

## ORGANIZING, CONSTITUTING AND CONSECRATING A LODGE.

When brethren are desirous of organizing a lodge they must proceed according to the forms laid down in the constitution.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new private lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven regularly registered Master Masons, and the lodge to which they belong, or formerly belonged, must be specified. These members need not all be registered on the books of the Grand Lodge of Canada, but must be registered on the books of some recognised jurisdiction. If demitted, the demit must show the petitioner to be in good standing, and his signature to a petition for a new lodge is equivalent to an application for affiliation. The petition must be recommended by the nearest warranted lodge, and in case of there being more than two warranted lodges within the jurisdiction it shall require the recommendation of not less than one-half of said lodges. This recommendation must be transmitted to the District Deputy Grand Master, who shall forward it, with his recommendation or opinion thereon, and the certificates of recommendation from the contiguous lodge or lodges whose jurisdiction will be invaded by the establishment of the new lodge, to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition is granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation, the fee for same being twenty dollars, authorizing the brethren to meet as a private lodge until the next communication of Grand Lodge. If, in the opinion of the Grand Master, the recommendation of the nearest lodge is unreasonably withheld, he shall have power to dispense with such recommendation. The recommendation from the nearest lodge or lodges required for a petition must be adopted in open lodge upon a regular resolution, and must be signed by the Master and Secretary of the lodge, with the seal of the lodge attached. In no case shall it be given without such resolution and signatures.

A lodge under dispensation possesses no other powers or privileges than such as are conferred by its dispensation, but it is subject to