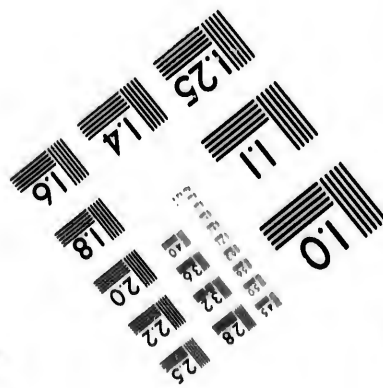
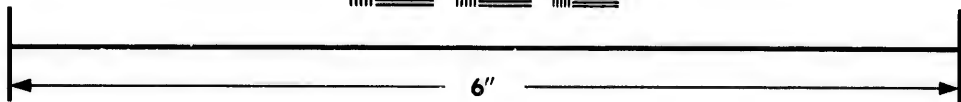
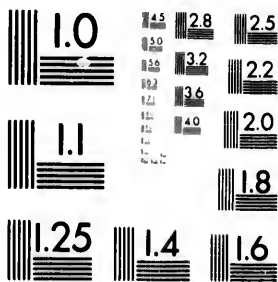


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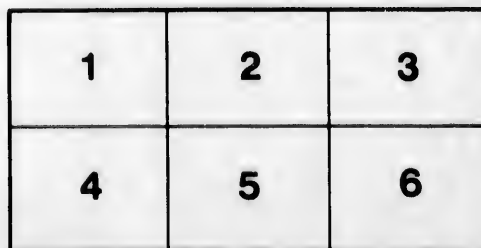
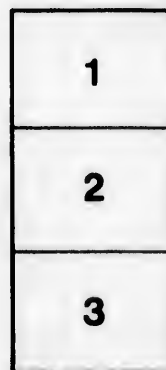
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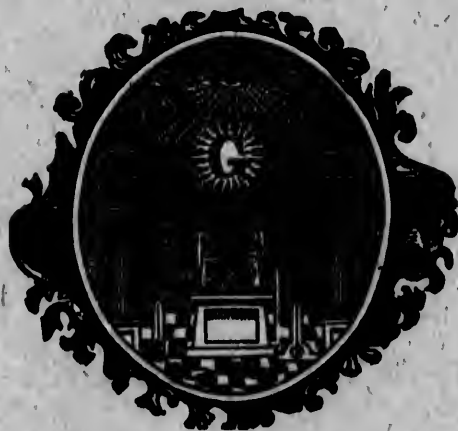
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PREAMBLE.

Clause I. Put thy trust in God, know thyself, act honorably, content thyself with little, avoid show, hear without speaking, be discreet, learn to spare your inferiors, to submit to your superiors, to assist your equals, be active, agreeable, independent. Learn the art of living well—and that of dying.

Clause II. For the purpose of securing order and regularity and with the view of promoting harmony and decorum, the brethren of Mount Hermon Lodge, No. 7, repeal all former and enact the following by-laws.

NAME OF LODGE.

SEC. I. This lodge shall be known as MOUNT HERMON LODGE, No. 7, G. R., B. C.

DUTY TO GRAND LODGE.

SEC. II. This Lodge acknowledges the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, and will at all times pay respect and obedience to its laws, rules, orders and regulations.

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MEETINGS.

SEC. III. Regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held at Vancouver on the first Tuesday of every month and also on the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist (but if either of the Festivals should occur on Sunday then on the following day) at such hour as the Master shall appoint, of which the members shall be notified.

EMERGENCY MEETINGS.

SEC. IV. Emergency meetings of this Lodge may be held as provided by Section 89, Page 31 of the Constitution relating to private Lodges.

OFFICERS.

SEC. V. The Officers of this Lodge shall be the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Two Stewards, Inner Guard and Tyler.

ELECTIONS.

SEC. VI. Annually at the Regular Meeting in December, the Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Two Auditors and the Tyler shall be elected by ballot.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. VII. Annually on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist the installation and investiture of officers shall take place.

APPOINTMENTS.

SEC. VIII. Annually on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, after the Master has been duly installed in the Chair, he shall appoint the Deacons, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Stewards, Inner Guard, and two members of the Central Benevolent Committee.

ATTENDANCE.

SEC. IX. Every officer shall attend punctually at the hour named in the notice of meeting under penalty of censure by the Master.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

THE MASTER.

SEC. X. That beyond the ancient charges and regulations and the duties laid down by the Book of Constitution, the Master is responsible for the safe keeping of the Warrant and Lodge records, books and papers, and with the Wardens shall hold all the furniture, jewels, and other property of the Lodge in trust for the members and shall have them insured against loss by fire. He shall sign all orders on the Treasurer and be ex-officio a member of all committees.

THE SENIOR WARDEN.

SEC. XI. In addition to the regular duties appertaining to his office the Senior Warden shall keep an inventory of the jewels, furniture and other property of the Lodge and especially see to their safe keeping.

THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

SEC. XII. In addition to the regular duties appertaining to his office the Junior Warden shall attend to the necessary arrangements for refreshments on all ordinary occasions.

THE CHAPLAIN.

SEC. XIII. The duties of the Chaplain speak for themselves and it is very desirable to have his punctual attendance. He must be a Brother in Holy Orders.

THE TREASURER.

SEC. XIV. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys of the Lodge and deposit the same in a chartered bank named by the Lodge, pay by cheque drawn in favor of the party named in the account all orders duly signed by the Master and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall keep books in which his receipts and disbursements shall be regularly entered so as to be able to exhibit the balance in his hands at any time. He shall keep separate and distinct from the private funds of the Lodge all moneys received on account of the

Grand Lodge and hand the same to the Master for transmission to the Grand Secretary. He shall annually at least one week previous to the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, submit his accounts and vouchers to the Auditors for examination and transfer to his successor immediately after his installation all money and other property of the Lodge in his possession.

THE SECRETARY.

SEC. XV. The Secretary shall be exempt from payment of all Lodge dues. He shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Lodge and preserve in order all papers and documents belonging thereto. He shall keep a correct register of the Members and of their respective accounts with the Lodge and an account shewing the fees and dues received for and payable to the Grand Lodge. He shall sign all authorized certificates and affix the Lodge seal thereto, issue all necessary notices and summonses for meetings, countersign all orders drawn by the direction of the Lodge, notify the members of every committee of their appointment and the nature of their duties, receive all moneys paid by members or others to the Lodge and pay the same immediately to the Treasurer if present at the Lodge or if absent before the next regular meeting; and discharge all other duties appertaining to the office of Secretary.

THE DEACONS.

SEC. XVI. The Deacons shall attend at the opening of the Lodge and take such part in the ceremonies as the Master may direct.

THE DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES.

SEC. XVII. The Director of Ceremonies shall see that the Lodge Room is properly prepared; that all brethren appear in the clothing prescribed in the Book of Constitution and to the best of his ability, that every brother when in the Lodge or at refreshment is stationed according to his rank.

THE ORGANIST.

SEC. XVIII. The Organist shall punctually attend all meetings and take such part in the ceremonies as the Master may direct.

THE STEWARDS.

SEC. XIX. The Stewards under the direction of the Senior Warden shall see to the safe and careful keeping of the jewels, furniture and other property of the Lodge and under the Junior Warden shall have the arrangement and ordering of the refreshments.

THE INNER GUARD.

SEC. XX. The Inner Guard shall attend all meetings punctually at the hour named in the notice of meetings to guard the interior of the Lodge, obey the commands of the Master and Junior Warden and give directions to the Tyler.

THE TYLER.

SEC. XXI. The Tyler shall diligently watch the exterior of the Lodge, see that the candidates for admission are properly prepared, that brethren register their names and are properly clothed, that the furniture and other property are kept in good order and perform such other duties as the Lodge or its officers may direct. He shall be exempt from all Lodge dues.

AUDITORS.

SEC. XXII. It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit the accounts and such Auditors shall report in writing at the regular meeting in December and at such other times as the Lodge may direct.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BENEVOLENT BOARD.

SEC. XXIII. It shall be the duty of Representatives to the Benevolent Board to attend all meetings of the said Board and aid in dispensing relief in such manner as may be decided on. They shall report to the Lodge at the regular meeting in December or at any other time when required.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

SEC. XXIV. The Committee of General Purposes shall consist of the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge. They shall have charge of the finances, examine all accounts and when correct recommend the same for payment. They shall have authority to inspect all books and papers relative to the accounts, give orders for any alterations required therein. They shall have power to summon the Treasurer, Secretary or other members having possession of any books or papers belonging to the Lodge to attend the Committee. They shall make enquiries and report on all applications for initiation or admission to membership in the Lodge. They shall meet at least once every month or whenever summoned by the Senior Warden, who shall be the presiding officer. Three members shall form a quorum and a report of the proceedings shall be presented in writing to the Lodge at each regular meeting and an annual report at the regular meeting in December showing the progress made by the Lodge during the preceding twelve months, the state of the finances, the names of all brethren in arrears for dues with suggestions as they may deem advisable.

SICK COMMITTEE

SEC. XXV. The Master shall, when required, appoint a committee of three brethren to visit the sick or distressed members of the Lodge and on the recommendation of said Committee the Master may grant such temporary relief as may be deemed advisable.

SCRUTINEERS, ETC.

SEC. XXVI. The Master shall, on the occasion of the election of officers, appoint three brethren to be scrutineers of the ballot, they shall examine the ballots and report the number of votes cast, when the Master shall declare the brother having a majority of all the votes cast duly elected.

PROPOSING MEMBERS

SEC. XXVII. Every candidate for initiation or affiliation shall sign a petition and be proposed by one member

and seconded by another at a regular meeting and shall make the usual declarations required by the Constitution and on such proposition being received by the Lodge, the Master shall order it to be handed to the Secretary to be laid before the Committee of General Purposes for their consideration.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

SEC. XXVIII. Any brother who may have rendered any service to the craft may be admitted an honorary member of this Lodge with or without privileges upon an unanimous ballot, such proposition being notified to all members in the same manner as in the case of joining brethren. An honorary member shall be exempt from dues unless he should accept office, during which term he shall pay dues as an ordinary member.

BALLOTING FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. XXIX. No person shall be initiated if on ballot one black ball appear against him, and no brother shall be admitted a member by affiliation if on ballot *three* black balls appear against him. No brother shall be made an honorary member unless elected by unanimous ballot, but, to prevent mistakes, the Master may direct the ballot to be forthwith taken a second time.

SECRECY OF BALLOT.

SEC. XXX. If any brother or candidate on being balloted for, be rejected, it is required of every brother and visiting brother present that they do not on the honor of Masons, at any time or under any circumstances improperly disclose the same, any member violating this rule shall be suspended from membership until a full and satisfactory apology has been made to the Lodge, and any visitor guilty of like conduct shall not be allowed to visit the Lodge again or become a member until a full and satisfactory apology has been made to the Lodge, and that any brother present may not plead ignorance the W. M. shall direct this By-law to be distinctly read in open Lodge immediately after rejection and previous to any communication being made to the applicant.

NON-ATTENDANCE AFTER BALLOT.

SEC. XXXI. Should any candidate who has been approved for initiation, not attend for the purpose within six months after being accepted by the Lodge, he must before he can be initiated, be again proposed and a fresh ballot taken.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS.

SEC. XXXII. Any brother desirous of resigning his membership may notify the Secretary in writing or signify the same personally at a regular meeting, and a certificate of his standing shall be furnished him, if required, by the Secretary.

RE-ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

SEC. XXXIII. Should any member resign he can be re-admitted by complying with Articles 27 and 29 and should any member who has been excluded or suspended for an indefinite period desire to be re-admitted he may petition the Lodge for its recommendation to Grand Lodge that he be restored and if at the next regular meeting the Lodge by a two-third vote by ballot concur, the petition shall be endorsed under seal and transmitted to the Grand Secretary to be presented to Grand Lodge. Should the action of Grand Lodge be favorable he shall be re-admitted to membership without a further ballot or joining fee.

FEES AND DUES.

SEC. XXXIV. The fees for conferring the three degrees shall be, for initiation, \$30; passing, \$10; raising, \$10 and for affiliation \$2.

SEC. XXXV. Any applicant for affiliation to this Lodge, who is only an entered apprentice and having been regularly admitted a member by ballot shall have the privilege of taking the Fellow Craft and Master Mason's Degrees and the fees payable shall be as follows, viz:—Second Degree, \$15; Third Degree, \$20.

SEC. XXXVI. The annual dues shall be \$9, to be paid by each member (except the Secretary and Tyler) quarterly in equal proportions.

SEC. XXXVII. If the dues of a brother remain unpaid for six months it shall be the duty of the Secretary to read out in open Lodge the name of such brother in default after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting to show cause why he should not be suspended together with a copy of this By-law shall be sent to the defaulting brother, and if such brother shall not in the meantime have paid his arrears and no excuse be offered which the Lodge may deem sufficient, it shall then on proof of such default suspend said brother forthwith.

SEC. XXXVIII. The Lodge may for sufficient cause remit the whole or any portion of the arrears due by a member or may defer enforcing the penalty of this By-law for such period as it may deem advisable.

DISPOSAL OF FUNDS, PROPERTY, ETC.

SEC. XXXIX. No part of the funds of the Lodge shall be expended except for monthly or other necessary expenses unless a notice of motion has been given at one regular meeting and inserted in the notices for the next regular meeting, when if a majority of the members present approve, the expenditure may be incurred.

SEC. XL. No portion of the furniture, jewels, or other property of the Lodge shall be sold, alienated or in any way disposed of except by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

CLOTHING.

SEC. XLI. Brethren shall at all times (when in Lodge) appear in the proper Masonic clothing as prescribed in the Book of Constitution.

SECRECY.

SEC. XLII. Any member who shall disclose or make known by any means whatever out of this Lodge any of

the proceedings, decisions or business of any kind transacted within the same to any person not a member of this Lodge, and any member who shall in open Lodge either at Labor or Refreshment make use of any profane, irreverent, or improper expressions or sentiments, or introduce any conversation or remark tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political or religious subject, shall render himself liable to censure or suspension from membership.

RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. XLIII. The Lodge shall be conducted according to the following rules of order:—

1ST. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading and confirming minutes of previous meetings.
2. Reading correspondence.
3. Presentation of petitions.
4. Reports of committees.
5. Passing accounts.
6. Reading names of brethren six months in arrears.
7. General business, unfinished business, motions, elections, etc.
8. Enquiry by W. M. if any of the brethren are ill or in distressed circumstances.
9. Balloting for candidates.
10. Conferring degrees.

2ND. RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. XLIV. 1. No motion shall be received unless submitted in writing with the names of the mover and seconder thereon, nor be open for discussion until stated to the Lodge by the Master.

2. All motions shall be decided by a majority of votes unless otherwise provided. In case of a tie the Master to have a second or casting vote.

3. The votes of the members are given by each holding out his right hand, which hand shall be counted by the Master or Deacons unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary.

4. No brother shall speak twice on the same subject without permission of the Master, unless in explanation or the mover in reply.

5. A brother desiring to speak or submit a motion shall rise and remain standing and respectfully addressing the Master, shall confine his remarks to the question and observe the strictest courtesy, order and decorum.

6. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother or what he has said, or to interrupt him except to call him to order, shall be publicly reprimanded by the Master.

7. On a point of order being raised while a brother is speaking or when called to order by the Master, he shall at once take his seat when the point of order shall be stated by the brother objecting, the Master shall decide thereupon without debate, when after having been set right the brother may proceed.

8. No amendment to a motion shall be in order after an amendment to an amendment, but after a vote has been taken on an amendment and it has been declared lost, further amendments are in order.

9. A ballot shall be taken on a question when called for by two members either immediately before or after an open vote shall have been taken.

10. If the Master indicate a desire to speak while a brother is on the floor that brother shall immediately sit down that the Master may be heard.

11. All brethren shall observe the first call of the Master's gavel.

12. Whenever a question has been submitted for consideration it cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Lodge.

13. Every member present shall vote on any question brought before the Lodge unless excused by the Master or Lodge from doing so.

14. A motion that has been declared lost cannot be renewed at the same meeting of the Lodge.

BEHAVIOUR.

SEC. XLV. A brother violating any of the provisions of these by-laws or behaving in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, may be admonished by the Master, or after due trial subjected to such punishment as the brethren may have the power to inflict, or his case may be reported to higher authority.

SIGNING BY-LAWS.

SEC. XLVI. These by-laws shall be written in a book, signed by the Master and Secretary and have the seal of the Lodge affixed and every brother shall sign them as a declaration of his submission thereto, and a printed copy shall be delivered to each candidate upon his acceptance for initiation by the Lodge.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS.

SEC. XLVII. No alteration shall be made in these by-laws unless by a notice of motion given in writing at a regular meeting of the proposed alteration which shall be duly entered on the minutes and inserted in the notice for the next regular meeting, stating when the proposed alteration shall come on for discussion, and on a resolution regularly moved and seconded in favor thereof being agreed to by two-thirds of the members present, it shall, as soon as it receives the sanction of the Grand Master, become law.

Read and confirmed in open Lodge the 27th day of February, 1888.

B. SPRINGER, W.M.

W. O. MILLER, Secretary

Approved and confirmed.

A. R. MILNE, Grand Master.

Victoria, B.C., March 29th, 1888.

Attest.

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E. C. NEUFELDER, Grand Secretary.

