

angel, which Wardens shall be elected and appoynted by the most consent of the Fellowship.

2nd. Item thatt the said Wardens Receive summonie and sue all such penalties and Forfeitures and Fines, as shall in any wise be amongst the said Fellowship, and shall render and yield up a just Account att the year's end of all such fines and forfeitures as shall come to their hands, or oftner if need require, or if the Master and Fellows list to call for them, for every such offence to pay £0 6s. 8d.

3rd. Item, Thatt noe Mason shall take any worke by task or by Day, other than the King's work, butt thatt att the least he shall make Three or Four of his Fellows acquainted therewith, for to take his part; paying for every such offence £3 6s. 8d.

4th. Item, Thatt noe Mason shall take any work thatt any of his Fellows has in hand with all to pay for every such offence the sum of £1 6s. 8d.

5th. Item, Thatt noe mason shall take any Apprentice, Enter him and give him his charge within one whole year after. Nott soe doing, the Master shall pay for every such offence £0 3s. 4d.

6th. Item, Thatt every master for Entering his apprentice shall pay £0 os. 6d.

7th. Item, Thatt every mason when he is warned by the Wardens or other of the Company, and shall nott come to the place appoynted, Except he have a reasonable cause to shew the Master and Wardens to the contrary; Nott soe doing shall pay £0 6s. 8d.

8th. Item, Thatt noe Mason shall throw his Fellow or give him the lye or any ways contend with him or give him any other name in the place of meeting than Brother or Fellow, or hold any disobedient argument, against any of the company reproachfully, for every such offence shall pay £0 os. 6d.

9th. Item, There shall noe apprentice after he has served seven years be admitted or accepted but upon the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, paying to the Master and Wardens £0 6s. 8d.

10th. Item, If any Mason either in the place of meeting or att work among his Fellows, swear or take God's name in vain thatt he or they so offending shall pay for every time £0 5s. 4d.

11th. Item, Thatt if any Fellow or Fellows shall at any time or times discover his master's secretts, or his owne, be it nott onely spoken in the Lodge or without, or the secrettes or counsell of his Fellows, thatt may extend to the Damage of any of his fellows, or to any of their good names; whereby the Science may be ill spoken of, For every such offence shall pay £1 6s. 8d.

12th. Item, Thatt noe Fellow or Fellows within the lodge shall att any time or times call or hold Assemblys to make any mason or masons free: Not acquainting the Master or Wardens therewith For every time so offending shall pay £3 6s. 8d.

13th. Item, Thatt noe Rough Layers or any others thatt has not served their time, or admitted masons, shall work within the Lodge any work of masonry whatsoever (except under a Master) for every such offence shall pay £3 13s. 4d.

14th. Item, Thatt all Fellows being younger shall give his elder fellows the honor due to their degree and standing. Alsoe thatt the Master Wardens and all the Fellows of this lodge doe promise severally and respectively to performe all and every the orders above named, and to stand by each other (but more particularly to the Wardens and their successors) in suing for all and every the forfeitures of our said Brethren, contrary to any of the said orders, demand thereof being first made.

Sixty-nine signatures are attached, some of which were written A. D. 1701, when the rules were inserted in the book, and the remainder were appended according to the dates of initiation: e.g., "Patrick Mills 1706, made Free Decr. 27th, and George Potts made free this 20th Jany., 1708." To some of the names marks are attached in the form of monograms, &c. The records are mostly taken up with the narration of fines, the arrangements for indentures, and such like, as from the earliest minute to the last (ranging from 1703 to 1757) the lodge was of an operative character, and the members assembled for the purpose of aiding one another in sickness, for the preservation of their secrets as Freemasons, and for the proper conduct of Master and Fellows both *within* and *without* the lodge. The earliest minute of the Alnwick Lodge preserved is dated October 3rd, 1703:

"Item. Itt is agreed by us whose names is under written thatt Wm. Balmrow for a breach of ye 12 Artickole shall be prosecuted according to Law, and furdur James Mills of some other offence thatt will be mad appeer at time convenient."

On Dec. 27th, 1795: "It is agreed and concluded upon by the genll. consent of the Lodge thatt James Mills and James Gammon, Matthew Doores [these names are all