

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 the laws regulating private lodges so far as the same are applicable. The following is

THE FORM OF PETITION :

"To the M. W. Grand Master of the Fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario ;

"We, the undersigned, being regularly registered Masons of the lodges mentioned opposite our respective names, and having the prosperity of the Craft at heart, and wishing to promote and diffuse the general principles of the art, desire to form a new lodge, to be named.....to meet at.....in the County of.....in the..(*give number*)..District. In pursuance of this we desire to pray for Letters of Dispensation or a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet as a regular