

## RULES

### OF THE

Society of S. Alphege, Abp. & M.

- I. That the Society be called “THE SOCIETY OF S. ALPHEGE.”
2. That the Society shall have for its objects: The promotion of the study of Church Archaeology; the preservation and restoration of things once dedicated to the honour of GOD; the presentation to poor Churches or Missions, which cannot otherwise procure them, of such lawful ornaments of the Church and of the Ministers thereof, as may be required for the due celebration of the services thereof; and also the loan of vestments and ornaments to other Churches for particular occasions—dedication festivals, funerals, or such like.
3. That it shall be lawful, for the further promotion of these objects, for the Society to institute and possess a Museum, Collection, and Library of Church Archæology, as the common property of the Society.
4. That every member of the Society shall be a *bonâ fide* communicant of the Anglican Church.
5. That the members of the Society be called *Associates*, and be admitted by the Council. Every candidate shall be fully named and described by an Associate of the Society to the Council, upon which description he shall be enrolled as an Associate, only by the unanimous consent of the members of the Council present at that meeting.
6. That every Associate upon admission pay an entrance fee of two shillings and sixpence; also an annual subscription of ten shillings, payable in advance, which shall be due on the 19th of April in every year of his membership.
7. That every Associate whose annual subscription be unpaid a month after the Bursar has made application in writing for its payment, shall forfeit all privileges of his membership, and cease to be an Associate of the Society.
8. That the Associates shall hold a general meeting, to be called the Annual Meeting, once in every year, with ten days’ notice given to every Associate, on the 19 day of April, or on the most convenient day within fourteen days thereof either before or after, at which meeting they shall, after the Secretary’s report has been read to the meeting, proceed to elect the Officers of the Society and four Associates, who with the Officers shall forma Council, to which shall be delegated the power of transacting all the special business of the Society; at which meeting, also, the Associates shall make or alter the Rules of the society when necessary (see Rules 13 and 16), and make general disposition of the funds by investment or otherwise, advantageous to the society.

9. That there be six Officers of the Society elected annually by the Associates among themselves, by name and order as follows: Warden, Sub-Warden, Chaplain, Bursar, Curator, and Secretary; and that they be re-eligible.

The *Warden*—his office is to preside at the meetings of the Council and Associates; to put his name to all agreements, reports, deeds, &c., of the Society; to sign all directions for payment, gift or loan issued by the Council; to give a casting vote in equal divisions, and to exercise unlimited authority in every question of order and general supervision of the Society.

The *Sub-Warden* shall be empowered to exercise all the duties of the Warden in his absence.

The *Bursar*—his office is to receive the subscriptions, donations, and all other monies of the Society, and to hold them for the use of the Society; to make all outlays and payments, as the Council shall from time to time direct, from the Society's purse; and to report the state of the Society's finances at the Annual Meeting by a statement to be added to the Secretary's report.

The *Curator*—his office is to take charge of the property of the Society; to make and order all loans and gifts directed to be made by the Council out of the Society's property; to keep a journal of all such loans and gifts; and to add his report of the same to the Secretary's report at the Annual Meeting.

The *Secretary*—his office is to keep the annals of the Society; to issue all notices of meetings, both of their time and purpose; to conduct the correspondence of the Society; and to prepare from the documents given in by the other officers, a report of the Society's transactions and progress, to be read at the Annual Meeting of the Associates.

In the absence of the Warden and Sub-Warden the chair shall be taken by one of the Council.

10. When a vacancy in any of these offices shall occur it shall be filled up by the Associates at a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, with a week's notice, within three weeks of the occurrence of the vacancy.

11. That two Auditors of the Accounts shall be appointed at the Annual meetings, who shall *not* be members of the Council.

12. That the Council shall meet once in every quarter at least, for transacting the special business of the Society; and no business can be transacted unless three members of the Council be present, the Bursar, Curator, or Secretary being one of the three.

13. That the Council have power to call a Special General Meeting of the Associates whenever they deem it expedient to do so, giving a week's notice of the same by circular to every Associate.

14. That the Council have power to summon the aid of every Associate to assist in the application to its purpose of any loan or gift of the Society in any district Church or place in which such Associate is interested and is known.

15. That sister Associates shall be admitted in the same manner as other Associates, but without the entrance fee, and by paying an annual subscription of four shillings; but their names shall not appear in the printed list of Associates. They shall be requested to assist and promote the work of the Society by handiwork of embroidery or other ornaments required.

16. That no new rule shall be passed, and no alteration made in any existing rule, except at a General meeting of the Associates (see Rules 8 and 13) and unless ten days' notice of the proposed new rule or alteration shall have been given with the sanction of the Council by the Secretary; and that such proposed new rule or alteration shall not be considered as carried, unless two-thirds of the Associates present during its discussion vote in favour of it.

17. That in every town or district where there are ten Associates they shall have power to form themselves into a Local Branch of the Society of S. Alphege.

18. That each Local branch shall be governed by a President and a Council of four, who shall be chosen annually by the Associates composing the Branch.

19. That the Council of each Branch shall have the power of electing new Associates from their own neighbourhood, but that such new Associates shall not be considered Members until approved of by the General Council, to which General Council their names shall be immediately transmitted.

20. That the subscriptions of all Associates, wherever resident, be paid to the Bursar of the Society, so that there be a common fund for the whole Society.

21. That Councils of Local Branches shall possess authority to receive and discuss applications for assistance, and to forward them, if approved of, to the General Council.

22. That any sum or sums of money which a branch may obtain by means of donations, over and above the subscriptions of the Associates to the central body, be absolutely at the disposal of the Council of the Branch, but that preference shall be given to applications for the neighbourhood in which the Branch is associated.

23. That no work shall be undertaken by any Branch without the General Council being first informed of its intentions.

24. That Branches shall have the power of making Bye Laws for their own government, subject to the approval of the Council of the Society, to which a copy of all such Bye Laws and alterations in them, shall be at once transmitted.

*It is requested that every branch do send up to the General Council an account of its receipts and expenditure, with that of its proceedings, at least one month before S. Alphege's Day (April 19), in order that it may be inserted in the General Report.*

NOTE.—*Members elected before the 14th day of August, 1867, who only subscribe 6s. per annum, are not required to increase their subscription to 10s., but it is earnestly hoped that all who can afford it will not decline to do so.*

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