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Grand Lodge of British Columbia By-Laws.

ANNUAL SESSION.

ARTICLE 1. This Grand Lodge shall hold a regular session not later than the third week in the month of October, and shall continue to meet from day to day (Sundays excepted) until the close of the session.

PLACE OF MEETING.

ARTICLE 2. The Grand Lodge shall, during its session determine the place of the next Annual Session, and the majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

REPRESENTATIVES.

ARTICLE 3. The basis of representation in the Grand Lodge shall be one for the Charter and one for every fifty members or fraction thereof.

ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES.

ARTICLE 4. Every Lodge shall have the right to elect for the same term as a regular representative, any member in good standing in the Lodge as alternate to act only in the absence of the regular representative.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 5. The election of Grand Officers shall take place on the second day of the session. Any member of the Grand Lodge shall be eligible, and a majority of the votes given shall be necessary for a choice; but no member shall hold more than one office. In case no candidate shall have received a majority on the first ballot, the representatives shall proceed immediately to ballot again, dropping the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot, and in case of a tie the last named in the order of nomination, until some candidate shall receive a majority of all the votes cast.

LODGE DEPUTIES.

ARTICLE 6. At the first meeting in August in each year each Subordinate Lodge shall nominate a member for the position of Deputy Grand Chief Templar, whose name shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, with the quarterly returns. In case of a vacancy occurring in the office, the Lodge shall make and forward recommendations as at the beginning of the term.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND CHIEF TEMPLAR.

ARTICLE 7. District Deputies shall have the power anywhere in their respective districts to institute new Lodges, in accordance with the law, to install the officers of any lodge when requested to do so by the Deputy of such Lodge, or in the absence of such Deputy, by the Lodge; and to grant dispensations and perform the other duties of their office in any Lodge in said district, in the absence of the Lodge Deputy, or in case of a vacancy in such office. They shall forthwith report to the Grand Chief Templar all cases of violation on the part of subordinates of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, or of disobedience of its lawful commands.

TRIAL OF OFFICERS.

ARTICLE 8. No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time occupied in his trial. Whenever the Grand Chief Templar or officer acting as such, shall be on trial, or whenever the resolution for the removal of the Grand Chief Templar or officer acting as such, shall be submitted, the Grand Lodge may direct any Chief Templar or Past Chief Templar then present to occupy the chair.