

NORTHERN MAGIC CIRCLE

Patron : HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF NORTHUMBERLAND

Secretary : BRIAN LEAD, 55 Sanders Road, Blackburn, Lancashire BB2 6NP Tel: 01254 52070



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I,

(Full Name in BLOCK Letters)

residing at

Post Code Tel. No

Email :

desire to become a JUNIOR / FULL member of the NORTHERN MAGIC CIRCLE, and promise, if elected to abide by the Rules and Constitution of the Society.

Proposed by

Seconded by

Signed

Date

I enclose the annual subscription of £_____ and the joining fee of £_____ On the understanding that in the event of my application being unsuccessful this will be refunded in full.

Declaration

1. In the event of my being elected to membership of the Northern Magic Circle I promise to abide by its Rules and Constitution.
2. I swear on my honour not to disclose secrets of the Arts of Magic to anyone other than a brother magician, and I promise not to copy any original presentation or magical effect without first having obtained the consent of the originator.
3. I promise to uphold and foster all that is good in magic and at all times to promote the Society's aim of "Friendship through the Art of Magic".

As witness this my solemn Declaration

Signature

Signature of Witness

Date

This form should be completed and sent to the Secretary at the above address. Full remittance should be enclosed.

CONSTITUTION & RULES

The Society shall be known as the **Northern Magic Circle**, hereinafter called the Society.

THE OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY shall be as follows:-

- To band together persons interested in the promotion and advancement of the art of magic.
- To promote good fellowship amongst those interested in magic and the allied arts.
- To arrange and organise such functions as will create and stimulate interest and friendship in magic.
- To oppose and discourage the disclosure of magical secrets to people other than magicians.
- To hold a Convention at the discretion of the Council and Officers of the Society at a time of year and of a duration deemed most suitable by them. And to hold a Dinner for members and guests at another time of year to be known as the President's Dinner.
- To encourage the art of magic amongst young enthusiasts.
- To publish a society magazine for private circulation.
- To have a Welfare Service and a benevolent fund for sick or needy members.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SOCIETY

Shall be open to persons interested in the art of magic and the allied arts 16 years of age and over. Junior membership shall be available to persons aged between 11 and 16 years.

Applicants for membership or junior membership must sign the Society's nomination form, which must be forwarded to the Secretary accompanied by the corresponding entrance fee and annual subscription.

All applicants must be interviewed and approved by a member of the Council or Council nominee.

Monies forwarded will be returned in full, in the event of the application being unsuccessful.

THE ENTRANCE FEE

For membership shall be £10.00. There shall be no entrance fee for junior membership.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The annual subscription for members shall be £20.00.

The annual subscription for junior members shall be £10.00.

These subscription rates shall be ratified or adjusted by Council and submitted for adoption at the Annual General Meeting.

Subscriptions shall be due on 1st April each year. Any member whose subscriptions become six months in arrears shall automatically cease to be a member.

A person joining the Society, other than in April, shall pay a first year's subscription in proportion to the time of joining.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SOCIETY

Shall be by a Council composed of the following Officers and members: The Secretary and Treasurer and twelve other elected members: The President, Immediate Past President and the President Elect to be ex officio members of Council; five members shall form a quorum. Honorary Life Vice Presidents are also ex officio members of Council.

The Chairman of Council, an assistant Secretary and an Assistant Treasurer shall be elected from the elected Council at the first Council meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

The Council shall meet at least twice a year.

One third of the elected Council members shall retire each year in rotation and may offer themselves for re-election.

The Officers of the Society and the Council for the ensuing year shall be elected at The Annual General Meeting, or by postal ballot if necessary to the Annual General Meeting, and shall be approved by The Annual General Meeting.

Nominations for the various offices must have a proposer and a seconder and must be in the hands of the Secretary in writing six weeks before the Annual General Meeting. The nominee, proposer and seconder must all be full members in good standing with the Society.

The Council shall appoint a Returning Officer.

Junior Membership shall not carry voting rights.

EXPULSION OF MEMBERS:

Should the Council decide that the conduct of a member is prejudicial to the interest of the Society, such member shall be called upon to give an explanation. In the event of the explanation not being acceptable the member can be asked to resign or be expelled.

VICE PRESIDENTS:

The number of Vice Presidents shall be at the discretion of Council.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

This shall be held no later than 30th April each year. The meeting shall transact the following business:-

To approve the Minutes of the previous A.G.M.

To receive the report of the Secretary.

To receive the Treasurer's report and the Auditors' report thereon.

To approve the Council's recommendation for subscription rates for the ensuing year.

To approve the Council's nomination for President Elect.

To receive the Returning Officer's report on the ballot for Council membership and approve the composition of the Council for the ensuing year.

A member wishing to bring notice of motion for inclusion in the agenda for the A.G.M. shall give written notice of this to the Secretary, with the names of the proposer and seconder at least six weeks before the date of the A.G.M.

The Secretary shall give members not less than three weeks notice of the date, time and place of the Annual General Meeting, together with a copy of the agenda. Such notice may be given in the Society's magazine.

These rules may be revised at the decision of Council.

WELFARE OFFICER:

Members are asked to advise the Welfare Office of any sickness, cases of hardship or demise.

BENEVOLENT FUND:

The Welfare Officer has facilities for assisting in cases of genuine hardship. Members are urged to acquaint him/her with any case that may come to their notice.