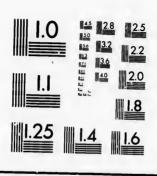
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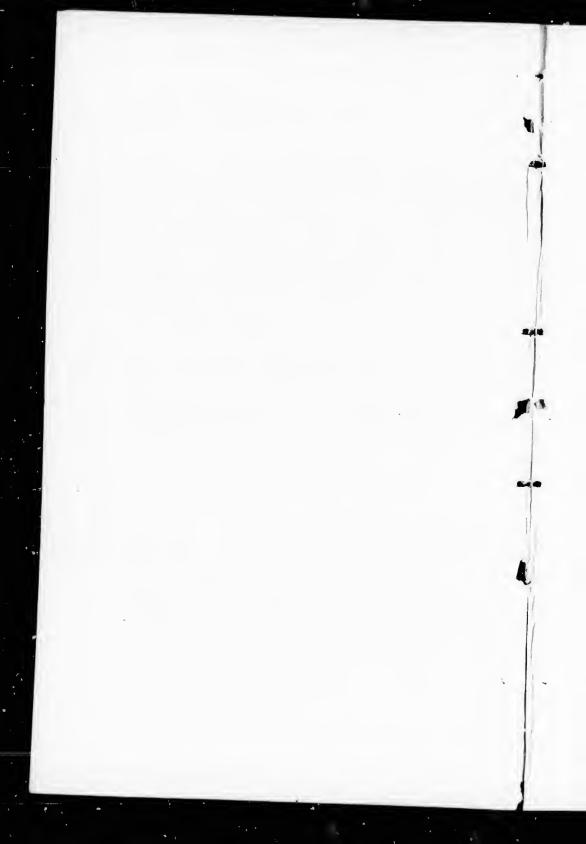
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OF

SAINT PAUL'S LODGE,

ADOPTED

AT A REGULAR MEETING,

HELD AT

THE MASONIC-HALL, MONTREAL,

ON

The 12th Day of APRIL, 1831.



INTRODUCTION.

WITHOUT order and decorum harmony cannot be preserved, nor the business of Masonry be properly conducted; at the third stroke of the Master's hammer, therefore, profound silence shall be observed.

CHAPTER I.

OF IRREGULAR BEHAVIOUR.

I.—If a brother say any thing improper in the Lodge, hold private conversations, dispute about religion or politics, interrupt a brother while speaking to the Master, be not on his legs when addressing the Master, sit down unclothed, or otherwise conduct himself indecorously, he shall be formally admonished by the Master; and, should be still so far persist in his disorderly conduct as to require a second and third admonition in the course of the same meeting, he shall, at the discretion of a majority of the members present, be liable to suspension from the Lodge; and he shall, in that case, be reported to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

II.—No brother shall be allowed to speak more than once to the same question, unless it be for explanation; or when called upon by the Master; or, as the mover, in reply.

CHAPTER II.

OF THE TIMES OF MEETING.

This Lodge shall meet on the second Tuesday of every month, at seven o'clock P. M. from the antumnal to the vernal equinox; and at eight o'clock P. M. from the vernal to the antumnal equinox; and shall continue at work so long as the Master shall think proper.

CHAPTER III.

OFFICERS.

THE Officers of this Lodge shall consist of a master, two wardens, two deacons, an inner guard, and a tyler or tylers; and, if expedient, a chaplain, treasurer, secretary, two or more stewards, and a director of ceremonies.

CHAPTER IV.

OF THE ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

This Lodge shall annually elect, by ballot, the master, treasurer, and tyler or tylers, at the regular meeting immediately preceding the festival of St. John, the Evangelist; and, on the morning of that festival, the master, and other newly elected officers, shall be installed according to ancient usage; after which, the master shall appoint and install his wardens and other officers.

CHAPTER V.

OF THE TREASURER'S DUTY.

THE Treasurer shall receive the monies of the Lodge, and discharge bills when duly vouched and

sanctioned by the Master; he shall keep books, in which his account of receipts and disbursements shall be regularly entered, so as to exhibit at one view, the balance in his hands; which books shall be open for the inspection of the members at every meeting of the Lodge. The accounts of the fund of benevolence, and the fund for the general purposes of the Lodge, shall be kept distinct from each other.

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r, of The accounts of the Treasurer and vouchers in support thereof shall be annually submitted to the permanent Committee, at least a week previous to the festival of St. John, the Evangelist; and the balance in his hands shall be paid over to the Treasurer-elect, at the meeting on that day or otherwise as the Lodge shall direct.

CHAPTER VI.

OF THE SECRETARY'S DUTY.

THE Secretary shall issue summonses to all the members of the Lodge, at least six days previous to each regular meeting, particularly noticing elections and initiations, new members to be admitted, by-laws to be altered or repealed, or new ones to be made; he shall make minutes of all matters which are regularly proposed and seconded in the Lodge, as well as of the initiation, passing, or raising of masons; and of all other things which the Master may order. He shall also keep a register of the members of the Lodge, shewing the dates of initiation, passing, and raising, or of joining; and a week before the quarterly dues become payable, he shall furnish the Treasurer with a list of the members, shewing the amount of dues owing by each.

CHAPTER VII.

OF THE PERMANENT COMMITTEE.

I.—A Permanent Committee, consisting of the master and wardens, with the secretary and treasurer, and three members to be elected annually, on St. John's the Evangelist's day, shall superintend the finances and property of the Lodge, and consider of any special matter regarding its interests. They shall meet whenever summoned by the Master, and three shall be a quorum. The result of their proceedings shall be forthwith communicated to the Master, and shall be reported at the next regular meeting of the Lodge for approbation.

II.—The Master of the Lodge shell be the President of the permanent Committee; and the Committee shall choose a Vice-President at the first meeting. In the absence of both of these officers, the Committee shall choose one of their number to preside at the meeting.

III.—All accounts against the Lodge may be referred by the Master to the permanent Committee, for examination and approval.

IV.—The permanent Committee shall annually, previous to the festival of St. John, the Evangelist, audit the accounts of the Treasurer, which, with all other accounts and affairs in general relative to the Lodge, shall be settled and reported at the meeting on the said festival of St. John.

CHAPTER VIII

FUNDS.

I.—Every member of this Lodge shall pay fifteen shillings currency quarterly, in advance, whether pre-

sent or absent; one-fourth of which must be applied to the fund of benevolence, and the remainder to the general fund of the Lodge.

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II.—Every person initiated in this Lodge shall pay six guineas; which sum shall be considered in payment for the three first degrees, including the fees payable to the Grand and Provincial Grand Lodges; and the members proposing or recommending a candidate shall be responsible for the payment thereof; which, in all cases, must be made on the day of initiation. Every member joining shall pay two guineas.

III—The members of this Lodge respectively shall pay yearly on the Lodge night, immediately preceding the festival of St. John, the Evangelist, the sum of two shillings sterling, which, with all other fees or dues received on account of or payable to the Grand Lodge, or Provincial Grand Lodge, shall be remitted to the said Grand or Provincial Grand Lodge by the Master.

IV.—Any brother stating in writing that indispensable business will cause his absence from the district for the term of six months or upwards, upon giving due notice thereof to the Lodge at a regular meeting, may, by a majority of votes of the brethren present, have his quarterly contribution of fifteen shillings commuted to three shillings and nine pence, being the proportion appropriated to the fund of benevolence. Immediately upon his return the full dues shall be resumed.

CHAPTER IX.

FINES AND FORFEITURES.

I.—Ir any member of this Lodge, (immediate past officers of a similar rank excepted,) shall refuse to serve in the office to which he may be elected or appointed,

he shall be fined as follows:—if for master two guineas: for warden, treasurer, or secretary, one guinea: and for deacon, inner guard, or director of ceremonies, half a guinea.

II.—Any member of this Lodge, residing in Montreal or within three miles thereof, who shall have neglected to attend the regular meetings, and to pay his dues for six months in succession, having been regularly summoned so to do, shall, by resolution of the Lodge after notice given, be considered as having withdrawn from the Lodge.

III.—Any member of this Lodge, residing at a greater distance than three miles from Montreal, who shall have neglected to attend the regular meetings and pay his dues, or to give to the Lodge, in writing, reasons that shall be deemed satisfactory for his not attending and paying, for twelve months in succession, shall, by resolution of the Lodge after notice given, be considered as having withdrawn from the Lodge.

IV.—Any brother, regularly struck off the list of members of the Lodge for non-attendance and non-payment of dues, shall, on no account, be permitted to rejoin the Lodge, until such back dues, to the time of his being struck off, shall be paid, in addition to the joining fee.

V.—If any officer of the Lodge shall neglect to attend any of the meetings, without giving at least one day's notice to the master, he shall pay a fine of five shillings currency.

VI.—If any member of the permanent Committee shall neglect to attend, when regularly summoned, he shall pay a fine of two shillings and six pence currency.

VII.—Any officer of the Lodge, who shall not be present in the hall of the Lodge within thirty minutes

after the appointed hour of meeting, shall pay the following fines, viz. the master, two shillings and six pence; the wardens, treasurer, secretary, deacons, inner guard, and director of ceremonies, two shillings each.

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VIII.—All fines levied shall be applied to the fund of benevolence.

CHAPTER X.

OF INITIATION, ADMISSION, &c.

I.—No person shall be initiated in, or admitted a member of this Lodge, if, on ballotting, there be fex. d more than one black ball; but, to prevent the possibility of a mistake, the ballot may be taken a second or even a third time.

II.—Every brother, on becoming a member, shall sign the by-laws, and be furnished with a printed copy thereof by the secretary.

CHAPTER XL

OF VISITORS.

When the Lodge is on private business, a visitor shall not be admitted, unless by the unanimous consent of the members present; nor can he, under any circumstances, be permitted to vote on any question,

CHAPTER XII.

OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

I.—The members of this Lodge, considering it a duty they owe to several brethren, distinguished by their rank in society, and by the great services they have rendered the craft, to grant them the privilege of becoming honorary members, have resolved, that in all cases where brethren so distinguished shall make appli-

cation to become honorary members, they shall be admitted, if, on a ballot, there shall not be more than one black ball. The application to be made in writing, addressed to the Secretary, who shall communicate the same to the respective members in the summonses.

II.—All officers in His Majesty's service quartered in this district, being master-masous, shall be permitted to become honorary members on application to that effect, subject to the ballot mentioned in the last section and to the usual notice in the summonses.

III.—All honorary members shall pay the joining fee, the yearly dues to the Grand Lodge and Provincial Grand Lodge, and the quarterly contribution of three shillings and nine pence to the fund of benevolence; and, when present, the evening dues the same as other members.

CHAPTER XIII.

LODGES OF EMERGENCY.

SHOULD a Lodge of emergency be called on the general business of the Lodge, the expense shall be paid out of the general fund; but, if at the request of any brother, for his benefit or progress, the expense shall be paid by such brother.

CHAPTER XIV.

OF THE MASTER.

I.—The Master of this Lodge is responsible for the warrant and correct keeping of the records and papers in general during his administration.

II.—The Master being absent, a Past-Master shall preside, the immediate Past-Master taking precedence. If there should be no Past-Master present, then the senior warden shall act as master, otherwise the senior master-mason.

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CHAPTER XV.

OF FURNITURE, &c.

THE furniture, &c. of this Lodge shall, on no account, be removed to any other house, cases of extreme emergency excepted, until after a regular meeting and a resolution of the master and a majority of the brethren to that effect.

CHAPTER XVI.

OF MEMBERS WITHDRAWING.

Any member of this Lodge desirous of withdrawing, shall make application in open Lodge, either personally or in writing.

CHAPTER XVII.

OF GRAND LODGE RETURNS.

On the festival of St. John, the Evangelist, a true return of the newly elected and appointed officers and of the members of this Lodge, shall be made to the Provincial Grand Lodge, and at the same time the amount of dues payable to the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be remitted.

CHAPTER XVIII.

OF MOTIONS.

No motion of any kind shall be regarded, unless duly seconded; and, when ordered by the master, shall be in writing.

CHAPTER XIX.

OF ALTERING BY-LAWS.

No alteration shall be made in these by-laws but at a regular meeting of the Lodge, by motion in writing

to be handed up to the Master in the chair, and inserted in the proceedings of the Lodge; such motion shall be mentioned in the summons for the next regular meeting, at which it shall be discussed, and the resolution of the Lodge entered thereon.

FREDERICK GRIFFIN,

MASTER.

The foregoing By-Laws of Saint Paul's Lodge, No. 3, on the Registry of the District of Montreal and William-Henry, and No. 782, on the Registry of England, are approved this 19th day of April, A.L. 5831.

JOHN MOLSON,

Provincial Grand Master, for the District of Montreal and William-Henry.

By command of the R. W. P. G. M.

ALEXANDER BUCHANAN,

Provincial Grand Secretary.

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I.—The masonic officers of a Lodge are the master and his two wardens, with their assistants, the two deacons, inner guard, and tyler; to which, for the better regulation of the private concerns of the Lodge, may be added other officers, such as chaplain, treasurer, secretary, &c.

11.—Every Lodge shall annually elect its master and treasurer by ballot, such master having been regularly appointed and having served as warden of a warranted Lodge; and, at the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be installed in the chair, according to ancient usage; after which he is to appoint his wardens and other officers.

III.—No master of the tavern or house at which the Lodge meets, shall be appointed to and hold any office in the Lodge, without a dispensation from the Grand Master or the Provincial Grand Master.

IV.—Every Lodge has the power of framing 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, therefore, be submitted to the approbation of the Grand Master, or the Provincial Grand Master, and, when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and, if a country Lodge, also to the Provincial Grand Master;

and, when any material alteration shall be made, such alteration must, in like manner, be transmitted.

V.—Every Lodge shall have its by-laws fairly written, and shall also keep a book or books in which the master or some brother, appointed by him as 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.

VI.—A Lodge of emergency may, at any time, be called, by the authority of the master, or, in his absence, of the senior warden, but on no pretence without such authority first given. The particular reason of calling the Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and, afterwards, recorded on the minutes, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered

upon at such meeting.

VII.—If the meeting of a Lodge at its usual place, should, by any circumstance, be rendered impossible or improper, the Master may appoint any other place, and consult his brethren what ought to be done on such

emergency.

VIII.—Every Lodge, when regularly removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand Secretary, and, if a country Lodge,

also to the Provincial Grand Master.

IX.—The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged nor its officers admitted into the United Grand Lodge, or a Provincial Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

X.—Any Lodge which may not be distinguished by a name or title, being desirous of taking one, must, for that purpose, procure the approbation of the grand Master, or Provincial Grand Master, and the name

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XI.—No Lodge can make a mason or admit a member without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft on these occasions. For the regulations, see head of Proposing Candidates, &c.

XII.—No Lodge shall, on any pretence, make more than five new brothers in one day, unless by dispensation; nor shall a Lodge be permitted to give more than one degree to a brother on the same day; nor shall a higher degree in masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than one month from his receiving a previous degree, nor until he has passed an examination in open Lodge in that degree.

Great irregularities having arisen, as well from the admission of candidates without due notice and inquiry into their character and qualifications as from the passing and raising of masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, to the great discredit of our ancient and honourable fraternity, it is determined that no emergency can justify a violation of this ancient law, but that every Lodge offending herein shall be liable to erasure.

XIII.—No other Lodge shall initiate into masonry any non-commissioned officer or corporal belonging to a regiment or battalion to which a military Lodge is attached, nor shall any Lodge initiate any military person below the rank of a corporal, except as a serving brother, or by dispensation from the grand Master.

XIV.—No Lodge shall make a mason for a less consideration than three guineas, exclusive of the registering fee, 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.

This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated by the Lodge which they are to serve; provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand Master or Provincial Grand Master be first obtained.

XV.-Every Lodge must receive as a member, without further proposition or ballot, any brother initiated therein, provided such brother express his wish to that effect on the day of his initiation, as no Lodge should introduce into masonry any person whom the

brethren might consider unfit to be a member.

XVI.-Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a Lodge; except in the following cases, to which the limitation of two years is not meant to extend, viz. shipwreck or capture at sea, loss by fire, or breaking or dislocating a limb, fully attested and proved.

To prevent injury to individuals, by their being excluded the privileges of masonry, through the neglect of their Lodges, in not registering their names, any that he has paid the full fees to his Lodge, including the register-fee, shall be capable of enjoying the privileges of the craft. But the offending Lodge shall be reported to the board of general purposes, and rigorously proceeded against for detaining monies which are the property of the Grand Lodge.

XVII.—No Lodge shall admit a visitor, unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the brethren present. Such visitor must comply with the regulations of the craft, as established for the first visit of any brother to a Lodge; and, during his continuance, must be subject to the by-laws of the Lodge. The Master is particu-

larly bound to enforce these regulations.

XVIII.—Each Lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a grand Lodge certificate, to be paid for by the Lodge; and no Lodge shall grant a private certificate to any brother, except for the purpose of his obtaining a grand Lodge certificate, or in cases particufrom e first

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XIX.—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.

XX.—No Lodge shall form any public masonic procession without a licence from the grand Master, or a

Provincial Grand Master.

XXI.—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. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among free masons, some members of every Lodge should be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as may be convenient.

If any Lodge shall give its sanction for a Lodge of instruction being holden under its warrant, such Lodge shall be responsible that the proceedings in the Lodge of instruction are correct and regular, and that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanc-

tion of the grand Lodge.

XXII.—All monies received or paid on account of the Lodge shall be entered in proper books. The fees or dues received on account of, and payable to, the grand Lodge, or Provincial Grand Lodge, shall be kept separate and distinct from the monies belonging to the private fund of the Lodge, and shall be deposited in the hands of the Master instead of the treasurer of the Lodge, and shall be transmitted to the grand Lodge, or Provincial Grand Lodge, at such times as the laws of the craft require. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited, at least once in every year, by a committee to be appointed by the Lodge.

XXIII.—If any brother behave in such a way as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, he shall be thrice formally admonished by the Master; and. if he 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.

XXIV.—No Lodge shall exclude any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. The name of every brother excluded, together with the cause of his exclusion, shall be sent to the grand secretary; and if a country Lodge, also

to the Provincial Grand Master or his deputy.

XXV .- The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to and are the property of the master, wardens, and brethren of such Lodge; and the master of the house where the Lodge is held shall have no property therein: nor shall the master of any tavern or publichouse be suffered to be the owner of the jewels or furniture of any Lodge, for the purpose of having such Lodge holden at his house, under the penalty of the forfeiture of the constitution. Nor shalf any jewel be worn in a Lodge other than those specified for the officers, except such honorary or other jewel as shall be conformable to, or consistent with, those degrees which are recognized by the grand Lodge.

XXVI.-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.

XXVII.—No Lodge shall presume to make application to the grand Master, on business concerning masonry, but through the deputy or other proper officer.

XXVIII.—The master, past masters. and wardens, of every warranted Lodge, are members of the grand Lodge; but they cannot be admitted without their

proper jewels and clothing.

XXIX.—The master or wardens of a Lodge not being able to attend their duty in grand Lodge, may, by a written document, appoint other members of the Lodge, duly qualified, to represent them: ramely, a past master to represent a master, and any past warden or one of the deacons to represent a warden; such appointment shall be delivered to the proper officer, at the entrance of the grand Lodge.

XXX.—The majority of the members of a Lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to their master, past masters, and wardens, before the meeting of the grand Lodge; because such officers

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XXXI.—Each Lodge shall make its returns regularly to the grand secretary, according to the regulations under the heads London and Country Lodges; and, if it become in arrear in its payments to the grand Lodge for one year, or do not meet during that period, such Lodge is liable to erasure; nor can any of its officers be permitted to attend the grand Lodge, until all arrears shall have been discharged.

XXXII.—If a Lodge be dissolved, the constitution shall be delivered up to the grand Master, and shall not, on any account, be transferred without his consent.

XXXIII.—If the warrant or constitution of a Lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the grand Master, or a Provincial Grand Master, such constitution shall be forfeited, and the Lodge erased.

XXXIV.—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 society, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance. If all the members of a Lodge withdraw themselves, their constitution ceases and becomes extinct; and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed reverts to the grand Lodge.

XXXV .- If the brethren holding a warrant for a Lodge render themselves unworthy of longer possessing it, the grand Master may, after the grand Lodge shall have decided on that fact, transfer such warrant to other brethren, whom he may think deserving, with a new number at the bottom of the Lodges then on record. But no Lodge shall be erased, or its warrant declared forfeited, until the Master or officers shall erned, in writing, of their offence, and on summoned to answer to the complaint

made against them.

XXXVI.—If any Lodge be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrant, books, papers, or accounts to the grand Master or his deputy, or the Provincial Grand Master or his deputy, or any board or committee anthorized by the grand Lodge, and do not comply, or give sufficient reason for non-compliance, the summons is to be repeated; and, if it still persist in its contumacy, such Lodge may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to the grand Lodge.

XXXVII.—A Lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no speciac penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the grand Lodge or any of its delegated authorities, or of a Provincial Grand Master, be subject to admonition,

fine, or suspension.

If fine be the punishment awarded, it shall be, for the first offence, not less than one pound, nor more than five pounds; for a second offence of a similar nature, within three years, it shall be not less than two nor more than ten pounds; and if the Lodge shall refuse to pay the fine, or be guilty of a third offence, within three years of the second offence, the Lodge shall be erased, and its constitution forfeited.

All fines levied shall be applied to the general charity.

OF THE MASTERS AND WARDENS OF LODGES. [Page 77.]

I.— All preferment among masons should be grounded upon 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. The Master, who must have previously been appointed and served as warden of some warranted Lodge, shall be annually elected by ballot; and at the next Lodge, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be installed in the chair, according to ancient usage; he shall then appoint his wardens and all other officers of the Lodge, except the treasurer and tyler. If such Master be a prince of the blood royal, he may also appoint a deputy Master, who shall be regularly installed, and shall be entitled, when out of office, to all the privileges of a past Master. No Master shall

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N.B. It is not essential, although very desirable, that a brother should be present when appointed to any effice, provided it be known that he will accept the same.

II.—No master of the tavern or house at which a Lodge meets shall be appointed an officer in such Lodge, without a dispensation from the grand Master, or the Provincial Grand Master.

III.—Every Master, when placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old-established usages and customs, and to preserve the landmarks of the order, and most strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

IV.—No brother shall continue in the office of Master for more than two years in succession, unless by a dispensation, which may be granted by the grand Master, or the Provincial Grand Master, in cases of real necessity: but he may be again elected after he has been out of that office one year. This regulation shall not extend to a prince of the blood royal appointing a deputy, but it shall to such deputy.

V.—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 amongst free-masons.

VI.—The master is to take care that the by-laws of the Lodge be fairly written; and that books be kept in which he, or some brother appointed by him as secretary, shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, initiation or admission, passing, and raising; also their ages as nearly as possible, and their titles, professions, or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written. The accounts shall also be regularly kept, and the fees payable to the grand Lodge shall be entered in a separate and distinct account. The Master is responsible for the correct insertion of all the above particulars;

and is bound to produce such lists, minutes, and ac-

counts, when required by any lawful authority.

VII.—If the Master should die, be removed, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the senior warden shall act as Master, in summoning the Lodge, until the next election of officers; and he shall, in the Master's absence, rule the Lodge, if no former Master be present; if the immediate past Master be present, he shall take the chair, and, if not, then the oldest past Master present.

VIII.—No master, warden, or other officer of a Lodge, shall grant a recommendation to any brother, to enable him to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply for relief. Nor shall they grant any certificate, except for the purpose of procuring a grand Lodge certificate; or in

cases specially provided for in the laws.

IX.—The Master, or, in his absence, the senior warden, has the right and authority of assembling a Lodge upon any emergency, and to appoint the time of meeting; the cause of such emergency must be stated in the summonses, and inserted in the minutes; and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

If circumstances should render it improper for the Lodge to assemble at its usual place of meeting, the Master may appoint any other place, and consult his

brethren on the occasion.

X.—The master and wardens of every Lodge in the London district shall, within one month after their appointment in each year, sign their names in a book at

the office of the grand secretary.

XI.—The master and wardens of every Lodge shall attend the grand Master or his deputy, or the Provincial Grand Master or his deputy, or any board or committee authorized by the grand Lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes, and books of the Lodge, when summoned so to do, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next grand Lodge.

XII.—The master, past masters, and wardens of a Lodge are members of the grand Lodge, but they cannot attend without their proper jewels and clothing,

XIII.—Masters or wardens not being able to attend the grand Lodge, may, by a written document, appoint other members of their Lodge, duly qualified to represent them: namely, a past master to represent the master; and a past warden or one of the deacons to represent-a warden; such appointment shall be delivered to the proper officer, at the entrance of the grand Lodge.

XIV.—The master, past masters, and wardens, being the representatives of their Lodge in the grand Lodge, and supposed to speak the sentiments of their brethren, are bound to act upon such instructions as may be given

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XV.—To prevent the members of Lodges from misconciving the real state of their private fund, and to insure a more regular transmission of the contributions to the grand Lodge, or Provincial Grand Lodge, all monies payable for register fees, certificates, or quarterage, shall be deposited in the hands of the Master, to be kept distinct from the funds of the Lodge; and shall be remitted with proper lists, at least once a year, if in the country, and twice a year if in London.

XVI.—The master, past masters, and wardens of a Lodge, which shall have neglected, for one whole year, to make its returns and payments to the grand Lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending the grand Lodge, or sitting upon any board or committee, until those

returns and payments have been completed.

XVII.—The officers of a Lodge which is removed shall not be permitted to attend in the grand Lodge, or in a Provincial Grand Lodge, until such removal shall

be properly notified.

XVIII.—The wardens or officers of a Lodge cannot be removed, unless for a cause which appears to the Lodge to be sufficient; but the Master, if he be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present, that the complaint be well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer and to nominate another.

OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

[Page 83.]

I.—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.

II.—Every brother initiated in a Lodge thereby becomes a member, without any further proposition or ballot, provided he express his wish to that effect on

the day of his initiation.

III. The member who proposes a candidate for initiation shall be responsible for the payment of the

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IV.—A brother who has been concerned in making masons claudestinely, 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 grand Master's authority, 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.

V.—A brother shall not be entitled to partake of the general charity, unless his name shall have been duly registered, nor unless he shall have been at least for two years a contributing member of a Lodge. He must also shew that, at the time of his initiation into masonry, he was in good or at least tolerable circumstances. The limitation of two years is not meant to extend to the following cases, viz. shipwreck or capture at sea, loss by fire, or breaking or dislocating a limb, fully attested and proved.

VI.—No brother shall presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, nor any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the grand Master, or Provincial Grand Master,

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 the Lodge by the authority of the master. VII.—No brother shall presume to make application to the grand Master, on business oncerning masonry, except through the deputy grand Master, or other

proper officer.

VIII.—The majority of the members of a Lodge duly assembled have the privilege of giving instructions to their master, wardens, and past master before the meeting of the grand Lodge, because these officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their

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he er. IX.—The majority of the 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 appealing to a higher masonic authority.

X.—If any brother behave in such a way as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, he shall be thrice formally admonished by the Master, and if he persist in his irregular conduct he shall be punished according to the by-laws of the Lodge, or the case may be re-

ported to higher masonic authority.

XI.—No member shall be excluded from his Lodge without due notice being given to him of the charge preferred against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. The name of every brother so excluded, together with the cause for his exclusion, shall be sent to the grand secretary; and, if a country Lodge, also to the Provincial Grand Master or his deputy.

XII.—If any member shall be excluded 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 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 excluded, 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.

XIII.—All differences or 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 the proper board 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.

XIV.—If any brother be summoned to attend the grand Master or his deputy, or his Provincial Grand Master or his deputy, or any board or committee authorized by the grand Lodge, and do not comply, or give sufficient reason for his non-attendance, the summons is to be repeated, and, if he still persist in his contumacy, he shall be suspended from all masonic rights, and the proceeding notified to the grand Lodge.

XV.—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, or of a Provincial Grand Master, be subject to admonition,

fine, or suspension.

If fine be the punishment awarded, it shall be, for the first offence, not less than one pound nor more than five pounds; for a second offence of a similar nature, within three years, it shall be not less than two nor more than ten pounds; and if a brother shall refuse to pay the fine, or be guilty of a third offence within three years of the second offence, he shall be expelled from the craft.

All fines levied shall be applied to the general fund of charity.

OF PROPOSING MEMBERS, OF MAKING, PASSING, AND RAISING. [Page 88.]

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Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honourable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates, without due notice being given, or inquiry made into their characters and qualification; and, also, from the passing and raising of masons without due instructions 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 erasure, because no

emergency can be allowed as a justification.

I.—No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge without a regular proposition in open Lodge, nor till his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next stated Lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's grand Lodge certificate, and also the certificate of his former Lodge is to be produced, and the decision of the brethren to be 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 quarterage duly paid.

II.—A brother, initiated in a Lodge, thereby becomes a member, without any further proposition or ballot, provided he express his wish to that effect on

the day of his initiation.

III.—No person shall be made a mason without a regular proposition at one Lodge, and a ballot at the next regular stated Lodge; nor until his name, addition or profession, and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons.

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, &c. of any candidate they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall notify the said recommendation to every member of his Lodge, stating the name, age, addition or profession, and place of abode of the candidate; and may, at the same time, summon a Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and, if the candidate 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 the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute-book of the Lodge.

IV.—Not more than five new brothers shall be made in any one Lodge on the same day, nor any man under the age of twenty-one years, unless by dispensation from the grand Master, or Provincial Grand Master. Every candidate must be a free man, and his own master, and, at the time of his 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, #12.

To the worshipful master, wardens, officers, and

members of the Lodge of 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 favourable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established enstoms of the order. Witness my hand, this day of

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V.—No person can be made a mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if on the ballot, three black balls appear against him. Some Lodges wish for no he

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such indulgence, but require the manimons consent of the members present; some admit one black ball, some two; the by-laws of each Lodge must, therefore, guide them in this respect; but if there be three blacks balls such person cannot, on any pretence, be admitted.

VI.—No person shall be made a mason for less than three guineas, exclusive of the registering fee; nor can a Lodge, on any pretence, remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum. The member who proposes the candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all the fees payable on his initiation. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated by the Lodge they are to serve; provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the grand Master, or Provincial Grand Master, be first obtained.

VII.—Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitutions, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft, intimated to him in time and place convenient.

VIII.—No candidate shall be permitted to receive more than one degree on the same day, nor at a less interval than one month from his receiving a former degree; nor shall he receive a higher degree in masonry until he has passed an examination, in open Lodge, in the previous degree. A grand Lodge certificate may, however, be procured for a brother of the first degree; and when he shall have been regularly advanced to a superior degree, a new certificate of that degree may be granted to him in exchange for his old one, free from expense.

OF BY-LAWS OF LODGES. [Page 93.]

I.—Every Lodge has the power of framing 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, therefore, be submitted to the approbation of the grand Master, or the Provincial Grand Master; and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the grand secretary, and also to the Provincial Grand Master; and when any material

alteration shall be made, such alteration must, in like

manner, be transmitted.

II.—The by-laws of the Lodge shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them.

OF THE LODGE SEAL.

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Every private Lodge should 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 secretary, and also, by a country Lodge, to the Provincial Grand Master; and whenever changed, another impression shall, in like manner, be transmitted.

OF REGALIA.

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JEWELS.

Masters of Lodges, The square

Past Masters - The square and the diagram of the 47th prop. 1st B. of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendent within it.

Senior Warden - The level.

Junior Warden - The plumb.

Treasurer - - - The key.

Secretary - - - The cross pens.

Deacons - - - The dove.

Inner Guard - - Cross swords.

Tyler - - - - The sword.

The above to be in silver.—The collars to be lightblue riband, four inches broad: if silver chain be used, it must be placed over the light-blue riband.

APRONS.

Entered Apprentice—A plain white lamb skin, from 14 to 16 inches wide, 12 to 14 inches deep, square at bottom, and without ornament; white strings.

Fellow Craft-A plain white lamb skin, similar to the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two

sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

Master Mason-The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap .- No other colour or ornament shall be allowed, except to officers and past-officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges, present and past— Aprons similar to the officers of the United Grand Lodge, except that the garter-blue edging must

not exceed two inches in width.

The Masters and Past-Masters of Lodges to wear, in lieu and in the places of the three rosettes on the Master mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets 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 riband, half an inch broad, and of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron. If grand officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold.

LIST

OF

THE MASTERS OF ST. PAUL'S LODGE,

MONTREAL, L. C.

Note. -St. Paul's Lodge was first established in Montreal by Warrant, dated 8th November, 1770, granted by the R. W. and Hon. John Collins, P. G. M. for Canada, by virtue of a Patent from His Grace, Henry, Duke of Somerset and Beaufort, and continued to work under that Warrant until 1797, when a new one was granted. The Register of proceedings of the first seven years cannot at present be found : the following list, therefore, begins with the election in December, 1778, at which time Robert Gordon was Master.

DATE OF ELECTION. (No. 10.)

(NOT KNOWN).... ROBERT GORDON.

DECEMBER, 1778, . . CHRISTOPHER CARSON.

(D_{1ED}, M_{ARCH}, 1779.)

APRIL, 1779, .. ROBERT GORDON. JUNE, 1779, .. THOMAS BUSBY.

DECEMBER, 1779, . . THOMAS M'MURRAY. JUNE, 1780, .. JOHN DALY.

DECEMBER, 1780, . . THOMAS OAKES. JUNE, 1781, .. HENRY ROWLEY.

JUNE, 1782, ... JAMES NOEL.

DECEMBER, 1782, . . LEVI WILLARD.

JUNE, 1783, .. HENRY LŒDEL. DECEMBER, 1783, . . JAMES NOEL.

DECEMBER, 1784, . . THOMAS BUSBY.

DECEMBER, 1785, . . CONRAD MARSTELLER.

JUNE, 1786, .. (No. 4.)

JAMES NOEL. JUNE, 1788, ...

CONRAD MARSTELLER. DECEMBER, 1788, . . THOMAS SULLIVAN.

DECEMBER, 1789, . . JOHN PLATT.

DECEMBER, 1799, . . JAMES NOEL.

JUNE, 1791, ... JOHN MOLSON.

PATE OF BLECTION. NAMES. DECEMBER, 1791, . . SAMUEL DAVID. JUNE, 1793, . . JOHN DEVEREUX. JUNE, 1794, ... JOHN M'ARTHUR. DECEMBER, 1794, . . THOMAS BUSBY. JUNE, 1795, . . JOHN MOLSON. JUNE, 1796, . . THOMAS J. SULLIVAN. (No. 12, by Warrant dated 1st MAY, 1797.) JUNE, 1797, .. THOMAS J. SULLIVAN. JUNE, 1798, .. WITLIAM LARTIN. JUNE, 1801, . . LOUIS CHARLES WOUCHER. JUNE, 1803, ... JOHN GREATWOOD. DECEMBER, 1803, . . GWY. OWEN R DFORD. JUNE, 1804, . . ARTII CILMOR. JUNE, 1805, . . JACOB HALL. DECEMBER, 1805, . . WILLIAM MARTIN. JUNE, 1807, ... ARTHUR GILMOR. DECEMBER, 1807, . . JAMES DOW. DECEMBER, 1808, . . THOMAS M'LAREN. JUNE, 1810, . . JABEZ D. DE WITT. DECEMBER, 1810, . . GEORGE PLATT. JUNE, 1811, . . JABEZ D. DE WITT. JUNE, 1812, . . AUSTIN CUVILLIER. JUNE, 1813, . . JABEZ D. DE WITT. JUNE, 1814, . . ABNER RICE. JUNE, 1815, ... CHARLES GORE LESTER. JUNE, 1817, . . JABEZ D. DE WITT. DECEMBER, 1817, . . MICHAEL SCOTT. DECEMBER, 1819, . . JABEZ D. DE WITT. DECEMBER, 1820, . . TURTON PENN. DECEMBER, 1822, . . MICHAEL SCOTT. DECEMBER, 1823, . . TURTON PENN. DECEMBER, 1824, . . REV. JOHN BETHUNE. DECEMBER, 1825, . . JOHN SAMUEL M'CORD. DECEMBER, 1827, . . TURTON PENN. DECEMBER, 1828, . . WILLIAM BADGLEY. DECEMBER, 1830, . . FREDERICK GRIFFIN.

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