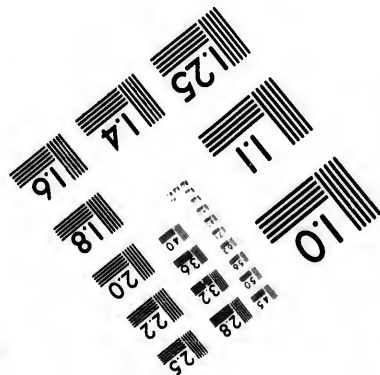
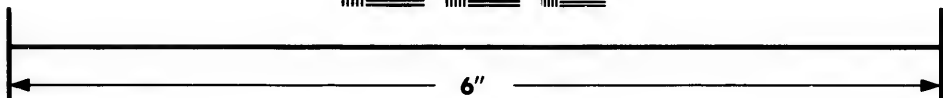
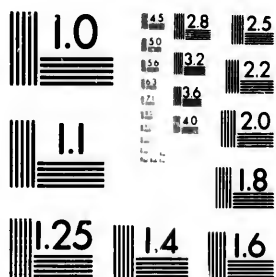


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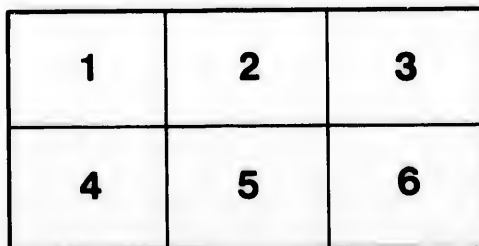
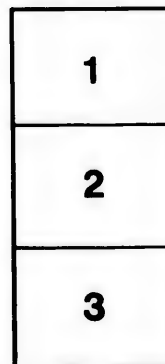
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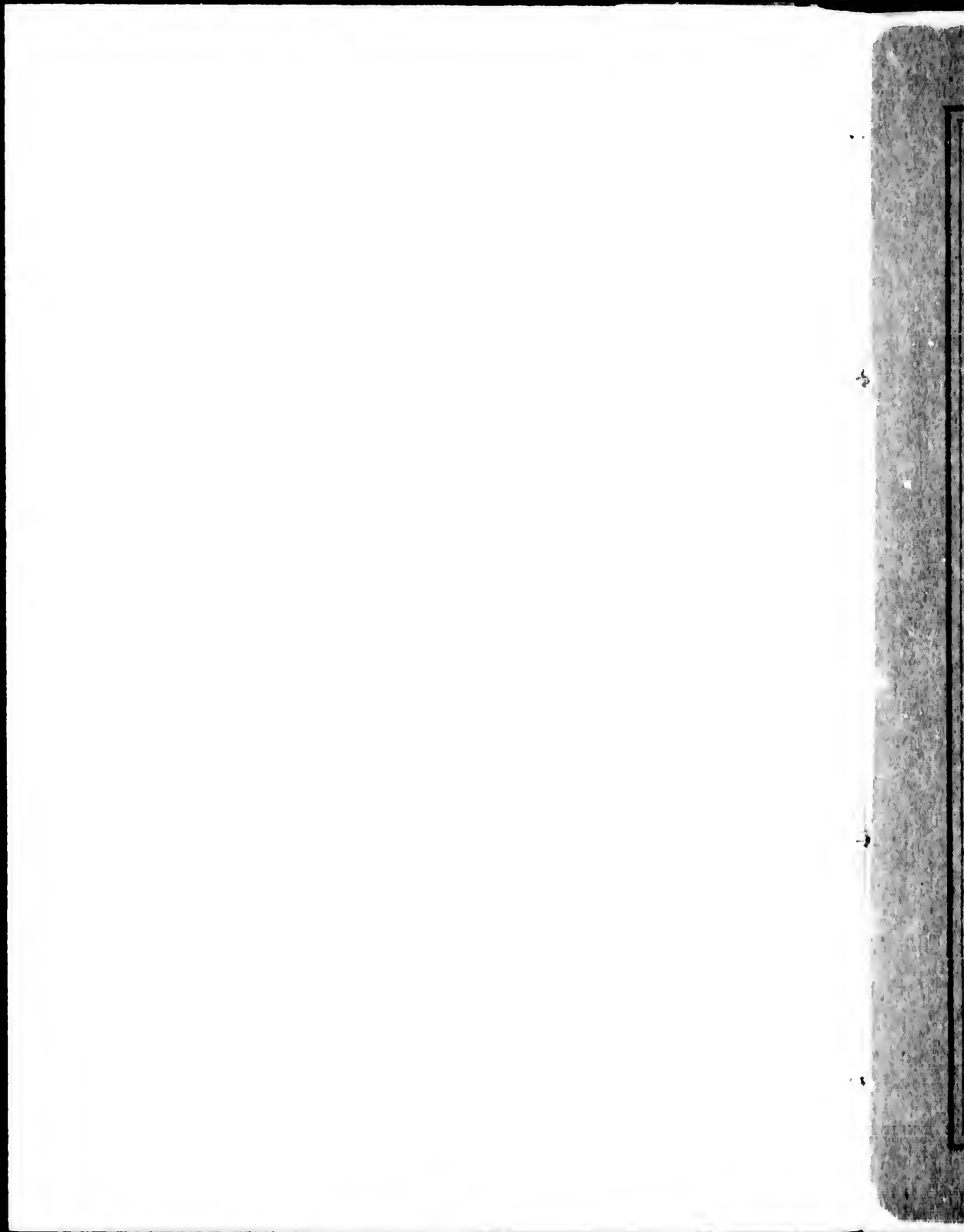
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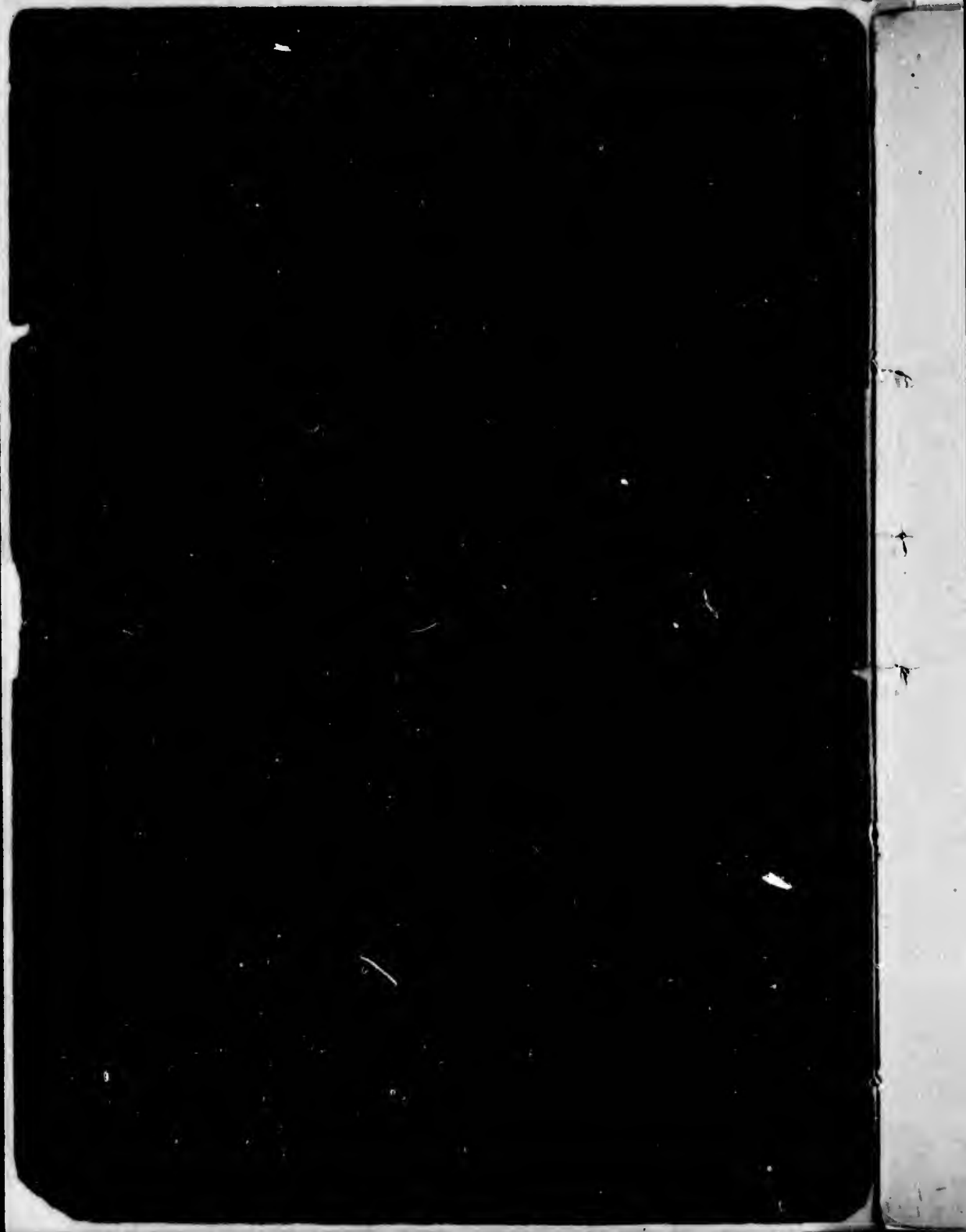
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MEMORANDUM.

At the fifty-second annual session of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, held in the Town of Port Hope, Ontario, on the 7th, 8th, and 9th days of June, 1881, a resolution was passed appointing a Committee to revise and consolidate the Constitution and Laws of the Association. The Committee consisted of the following brethren: The M. W. the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Masters, and Bros. E. F. Clarke, R. Birmingham, J. B. McWilliams, and William Johnson.

At the fifty-third annual session of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, held in the City of Sherbrooke, Quebec, on the 27th and 28th days of June, 1882, the Committee above named reported that, from a variety of causes, they had been unable to meet; but recommended that they be re-appointed, and that the Secretaries of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America and of the Provincial Grand Lodges of Ontario East and West be added to the Committee. The recommendation was adopted.

At the fifty-fourth annual session of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, held in the City of St. Catharines, Ontario, on the 5th, 6th, and 7th days of June, 1883, the Committee reported, and laid before the Grand Lodge printed sheets containing the Constitution and Laws as amended by them. The Grand Lodge, having considered the revised Constitution and Laws submitted by the Committee, adopted them with some amendments, and passed the following resolutions:

RESOLVED,—That the Constitution as amended be adopted, and referred back to the Special Committee for the purpose of consolidation, and that the Committee be authorized to make any changes consistent therewith in the blank forms to be appended to the Constitution, and that upon the labours of the Committee being completed and approved of by the Grand Master, he shall promulgate the Constitution.

RESOLVED,—That the new Constitution shall come into force on the first day of October next, A. D. 1883.

THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AMERICA.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. THE GRAND MASTER,
MERRICKVILLE, Ontario, 1st October, 1883.

In compliance with the foregoing Resolutions of the Grand Lodge, and by virtue of the authority vested in me, I hereby promulgate this Constitution and these Laws of "The Loyal Orange Association of British America."

THOMAS KEYES,
Grand Secretary.

HENRY MERRICK,
Grand Master.

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THE
LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION
OF BRITISH AMERICA.

GENERAL DECLARATION.

“Thou shalt teach men ordinances and laws, and shall show
“them the way wherein they must walk, and the work they
“must do; moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the
“people, able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating
“covetousness, and place them to be rulers of thousands,
“and rulers of hundreds, and rulers of tens.—EXODUS, c.
“xviii., vs. 20, 21.”

At all times nothing can be more natural, and at this time nothing can be more reasonable, than that those who have common rights to protect, and common interests to defend, should act together and know each other. It is by division that the benevolent objects of true patriots are frustrated, and their best and noblest efforts for the public good defeated. In these distant but important appendages of our great Empire, it must be obvious to every loyal and reflecting mind, that a union of intelligence, an increase of means, and a knowledge of each other, are essential.

THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION is formed by persons desirous of supporting, to the utmost of their power, the principles and practices of the Christian religion, to maintain the laws and constitution of the country, afford assistance to distressed members of the Association, and otherwise promote such laudable and benevolent purposes as may tend to the due ordering of religion and Christian charity, and the supremacy of law, order and constitutional freedom.

Its members associate in honor of King William III., Prince of Orange, whose name they bear, and whose immortal memory they hold in reverence, tending, as he did, under Divine Providence, to the overthrow of the most oppressive bigotry, and the restoration of pure religion and liberty.

They revere the memory of that Immortal Prince, not only as a patriot, a constitutional monarch, and a hero, but as a true Christian; and hope, in the adoption of his name, to emulate his virtues, by maintaining religion without persecution, or trenching upon the rights of any.

The Orange Association lays no claim to exclusive loyalty, or exclusive Protestantism; but it admits no man within its pale whose principles are not loyal, and whose creed is not Protestant.

Disclaiming an intolerant spirit, the Association demands as an indispensable qualification, without which the greatest and the wealthiest may seek admission in vain, that the candidate shall be deemed incapable of persecuting or injuring any one on account of his religious opinions; the duty of every Orangeman being to aid and defend all loyal subjects, of every religious persuasion, in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

The Rules of the Association are open not only to the members of the Association, but to the whole community; there is no reserve, except the signs and symbols whereby Orangemen know each other; and these mysteries are essential to the proper qualification of the Brotherhood, the recognition of the members, and the prevention of intrusion and imposture from strangers and enemies. The Association is general, not confined to any particular place, person or nation, but extends itself wherever a loyal Protestant Briton is to be found, to the remotest corners of the globe, for the establishment of Protestant faith and British liberty to the latest ages of posterity. The whole Association is one neighbourhood, within which every Orangeman is at home, in the farthest parts of the world; and such is the mechanism of the Association, that while its operations are thus extended, its every movement is alike felt and answered in every part.

The Association in these Provinces can never be suppressed, but by means which would subvert the constitution, and annihilate the connection with the Mother Country.

In many quarters, where the true nature of the Orange Association is not properly known, its designs and objects have by some been misunderstood, and by others misrepresented. From the name it bears—being connected in every one's mind with the history of parties in Ireland—some are apt to suppose that its sphere is necessarily confined to that country; not reflecting that an instrument which has been chiefly used there to suppress rebellion, repel invasion, and secure domestic tranquility, may be found equally efficacious to loyal men of all countries, in protecting their lives, liberties and properties. The Association is constituted upon the broadest principles of national freedom. It takes its stand upon the glorious principles of the Revolution of 1688; it lays its foundation in the field of British liberty; it disdains the badge of faction, and knows no emblem save "The Altar and the Throne."

As the Prince of Orange was invited to England by a coalition of parties, who united from a common sense of their sacred duty to preserve their religion and liberties, so the Orange Association, named after that Immortal Prince, invites a similar combination, and calls upon the sons of Britain to lay aside political feuds, and, like their illustrious ancestors, who signed and sealed the great Covenant of Freedom, to sacrifice every private consideration, and establish a centralization of power to conserve the great blessings and privileges which we enjoy under British connexion, upon such a basis as will enable every limb and fibre to receive vitality and nourishment from the parent stem,

QUALIFICATIONS

ESSENTIAL FOR MEMBERSHIP.

An applicant for admission should have a sincere love and veneration for his Almighty Maker, productive of those lively and happy fruits—righteousness and obedience to His commands; a firm and steadfast faith in the Saviour of the world, convinced that He is the only Mediator between a sinful creature and an offended Creator. His disposition should be humane and compassionate, and his behaviour kind and conciliatory; he should be an enemy to savage brutality and every species of unchristian conduct; a lover of rational and improving society; faithfully regarding the Protestant religion, and sincerely desirous of propagating its receipts, *i. e.*, charity and goodwill to all men. Zealous in promoting the honor, happiness and prosperity of his Queen and country; heartily desirous of success in those pursuits, yet convinced that God alone can grant them. He should have a hatred of cursing and swearing, and of taking the name of God in vain; he should use all opportunities of discouraging them among his brethren, and shun the society of all persons addicted to those shameful practices. Prudence should guide all his actions; temperance, sobriety and honesty direct his conduct; and the laudable objects of the Association be the motives of his endeavours.

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TITLE.

The Loyal Orange Association of British America.

1. The title of the Society shall be "THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AMERICA."
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LODGES.

The Grand Lodge.

2. There shall be one Grand Lodge ; its title shall be "THE GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF BRITISH AMERICA."

Provincial, County, District and Primary Lodges.

3. There shall be Provincial Grand Lodges, and County, District, and Primary Lodges, having jurisdiction, territorial and otherwise, as hereinafter set forth.

THE GRAND LODGE.

Powers of the Grand Lodge.

4. The Grand Lodge shall be the guardian of the symbols and mysteries of the Association ; the source of legislation, and the final arbiter in all matters of dispute. No change shall be made in the signs, symbols, lectures, passwords, mysteries, or forms of introduction, except by its authority.

Who shall Compose the Grand Lodge.

5. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of its officers ; Past Grand Masters ; Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Chaplains, Secretaries and Treasurers ; Past Grand Lecturers, Directors of Ceremonies, Deputy Grand Secretaries and Treasurers, who have held their respective offices for three consecutive years ; Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges ; Past Provincial Grand Masters ; Past Provincial Deputy Grand Masters, Past Provincial Grand Chaplains, Secretaries, Treasurers, Lecturers, and Directors of Ceremonies, who have held their respective offices for five consecutive years ; the Grand Master of the Grand Black Chapter of British America ; the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, Secretary and Treasurer of the Orange Young Briton Association, provided they are in active membership in the Orange Association, have the required Degrees, and are not over twenty-five years of age ; County Masters ; District Masters ; and in the absence of a County or District Master, or when either votes in any other capacity, the Deputy Master, or Proxy duly appointed in open Lodge, who must be a member of such Lodge, may vote as the representative of the County or District.

Annual Meeting.

6. The Grand Lodge shall meet on the first Tuesday in the month of June, in every year, except as herein.





after provided, at such place as shall be fixed upon at the preceding annual meeting.

Officers to be Elected.

7. At each annual meeting the Grand Lodge shall elect for the year, as provided in Rule 114: A Grand Master, whose title shall be, "Most Worshipful Grand Master;" a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Secretary, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Director of Ceremonies, not more than twenty Deputy Grand Chaplains, a Deputy Grand Secretary, a Deputy Grand Treasurer, and a Deputy Grand Lecturer for each of the Provinces of the Dominion, and Newfoundland. All the said officers shall, by virtue of their office, be members of the Grand Lodge, entitled to vote therein so long as they shall hold office, and until their successors have been appointed and installed; and thence until the end of the then present meeting.

A Quorum Necessary.

8. No meeting of the Grand Lodge shall be held unless a quorum of members be present. A quorum shall consist of twenty members, all of whom shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree.

Hours of Meeting.

9. The Grand Lodge shall meet on the first day of the session at two o'clock p. m., and on every subsequent day at nine o'clock a. m., except otherwise ordered by the Grand Master; and it shall rise at one o'clock and at six o'clock p. m., respectively, and resume at half-past two o'clock and at half-past seven o'clock p. m.

Order of Business.

10. The Order of Business at meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be:

FIRST DAY.

- 1 Opening the Grand Lodge in the Royal Scarlet Degree.
- 2 Reading Scriptures.
- 3 Appointing a Committee to draft the Standing Committees.
- 4 Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture.
- 5 Business connected with the Royal Scarlet Degree.
- 6 Reduction to the Orange Degree.
- 7 Grand Master's Address.

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- 8 Reading Annual Reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.
- 9 Receiving and adopting the report of the Committee appointed to draft the Standing Committees.
- 10 Reading and receiving Petitions, Appeals and Reports.
- 11 Referring Petitions, Appeals and Reports.
- 12 Notices of Motion.
- 13 Receiving first Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 14 General Business.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS.

- 1 Reading Scriptures.
- 2 Reading and adopting preceding day's Minutes.
- 3 Receiving Reports of Standing Committees.
- 4 Consideration of proposed constitutional amendments.
- 5 Appropriation of Grand Lodge funds.
- 6 Unfinished Business.
- 7 General Business.
- 8 Election and Installation of Officers.
- 9 Selection of next place of meeting.
- 10 Raising the Lodge to the Royal Scarlet Degree.
- 11 Reading Minutes.
- 12 Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture.
- 13 Closing ceremonies.

Committees.

11. The Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge shall be :

- (a) Credentials.
- (b) Correspondence.
- (c) Finance.
- (d) Suspensions and Expulsions.
- (e) Petitions and Appeals.
- (f) Constitution and Laws.

each of which shall be composed of five members. Their duties shall be as follows :

- CREDENTIALS.**—To examine all credentials, and report the names of members who are present.
- CORRESPONDENCE.**—To examine the correspondence and documents which may be referred to them, and report thereon.
- FINANCE.**—To audit the books and accounts, examine the financial statements and claims, and report thereon, and to recommend the payment of appropriations.
- SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.**—To examine and report upon all matters referring to suspension or expulsion.
- PETITIONS AND APPEALS.**—To investigate all petitions and appeals, and report thereon.
- CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.**—To consider and report the effect of any proposition to amend the Constitution.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.**The Grand Master.**

12. The Grand Master shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge; if absent, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside; if both are absent, the senior Provincial Grand Master; if these are absent, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside, and the brother so selected shall, during his occupancy of the chair, exercise all the power and authority of the Grand Master.

13. The Grand Master may call a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, by giving the members fourteen days' notice by mail; but no business except that for which such special meeting has been called shall be transacted thereat. He may also call the annual meeting at an earlier, or postpone it until a later, day than that fixed by Rule 6 of this Constitution. If he call the annual meeting before the date fixed by Rule 6 of this Constitution, he shall cause notice to be mailed to the members at least two weeks previous to the date selected; and if he postpone the annual meeting, he shall cause notice to be mailed to the members at least two weeks previous to the first Tuesday in the month of June.

14. The Grand Master shall summon a meeting of the Grand Lodge at any time when required by requisition, signed by seven Grand Officers, or by twenty members of the Grand Lodge, stating the object for which such meeting is required. No such meeting shall be called without at least twenty days' notice being given, such notice to contain a statement of the object of such meeting.

15. The Grand Master shall select the Annual, and shall communicate it to the Provincial Grand Masters, who shall communicate it to the County Masters within their Provinces. The County Masters shall communicate it to the District Masters, and the District Masters to the Masters of Primary Lodges which are not in arrears for dues.

16. The Grand Master shall direct the affairs of the

Association when the Grand Lodge is not in session, and his decision on any question shall be binding and final, until set aside by the Grand Lodge.

17. All questions submitted to the Grand Master for decision, and his answers thereto, shall be entered by him in a book prepared for that purpose; and such questions and answers shall be published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge each year.

18. In the event of the death or resignation of the Grand Master, or of his absence from British America, or of a vacancy occurring in the office from any other cause, the Deputy Grand Master shall act as Grand Master; and should the Deputy Grand Master be unable to discharge the duties of Grand Master, then the senior Provincial Grand Master shall act as Grand Master *pro tem*.

The Deputy Grand Master.

19. The Deputy Grand Master shall occupy the deputy chair. He shall select and give the retiring password to the members, and shall assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties.

The Grand Chaplain.

20. The Grand Chaplain shall conduct the religious services of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Secretary.

21. The Grand Secretary shall be the custodian of the seals, warrants, warrant plate, registers, rituals, books, papers, correspondence, and other property of the Grand Lodge. He shall attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, keep a correct record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, attend to the issue of warrants, distribute to the Provincial Grand Secretaries the rituals, forms, Annual Reports, and other printed matter they require; prepare for the use of the Committee on Credentials, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, a list of the members, with the office or position held by each; present a report to the Grand Lodge at each annual meeting of the state and progress of the Association and the correspondence of the year; and remit to the Grand Treasurer, on the first day of

each month, any money that may have come into his hands during the preceding month.

The Grand Treasurer.

22. The funds of the Association shall be lodged in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, who shall produce his books and vouchers at every annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, to be examined and audited by the Finance Committee. He shall furnish sureties to be approved by the Grand Master. No money shall be paid out by him except in pursuance of a recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved of by the Grand Lodge, or on the written order of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lecturer.

23. The Grand Lecturer shall repeat the Lectures at the opening and closing of the Grand Lodge, and instruct the members in the secret work when called upon during the sessions. He shall, when requested by a Provincial Grand Lodge, attend its meetings and exemplify the Degrees. His expenses shall be paid by the lodge requiring his services.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies.

24. The Grand Director of Ceremonies shall attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge; proceed in advance to the places where they are to be held, and make such arrangements as may be necessary for holding them. He shall order and take charge of all processions and ceremonials in which the Grand Lodge shall take part; assign to the various officers and lodges their positions, according to Rule 139; and see that the members are clothed in the regalia provided for in Rule 138.

The Deputy Grand Officers.

25. The Deputies of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Lecturer shall assist those officers in the discharge of their respective duties.

General Powers of Grand Lodge Officers.

26. The Grand Officers shall be *ex officio* members of all lodges, and entitled to exercise the rights of membership, except in the distribution of funds, the election of officers, and the adoption or amendment of by-laws.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

Territorial Limits.

27. Each Province into which British America is now or may hereafter be subdivided for the purposes of civil government shall constitute the territorial limits of a Provincial Grand Lodge, excepting the Province of Ontario, which shall be divided into two Provinces, as follows; That part of the Province of Ontario lying west of the Counties of Durham and Victoria shall constitute a Province to be known as the Province of Ontario West; and that part of the Province of Ontario bounded on the west by the western limits of the Counties of Durham and Victoria shall constitute a Province to be known as the Province of Ontario East.

Seven Primary Lodges necessary to constitute a Provincial Grand Lodge.

28. No warrant shall issue for the opening of a Provincial Grand Lodge unless at least seven Primary Lodges are working within such Province; and until seven warrants have been issued and are working in any Province, the Lodges therein shall be under the direct control and management of the Grand Lodge.

Who shall Compose Provincial Grand Lodges.

29. Provincial Grand Lodges shall be composed of their officers; Past Grand Masters; Past Provincial Grand Masters; Last Past Provincial Grand Officers; Past Provincial Grand Officers who have held office for five consecutive years; County and District Masters; Past County and District Masters; and Masters of Primary Lodges. When the Master of a County, District, or Primary Lodge is absent, or, being present, votes in some other capacity, the Deputy Master of such lodge may represent it; and in the absence of the Master and Deputy Master, then a Proxy duly appointed in open lodge, who must be a member of such lodge, may represent it.

Meetings, Powers, Dues, &c.

30. The Provincial Grand Lodges shall meet within their respective Provinces annually, in such places as they shall determine after their first meeting, at any time not later than one month previous to the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge; follow the same Order of Business as provided in Rule 10; levy dues by capitation tax or otherwise; divide their territory into Counties, and make such by-laws for the management of their affairs as shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws.

Officers to be Elected.

31. At the annual meeting the following officers shall be elected, as provided in Rule 114: A Master, who shall be designated "Right Worshipful;" a Deputy Master, a Junior Deputy Master, a Chaplain, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Lecturer, a Director of Ceremonies, any number of Deputy Chaplains, and a Deputy Secretary. All the foregoing officers must be members of the Royal Scarlet Order, and shall be designated Provincial Grand Officers.

A Quorum Necessary.

32. No meeting of a Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held unless a quorum is present. A quorum shall consist of twelve members, all of whom are Companions of the Royal Scarlet Order.

Fees to Grand Lodge.

33. Each Provincial Grand Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge the sum of one dollar for each Primary Lodge not declared dormant in its jurisdiction, which sum shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge immediately after each annual meeting.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

The Provincial Grand Master.

34. Each Provincial Grand Master shall, by virtue of his office, be a Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

35. If the Provincial Grand Master be present, he shall preside at all meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge; if he be absent, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall preside; in his absence, the Junior Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall preside; and in the absence of the foregoing officers, the lodge shall elect one of its number to preside, who shall, while occupying the chair, have all the powers of the Provincial Grand Master.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master.

36. Any vacancy, caused by death or otherwise, in the office of Provincial Grand Master, shall be filled by the succession of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and in the event of his death or resignation, the Junior Deputy Grand Master shall fill the office.

The Provincial Grand Secretary.

37. Provincial Grand Secretaries shall furnish to the County and District Masters in their respective Provinces all blank forms of returns, &c., required by the lodges; and such returns must be filled up and transmitted to the proper officers immediately after the annual meetings.

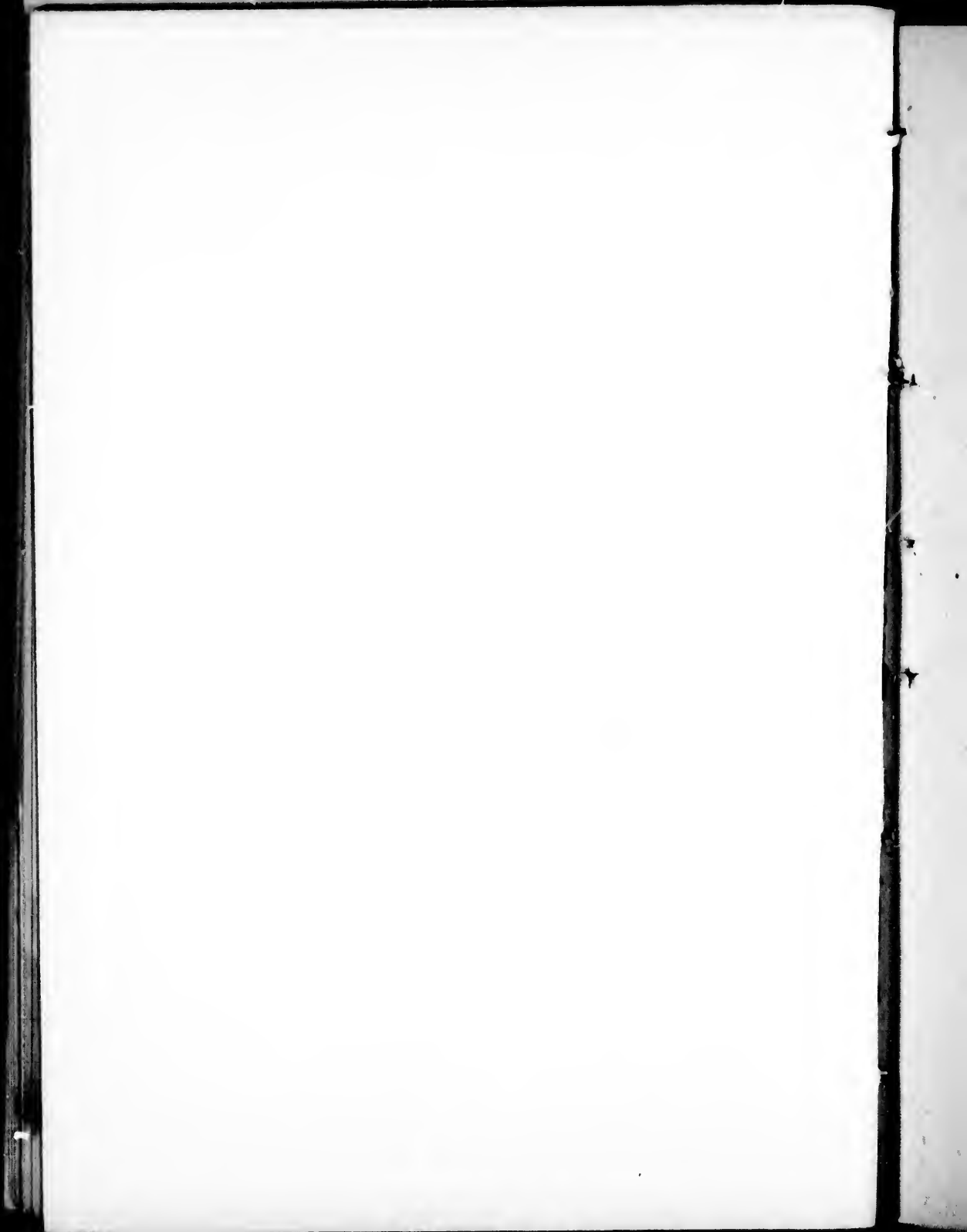
The Provincial Grand Treasurer.

38. The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall keep the books of account between the Provincial Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges; and he shall forward to the Grand Treasurer, immediately after the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, all Grand Lodge dues.

General Powers of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers.

39. Provincial Grand Officers shall, within their respective jurisdictions, have all the powers and privileges vested in the Grand Officers, but in subordination thereto, and shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of the Grand Lodge.





COUNTY LODGES.

Territorial Limits.

40. County Lodges shall exercise jurisdiction over the territory assigned to them by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Who shall Compose County Lodges.

41. County Lodges shall be composed of their officers ; District Officers ; Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Recording and Financial Secretaries, Treasurers, Directors of Ceremonies, Lecturers, and Senior Committeemen of Primary Lodges ; and Past Masters of County, District and Primary Lodges in good standing in the Primary Lodges within the County, and who have received the Orange, Purple, Blue, and Royal Arch Purple Degrees.

Annual Meeting.

42. The annual meeting of a County Lodge shall be held on the first Tuesday in February. Should, however, unavoidable circumstances prevent a meeting being held on that day, then it shall be held on the next succeeding Tuesday.

A Quorum Necessary.

43. Nine members shall form a quorum ; and no meeting of a County Lodge shall be held unless that number be present.

County Lodges to be Opened in the Royal Arch Purple Degree.

44. County Lodges shall be opened in the Royal Arch Purple Degree ; but may be reduced at the option of the Lodge.

Officers to be Elected.

45. The members shall attend the annual meeting without notice, and shall elect for the ensuing year, as provided in Rule 114 : A Master and a Deputy Master, who must have the Scarlet Degree ; a Chaplain, Secre-

tary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies, Lecturer, and not more than two Deputy Lecturers.

Order of Business.

46. The Order of Business shall be :

- 1 Prayer.
- 2 Reading Scriptures.
- 3 Repetition of Lecture.
- 4 Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, and signed by the Master.
- 5 Appointing a Finance and a Credential Committee, who shall report at once.
- 6 Reports of County Master, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 7 Reports from District Masters.
- 8 Unfinished Business.
- 9 General Business.
- 10 Election and Installation of Officers.
- 11 Selection of next place of meeting.
- 12 Repetition of Lecture.
- 13 Closing the Lodge with Prayer.

Standing Committees.

47. At each annual meeting of a County Lodge there shall be two Standing Committees appointed—on Finance and Credentials—which shall each be composed of three members, whose duties shall be the same as those of similar Committees of the Grand Lodge. At all other meetings a Committee on Credentials shall be appointed.

Power to Establish District Lodges.

48. Each County Lodge may establish within its territory District Lodges, which shall be composed of not less than three Primary Lodges.

Power to Levy Fees.

49. County Lodges may levy a fee, by capitation tax or otherwise, for County purposes.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF COUNTY LODGE OFFICERS.

The County Master.

50. If the County Master be present, he shall preside at all meetings of the County Lodge; if he be absent, the Deputy Master shall preside; if both be absent, the senior District Master present shall preside; if no District Master be present, the senior Primary Master present shall preside, and during his occupancy of the

chair he shall be vested with all the powers of the County Master.

51. It shall be the duty of the County Master to see that the Annual Returns are properly made by the County Secretary, and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary within one week after the holding of the annual meeting; also, that the County Treasurer forward to the Provincial Grand Treasurer all Provincial Grand Lodge dues; and no County Master shall be permitted to vote in a superior-lodge unless the Annual Returns and dues of the County have been forwarded thereto.

The Deputy County Master.

52. Any vacancy caused by death or otherwise in the office of County Master shall be filled by the succession of the Deputy County Master.

53. If the Deputy County Master be present, he shall occupy the deputy chair, select and give the retiring password to the members, and assist the County Master in the discharge of his duties; should he be absent, the deputy chair shall be filled as provided for in Rule 50.

The County Secretary.

54. The County Secretary shall make out the Annual Returns, and forward them to the Provincial Grand Secretary within one week after the holding of the annual meeting.

The County Treasurer.

55. The County Treasurer shall, immediately after the annual County meeting, forward to the Provincial Grand Treasurer all Grand Lodge dues.

General Powers of County Lodge Officers.

56. County officers shall be *ex-officio* members of all District and Primary Lodges under their jurisdiction. They shall have the right to vote therein upon all questions, excepting the distribution of lodge funds, the election of officers, and the adoption of by-laws; they shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of the Grand Lodge, and shall be designated "Worshipful."

DISTRICT LODGES.

Territorial Limits.

57. District Lodges shall exercise jurisdiction over the territory assigned to them by the County Lodge. They shall be composed of not less than three Primary Lodges.

Who shall Compose District Lodges.

58. District Lodges shall be composed of their own officers; Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Recording and Financial Secretaries, Treasurers, Directors of Ceremonies, Lecturers, and Senior Committeemen of Primary Lodges; Past District Masters and Past Masters of Primary Lodges, being members of some Primary Lodge in the District, who have received the Degrees of Orange, Purple, Blue, and Royal Arch Purple.

Annual Meeting.

59. The annual meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday in January. Should, however, unavoidable circumstances prevent a meeting on that day, then it shall be held on the next succeeding Tuesday.

A Quorum Necessary.

60. Seven members shall form a quorum; and no District meeting shall be held unless that number be present.

District Lodges to be Opened in the Blue Degree.

61. District Lodges must be opened in the Blue Degree, but may be reduced at the option of the lodge.

Officers to be Elected.

62. The members shall attend the annual meeting without notice, when there shall be elected, as provided in Rule 114: A Master and Deputy Master, who shall have the Scarlet Degree; a Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies, and Lecturer.

Order of Business.

63. The Order of Business shall be :

- 1 Prayer.
- 2 Reading Scriptures.
- 3 Repetition of Lecture.
- 4 Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, and signed by the Master.
- 5 Appointing a Finance and a Credential Committee, who shall report at once.
- 6 Reports of District Master, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer.
- 7 Reports from Masters of Primary Lodges.
- 8 Unfinished Business.
- 9 General Business.
- 10 Election and Installation of Officers.
- 11 Selection of next place of meeting.
- 12 Repetition of Lecture.
- 13 Closing the Lodge with Prayer.

Committees.

64. At each annual meeting of the District Lodge there shall be appointed by the lodge two Standing Committees—Finance and Credentials—which shall each be composed of two members, whose duties shall be the same as those of similar Committees of the Grand Lodge.

Fees.

65. District Lodges may levy a fee, by capitation tax or otherwise, for District purposes.

Meetings.

66. District Lodges may meet as often as the members shall deem necessary.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF DISTRICT LODGE OFFICERS.

The District Master.

67. If the District Master be present, he shall preside at all meetings of the District Lodge; if he be absent, the Deputy Master shall preside. In the absence of the Master and Deputy Master, the senior Master present of a Primary Lodge shall preside, and during his occupancy of the chair he shall have all the powers of the District Master.

68. It shall be the duty of the District Master to visit every lodge under his jurisdiction at least once a

year, and correct all irregularities and any infringements of the Constitution; and upon receiving information of any irregularity, he shall without delay investigate and correct the same.

69. The District Master shall have power to cause any officer of a District or Primary Lodge to be summoned before the District Lodge for refusing to obey his orders; and the charge shall be investigated and the offender punished as the District Lodge may direct.

70. The District Master shall open all new lodges in his District, and install the officers thereof.

71. It shall be the duty of the District Master to see that the Annual Returns are properly made by the District Recording Secretary, and forwarded to the County Secretary before the first Tuesday in February; also that the District Treasurer has forwarded to the County Treasurer all dues; and no District Master shall be allowed to vote in a superior lodge unless the Annual Returns have been forwarded to the County Secretary, and the dues forwarded to the County Treasurer.

The Deputy District Master.

72. If the Deputy District Master be present, he shall occupy the deputy chair, select and give the retiring password to the members, and assist the District Master in the discharge of his duties. Should he be absent, the deputy chair shall be filled as provided for in Rule 67.

The District Recording Secretary.

73. The District Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal, minute book, and papers of the lodge. He shall keep a record of the proceedings, issue all summonses, conduct the correspondence, make out the Annual Returns and forward the same to the County Secretary before the first Tuesday in February of each year, and perform such other duties as the lodge may direct.

The District Financial Secretary.

74. The District Financial Secretary shall keep the books of account between the District Lodge and the Primary Lodges; present an annual statement of the

lodges in arrears; receive all moneys, and pay the same over to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting.

The District Treasurer.

75. The District Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds, and shall pay all accounts passed by the Lodge and certified by the Master. He shall at each annual meeting present a statement of the financial condition of the lodge. He shall pay over to the County Treasurer, at or before the annual County meeting, all dues, and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

General Powers of District Lodge Officers.

76. District Officers shall be *ex officio* members of all Primary Lodges within their jurisdiction; and shall have the right to vote on all questions, excepting the distribution of lodge funds, the election of officers, and the adoption of by-laws. They shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of the Grand Lodge and Primary Lodges, and shall be designated "Worshipful."

PRIMARY LODGES.

Number of Members Necessary to Form a Primary Lodge.

77. Each Primary Lodge shall be composed of not less than six members, and shall meet monthly or oftener.

A Quorum Necessary.

78. Five members shall form a quorum ; and no meeting of a Primary Lodge shall be held unless that number be present.

Officers.

79. The officers of a Primary Lodge shall be a Master, Deputy Master, Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Ceremonies, Lecturer (all of whom shall have the Royal Arch Purple Degree), and, as soon as possible, five Committeemen, the first of whom shall have the Royal Arch Purple Degree, and such other officers as the by-laws may provide.

Order of Business.

80. The order of Business shall be as follows :

- 1 Prayer.
- 2 Reading Scriptures.
- 3 Repetition of Lecture.
- 4 Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, and signed by the Master.
- 5 Applications for membership.
- 6 Reports on Candidates.
- 7 Balloting for Candidates.
- 8 Initiation of Candidates.
- 9 Reports of Committees.
- 10 General Business.
- 11 Election and Installation of Officers.
- 12 Roll Call and Collection of Dues.
- 13 Repetition of Lecture.
- 14 Closing the Lodge with Prayer.

Election of Officers.

81. The election and installation of officers for the ensuing year shall take place at the December meeting ; but if from any unavoidable cause the election does not then take place, the Worshipful Master or senior officer for

the time being shall call a special meeting for that purpose as early as possible.

Installation of Officers.

82. The officers elect shall be installed by a Past Master, or by the Master or Past Master of a superior lodge.

How Vacant Offices are to be Filled.

83. In the event of a vacancy occurring in any office, the lodge shall at the first meeting thereafter proceed to fill such vacancy; and in case a member who is already an officer of the lodge is elected to fill a vacancy, he shall, on accepting the same, vacate the office then held by him. If the vacancy be that of the Master, the Deputy Master, a Past Master, or some officer selected by the lodge, shall preside until the vacancy is filled.

Annual Returns.

84. Each Primary Lodge shall make an Annual Return to the District Lodge within whose jurisdiction it is situated, according to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge. Where there are no District or County Lodges, the Annual Returns of Primary Lodges shall be transmitted to the next highest lodge.

Dues.

85. Each Primary Lodge shall pay annually not less than two dollars and fifty cents to the Provincial Grand Lodge. In no case shall the Master of a Primary Lodge receive the Annual until this regulation has been complied with. Isolated lodges shall transmit their dues direct to the Grand Treasurer.

The term "Year" defined in reference to Payment of Dues.

86. All dues paid by Primary Lodges shall be for the year ending on the last day of the natural year.

When shall a Primary Lodge be considered Dormant.

87. Any Primary Lodge which shall not meet for six consecutive months shall be considered dormant.

Settlement of Disputes between Primary Lodges.

88. Any dispute arising between Primary Lodges shall be referred to the District Lodge, if both be in the same

District; but, if not, then to the County Lodge; if not within the same County, to the Provincial Grand Lodge; and if both be not under the jurisdiction of the same Provincial Grand Lodge, such dispute shall be referred to the Grand Lodge for adjustment.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF PRIMARY LODGE OFFICERS.

The Master.

89. The Master shall, if present, preside at all meetings; in his absence the Deputy Master shall preside; but should both these officers be absent, then a Past Master may preside, or some other brother selected by the lodge.

90. The Master shall be the custodian of all the property of the lodge, except as provided for in Rules Nos. 97, 98 and 99.

91. The Master shall be *ex-officio* a member of all committees.

92. The Master shall see that the Annual Return of the lodge is properly made out by the Recording Secretary and forwarded to the District Secretary at or before the annual District meeting, and that the dues are paid by the Treasurer to the District Treasurer; and no Master shall be permitted to vote in the District, County, or Provincial Grand Lodge, unless the lodge has paid all dues and made its Annual Return.

93. The Annual shall be communicated by the Master to the members of the lodge not in arrears, and to none other.

94. The Master shall be responsible for the good government of the lodge, and shall see that the Constitution and Rules of the Association are observed.

The Deputy Master.

95. The Deputy Master shall occupy the deputy chair. He shall select and give the retiring password to the members, and shall assist the Master in the discharge of his duties.

The Chaplain.

96. The Chaplain shall conduct the religious services.

The Recording Secretary.

97. The Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal, minute book, and papers of the lodge. He shall keep a record of the proceedings, issue all summonses, conduct the correspondence, make out all returns, and perform such other duties as the lodge may direct.

The Financial Secretary.

98. The Financial Secretary shall keep the books of account between the lodge and its members; prepare and present at the meetings in March, June, September, and December, a complete list of those in arrears; receive all moneys, and pay the same over to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting.

The Treasurer.

99. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds, and shall pay accounts passed by the lodge and certified by the Master. He shall, when required, present a complete statement of its financial condition to the lodge. He shall forward to the District Treasurer, before or at the Annual District meeting, all dues, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

The Director of Ceremonies.

100. The Director of Ceremonies shall see that the members are clothed in the regalia provided for in Rule 138; take charge of the processions and ceremonies, and assign to the officers and members their positions, as provided for in Rule 139.

The Lecturer.

101. The Lecturer shall instruct the members in the lectures, signs, and passwords, and in the proper way of entering and leaving the lodge.

The Committee.

102. The Committee shall enquire into the character of candidates for membership. They shall try all charges made against members, and shall report in writing the evidence taken and the result of their deliberations.

GENERAL RULES.

APPLICABLE TO ALL LODGES.

Opening of a Lodge.

103. Previous to the opening of a lodge, the Master shall cause everyone in the room to be tested; and no one shall be allowed to remain who is not in possession of the Annual, or vouched for by a member.

Lodges to be Guarded by Tylers.

104. All lodges when in session shall be guarded by an Outside and an Inside Tyler, who shall be appointed by the Master.

The Outside Tyler.

105. The Outside Tyler shall guard the entrance to the lodge, allow no one to pass until properly tested, and give the proper signals to the Inside Tyler; but under no circumstances shall he open the door of the lodge.

The Inside Tyler.

106. The Inside Tyler shall guard the entrance to the lodge from the inside; answer the signals of the Outside Tyler and ascertain their cause; permit qualified brethren to enter; report to the Master the names of persons presenting themselves for admission not having the necessary qualifications, and admit such when instructed by the Master. He shall keep the door of the lodge closed during the opening and closing ceremonies, the repetition of lectures, and the taking of a vote. He shall not permit any brother to leave the lodge who is not in possession of the retiring password.

Saluting the Master.

107. Every member upon entering or leaving a lodge shall advance to the centre of the room and salute the Master, by giving the sign of the Degree at work.

Visitors.

108. Members who have not withdrawn their certificates, and who have the current Annual, may be admitted as visitors to the meeting of any lodge.

Rules of Order.

109. The following shall be the Rules of Order :

- 1 The Master shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order or practice, stating the rule applicable. His decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Lodge.
- 2 The Master shall not take part in any debate, nor vote on any motion unless on an equal division, except in the election of officers, when he may cast a ballot. He may, however, express his views on any question being debated, before the vote is taken.
- 3 Every member shall, previous to speaking, rise and address the Master.
- 4 When two or more members rise at the same time, the Master shall decide which is to speak first.
- 5 When the Master is putting a question, no member shall speak or move about the Lodge Room.
- 6 No member, while speaking, shall be interrupted, except to explain, or upon a point of order.
- 7 When a member is called to order, he shall resume his seat until the question of order is decided; he may, however, be permitted to explain, but in no case to introduce new matter.
- 8 When the ruling of the Master is appealed against, he shall without debate put the question in the following words: "Shall the ruling of the Master be sustained?" He shall have the right to state his reasons for the decision given.
- 9 No member shall speak disrespectfully of the Queen, or of any member of the Royal family, or of the persons administering the Government of Canada or any of the Provinces; nor shall he use any improper language, nor speak beside the question in debate.
- 10 No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes, without the permission of the Lodge, unless in explanation, except the mover, who shall have the right of reply, after which the debate shall close. This rule shall not be applicable when in Committee of the whole.
- 11 A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when it was the next preceding motion.
- 12 No motion shall be received unless it be in writing and seconded.
- 13 A member may require the motion under discussion to be read for his information at any time during the debate, except when a member is speaking.
- 14 After a motion has been received by the Master, it shall be in possession of the Lodge; but may be withdrawn at any time before decision, by permission of the Lodge.

- 15 When a question is being debated, no motion shall be received, except to amend, to postpone, to lay on the table, for the previous question, to adjourn, or to commit.
- 16 On the call of five members the "previous question" shall be put, and, until decided, shall preclude all amendments or debate, and shall be submitted in the following words: "Shall the vote on the main question be now taken?"
- 17 All motions shall be submitted in the order in which they are received, except to amend, for fixing dates or naming sums, when that for the largest sum or the longest date shall be submitted first.
- 18 All motions, before being debated, shall be read by the mover.
- 19 No motion to reconsider shall be in order unless made by a member who voted with the majority.
- 20 It shall be the duty of the Master, when a motion is out of order, to inform the Lodge, and to cite the rule applicable.
- 21 No motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall be received.
- 22 The yeas and nays shall only be taken upon the request of seven members.
- 23 Any member refusing to take his seat when ordered by the Master, shall be suspended for the session.
- 24 In all unprovided cases, the Master shall decide, but his decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Lodge.

Lodge shall Appoint Committees.

110. All Committees shall be appointed by the lodge.

Committee of the Whole.

111. It shall be competent for a lodge, if the majority of the members so decide, to resolve itself into Committee of the whole to discuss any subject which may come before it; and in such case the Master shall appoint a member to act as chairman. When a lodge is in Committee of the whole, Rules of Order Nos. 10 and 12 shall not apply.

By-Laws.

112. Lodges shall have power, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, to make by-laws for their internal government, and for the imposition and collection of fees for ordinary or benevolent purposes, which are not inconsistent with the Constitution or by-laws of any superior lodge. The by-laws of Primary Lodges shall be examined and approved by the Provincial Grand Master under whose jurisdiction the lodges are located; and the by-laws of District and County Lodges shall be examined

and approved by the Grand Master, before being promulgated.

Eligibility for Office.

113. No brother shall be eligible for election to an office in any lodge, unless he is entitled to vote therein.

Mode of Election.

114. Candidates for office shall be nominated; and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. If there be only one candidate, the Master shall cast a ballot for him, and declare him elected. In the event of there being more than one person nominated, the Master shall appoint two scrutineers, who shall prepare ballot papers, and distribute one to each member. The members shall write upon the ballot papers the name of the candidate they prefer, and return them to the scrutineers, who shall count the number of votes given to each, and report the result to the Master. Should there have been no election, balloting shall be resumed, the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes retiring after each ballot. Balloting shall be continued until a majority of all the votes cast is given to one candidate.

Members must Vote, unless Excused.

115. When a vote is being taken, either by ballot or otherwise, all the members present shall vote, unless the lodge by a majority of votes shall excuse them.

Responsibility for Dues.

116. Lodges having subordinate lodges under their immediate jurisdiction shall be responsible for the payment of all the dues of said lodges, until their warrants have been returned, or notice of their having become dormant given by the Secretary to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Copies of Constitution and Reports to be Fyled.

117. Every lodge shall keep on fyle a copy of the Constitution, and of the Reports of the Grand Lodge; and the Secretary shall from time to time note in the book of the Constitution all changes made therein.

Where Lodge Meetings shall not be Held.

118. No lodge meeting shall be held in a hotel, tavern, or saloon, nor shall any intoxicating liquor be introduced

or used as a beverage in a lodge room, either before or during a meeting, or at its close.

Members shall not Leave without Permission.

119. A member shall not leave a lodge without its permission, nor until he has received the retiring password from the Deputy Master.

Powers of Masters.

120. The Master of a lodge may call a special meeting, of which due notice shall be given to all the members.

121. The Master of a lodge shall be *ex-officio* a member of all Committees of the lodge.

122. No member shall communicate the Annual to another, unless authorized by the Master of his lodge, and then only to a member thereof.

123. Any question arising which is not provided for by the Constitution, shall be decided by the Master, subject to an appeal to the lodge, and afterwards to the Grand Master.

WARRANTS.

Who shall Grant Warrants.

124. All warrants shall be issued by the Grand Lodge, and shall be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; and no meeting of any lodge shall be held unless under and by virtue of a warrant.

Applications for Warrants.

125. An application for a Primary Lodge warrant must be made by not less than six brethren having certificates, who shall set forth the name of the brother they have selected to be the Master, and the place where the meetings are to be held. Applications for warrants or renewals for Primary Lodges shall be made to the Grand Secretary through the District and County Masters and the Provincial Grand Secretary, who must recommend the same before they can be issued. Where no Provincial Grand Lodge exists, application shall be made to the Grand Secretary. An application for a District Lodge warrant shall be made to the Grand Secretary by the County Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is to be held; an application for a County Lodge warrant shall be made by

the Provincial Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is to be situated; and an application for a Provincial Grand Lodge warrant shall be made to the Grand Lodge.

Fees for Warrants.

126. The fee for a warrant for a Primary Lodge shall be eight dollars, and for a renewal warrant two dollars. The fee for a warrant for a District Lodge shall be one dollar; for a warrant for a County Lodge one dollar; and for a warrant for a Provincial Grand Lodge five dollars. The fee must in all cases accompany the application to the Grand Secretary.

Dormant Warrants.

127. When a lodge becomes dormant, it shall be the duty of the Master of the next superior lodge to demand and take possession of the warrant and all other property, in the name and on behalf of the lodge which he represents. Any claims for rent which may be standing against the property of the lodge shall be liquidated by the lodge which has taken possession of the property; and any member or members who shall apply for such property thereafter shall first reimburse said lodge in the amount paid by it. Any member who shall under any circumstances retain or refuse to give up possession of the warrant or other property of a dormant lodge, shall be expelled from the Association.

Loaning Warrants, &c.

128. Any member who shall loan or use a warrant for opening or holding any lodge other than the one for which it was issued, or who shall use it for holding a lodge outside the place or territory it was granted for, or who shall give a copy or duplicate of the same for the opening or holding of any lodge, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his trust, and shall be suspended or expelled. Any brother acting under a warrant so loaned or held, or a copy or duplicate so given, shall likewise be suspended or expelled; and no lodge or member of the Association shall knowingly acknowledge any individual thus surreptitiously initiated; and any officer giving the Annual to any of the offending parties, or to any of the surreptitiously introduced members, shall be considered equally guilty, and shall be suspended or expelled.

MEMBERSHIP.**How to Obtain Membership.**

129. Candidates for membership, who must be at least eighteen years of age, shall make application in writing to a Primary Lodge, and must be recommended by two members of the lodge, who shall sign the application, which shall be referred to the Committee to be reported upon at a subsequent meeting. If three ballots are cast against the admission of a candidate he shall be rejected. In cities, towns, or villages, where more than one lodge exists, application may be made to any of them. Rejected candidates may again apply for admission twelve months after the date of their rejection; but in no case shall they make application to two or more lodges at the same time.

Membership by Certificate.

130. If a member holding a certificate issued by authority of the Grand Lodge wishes to join a Primary Lodge, he must first deposit it therein, and in writing surrender all claim thereto, and make application for admission on the official form. An application for admission by certificate may be received and balloted for at the same meeting; but in no case shall a lodge return a certificate when it is of opinion the good of the Association requires that it should be withheld. A member holding a certificate from Great Britain and Ireland, from any of the Colonies, or from the United States, may be admitted to membership upon compliance with the conditions contained in this clause, provided he takes the obligation administered to a candidate, and also an obligation that he is the person purporting to be named in the certificate, and that he has been regularly initiated as an Orangeman.

Members to be Supplied with Copies of the Constitution and By-Laws.

131. When a candidate has been initiated, or when a member joins by certificate, he shall receive a copy of the Constitution, and of the by-laws of the lodge.

Honorary Members may be Appointed.

132. A lodge may constitute any of its members honorary members, upon such conditions as it may direct.

DEGREES.

How Conferred.

133. There shall be five Degrees in the Association, viz: Orange, Purple, Blue, Royal Arch Purple, and Royal Scarlet, which shall be conferred only in open Lodge; the first four shall be conferred under an Orange warrant; and the fifth under the authority of a Royal Scarlet Dispensation.

When Degrees may be Conferred.

134. One month shall elapse between the conferring of each Degree, except where otherwise provided; but in no case shall it be lawful to confer any Degree out of rotation. No member shall be advanced to a higher Degree without first being examined in open lodge and proving himself proficient in the work of the preceding Degree.

Dispensations to Confer Degrees.

135. The Grand and Provincial Grand Masters shall have power to confer, or authorize the conferring of, Degrees without awaiting the lapse of the usual probationary time. An entry of the authority by which Degrees were so conferred shall be made in the Initiation or Degree Book of the lodge to which the member or members to be advanced belong.

Degrees may be Conferred in Different Lodges.

136. Upon payment of the fee, and upon presentation of a certificate to that effect from the Master of his lodge, a member may receive a degree in another lodge; but an entry of such advancement shall be made in the Degree Book of his lodge.

Fees for Degrees.

137. The fees for the several Degrees shall be as follows: Orange, not less than \$2 nor more than \$5; Purple, \$1; Blue, \$1; Royal Arch Purple, \$2; Royal Scarlet, \$3.

REGALIA.

What Regalia shall be Worn

138. The regalia that shall be worn at all lodge meetings and in all processions shall be as follows :

Members of Primary Lodges who have obtained the Orange Degree only shall wear an Orange Sash made of silk ribbon four inches wide, trimmed at end with Orange silk fringe or gold fringe.

Members who have obtained the Blue, Purple, and Arch Purple Degrees, shall wear a Sash with Orange ground, and blue or purple stripes in it, said Sash to be made of ribbon four and a half inches wide, trimmed with Orange silk fringe or gold fringe at ends.

Members who have the Scarlet Degree shall wear a Scarlet Sash made of ribbon four and a half inches wide, trimmed with scarlet silk fringe or gold fringe.

Sashes shall be worn from left to right.

Officers of Primary Lodges shall wear Collars made of Orange velvet, trimmed with gold lace, or fringe, or both.

Officers of District Lodges shall wear Collars made of dark blue velvet, trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

Officers of County Lodges shall wear Collars made of purple velvet, trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

Officers of Provincial Grand Lodges shall wear scarlet velvet Collars, trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

Officers of the Grand Lodge shall wear scarlet velvet Collars, embroidered in gold, the design of the embroidering being the Rose, Thistle, Shamrock and Maple Leaves entwined, richly trimmed with gold lace and fringe.

Officers of Primary, District, and County Lodges shall wear on the right breast of their Collars Jewels which shall be distinctive of their offices. Officers of the Grand and Provincial Lodges shall wear their Jewels attached to an Orange ribbon two inches wide, which shall be worn around the neck over the collar. The Jewel to be worn by a Master shall be two gavels crossed; by a Deputy Master, one gavel; by a Secretary, two pens crossed; by a Financial Secretary, a pen and key crossed; by a Treasurer, two keys; by a Chaplain, an open Bible; by a Director of Ceremonies, two wands crossed; by a Lecturer, a closed book. These Jewels to be made of silver or gold, as preferred.

A Past Master's Jewel shall consist of a five-pointed star, made of gilt or gold; on the star there shall be placed two gavels crossed, made of silver or silvered; it shall be attached to a ribbon with clasps; the colour of a ribbon for the Past Master of a Primary Lodge being Orange; for a Past District Master, blue ribbon; for a Past County Master, purple ribbon; and for Past Provincial and Grand Masters, scarlet ribbon. These Jewels to be worn as provided for Officers' Jewels.

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE.

The Order to be Observed.

139. The following shall be the Order of Precedence :

- Grand Master.
- Past Grand Masters, according to seniority.
- Deputy Grand Master.
- Provincial Grand Masters, according to seniority.
- Grand Chaplain, Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, and Director of Ceremonies.
- Deputy Grand Chaplains, Secretary, Treasurer, and Lecturers.
- Past Deputy Grand Masters, according to seniority.
- Past Provincial Grand Masters, according to seniority.
- Provincial Grand Chaplains, Secretaries, Treasurers, Lecturers, and Directors of Ceremonies.
- Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplains and Secretaries.
- Past Grand Lodge Officers (other than Past Grand Masters and Deputy Masters) according to seniority, in the same order as before set forth for Grand Lodge Officers.
- Past Provincial Grand Lodge Officers (other than Past Provincial Grand Masters) according to seniority, in the same order as before set forth for Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, Deputy Grand Masters taking precedence.
- County Masters, according to seniority.
- Past County Masters, according to seniority.
- County Officers.
- District Masters, according to seniority.
- Past District Masters, according to seniority.
- Past County Officers.
- District Officers.
- Masters of Primary Lodges.
- Past Masters of Primary Lodges.
- Past District Officers.
- Officers of Primary Lodges.
- Past Officers of Primary Lodges.
- Private members, according to seniority.
- Lodges shall have precedence according to the date of their warrants.

CERTIFICATES AND FORMS.

Who shall Issue Certificates.

140. All forms of Certificates and Rituals shall be issued by the Grand Lodge, and none other shall be used.

Who shall Sign Certificates.

141. Certificates must be signed by the Master and Recording Secretary, and must be sealed by the seal of the lodge issuing them.

How Certificates may be Obtained.

142. On payment of not less than fifty cents, a member not in arrears may apply for a certificate of withdrawal from his lodge, which must be granted to him within one month after application, provided no charge has been made or is pending against him. If, after his certificate has been granted, a brother does not at once claim it, but permits it to remain in possession of the lodge, he shall be considered as having withdrawn his application, and shall continue a member.

If Lodge becomes Dormant, Certificates may be Granted by Superior Lodge.

143. If a Primary Lodge becomes dormant, the next superior lodge shall have the power to grant a certificate to any member of it who was in good standing, upon paying the fee, and all dues which he owed to the lodge when it became dormant; said fee and dues to be the property of the lodge granting the certificate.

What Forms shall be Used.

144. The blank forms printed in this book of Constitution and Laws, and none other, shall be used by the Association.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.**Expulsion.**

145. Expulsion shall take place for the following offences :

For living in a state of adultery or fornication.

For being convicted of felony by a court of competent jurisdiction.

For failing to transmit, pay over, or account for any moneys belonging to the Association, or for maliciously destroying, taking away or retaining its property.

For marrying a Roman Catholic.

For educating his child in a Roman Catholic school, nunnery or monastery, except where no Protestant school exists.

For following any unlawful or immoral occupation, or for habitual drunkenness.

Suspension or Expulsion.

146. Suspension or Expulsion may take place for a violation of obligation, or of the Constitution and Laws, or for any immoral conduct.

Punishment for Illegal Publication.

147. Any member who shall utter, print, publish, or be privy to the printing, publishing or circulating of any matter or thing derogatory to the Association or the character of any of its officers, shall be suspended or expelled.

Violation of Secrecy.

148. Any member who shall divulge or communicate any matter or proceeding had or transpired in open lodge, to any person not a member of the Association, without the sanction of the lodge or the Master, given in writing, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation, and shall be suspended or expelled.

Illegally Communicating Degrees.

149. Any member communicating any of the Degrees, or portions thereof, unless authorized so to do, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation.

Default of Dues.

150. Any member remaining in default of dues for six months after payment has been demanded, may be suspended until dues are paid.

Failure to Answer Summons.

151. A member failing to attend when summoned, and who does not show satisfactory cause for absence, shall be proceeded against for violation of his obligation.

Absence from December Meeting.

152. Unless a member can give a reason satisfactory to the lodge for absenting himself from the December meeting of Primary Lodge, he shall be fined in the sum of twenty-five cents.

TRIALS.

Notice to be Given.

153. Any member against whom a charge has been preferred shall receive eight days' notice, in writing, of the trial. If the party complained of or complaining deems it necessary, he may require the Master of the lodge in which the charge has been made to summon the attendance of any member, whether connected with a

Primary Lodge or not, as a witness; and if such member does not attend he shall be proceeded against for violation of his obligation—if in connection, he shall be tried by the lodge to which he belongs; but if not in connection, he shall be tried by the lodge whose summons he has disregarded.

Procedure without Summons.

154. Any member charged with an offence, upon whom a summons cannot be served, or whose whereabouts is unknown to the Recording Secretary, may be proceeded against as if he had been regularly summoned.

Absence of Defendant or Complainant from Trial.—Mode of Procedure.

155. If a member against whom a charge has been regularly made, and who has been summoned to attend the trial, fails to appear, without giving sufficient reason, he shall be proceeded against as if he were present. Should the complainant fail to appear without giving sufficient reason, the lodge shall acquit the brother complained of, and may at its discretion fine or reprimand the complainant.

Trial of Certain Officers.

156. Upon any complaint being made in writing by a member to a County Master against a District Officer or the Master or Deputy Master of a Primary Lodge, it shall be the duty of the County Master to call a meeting of the County Lodge at a convenient place, within one month after such complaint has been received, and to have the persons complained of and complaining summoned by the County Secretary, that the matter may be investigated.

Penalty for preferring Frivolous or Vexatious Charges.

157. If, after investigation, a complaint is found to be frivolous and vexatious, the lodge may fine or suspend the complainant.

Subordinate Lodges shall not Try Officers.

158. No Officer of the Association shall be tried in any lodge subordinate to the lodge of which he is an officer, for any offence committed in his official capacity.

Evidence to be taken in Writing.

159. At the trial of a brother, the evidence shall be taken in writing.

Notification of Verdict.

160. In all cases in which a brother is pronounced guilty of any charge, he shall, if not present, be notified thereof in writing, if it be practicable to do so.

Right to Appeal.

161. In all cases where penalties are imposed, either party shall have the right of appeal to the next highest lodge; and so on to the Grand Lodge.

Decisions Final unless Appealed From. How to Appeal.

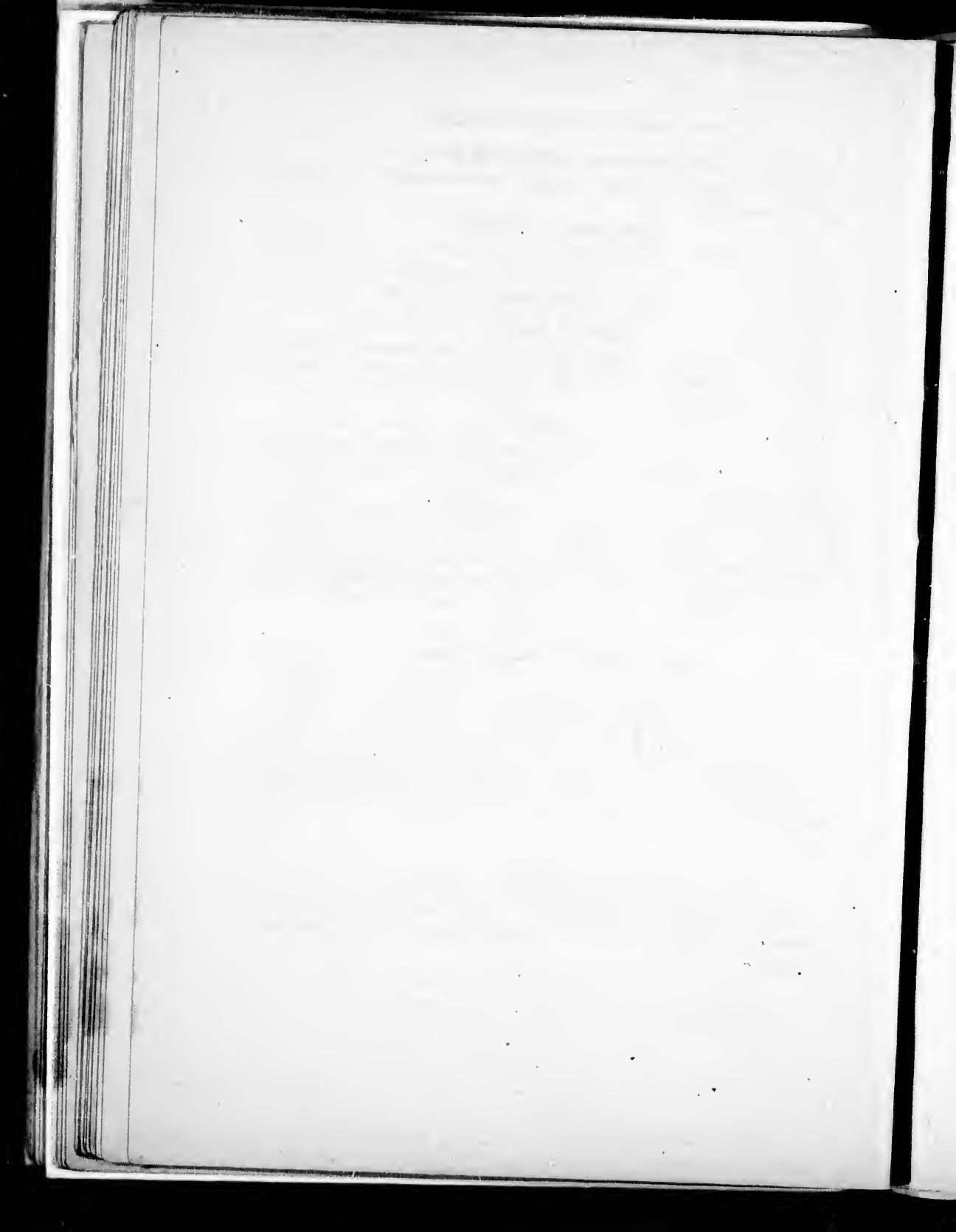
162. All decisions shall be final unless appealed from within two months to the Master of the next highest lodge, stating the reasons for appealing. The appellant shall also furnish a copy of such notice to the Secretary of the lodge whose decision is appealed from. The Secretary shall thereupon transmit to the Secretary of the lodge appealed to all evidence and documents in reference thereto. Appeals shall be made in writing.

The Constitution, How Changed.

163. No change shall be made in the Constitution and Laws of the Association, except by a two thirds vote of the Grand Lodge at its annual meeting, before the election of officers, nor unless notice thereof shall have been given in writing at the preceding annual meeting; nor shall any change be considered by the Grand Lodge until reported upon by the Committee on Constitution and Laws.

All Former Constitutions Repealed.

164. All former Constitutions and Laws of The Loyal Orange Association of British America are hereby repealed.



BLANK FORMS.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

L. O. A., B. A.

To the Worshipful Master of L. O. L. No.....

SIR.—It is my desire to become a member of the Loyal Orange Association by joining L. O. L. No... I herewith enclose my fee of admission, and am vouched for by two members of said lodge

Vouched for by.....Proposer.
" "Secunder.

Signature

Residence

Age.....

Profession or Occupation.....

Religious Denomination.....

Where born.....

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18.....

[NOTE.—The fee in all cases must accompany the application.]

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION.

L. O. A., B. A.

To the Worshipful Master of L. O. L. No.....

SIR AND BROTHER,—It is my desire to become a member of L. O. L. No..... I herewith deposit my Certificate, assigning to your lodge all claims thereto. I enclose affiliation fee, and am willing to be governed by the by-laws of your lodge.

Signature.....

Age.....

Residence

Occupation.....

Where born

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18.....

FORM OF CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWAL.

Facsimile Grand Secretary's Signature.

THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AMERICA.

To all whom it may concern, Greeting :

We, the Master and Recording Secretary of Loyal Orange Lodge No....., in the District of..... County of..... and Province of..... do hereby certify that Brother..... has regularly received the Degree of an Orange man.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our lodge at..... this day of..... A.D. 18.....

{ Seal of } W. M.
 { Lodge. } Rec. Sec.

NOTE.—If the brother has been the Worshipful Master of the lodge at any time, the fact should be noted on certificate, giving dates and length of service.

Member's Signature.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FROM A DISTRICT LODGE.

L. O. A., B. A.

We, the Master and Recording Secretary of the District Orange Lodge of..... in the County of..... and Province of..... do certify, from evidence produced, that Brother..... was a member in good standing in Loyal Orange Lodge No....., (formerly held at..... in the..... of..... in the said County), when said Lodge No..... became dormant; and that he has regularly received the degree... of an Orange..... man. We therefore request all regular lodges of our Association to recognize and admit him as such.

In testimony whereof, witness our hands and seal of our said lodge at..... this..... day of..... 18..

{ Seal of Lodge. } W. M.
 Rec. Sec.

[NOTE.—In case of a Primary Lodge not attached to any District, then this form can be changed to meet the requirements of a County Lodge Certificate.]

FORM OF NOTICE OF MEETING.

.....18.....
SIR AND BROTHER,—You are hereby notified that a.....
.....meeting of Loyal Orange Lodge No....., will be held at
.....on the.....day of.....18... at.....
o'clock...M

Fraternally yours,

.....
Recording Secretary.

To Bro.....

Dues \$.....

FORM OF ORDINARY SUMMONS.

L. O. A., B. A.

To.....

SIR AND BROTHER.—By order of the Worshipful Master, you
are summoned and required to attend a.....Meeting
of L. O. L. No....., at.....on the.....day of.....
18.....at.....o'clock...M.

Dated at..... this.....day of18..

.....
Rec. Sec.

[NOTE.—This form can be changed to suit any lodge.]

FORM OF CHARGE.

L. O. A., B. A.

To the Worshipful Master of L. O. L. No.....(or District or
County Master of....., as the case may be.)

SIR AND BROTHER,—I (or we) hereby charge Bro.....
of L. O. L. No....., (or if an Officer state his official position)
with having violated the Constitution and Laws of the Loyal
Orange Association, as follows, that is to say: (Here give date
of offence as near as possible, and state particulars of such
offence), and pray that investigation may be had in this matter.

Signature. {

.....
.....
.....

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18....

Member's Signature.

FORM OF SUMMONS FOR THE TRIAL OF A MEMBER.

L. O. A., B. A.

To.....

SIR AND BROTHER,—You are hereby summoned and required to appear before the Committee of L. O. L. No..... at..... on the.....day of.....18..., at.....o'clock.....M., and make answer to the charge hereto annexed.

.....W. M.
.....Rec. Sec.

{ Seal of }
{ Lodge. }

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18.....

(Here follows copy of Charge.)

[NOTE.—This form can be changed to suit any lodge.]

FORM OF SUMMONS FOR A WITNESS.

L. O. A., B. A.

To.....

SIR AND BROTHER,—You are hereby summoned and required to appear before the Committee of L. O. L. No....., at..... on the.....day of.....18.....at.....o'clock...M., as witness in the case of Bro.....against Bro..... for.....(Here give substance of charge).

{ Seal of }
{ Lodge. }

.....W. Master.
.....Rec. Sec.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18.....

[NOTE.—This form can be changed to suit any lodge.]

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A DISTRICT, COUNTY, OR PROVINCIAL WARRANT.

To the M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America :

We, the undersigned officers of the.....L. O. Lodge of..... hereby make application for a Warrant for holding a..... Lodge in the District of.....County of..... and Province of.....and enclose the requisite fee of \$..... We respectfully request that a Warrant be granted us in the name of Bro.....as Master.

Signed by {W. M.
.....Rec. Sec.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18...

[NOTE.—This form may be changed to suit a District, County, or Provincial Grand Lodge, and the application is to be made in accordance with Rules 124 and 125.]

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION TO CONFER DEGREES.

.....18...

To R. W. Bro.....

Provincial Grand Master.....

R. W. SIR AND BRO.,—The undersigned, on behalf of L. O. L. No., respectfully request you to issue a Dispensation to advance Bro.from theDegree to the Degree, without awaiting the usual probationary period.

{ Seal. }W. M.
.....Rec. Secretary.

FORM OF PROXY.

L. O. A., B.A.

To the.....Grand Orange Lodge of.....

This is to certify that Brother....., who is a member of Loyal Orange Lodge No...., in the District of..... and County of.....has been duly nominated and appointed in open lodge as Proxy to represent it in the.....Grand Orange Lodge of.....for the year 18.....

In testimony whereof, witness our hands and seal of our lodge at.....this.....day of.....18.....

{ Lodge }W. Master.
{ Seal. }Rec. Sec.

[NOTE.—This form can be changed to suit any lodge.]

FORM OF ANNUAL RETURN FROM A PRIMARY LODGE TO A DISTRICT LODGE.

Annual Return of L. O. L. No.....to the District Lodge of.....

Number.	Name.	New Officers.	Age.	Post Office Address.	Occupation	During the Yr												
						Initiated	Joined by Cert	Re-instated	With'd'n by Cert.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Remain'g in Member'p	Date, period and cause of suspension.	Date and cause of expulsion.	Increase.	Decrease.	Remarks.	
		W M P M's D M Chap R Sec'y F Sec'y Treas D of C Lect'er																
		1 2 3 4 5 Committee																

We certify that the foregoing is a correct Return of Loyal Orange Lodge No....., for the year ending 31st December, 18..... which lodge meets at.....in theof..... District of....., and County of.....on the..... of each month.

{ Lodge }
{ Seal }

..... W Master.
..... Rec. Sec.

[This form to be filled up immediately after annual election in December, and sent by the Recording Secretary to the District Recording Secretary.]

FORM OF ANNUAL RETURN FROM A DISTRICT LODGE TO A COUNTY
LODGE.

Annual Return of the District Lodge ofto the County Lodge of.....

Office.	Name of Officer for 18...	No. of his Private Lodge	P. O. Address.
District Master			
Past District Masters.....			
District Deputy Master....			
District Chaplain			
District Recording Sec.....			
District Financial Sec.....			
District Treasurer			
District D. of C.....			
District Lecturer.....			

District Lecturer.....

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PRIMARY LODGES.

No. of Lodge.	Names of Officers for 18...	Post Office.	Time of Meeting in each month.	Place of Meeting, lot, con. or village.	Township	No. of Members.	Remarks on Suspensions, Expulsions, Returns, Dues, &c.
	W Master Past Masters..... Deputy Master. Recording Sec. Financial Sec... Treasurer..... Dir. of Cer..... S. Committee'n Lecturer						

We certify that the foregoing is a correct Return of the several Primary Lodges meeting within the District of in the County of for the year ending 31st December, 18...
 Seal of { District Lodge. }
 District Master.
 District Rec. Sec.

FORM OF ANNUAL RETURN FROM A COUNTY LODGE TO A PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE.

Annual Return of the County Lodge of to the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of

Office.	Name of Officer for 18...	No. of Private Lodge.	P. O. Address.
County Master.....			
Past County Masters.....			
County Deputy Master.....			
County Chaplain.....			
County Secretary.....			
County Treasurer.....			
County Dir. of Cer.....			
County Lecturer.....			
County Deputy Lecturers.....			

DISTRICT LODGES.

Name of District.	Name of District Master for 18.....	No. of each Lodge in the District.	Nos. which have not made Returns.	Nos. which have not paid Dues.	Remarks.

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PRIMARY LODGES.

Number.	Worshipful Master for 18.....	Post Office.	Time of Meeting in each month	Place of Meeting, Lot, and Concession, or Village, &c.	Township.	Nos. which have not made Returns.	Nos. which have not paid dues.	No. of Mem-bers.	Suspensions, Expulsions, and cause.

We certify that the foregoing is a correct return of the County Lodge of.....for the year ending 31st December, 18.....

{ Seal of }
 { County Lodge. }
 County Master.
 County Secretary.
 [This form to be filled up immediately after Annual County Meeting, and sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary.]

FORM OF ROLL BOOK.

Roll Book of.....Loyal Orange Lodge No.....for the year 18.....

Number.	Name.	Arrears.	Jan.		Feb.		March.		April.		Dec.		Total paid.	Arrears.	Remarks
			\$ c.	P.	\$ c.	P.	\$ c.	A.	\$ c.	P.	\$ c.	P.				$ c.	P.
1	Thomas Scott.	\$ c.	25	P.	25	P.	25	A.	50	P.	50	P.	\$ c. 3 00	\$ c. 25	
2	John Fox.....	0 75	A.		1 00	P.	50	P.	50	P.			2 25		
3	Robert Jones.....		P.	25	A.		50	P.							
4	Henry Edwards.....		P.				75	A.							
5	Robert Knox.....	1 00	P.	1 25	P.		A.								
6	Lewis Perry.....	25	A.		75	P.									
				2 00		1 75		1 75		1 00			25		

The above is the form for keeping Primary Lodge Books, showing when any member paid anything as also his attendance, which is marked P. when present, and A. when absent; it also shows the amount paid to Treasurer every night for lodge dues. Said form to be extended to twelve months, and when a lodge meets regularly twice or oftener per month, then as many additional columns as may be necessary are to be added under each month.

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If lodges prefer it, the following form may be used

Number.	Name and Office.	Occupation.	January.		February.		March.		December.		Total		Remarks.
			Due.	Paid.	Due.	Paid.	Due.	Paid.	Due.	Paid.	Paid.	Ar'rs.	
			\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	\$ c.	
1	John Brown.....	Carpenter	1 50	1 00	75 A.	1 00	1 00	50	50	2 50	1 25		
2	William Fox	Painter	1 50	75	....	25	25	A.	25	1 25	50		
3	James Scott.....	Miller	25	A.	50	75	75	P.	75	1 50	0 00		
4	John Burns	Merchant	2 00	P.	2 00	50 A.	A.	A.	.....	2 00	2 50		
			5 25	1 75	3 25	2 50	2 00	50	1 50	7 25	4 25		

FORM OF PROPOSITION BOOK.

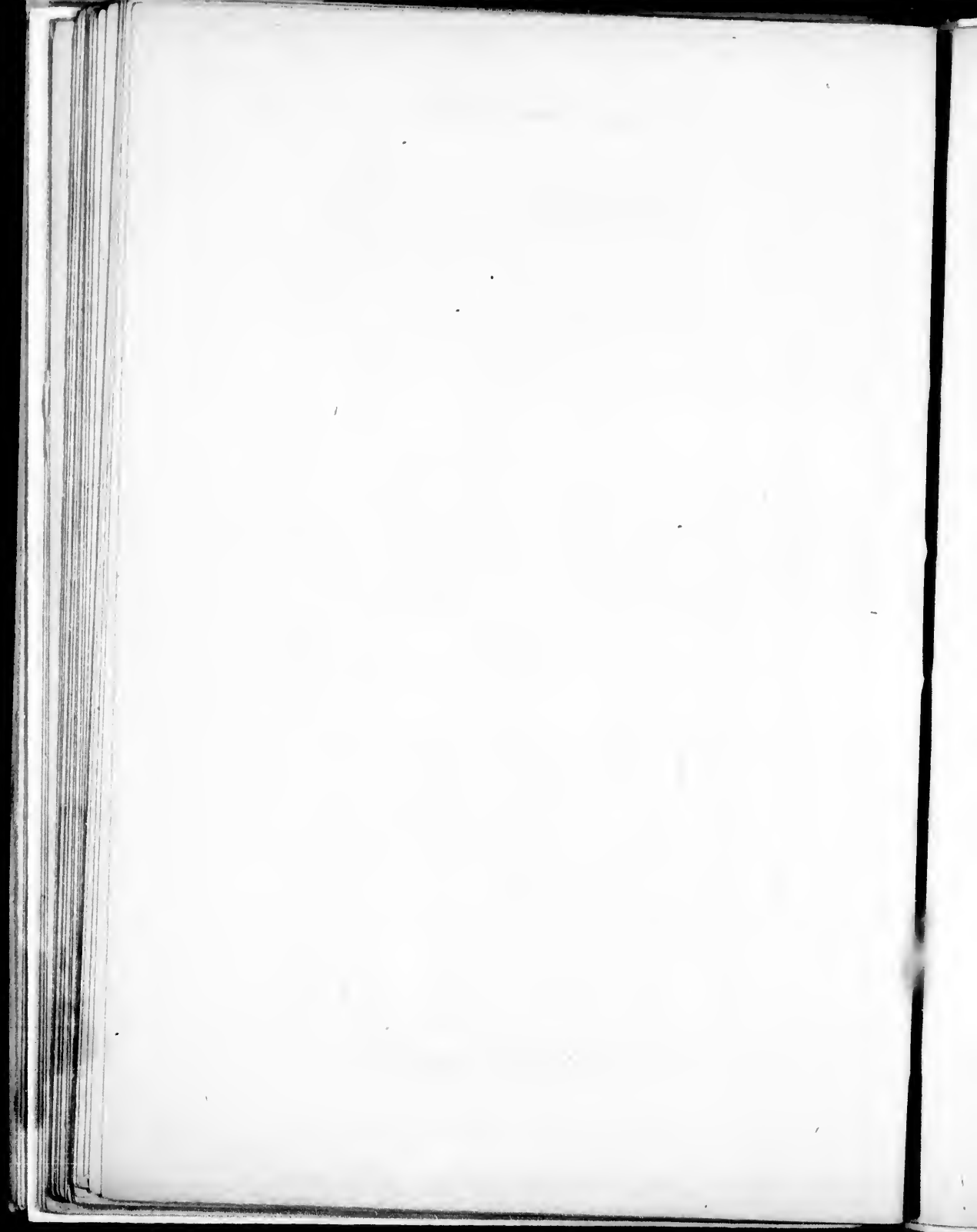
Proposition Book of L. O. L. No

Number.	Name.	Age.	Resid'ce.	Occupation.	Church.	Where born.	Proposer	Seconder	Date of the Application.	Date of Intimation.	Remarks.
11	J. Thomas.	32	Toronto.	Printer.	Ch. of E.	Ireland.	J. Wilson	J. Gould.	Jan. '79.	Feb. '79	
12	W. Bolton.	37	Barrie.	Physic'n.	R. Epis.	Canada.	J. Clarke	J. James	Aug. '82	Sep. '82	
13	J. Lee.	28	Dundas.	Carpen'r.	Method't	England.	J. Wylie.	J. Arnold	"	"	
14	H. Barnes.	21	Napance.	Yeoman.	Baptist.	Scotland	S. Wilson	T. Peters	Dec. '82.	Jan. '83	Rejected.
15	W. Harris.	47	Kingston	Clerk.	Presby'n.	Ireland.	S. Smith.	J. Kelly.	June '83	July, '83	By Ct.
16	J. Wilson.	34	Whitby.	Gent.	do.	Ireland.	S. Wilson	J. Tyner.	April "	"	do.

FORM OF MEMBERSHIP AND DEGREE BOOK.

Membership and Degree Book of L. O. L. No......

Number.	Name.	No. in Propo- sition Book.	Date of Admission by		Purple.	Blue.	R. A. P.	Date of with- drawal by Cer- tificate.	Suspension, Ex- pulsion, and other remarks.
			Initiation.	Certificate.					
10	J. Thomas	11	12 July, '81.	.....	Nov., 1882	April, '83.	Sept., '83.	.....	.....
11	W. Bolton	12	12 Sept., '82	.....	Jan., 1883	" "	" "	Nov., '83.	.....
12	H. Barnes	14	13 Feb., '83.	.....	May, 1883	Aug., 1883	Sept., '83.	.....	.....
13	W. Harris.....	15	12 Feb., '83.	Expelled Nov. 1883, for drunken- ness.
14	J. Wilson.....	19	15 May, '83.	Aug., '83.



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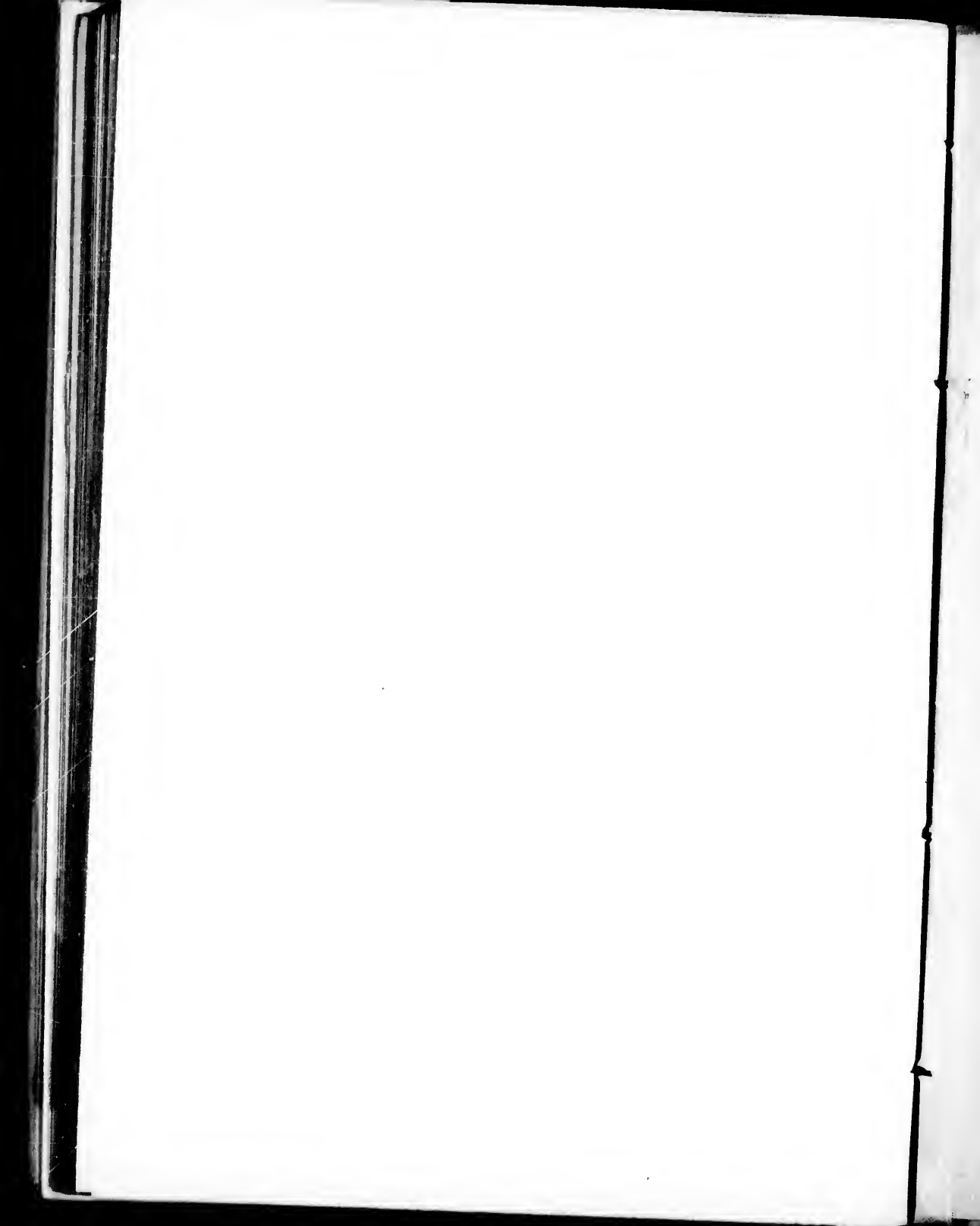
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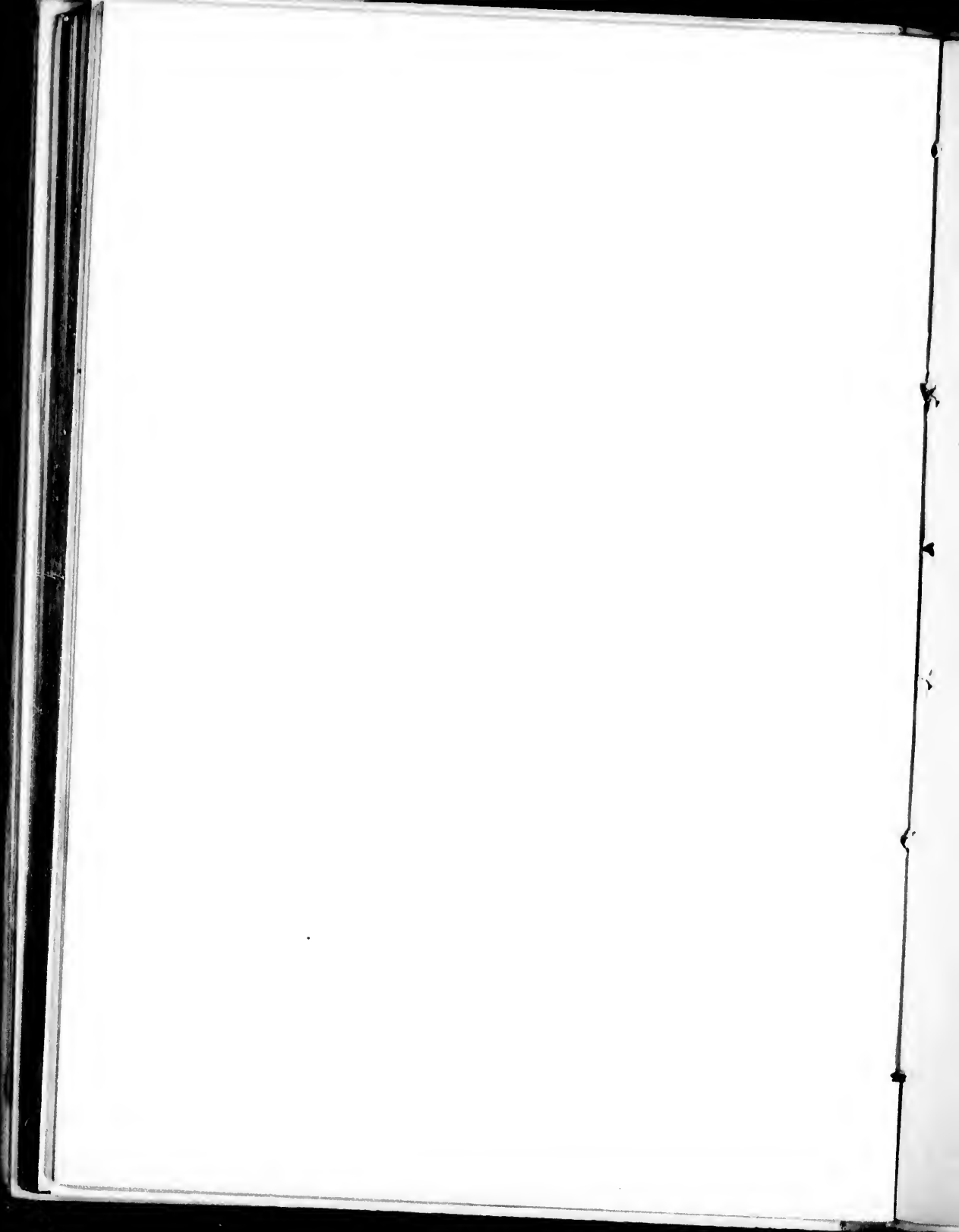
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