

(8) An Investigating Committee, composed of three Active members, whose duty it shall be to enquire into, and report upon the character and qualifications of all Master Masons seeking admission to this Lodge shall be appointed by the Master annually at the regular meeting in June.

(9) Unless required by some Active Member of the Lodge, or recommended by the Investigating Committee, or directed by the Master, it shall not be necessary to ballot on the petition of any Master Mason applying for Associate Membership in the Lodge, and the Master, or other member presiding in his absence shall, after report by the Investigating Committee, and in the absence of any such requisition, recommendation or direction, direct the Secretary to enroll such applicant as an Associate member of the Lodge.

(10) Membership in this Lodge shall not in any way affect the standing or privileges of any member in any other subordinate Lodge under the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

(11) Any member desirous of withdrawing from the Lodge must apply at a regular meeting personally, or by letter addressed to the Secretary, to be read in open Lodge, and shall thereupon be entitled to a dimit, provided he is in good standing, and clear of all indebtedness on the books. The application must lie on the table for one month, unless the necessity of the case requires immediate action.

(12) No member of this Lodge shall make use of Masonic emblems, either on sign-boards or business cards, or in any way seek to extend his business by the use thereof, except by consent of the Lodge. This is not, however, to apply to Masonic jewellery worn by a brother, nor to authorised Masonic books, jewels or clothing intended for sale.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Committees, Officers and their Duties.

(1) The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia shall during the term of his office be *ex officio* the Master of this Lodge.

(2) (a) In addition to the officers of the Lodge as required by the Constitution of Grand Lodge, the Lodge shall elect one of its members to preside over the Lodge in the absence of the Grand Master; the member so elected shall be known as the Deputy Master.