the Master Court seven shall be a quorum.

VI.—THE FUNDS.

1. The Funds of the Incorporation shall be applied for the support of decayed Members of the Incorporation, and of deceased Members' widows in indigent circumstances, at the discretion of the Master Court; and also, of unmarried daughters, as provided in Section VII., clause 10 hereof; for aids, by donation or otherwise, to public institutions and benevolent objects; and for the promotion of public measures for the advantage of the Incorporation and the good of the community of Glasgow, if voted at a Meeting of the Incorporation duly called.

2. The Funds of the Incorporation shall be managed under the direction and superintendence of the Master Court, and shall be invested in the purchase of lands, houses, feu duties, or ground annuals, or in Government annuities, or shall be lent upon first heritable bonds to an amount not exceeding two-third parts of the estimated

value of the property mortgaged, in addition to the personal security of the borrowers, or upon the security of the dues of the River Clyde, under the Acts constituting the River Trust, or to the City Corporation, or to the Police or Statute Labour Board for Glasgow, or shall be deposited in any Chartered or Joint-Stock Bank, but shall not be lent on personal security, or to any Member of the Master Court. No motion for any grant of money exceeding £20 shall be entertained, except by the consent of two-thirds of the Meeting at which the motion is made, unless notice of the same has been tabled and read at a previous Meeting of the Incorporation, excepting always the grant to unmarried daughters. The investments of the Incorporation shall be taken in name of the Deacon and Collector for the time being, and their successors in office, as Trustees for behoof of the Incorporation.

VII.—THE PENSIONERS.

1. The right to enrol, and to remove from the Pension Roll, any person whatever, rests with the Master Court.
2. It shall not be competent to enrol any person as a Pensioner on the funds of the Incorporation who is a Member of the Master Court of any Incorporation.
3. Pensioners on the funds of the Incorporation shall not be entered upon the qualified roll, and shall not vote or be voted upon.
4. All pensions shall be payable during the pleasure of the Master Court, and no person shall have, or shall acquire, a legal right to share the funds of the Incorporation as Pensioners or otherwise.
5. Pensions may be awarded by the Incorporation to decayed Members and the widows of deceased Members in indigent circumstances to such extent as the Master Court shall consider suitable.
6. No pension shall be awarded until the expiry of five years after the admission of the person in respect of whose Membership the aid is asked, unless under exceptional circumstances to be judged of by the Master Court.

7. All applications for pensions or aid from the funds of the Incorporation must be lodged with the Clerk, stating the age, means of support, residence, and other circumstances of the applicant, according to a printed form to be furnished by the Clerk. If entertained, the application shall be remitted to one or more of the Master Court, who shall carefully consider the same, and report thereon to next Meeting of the Master Court.

8. Pensioners shall be paid quarterly in advance. The pensions shall be paid by the Collector on Saturday immediately after each of the four Quarterly Meetings of the Master Court in the Trades House or other place duly appointed and intimated, or may be remitted to the pensioners.

9. On due intimation of the death of any pensioner being received by the Deacon or Collector, an allowance of £3 may be given for funeral charges.

10. It has been customary for many years for the Master Court to ask from the Incorporation a sum yearly from the funds to be distributed among the necessitous unmarried daughters of deceased Members, and this custom may be continued.

11. As heretofore, the Master Court shall have the privilege of recommending persons as pensioners on the funds of the Trades House, according to the enactments made, or to be made, by the Trades House to that effect.

VIII.—ALTERATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS.

These Laws or Regulations shall not be altered or rescinded in any respect until the proposed alteration or repeal has been tabled and read at one Meeting of the Incorporation, and considered at another Meeting, at least one month subsequent to that at which it was tabled and read, and then agreed to by two-thirds of the Members present at such latter Meeting, and until such alteration or repeal has been sanctioned by the Trades House.

INCORPORATION OF WEAVERS.

SEPTEMBER, 1885.

ENTRANCE FEES.

AGE NEXT BIRTH-DAY.	NEAR-HAND.	FAR-HAND.	AGE NEXT BIRTH-DAY.	NEAR-HAND.	FAR-HAND.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
30 years and under,	4 10 0	16 0 0	51 years and under,	12 10 9	44 11 5
31 ...	4 14 6	16 16 0	52 ...	13 3 3	46 16 0
32 ...	4 19 3	17 12 10	53 ...	13 16 5	49 2 10
33 ...	5 4 2	18 10 6	54 ...	14 10 3	51 12 0
34 ...	5 9 5	19 9 0	55 ...	15 4 9	54 3 7
35 ...	5 14 10	20 8 5	56 ...	16 0 0	56 17 9
36 ...	6 0 7	21 8 10	57 ...	16 16 0	59 14 8
37 ...	6 6 8	22 10 3	58 ...	17 12 10	62 14 5
38 ...	6 12 11	23 12 9	59 ...	18 10 6	65 17 2
39 ...	6 19 7	24 16 5	60 ...	19 9 0	69 3 0
40 ...	7 6 7	26 1 3	61 ...	20 8 5	72 12 2
41 ...	7 13 11	27 7 4	62 ...	21 8 10	76 4 9
42 ...	8 1 7	28 14 8	63 ...	22 10 3	80 1 0
43 ...	8 9 8	30 3 5	64 ...	23 12 9	84 1 0
44 ...	8 18 2	31 13 7	65 ...	24 16 5	88 5 1
45 ...	9 7 1	33 5 3	66 ...	26 1 3	92 13 4
46 ...	9 16 5	34 18 6	67 ...	27 7 4	97 6 0
47 ...	10 6 3	36 13 5	68 ...	28 14 8	102 3 4
48 ...	10 16 7	38 10 1	69 ...	30 3 5	107 5 6
49 ...	11 7 5	40 8 7	70 ...	31 13 7	112 12 9
50 ...	11 18 9	42 9 0	71 ...	33 5 3	118 5 5