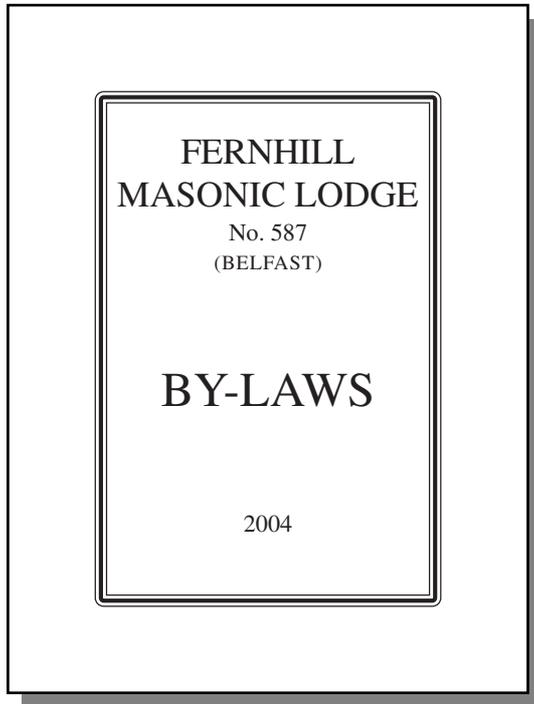
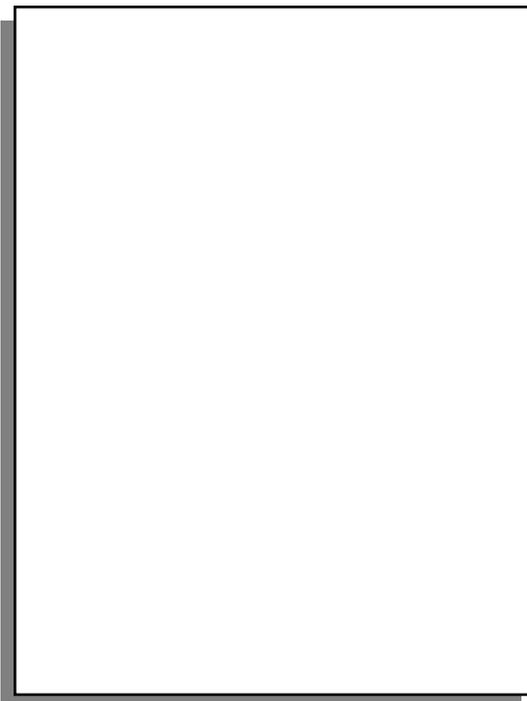


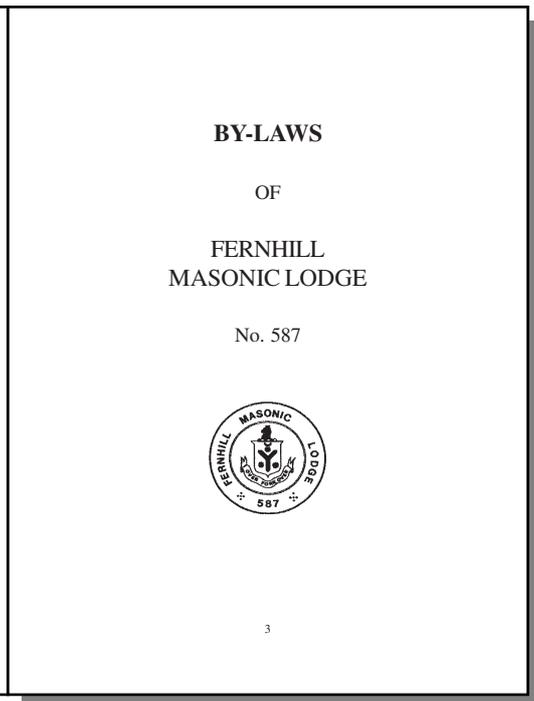
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<p style="text-align: center;">4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BY-LAWS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FERNHILL MASONIC LODGE No. 587</p> <p style="text-align: center;">⌘</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Name of Lodge</p> <p>I. FERNHILL MASONIC LODGE, No 587, on the Register of the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Stated Communications</p> <p>II. The Stated Communications shall be held on the First Monday of each month, in Arthur Square Masonic Hall, Arthur Square, Belfast at 7:30 o'clock p.m. (except during the months of June, July and August).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">Emergency Communications</p> <p>III. A Communication of Emergency may be held at any time the W.M. for the time being may deem expedient. The notices for such shall be sent as long prior to the date of the Communication as practicable. If for the election of members, the notice shall not be less than three days. (Subject to Grand Lodge Laws Nos. 113, 125, and 126).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Attendances</p> <p>IV. Each member is required to attend punctually at the Communications of the Lodge. An Attendance Book shall be kept, and shall be signed by each member and visitor prior to entering the Lodge Room.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Election of Officers</p> <p>V. (a) The election of officers shall take place in October of each year, and prior thereto the Secretary shall prepare a Roll of the Brethren, and priority on such Roll shall be settled by seniority, but subject to these By-Laws. (b) Any brother who has not attended seven Stated Communications since the previous election of officers shall not be eligible for nomination to any office in the Lodge in the following year, but a written apology from a brother may, if the Lodge so decide, be accepted as</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6</p>	<p>equivalent to an attendance, provided that not more than two such apologies shall be so accepted from any brother in any year. Verbal apologies shall not be accepted as attendances, except in cases of illness of a brother, or illness or death of a near relative, where a written apology would not be possible.</p> <p>In exceptional cases of protracted illness of a brother, the operation of this By-Law may be waived by permission of a three-fourths majority of the members in Lodge assembled.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Candidates</p> <p>VI. Every Candidate for admission must be duly proposed, and seconded by Master Masons in open Lodge, and seven days must elapse between the day of proposal and that of the Ballot. Either the proposal or ballot must take place at a Stated Communication. The Notice for ballot must notify the name, profession, or occupation and residence of the Candidate, also the names of the proposer and seconder, and shall be sent to every member of the Lodge at least three days previous to the ballot. Every Candidate for Affiliation must produce his Grand Lodge Certificate, and also when possible a clearance certificate from the last Lodge of which he has been a member. In every</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7</p>
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case the proposer or seconder must be present at the ballot.
The Election for Initiation or Affiliation must be unanimous.

Fees

VII. The initiation fee shall be as set from time to time in open Lodge, payable in full, in one sum before initiation, and the fee for affiliation shall be as set from time to time in open Lodge, payable in advance.

Dues

VIII. The Dues shall be as set from time to time in open Lodge, payable half-yearly in advance. Initiated and affiliated brethren to pay from the night following admission.

Country Members

IX. A brother permanently resident outside a radius of not less than 20 miles from the city boundary, who has been a subscribing member of the Lodge for at least 12 months and is clear on the books of the Lodge may, with the consent of the Lodge, be granted country membership.

A brother on the roll of country members shall pay an amount that shall be set from time to time in open

Lodge, but shall not be eligible for nomination or election to office in the Lodge.

Committee of General Purposes

X. A Committee of General Purposes consisting of the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Past Masters, being subscribing members of the Lodge (five to form a quorum), shall meet when deemed necessary by either the Worshipful Master or Secretary, and their duties shall be:

(a) To inquire into and decide upon the suitability of all candidates who have been proposed in open Lodge.

(b) To examine all correspondence.

(c) To superintend the finances and examine all charity requests.

(d) To prepare, when necessary, a proper digest of all matters for the consideration of the Lodge, and to make such recommendations as the Committee think fit, on all matters which shall have been referred to them by the Lodge.

Banking Account

XI. A banking account shall be opened in the name of the Lodge, and no payments shall be made unless previously authorised in open Lodge. All payments shall

be made by cheque, to be signed by the Treasurer and Secretary, or W.M., or any two of them.

Auditors

XII. At the Stated Communication in November, two brethren, members of the Lodge, shall be elected as Auditors to examine the accounts for the current year and report thereon to the Lodge at the Stated Communication in the month of February following.

Notices of Motion

XIII. All notices of motion must be handed to the Secretary in writing, duly signed, and shall appear on the Summons for the Communication at which such motions are to be considered.

Procedure

XIV. Grand Lodge Laws Nos. 16 and 18 shall be taken as applying to voting; Nos 19 and 20 to the law of debate, and Nos. 23, 24 and 25 to notices of motion.

Alterations in By-Laws

XV. A motion for the enactment of a new By-Law, or for the alteration or repeal of an existing By-Law, shall be entertained at any Communication of the Lodge, provided that notice thereof in writing shall have been

given at the previous Stated Communication. Such notice shall appear on the Summons for said Communication, and shall be sent to each subscribing member.

Such new By-Law or alteration or repeal of an existing By-Law shall require to be passed by at least three-fourths of the members present, and shall not be acted upon until confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

All By-Laws must be authenticated by the signatures of the W.M. and Secretary.

Approved by Grand Lodge:

Grand Secretary,
Freemasons Hall
Molesworth Street
Dublin
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Peter B. Bates
Worshipful Master

Colin S Barnes, PM
Secretary

The Warrant

The Warrant, No. 587, was first issued by the Grand Lodge of Ireland on 1st March 1781 to the following Brethren, to hold a Lodge in Belfast:

Wm. Spencer, W.M.
John Henderson, S.W.
James McConnell, J.W.

In 1782 we find the Lodge described as Rodney's Lodge, No. 587, meeting once a month in Pottinger's Entry. A few years later the name was changed to St. Patrick's Lodge, as may be seen from two of the surviving documentary relics of this old Lodge:

1. Engraved Master Mason's Certificate, or Demit, dated 13th January 1788, and issued to Bro. Wm. Dawson by St. Patrick's Lodge No. 587, Belfast. Signed by Marcus Ward, Master; John Hughes and Thos. Culbert, Wardens.
2. Engraved Lodge Summons of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 587, Belfast, 19th June 1797; signed by Samuel Luke, Secretary.

In the resolutions of Loyalty to the Crown and Constitution issued by the Masonic Lodges of Belfast in 1797, printed in Henry Joy's "Historical Collections relative to the Town of Belfast" 1817 (p. 476), No 587 is also referred to as St. Patrick's Lodge.

Between the years 1781 and 1811 the Lodge had a prosperous career, for it registered 145 members during the thirty years of its existence. The Warrant was cancelled on 6th January 1814. Since that date it lay dormant until it was re-issued on 9th June 1924 to 21 Brethren, under the name of Fernhill Masonic Lodge, working under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Masonic Province of Antrim.

Foundation Members

W.Bro. The Right Hon. Saml. Cunningham,
P.M.,
Worshipful Master

Bro. Martin Andrews	S.W.
Bro. David C. Sterling	J.W.
W.Bro. James Irwine, P.M.	Treasurer
W.Bro. James Lyttle, P.M.	Secretary
Bro. Wm. Campbell	S.D.
Bro. Wm. A. Watters	J.D.
Bro. Matthew C. Anderson	I.G.
W.Bro. Joseph Coulter, P.M.	
Bro. Samuel Bolton	
Bro. Robert B. Bowers	
Bro. Archibald Brown	
Bro. Wm. F. Larmour	
Bro. Robert Sprott	
Bro. Albert Laughlin	
Bro. Anthony Maguire	
Bro. John Petrie	
Bro. John N. Sprott	
Bro. John Boyd	