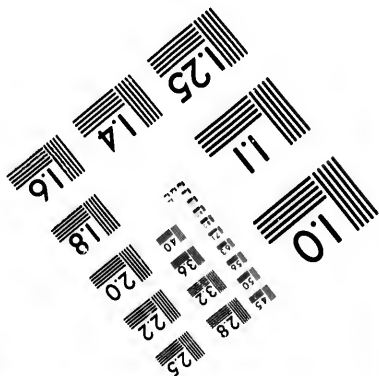
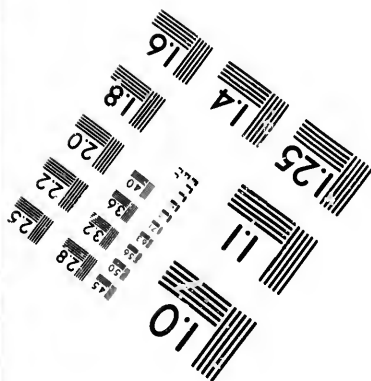
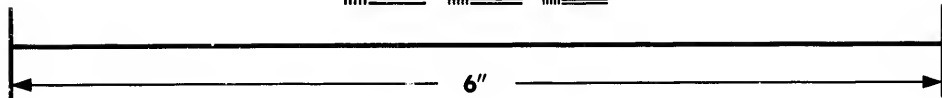
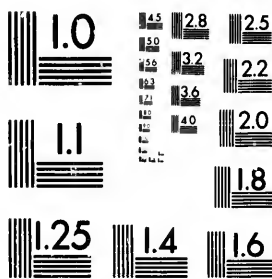


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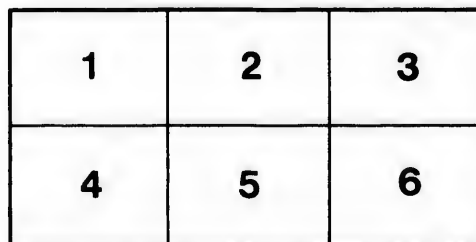
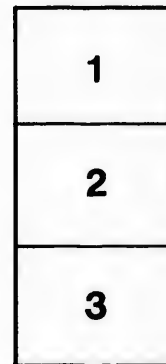
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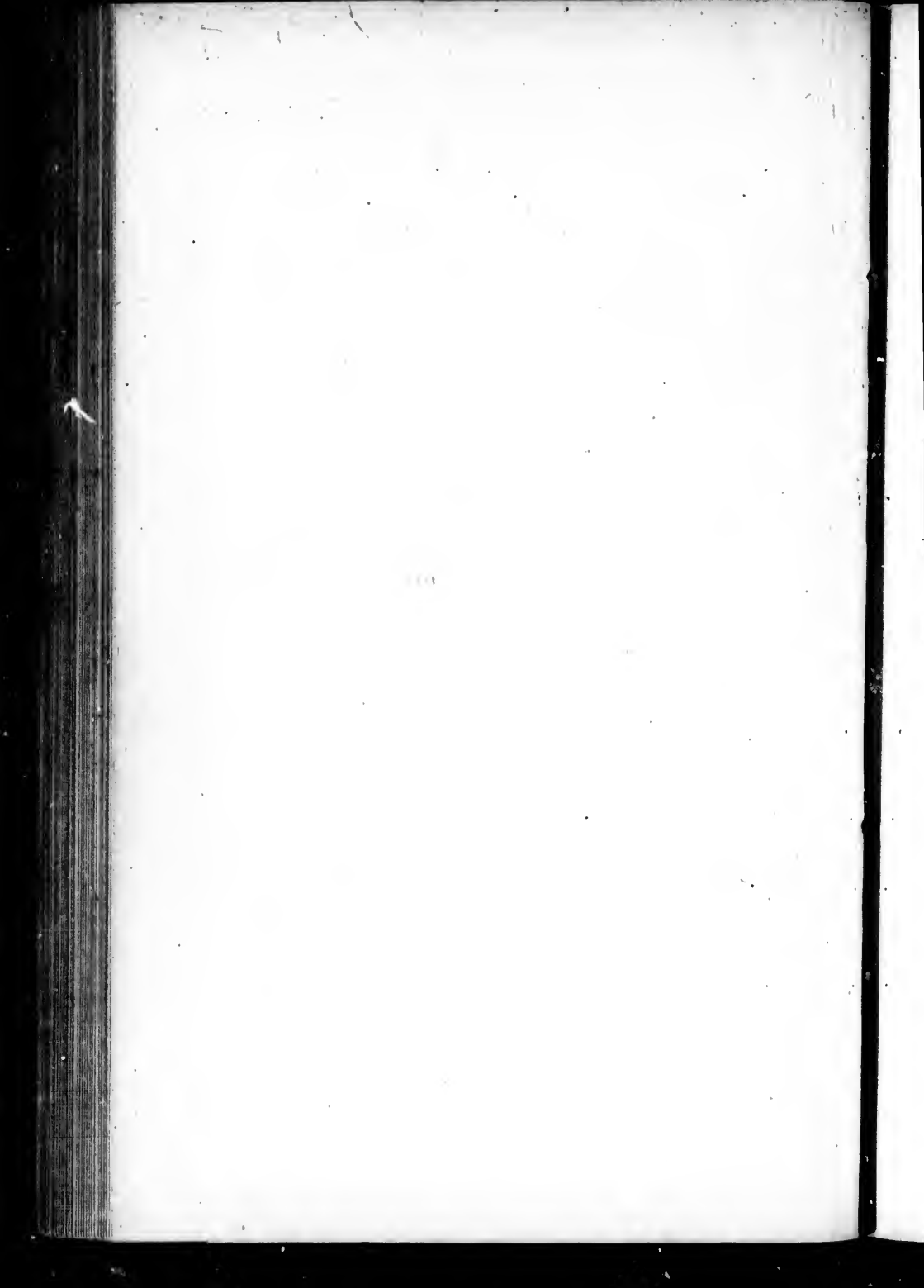
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons

OF NOVA SCOTIA.

WE, THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, ensure tranquility, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the fraternity of Nova Scotia, all the blessings of Masonic privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

OF THE GRAND LODGE.

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia."

2. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the annual communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form.

3. The following officers shall be elected by ballot of Grand Lodge:—

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master,

“ Right	“	“ Deputy Grand Master,
“ “	“	“ Substitute Grand Master,
“ “	“	“ Senior Grand Warden,
“ “	“	“ Junior Grand Warden.

The remainder by nomination and open vote,
viz. :—

The Right Worshipful the Grand Chaplain,

“	“	“ Treasurer,
“	“	“ Registrar,
“	“	“ Secretary,
“	“	“ Lecturer,

The Very Worshipful the Grand	Senior	Deacon,
“	“	“ Junior Deacon,
“	“	“ Jeweller,
“	“	“ Architect,
“	“	“

The officers shall be elected by written ballot, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present. No new names shall be introduced after the first ballot, and the brother having the smallest number shall always be left out. The ballot shall continue in this way until a majority is obtained, but no one shall be eligible unless his name has been recorded in the Grand Lodge Books.

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“	“	“ Junior Deacon,
“	“	“ Jeweller,
“	“	“ Architect,
“	“	“ Bible Bearer,
“	“	“ Sword Bearer,
“	“	“ Pursuivant,
“	“	“ Tyler.

Also one Grand Steward from each Lodge under our jurisdiction.

4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned—the Masters and Wardens of all subordinate Lodges duly installed, and in their absence by proxies duly certified—three Immediate Past Masters, duly returned, being subscribing members to a subordinate Lodge. Past Grand Masters shall rank next to the Grand Master. The five principal Past Grand Officers shall be entitled to a vote for three successive years; but no one shall have more than one vote unless acting as a proxy.

5. Should neither of the representative officers of a Lodge attend any communication of Grand Lodge, such lodge by a vote of the lodge properly

certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal, may delegate a Past Master of the lodge, or in the absence of a Past Master, any other brother entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge to represent their lodge; but no brother can represent more than two lodges. A proxy shall have one vote for each officer represented by him.

6. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :—

The Grand Master,
 Past Grand Masters in seniority,
 The Deputy Grand Master,
 The Substitute Grand Master,
 The Senior Grand Warden,
 The Junior “ “
 The Grand Chaplain,
 The Grand Treasurer,
 The Grand Registrar,
 The Grand Secretary,
 The Grand Lecturer,
 The Senior Grand Deacon,
 The Junior “ “
 The Grand Architect,
 The Grand Jeweller,

The Grand Bible Bearer,
The Grand Sword Bearer,
The Grand Pursuivant,
The Grand Tyler,
The Grand Stewards.

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior Wardens of subordinate Lodges in the order of the numbers of their respective lodge warrants.

7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next quarterly communication.

8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor wearing any jewel not recognized by the Grand Lodge.

9. Should any Lodge have neglected to make its returns or payments to the Grand Lodge for the space of one year after due, the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, or Proxy Masters of such Lodge shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Lodge until such returns or payments shall have been completed.

10. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at Halifax on the 21st day of

June, at 4 P. M. No visitor shall speak to any question without leave of the Grand Master, nor shall he on any occasion be permitted to vote. Regular quarterly communications shall be held on the second Fridays of March, June, September and December, at 8 P. M.

11. No officer shall be declared duly elected unless he has a majority of the votes of those present; nor shall he be eligible for office unless his name has been recorded in the Grand Lodge books.

12. The following officers must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges:—

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master,				
The Right	“	“	Deputy Grand Master,	
“	“	“	Substitute	“
“	“	“	Senior Grand Warden,	
“	“	“	Junior	“

13. The Grand Master shall, as soon as convenient after the opening of the Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively. Each Committee shall consist of three members:—

1. On Credentials.
2. On Constitution and Regulations.
3. On Grievances and Appeals.
4. On Finance and an Audit Committee.

14. The Grand Master, or in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his absence, the Substitute Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall in their opinion require it; the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

15. If at any Grand Lodge, stated or occasional, the Grand Master be absent, the lodge shall be ruled by the Grand Officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and if no Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge. He shall have the same power as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in ample form when the Grand Master is present, in due form when a Past Grand Master or the Deputy presides; all other times only in form, yet with the same authority.

16. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them; always taking care that the ancient landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as in its wisdom and discretion it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling brethren from the craft.

17. No Lodge shall be erased, nor any brother expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending brother shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced; such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such brother, being deemed a proper summons; but a reasonable time in the discretion of the Grand Lodge must elapse before sentence is passed.

18. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced into writing, and delivered to the Grand Secretary who shall lay them before the Grand Master, or committee appointed by the Grand Lodge. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the laws and regulations of Masonry.

19. When any memorial or other document shall be presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

OF GRAND MASTER.

1. The Grand Master shall, according to ancient usage, be elected and installed at the annual communication.

2. Should the Grand Master die during his Grand Mastership, or be rendered incapable of

discharging the duties of his office by sickness, absence, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master or, in his absence, the substitute Grand Master or, in his absence, the Grand Wardens shall assemble the Grand Lodge immediately to record the event; which Grand Lodge shall appoint three of its members to invite the last preceding Grand Master to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, then the last but one, and so on. If no former Grand Master be found to act, the Grand Lodge shall be summoned to elect a Grand Master.

3. The Grand Master, under sanction of the Grand Lodge may, by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem to be appropriate.

4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his

Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right, and his Substitute on his left hand. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons, to act there as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

5. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but, through the Grand Secretary, or the Deputy Grand Master.

7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

1. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority, in the absence of the Grand Master, to preside in

any Lodge which he may visit, with the Substitute Master on his right hand, and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*.

OF GRAND WARDENS.

1. The Grand Wardens shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge no others can supply their places; but in their absence, the senior past Grand Wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no past Grand Warden be present the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden *pro tempore*.

3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand

Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act there as his Wardens.

OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.

1. The Grand Chaplain shall be elected and invested at the annual communication, and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usage of the fraternity.

OF GRAND TREASURER.

1. The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other trustees as the Grand Lodge shall nominate, in such penalty, and with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all monies raised for the general charity, or for any

other public use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication; and these accounts shall be annually audited by a committee who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication in June.

OF GRAND REGISTRAR.

1. The Grand Registrar shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. He shall have the custody of the Seals of the Grand Lodge, and shall affix, or may authorize the Grand Secretary to affix the same to all patents, warrants, certificates and other documents issued by the authority of the Grand Lodge, as well as such as the Grand Master in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge, may direct.

3. He is to superintend the records of the Grand

Lodge, and to take care that the several documents issued be in due form.

OF GRAND SECRETARY.

1. The Grand Secretary shall be elected and invested at the annual communication.

2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise, to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge and its committees, and to attend and to take minutes of their proceedings, to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same to each communication of the Grand Lodge, to transmit to all the Lodges annually a condensed account of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered either by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, to notify all Lodges quarterly of all expelled, suspended and excluded members, and all rejected candidates, and to lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority, to attend the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and to

take to him any books and papers he may direct, to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge, to receive regularly, credit and record all monies of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received, and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been done, or ought to have been done, by a Grand Secretary.

OF GRAND TYLER.

1. The Grand Tyler is to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

2. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business, or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or

attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

1. The officers of a Lodge are the Master, Deputy and Substitute Masters, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, two Stewards and Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed.

2. Every Lodge shall annually, at its regular meeting in May, elect all its officers by ballot, as in the case of the Grand Lodge. They shall be duly installed according to ancient usage.

3. Every Lodge has the power of forming by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to, or inconsistent with, the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved.

Every brother shall sign the by-laws at his initiation, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws which should be printed for the use of the Lodge, and delivered to the members.

4. The Master is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing and raising, and also their ages, as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

5. The regular days of meeting of a Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws.

6. A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in his absence, of the Junior Warden; but on no pretense without such authority. The particular reason of calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be intimated by the Master, and afterwards recorded on the minute

book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

7. The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their Warrant of Constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

8. No Lodge shall make a Mason, or admit a member, without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft on these occasions.

9. No Lodge shall on any pretence initiate a candidate until he shall have been balloted for and approved; nor can a rejected applicant for initiation be balloted for again in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months of the time of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in Masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than two weeks from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in that degree.

10. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than \$20, nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes any

candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all the fees payable on account of his initiation.

11. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members; as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge.

12. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a committee appointed by the Lodge.

13. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge Diploma to be paid for by the Lodge.

14. No Lodge or officer, or member of a Lodge shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

15. All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs: every deviation therefore from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced.

16. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be twice formally admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished according to the by-laws of that particular Lodge, or the case may be reported to higher Masonic authority.

17. Every Lodge has the power of suspending a member for gross, immoral, or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given openly. The name of every brother suspended, together with the cause of his suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

18. A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge without a fresh ballot on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended — notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

19. The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of the Master, Wardens, and Brethren of such Lodge; nor shall any jewel be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except such honorary or other jewel as shall appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge.

20. All minutes, lists, and books of account belonging to a Lodge must be produced by the Master when he shall be so required by competent authority.

21. The majority of the members of a Lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to their Master or Wardens, or other representative before the meeting of the Grand

Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

22. Each Lodge shall annually make a return to the Grand Secretary of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge, and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in some such return.

23. Each Lodge shall make its returns and payments regularly to the Grand Secretary, and in case of neglect for three months after such returns are due, to make such returns and payments, or if the Lodge do not meet during that period, it is liable to be suspended. The Master, Past Masters and Wardens of a Lodge which shall have neglected for more than one year to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the Grand Lodge, or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been completed.

24. If a Lodge be dissolved, the Warrant shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge.

25. As every Warranted Lodge is a constituent

part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if therefore the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members. If all the members of a Lodge withdraw themselves, their Warrant ceases and becomes extinct: and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the Grand Master.

26. No Lodge shall be erased, or its Warrant declared forfeited, unless the Master or Officers shall have been warned in writing of their offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made against them.

27. If any Lodge, or its Master or Wardens be summoned to attend, or to produce its Warrant, books, papers, or accounts to the Grand Lodge, or any committee authorized by the Grand Lodge, and do not comply or give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy, such Lodge may be suspended.

OF THE MASTER AND WARDENS OF LODGES.

1. All preferment among Masons shall be grounded on real worth and personal merit only, therefore no brother shall be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank.

2. Every Master when placed in the chair shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old established usages and customs, and to preserve the ancient land marks of the Order, and most strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

3. No Brother shall continue in the office of Master for more than two years in succession; but he may be again elected after he has been out of office one year.

4. The Master and Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Free Masons.

5. The Master is responsible for the due observ-

ance of the laws relating to subordinate Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by any lawful authority for examination.

6. If the Master should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall act as Master in summoning the Lodge until a new Master be elected. In the Master's absence the Immediate Past Master, or if he be absent, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present, shall take the chair. If no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence, the Junior Warden, may rule the Lodge, but not confer degrees. A Past Master of any other Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and confer degrees, or perform any other ceremony.

7. The Master and Wardens of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Lodge, or any committee authorized by the Grand Lodge, and produce for examination the Warrant, minutes and books of the Lodge, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next Grand

Lodge; but a peremptory summons must always be first issued.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. (See proposing members.)

2. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the authority of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, shall not be admitted as a member, nor even as a visitor, into any regular Lodge, nor partake of the general charity or other Masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

3. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge

without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the Order. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge by authority of the Master, or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting, at which persons not Masons are permitted to be present.

4. Any brother who shall violate the secrecy of the ballot by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

5. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute-book of his Lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of

the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority.

6. If any member shall be suspended from his Lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge until that Lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign, or shall be suspended, or whenever at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the Lodge, and such certificate is to be produced to any other Lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

7. All differences between, or complaints of members that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced into writing, and delivered to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Grand Lodge, or the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, when

all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorized by the by-laws and regulations of Masonry.

8. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member of a Lodge. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

2. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the Lodge.

OF PROPOSING MEMBERS.

Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honorable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice given, or inquiry made into their characters and qualifications, and also from the passing and raising of Masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, it is determined that in future a violation or neglect of any of the following laws shall subject the Lodge offending to suspension, because no emergency can be allowed as a justification :

1. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge without a regular proposition in open Lodge two weeks before he is balloted for, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary, stating the fact, and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his dues paid.

2. No person shall be made a Mason unless he

has resided one year in the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, or produces a certificate from six members in good standing of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, nor until he has been properly proposed at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and his case referred to the investigating committee, when after the committee have reported to the Lodge, he may be ballotted for, and if approved, he may be initiated in the first degree of Masonry.

3. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, without the consent, by an open vote of that Lodge, in writing, except in a town or city where there are more than one Lodge, and in which case each Lodge has concurrent jurisdiction.

4. In cases of emergency the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed:—Any two members of a Lodge may transmit in writing to the Master the name, etc., of any candidate whom they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency, and the Master and Wardens, if the emergency be proper, shall notify the said recommendation to

the members of their Lodge, stating the name, age, occupation and place of abode of the candidate, and refer the case to the investigating committee as above provided, and at the same time summon a Lodge to meet at a period of not less than two clear days from the issuing of the summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and if he be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of Masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition and emergency stated to be recorded in the minute-book of the Lodge.

5. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate must be free born, and his own master, and at the time of initiation be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or other of them; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import.* (See Appendix F.)

6. No person shall be made a Mason in, or

* Any person who cannot write is consequently ineligible to be admitted into the order.

admitted a member of a Lodge, if on the ballot two black balls appear against him. Some Lodges wish for no such indulgence, but require the unanimous consent of the members present—the by-laws of each Lodge must therefore guide them in this respect; but if there be two black balls, such person cannot on any pretence be admitted.

7. No rejected candidate can be balloted for in the same or any other Lodge within twelve months of the time of his rejection.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

Every private Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and Grand Registrar; and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

OF VISITORS.

1. No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, or after due examination by one or

more of the brethren present, and shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, the name of his mother Lodge, and the Lodge hailing from, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the Lodge he must be subject to its by-laws. The Master of the Lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

2. The attention of the brethren is particularly called to the exercise of the greatest caution in vouching for brethren.

LOGGES OF INSTRUCTION.

1. No general Lodge of Instruction shall be holden unless under the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

2. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a minute of

brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge, granting the sanction.

3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its Warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

OF APPEAL.

As the Grand Lodge when congregated is a representation of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft—any Lodge, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be

made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made. All appeals must be made in proper and respectful language—no others will be received.

OF DIPLOMAS.

1. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge Diploma immediately upon his name being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, for which Diploma the Lodge shall pay one dollar. Each Lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the Masons whom it has raised shall, in addition to the register fee, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

2. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Worshipful Master, or Secretary of the Lodge.

3. All applications for Grand Lodge Diplomas

must be made to the Grand Secretary, and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not been previously registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

4. No Lodge shall grant a certificate to a brother except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a Grand Lodge Diploma, (in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the Grand Secretary), and except also such certificates as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its committees, or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing; nor shall a Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master (Appendix B) signed by at least seven regular registered Masons, and the Lodges to which they formerly belonged, must be specified. The petition

must be recommended by the officers of some regular Lodge, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary to be submitted to the Grand Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to meet as a Lodge until a Warrant of Constitution shall be granted by the Grand Lodge.

OF REGALIA.

1. Lodges already in possession of Regalia may use such as they have; when in need of new clothing, application shall be made to the Grand Lodge for patterns of jewels, &c., so that uniformity may be attained. The color shall always be dark blue. No brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, without his proper clothing.

2. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, which shall not appertain to, or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized and acknowledged by the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to wear gold

lace, subordinate Lodges may wear silver if they desire it.

APRONS.

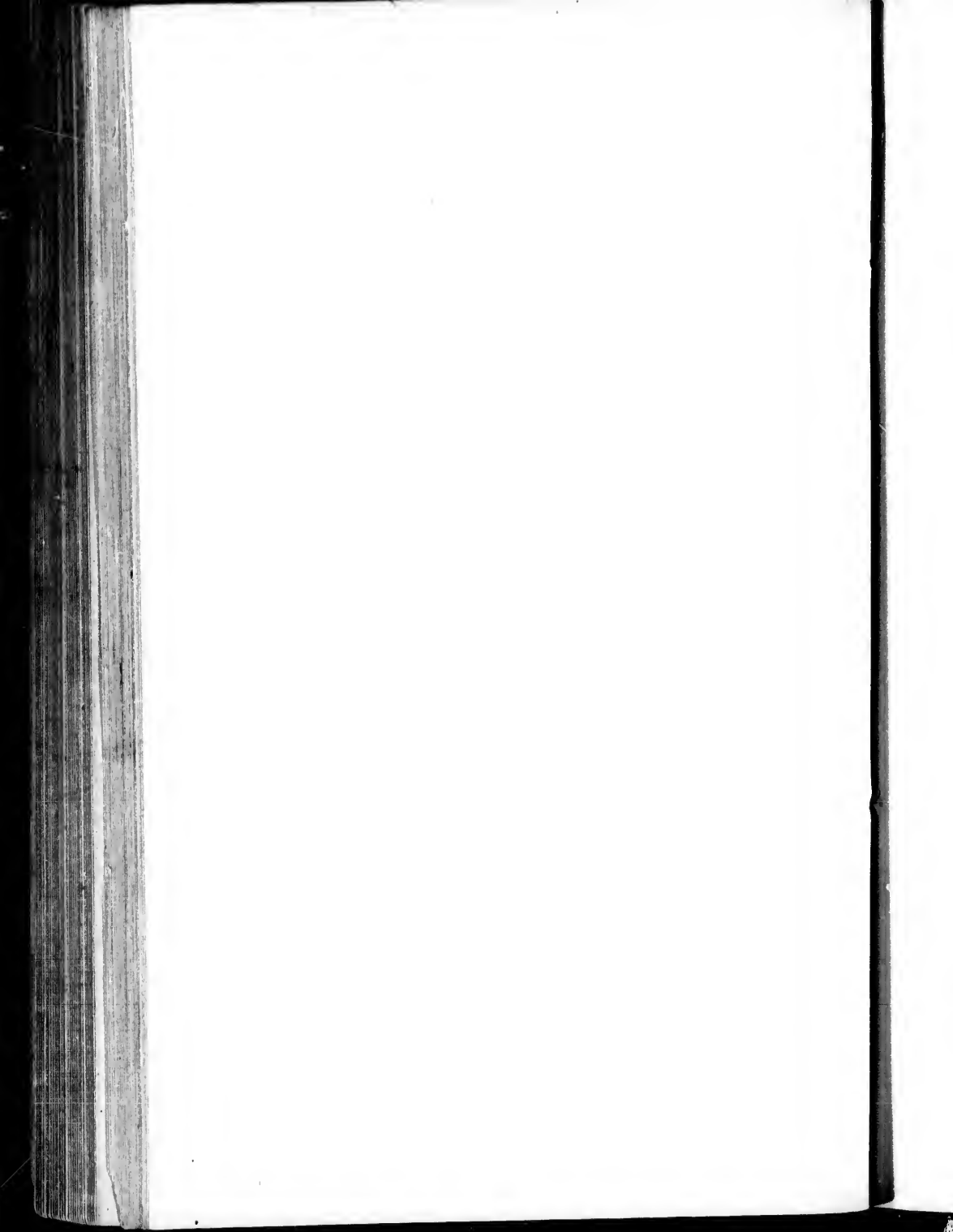
Entered Apprentice.—A plain white lamb skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at the bottom, and without ornament.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lamb skin similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Masons.—The same with blue lining and edging one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.

The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges. To wear in lieu and in place of three rosettes on the Masters' apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several setts of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch, these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color of the lining and edging, or of silver. If Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter blue or gold.

Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past. Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter blue edging three and a half inches, or blue velvet, bound with gold and gold tassels (with the emblems of their office in gold or blue in the centre.)



APPENDIX A.

TABLE OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

Charter to a new Lodge.....	\$30.00
Charter to a Lodge having a warrant from another jurisdiction.....	15.00
Enrolment of each Member in Grand Lodge	
Books	1.00
Diploma for each member.....	1.00
Annual Dues for each member.....	0.50
Copy of Charter in case of loss.....	5.00
Extract or copies of Papers, 1st sheet.....	0.50
Every other sheet.....	0.30

APPENDIX B.

FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE WARRANT OR DISPENSATION.

Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Ma-
son, the R. W. the Office Bearers, and members
of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia :

The Petition of the undersigned regular registered
Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned
against our respective names :

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of
Masonry at heart, are desirous of extending the
benefits of the Craft in this section or part of the
country, which cannot be accomplished without
having a regular Constituted Lodge,—we, there-
fore, being anxious to commence and carry on our
Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand
Lodge, pray for a Letter of Dispensation or War-
rant empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge
at ———, by the name and title of ———,
and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a
constitutional manner, according to the forms of
the Order, and the laws of the Grand Lodge ; and
we recommend and propose the following to be the
first office bearers of the Lodge, viz. :—

A. B. — R. W. Master,	C. D. — W. Sen. W.,
E. F. — W. Junr. W.,	G. H. — Treasurer,
M. N. — Secretary,	O. P. — Sen. Deacon,
Q. R. — Jun. Deacon,	S. T. — Tyler.

The prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

(To be signed by at least seven Master Masons, each giving the name and locality of the Lodge of which he is, or was last a member.)

APPENDIX C.

PROXY COMMISSION BY LODGES ABROAD, OR IN THE
COUNTRY, FOR MASTER OR WARDENS
TO GRAND LODGE.

We, the Master and Wardens of the Lodge
——— holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova
Scotia, finding it incumbent to attend the Quar-
terly Communications and other meetings of the
Grand Lodge, do hereby, with the consent and
approbation of our brethren, nominate and appoint
our truly and well beloved brother ——, Master
Mason, of the Lodge —— holding of the Grand
Lodge of Nova Scotia, No. —, to be the represen-
tative in said Grand Lodge, as our ——, hereby
authorizing our said representative to act and vote
upon all questions that may come before the said

Grand Lodge as fully and freely in all respects as we could do ourselves if personally present.

Given under our Hands and Seal of
the Lodge, this day of
in the year of our Lord One
Thousand and of Light

[Seal.]

Master.

S. W.

J. W.

Sec'y.

APPENDIX D.

CERTIFICATE BY A LODGE TO ITS MEMBERS.

We hereby certify that Brother ——— was, on the — day of — 18—, regularly entered Apprentice; on the — day of — passed Fellow Craft, and on the — day of — raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in the Lodge — holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, No. —, and that the name of the said brother has been transmitted to the Grand Secretary for registration in the books of the said Grand Lodge.

To this certificate the said brother has in our presence, adhibited in the margin, his usual signatu

Given under our Hands and Seal of
our Lodge, this day of
18

[Seal.]

Master.
Sec'y.

APPENDIX E.

CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM A LODGE BY
ITS MEMBERS.

(Name of Lodge)

A. F. & A. M., No. —, G. R. N. S.

Members' { } Demit.

This is to certify that Brother ——— is a
Worthy Master Mason of good standing in
——— Lodge, No. —, Ancient, Free and Ac-
cepted Masons, held at ———; that he having

Autograph. expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge, paid up all dues to this date, and otherwise complied with the requirements of the By-Laws, leave was therefore granted, and the Secretary instructed to furnish this Demit.

[Seal.]

W. M.

S. W.

J. W.

Given under my Hand and Seal of
said Lodge, on the day of
A. D. 18 , A. L. 58
Secretary.

APPENDIX F.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and
Members of the Lodge ————, No. —

I, ————, being free by birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare that unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motive, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry—that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the

institution, and a desire of knowledge—that I have not within twelve months applied to, or been rejected by any other Lodge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is _____, my occupation _____.

Witness my hand, this day of
A. D A. L.

Signed.

Witness.

Recommended by

NOTE --A petition having been received cannot be withdrawn.

