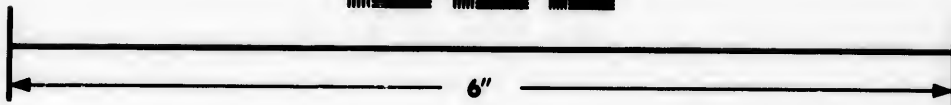
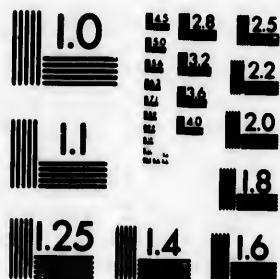


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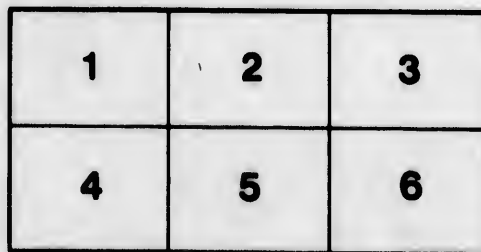
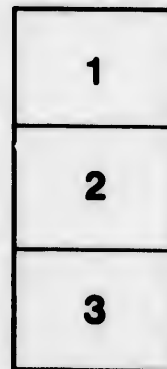
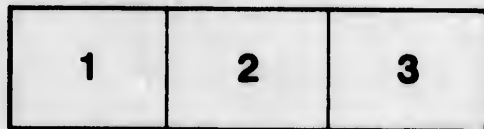
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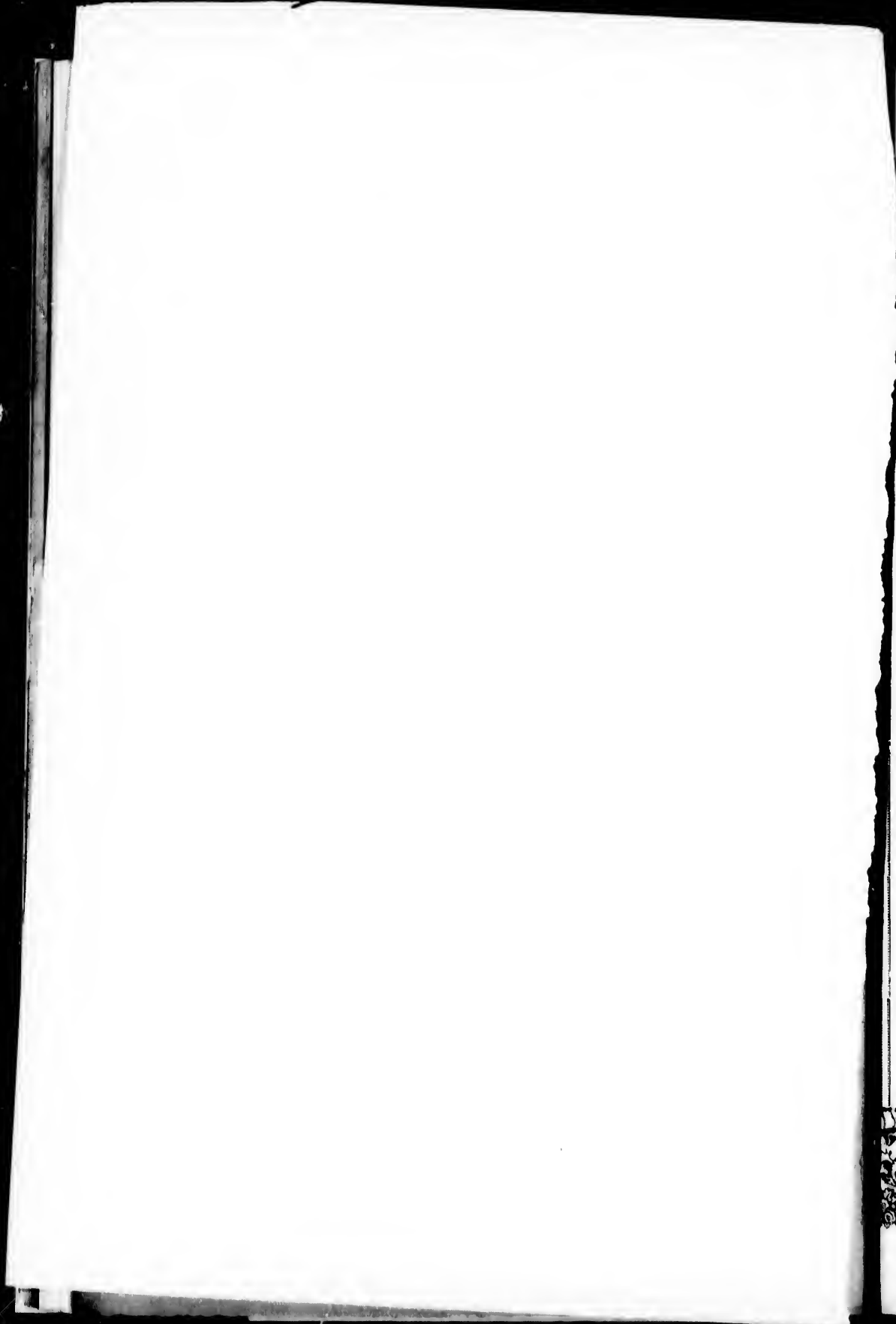
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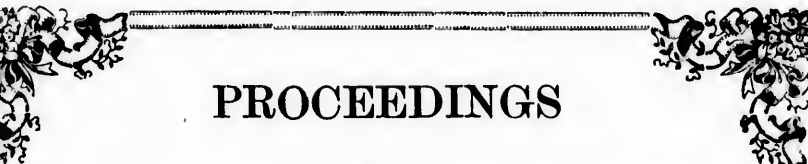
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R. W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

I. O. O. F.

SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

VICTORIA, B.C., 14th February, 1876.

The Grand Lodge convened at the Odd Fellows' Hall, this day, at 11 o'clock, A.M. Present:

John Weiler.....	M. W. Grand Master.
C. Gowen.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.
J. Sehl.....	R. W. Grand Warden.
J. D. Robinson.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.
E. B. Marvin.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
R. W. Fawcett.....	W. Grand Chaplain.
C. Hayward.....	W. Grand Marshal.
T. Shotbolt.....	W. Grand Conductor.
J. H. Meldram.....	W. Grand Guardian.
M. Humber, (pro tem.).....	W. Grand Herald.

Prayer being offered by the Grand Chaplain, the R. W. Deputy Grand Master declared the Grand Lodge duly opened for business.

Credentials of Past Grands were then read, and referred to Committee on credentials, who reported as follows, that:

J. S. Drummond,
Alex. Phillips,
J. Weiler,
C. Hegele,
C. Gowen,
E. C. Holden,
J. Sehl,
J. Davies,
T. R. Mitchell,

C. Hayward,
J. D. Robinson,
R. Roberts,
J. York,
W. H. Huxtable,
S. T. Styles,
H. Gribble,
G. W. Anderson,
T. J. Partridge.

J. P. Davies,
L. Vigelius,
J. Fell,
E. B. Marvin,
R. W. Fawcett,

W. Harrison,
W. Jeffree,
J. H. Meldram,
H. Waller,
M. Humber.

Of No. 2.

W. J. Armstrong,
J. T. Scott,
H. V. Edmonds,
H. Elliott,
Alex. Ewen,

B. W. Shiles,
D. Withrow,
J. Morey,
W. R. Lewis.

Of No. 3.

T. Harris,
T. Shotholt,

M. J. Goode,
J. Wriglesworth.

Of No. 4.

Are entitled to seats in this R. W. Grand Lodge. Also that the following P. G.'s are entitled to receive the G. L. degree, viz. :

J. M. Read,	}of No. 1.
J. Gosnell,		
A. B. Gray,	}of No. 2.
L. M. Hughes,		
W. D. McKillican,	}of No. 4.
H. Smith,		
E. Quesnell.....	of No. 5

J. WRIGLESWORTH,
M. HUMBER,

Committee.

The Grand Marshal, by instruction, retired and introduced the following Past Grands:

J. M. Readof No. 1.
A. B. Gray,	}of No. 2.
L. M. Hughes,		
W. D. McKillican,	}of No. 4.
H. Smith,		
E. Quesnell.....	of No. 5.

Who were duly instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree.

The G. M. then appointed the following to fill vacancies in Committees, viz. :

A. B. Gray, of No. 2,	Committee on Finance.
J. M. Read, of No. 1,	Appeals.
E. Quesnell, of No. 5,	Laws of Subordinates.
A. Phillips, of No. 1,	State of the Order.

Report of Grand Master was then read as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia:

VICTORIA, February 14th, 1876.

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES:

To-day we are called upon to assemble at the second annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to deliberate upon and transact such business as the interest of the Order in this jurisdiction may require. According to our laws, it is my duty to submit to you a report of my official acts, since the close of last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and to inform you of the state of the Order in this jurisdiction.

But let us first bow ourselves with gratitude to the Most High, that He, in his infinite goodness has seen fit to spare our lives, and bestow upon our Order in this jurisdiction His blessings, by granting us a continuance of prosperity, which has rewarded our efforts during the past year.

From all my Deputies I have received most encouraging reports, and although all the Lodges have been drawn upon heavily for the relief of sick and distressed Brothers, their financial positions have generally improved, and their number of members increased, as will be shown to you by the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

On the fifth of July last, accompanied with the Grand Officers, I visited Victoria Lodge, No. 1, also on the seventh of July, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and on the 8th of July, Dominion Lodge, No. 4, and installed into their respective chairs the officers for the term ensuing, after they had been favorably reported to me. On the 16th of July, I visited New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, in New Westminster; and on the 17th of the same month, Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, in Nanaimo, and installed on both occasions the officers elect in public. A large number of the Brothers of the Lodges of Victoria were present, and undoubtedly these fraternal visits have the good tendency of drawing closer the ties of friendship between the Brothers of this Province.

As these visits had been made a day of festivity, I was unable to exemplify the secret work, but I instructed my Deputies in those Districts in the same. On the third of January, I again visited Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and on the fifth of the same month, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and installed their officers. I also frequently visited the Lodges in

Victoria, by introducing to them sojourning Brethren, after being properly examined, and at all these occasions, officially or otherwise, I was received by the Brethren with the utmost courtesy, and with that regard due to the high office I hold, for which I feel deeply indebted.

In March last, I issued to the Lodges in general a dispensation to celebrate and wear regalia on the 26th of April, the anniversary day of the introduction of our Order on the continent of America, also on June 17th, to New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, authorizing such Lodge to hold a picnic in the name of the Order, and appear in regalia; also on the 10th of July, to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, to have an excursion to New Westminster and Nanaimo, with the privilege of appearing in regalia.

During the last year, no new Lodges have been called in existence, but there seems to be a fair prospect to have several new Lodges inaugurated in interior towns on the mainland, as soon as a sufficient number of qualified Brothers can be found.

Of Brother W. J. Jeffree, my Deputy for District No. 1, I have received the accompanying report, and I fully concur with his decisions; I also lay before you the reports of Brother Alex. Ewen, my Deputy for District No. 2, and of Brother S. D. Levi, my Deputy for District No. 3, for your consideration.

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, February 1st, 1876.

JOHN WEILER, Esq.,

M. W. Grand Master of the R. W. Grand Lodge of

British Columbia, I.O.O.F.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

I respectfully report to you that during my term of office as D.D. Grand Master for District No. 1, that on May 7th, 1875, I granted to Columbia Lodge, No. 2, a dispensation to confer degrees on a brother in less time than allowed by law; also on June 3rd, 1875, July 13th, 1875, and on August 23rd, 1875. I granted dispensations to Dominion Lodge, No. 4, to confer degrees in less time than allowed by law.

On June 11th, 1875, I received a communication from Dominion Lodge, No. 4, as under:

"HALL OF DOMINION LODGE, No. 4, Victoria, June 11th, 1875.

"W. J. JEFFREE, Esq., D.D. GRAND MASTER.

"DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—At the last regular meeting of this Lodge held the 10th instant, I was instructed to communicate, asking the following questions: 1st—Is a member who has committed suicide entitled to be buried with the honors of the Order? 2nd—Would a Lodge in such a case be obliged to pay over the amount allowed by our by-laws to defray expenses of such funeral?"

"Fraternally yours, in F.L. and T.,

"W. C. LOYE, Recording Secretary."

In answer to the above, I sent the following:

To the N.G.V.G. Officers and Brothers of Dominion Lodge, No. 4:

GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from your Lodge, dated June 11th, 1875, in which was contained the following questions:

“1st—Is a deceased member who has committed suicide, entitled to be buried with the honors of the Order?”

“2nd—Would the Lodge, in such a case, be obliged to pay over the amount allowed by our By-laws to defray expenses of such funeral?”

In answer to the first question, I will state that a member who has committed suicide, is not entitled to be buried with the honors of the Order; but if a member has committed suicide through insanity, (temporary or otherwise) he is entitled to be buried with the honors of the Order.

Second—A Lodge is obliged to pay funeral expenses if any demand is made for the same. [See White's Digest, G.L. N.S., section 184, 185 and 197.]

I have the honor to be,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours, in F. L. and T.,

W. J. JEFFREE, D.D.G.M.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B.C., 31st January, 1876.

JOHN WEILER, ESQ., R.W. GRAND MASTER.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I beg to report that in accordance with my office I granted a dispensation on the 30th December, 1875, to allow a Scarlet Degree member to be elected to the office of Vice Grand, all qualified members having declined; and on the 6th January, 1876, installed the officers of New Westminster Lodge, No. 3, into their respective chairs,—having, after due examination, found them worthy to fill the honorable positions to which they had been elected.

New Westminster Lodge has a more favorable prospect now, than at any former period of her history; has had several new members within the present term, with applications still on hand, and prospects of more ahead. With united good fellowship, we may expect within the present year to advance greatly in this District.

In F. L. and T.,

Yours fraternally,

ALEX. EWEN, D.D.G.M.,

District No. 2.

NANAIMO, B. C., January 26th, 1876.

J. WEILER, ESQ.,

M. W. Grand Master of British Columbia.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

As your Deputy of this District, allow me to make the following report for the past year:

On June the 15th, I granted dispensation to initiate Brother J. Harvey on the night that he was elected.

In July, the M W. Grand Master installed the Officers himself, and has taken the returns and Grand Lodge fees.

On the 8th of January, 1876, I granted dispensation to elect a Scarlet member to the office of Noble Grand, as all other qualified members declined to accept the office.

On the 15th of January, I installed the officers of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 3, and have sent returns and Grand Lodge fees to the Grand Secretary.

The Black Diamond Lodge (the only one in this District) is improving, but the Lodge has had heavy burdens to sustain during the past six months, owing to sickness amongst the members, which decreased the amount in the treasury; but now I am happy to say that the Lodge is prospering, financially and otherwise.

Fraternally yours,

S. D. LEVI,

D. D. Grand Master,
District No. 3.

I also have to congratulate you for the general harmony and good feeling prevailing throughout this jurisdiction, as no appeals having been taken, so far as I have been informed.

I also lay before you for your earnest attention and careful consideration, a circular issued by the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary, Brother Ridgeley, alluding to the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence of the United States of North America, on the 4th of July next, at the city of Philadelphia, and the resolutions accompanying it, adopted September 23rd, 1875, by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, relating to the same; and would recommend them to the notice of the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction. I also would suggest that a Constitution for this R. W. Grand Lodge, may be finally adopted, and the representation of the subordinates modified.

I have also very much to deplore that the transactions of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States have not yet been received, either by me or the R. W. Grand Secretary, but as due notice of this unaccountable delay has been given, I trust they will soon reach us.

By the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, you will also perceive the financial position of this R. W. Grand Lodge, which will enable you to judge that we have endeavored to carry on the business with the strictest care as to the use of the funds, but I do recommend that a basis for mileage be agreed upon.

There are perhaps some other subjects which I may recommend you to lay before the subordinates, as to the erection of halls of their own, and the procuring of land for an Odd Fellow cemetery; but I shall leave entirely to your own judgment, whether the time has already arrived, to deliberate on such very important topics.

My Brethren, as I soon have to retire from the high and honorable position which you had entrusted to me, I beg you to receive my most sincere thanks for your kindness and for-

bearance, for the uniform courtesy and regard which every member of this R.W. Grand Lodge has bestowed upon me, and to the R.W. Grand Secretary and my Deputies, for their valuable assistance in my laborious duties, which I have endeavored to perform, to the best of my ability.

My most sincere wish is, that an all wise Providence may grant you a long life in the enjoyment of perfect health and prosperity.

Yours fraternally,
JOHN WEILER,
 M. W. Grand Master.

Rep. Drummond moved that a committee of three be appointed to distribute subjects in the G.M.'s report to the different standing committees. Seconded by Rep. Phillips, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

- P.G.M. Drummond, of No. 1.
- Rep. Edmonds, of No. 3.
- Rep. Shotbolt, of No. 4.

P.G. Julius Mayer, of Angelito Lodge, No. 195, Los Angeles, State of California, was after due examination, admitted.

Report of Grand Secretary was read, and on motion referred to Committee on Finance.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,
 VICTORIA, B.C., 14th February, 1876.

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE
 OF BRITISH COLUMBIA :

Hersewith I beg to submit my report of the transactions of this office during the past year:

The whole number of Lodges are	5
Number of members in good standing	459
Initiated during the year	65
Admitted by Card	3
Admitted as Ancient O. F.	1
Withdrawn	2
Reinstated	3
Suspended	1
Expelled	none
Rejected	13
Censed membership for non-payment of dues	8
Resigned	none
Deceased	10
Number of Past Grands	44
Amount of annual receipts of Lodges to 31st December, 1875.	\$9986 36

Which comparing with the report of last year, shows an increase in membership of 51, and an increase in Lodge receipts of \$2,027 11.

BALANCE SHEET GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, 14TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

Folio.	Account.	Dr.	Cr.
9	Stock Account	37 90	
21	Grand Treasurer	94 87	
35	New Westminster Lodge, No. 3		12 90
39	Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	1 50	
41	Profit and Loss		242 37
43	Furniture and Regalia	121 00	
		\$ 255 27	255 27

AMOUNT OF CASH RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR IS AS FOLLOWS.

From Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, arrears of dues		7 50
For supplies		42 25
Tax term ending 30th June, 1875 :		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	108 55	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	80 60	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	26 00	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	40 30	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	23 40	278 85
Tax term ending 31st December, 1875 :		
Victoria Lodge, No. 1	44 25	
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	32 25	
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	10 75	
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	17 50	
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	10 00	114 75
Whole amount of Cash received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer		443 35

AMOUNT OF ORDERS DRAWN ON GRAND TREASURER.

1875—March 30—Order No. 1, favor Grand Secretary for Cards	\$ 10 00
May 4 " 2, " do. for acct.	
J. B. Landers, altering seal	10 00
June 19—Order No. 3, favor Grand Secretary, for acct.	
Alex. Rose, for Printing	45 09
July 18—Order No. 4, favor J. S. Drummond, account passed last session	50 80
July 18—Order No. 5, favor Grand Secretary, acct. for Grand Lodge Seal	122 21
August —Order No. 6, favor Grand Secretary remittance to G.L.U.S.	101 50
1876—Jan. 25—Order No. 7, favor Grand Secretary remittance to G.L.U.S., for dues 1876	71 25
	\$ 410 76

SUMMARY.

Cash balance in hands of Grand Treasurer at last report	\$ 62 28
Total amount of cash received	443 35
	505 63
Less orders issued	410 76
Leaving a balance in hands of Grand Treasurer of	\$ 94 87

FEBRUARY, 1876.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Dr. Cr.

Dr.	Cr.
37 90	
94 87	
	12 90
1 50	242 37
121 00	
255 27	255 27
FOLLOWS.	
	7 50
	42 25
108 55	
80 60	
26 00	
40 30	
23 40	
	278 85
44 25	
32 25	
10 75	
17 50	
10 00	
	114 75
	443 35

Stock on hand at last report,		9 00	
Purchased during the year:			
184 Visiting Cards,		27 60	
65 Withdrawal Cards,		9 75	
30 Diplomas,		15 00	
50 Odes,		2 50	
		\$ 63 85	
Sold during the year:			
50 Visiting Cards,			12 50
33 Withdrawal Cards,			8 25
20 Diplomas,			20 00
Orders for P.W.			3 00
Profit on sales made		17 80	
Stock still on hand:			
8 Degree Books,	\$ 4 00		
Orders for P.W.	1 50		
10 Diplomas	5 00		
134 Visiting Cards	20 10		
32 Withdrawal Cards	4 80		
50 Odes	2 50		
Total	\$ 37 90		
Being the balance to Dr. of said account as per balance sheet			37 90
		\$ 81 65	81 65

LODGES OVERPAID FOR DUES.

New Westminster Lodge, No. 3 - - - - - \$ 12 90

AMOUNTS OWING BY SUBORDINATES.

Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, for supplies - - - - - \$ 1 50

Names of Subordinate Lodges, with the number of Past Grands belonging to each, all Past Grands being Representatives:

Victoria Lodge, No. 1	19
Columbia Lodge, No. 2	11
New Westminster Lodge, No. 3	8
Dominion Lodge, No. 4	5
Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5	1

During the year I received from Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, their By-laws for approval, which I at once handed to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates. The Committee examined them, and returned the same to me, having approved of a portion only. I sent them to the Lodge, and they have since returned them to me, to lay before the Grand Lodge this present Session. I also received amendments to the By-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and Dominion Lodge, No. 4, which were also handed to the Committee, who I presume, will report upon the same.

I also hand you annexed, abstracts of reports from Subordinate Lodges, to be appended to printed proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES D. ROBINSON, Grand Secretary.

ER.	
s	\$ 10 00
t.	10 00
t.	45 09
t	50 80
r	122 21
e	101 50
e	71 25
	\$ 410 76
	\$ 62 28
	443 35
	505 63
	410 76
	\$ 94 87

Report of Grand Treasurer read, and on motion referred to Committee on Finance.

TO THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, I.O.O.F.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I herewith submit my annual report of the financial condition of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, with a statement of receipts and disbursements, from February 8th, 1875, to the 12th of February, 1876, as per schedule hereunto annexed:

		Dr.		
1875.				
Feb. 8	To balance on hand	- - - -	62 28	
1876.				
Jan. 24	To cash received from Grand Secretary	- - - -	443 35	505 63
RECEIPTS.				
1875				
Feb. 8	To Balance	- - - -	62 28	
March 30	Cash, Grand Secretary	- - - -	7 50	
June .9	" "	- - - -	15 75	
July 9	" "	- - - -	229 45	
18	" "	- - - -	49 40	
Dec. 5	" "	- - - -	23 00	
1876				
Jan. 7	" "	- - - -	94 00	
24	" "	- - - -	24 25	505 63
Cr.				
1876				
Feb. 12	By sundry amounts paid as per Vouchers No. 1 to 7		410 76	
	Leaving balance in my hands		94 87	505 63
DISBURSEMENTS.				
1875				
March 30	By Order No. 1, Grand Secretary	- - - -	10 00	
May 4	" 2, " "	- - - -	10 00	
June 19	" 3, " "	- - - -	45 00	
22	" 4, J. S. Drummond	- - - -	50 80	
July 14	" 5, Grand Secretary	- - - -	122 21	
Aug. 14	" 6, " "	- - - -	101 50	
1876				
Jan. 25	" 7, " "	- - - -	71 25	
Feb. 12	By Balance	- - - -	94 87	505 63
Feb. 12—To Balance,				\$ 94 87

I have the honor to remain,
Yours fraternally,

E. B. MARVIN,
Grand Treasurer.

VICTORIA, B.C., February 12th, 1876.

On motion, the Grand Lodge took a recess until eight o'clock, P.M. Carried.

EVENING SESSION.

The Grand Lodge met at eight o'clock, p.m., and was called to order by the Grand Master.

Officers all present.

P.G. Joseph Gosnell, of No. 1, being in waiting, was introduced by the Grand Marshal, and instructed in the G. L. degree.

Communication from Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, was read regarding their By-laws being approved by the G.L.

Referred to Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Communication read from committee of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, enclosing complimentary tickets for the elective Grand Officers to the anniversary banquet to be held on the 16th instant.

Moved by Rep. Drummond, that the communication be received and filed, invitation accepted, and the thanks of the R. W. Grand Lodge tendered for the kind invitation.

Seconded by R. W. Deputy Grand Master, and carried.

Bill from T. N. Hibben & Co., for \$2 50, cost of a letter copy book for committee on Laws of Subordinates; read and referred to Committee on Finance.

The next business in order was the nomination and election of officers.

NOMINATIONS.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| For M.W. Grand Master | — P.G. J. P. Davies, of No. 2. |
| | “ C. Gowen, of No. 1. |
| For R.W. Deputy Grand Master— | “ R. Roberts, of No. 1. |
| | “ J. Sehl, of No. 1. |
| For R.W. Grand Warden | — “ C. Hayward, of No. 1. |
| For R.W. Grand Secretary | — “ J. D. Robinson, of No. 1. |
| For R.W. Grand Treasurer | — “ J. Wriglesworth, of No. 4. |
| | “ J. Fell, of No. 2. |
| For R.W. Grand Representative— | “ J. Fell, of No. 2. |
| | P.G.M. J. S. Drummond, of No. 1. |
| | P.G. J. P. Davies, of No. 2. |

The M. W. Grand Master then appointed as tellers:

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| P.G. J. York, of No. 1. |
| “ H. Smith, of No. 4. |

ELECTION.

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| For Grand Master 34 votes cast. |
| For P.G. J. P. Davies, 23 votes cast. |
| For “ C. Gowen, 11 “ |

P.G. J. P. Davies having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected.

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For Deputy Grand Master, 35 votes cast.
 For P.G. R. Roberts, 21 votes.
 For " J. Sehl, 14 "

P.G. R. Roberts having received a majority of all votes cast, was declared duly elected.

For Grand Warden:

P.G. C. Hayward being the only nominee, the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast ballot in his favor, when he was declared duly elected.

For Grand Secretary:

P.G. J. D. Robinson being the only nominee, the Grand Treasurer was instructed to cast ballot in his favor, when he was declared duly elected.

For Grand Treasurer 33 votes cast.
 For P.G. J. Wriglesworth, 23 votes.
 For " J. Fell, 10 "

P.G. J. Wriglesworth having received a majority of all votes cast, he was declared duly elected.

For Grand Representative:

P.G.'s J.P. Davies and J. Fell declined, leaving P.G.M. Drummond the only nominee, the Grand Secretary was instructed to cast ballot in his favor, when he was declared duly elected.

Report of Committee on Finance read as follows:

VICTORIA, 14th February, 1876.

To the G.M. Officers and Members of the

R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS:

Your Committee on Finance have examined the reports and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and have much pleasure in reporting them correct.

R. W. FAWCETT,
 T. R. MITCHELL,
 A. B. GRAY,
 M. J. GCODE,
 HENRY V. EDMONDS,
 Committee.

On motion of Rep. Davies, of No. 2, the report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates read as follows:

VICTORIA, B.C., February 14th, 1876.

To the R.W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:

The committee on Laws of Subordinates would respectfully submit the following report:

Since last session of this Grand Lodge, your committee have had submitted to them for examination, the By-laws of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, of Nanaimo; also the following amendments to the By-laws of Victoria Lodge, No. 1; Columbia Lodge, No. 2, and Dominion Lodge, No. 4. the full particulars of which we beg to submit as follows:

Columbia Lodge, No. 2, Article XVIII, Section 1, amended to read: "All applications for membership must be accompanied by the recommendation of a member of this Lodge in good standing, and a certificate of good health, signed by a physician appointed by this Lodge, together with not less than two references."

Approved.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Article X, duties of Trustees, 7th line, amended by striking out the words, "in any Bank, or."

Approved.

Dominion Lodge, No. 4, Article XXIII, Section 2, amended as follows: "Five per cent of all moneys received by this Lodge, together with all fines, shall be set apart for the W and O. fund, which shall be kept by the Treasurer separate from the general fund, and he shall deposit the same in some chartered Bank, or the Dominion Savings Bank of this city, as the W. and O. fund of Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I.O.O.F., and shall report in writing to the Lodge at the end of his term, giving the amount of funds on hand, and the amount expended."

Approved.

Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, Article I, Sections 1, 2 and 3. Approved. Articles II, III, IV, and V, approved.

Article VI, approved by inserting the words after N.G., (sixth line from the end) "or by vote of the Lodge."

Articles VII to XVII approved.

Articles XVIII, all applications for membership by deposit by card, shall require a majority of the ballots cast to elect; not approved. Three black balls rejecting (see digest G.L.U.S.) also Article 3, Constitution of Subordinates, G.L. of Cal. In all cases fee deposited must be returned to the applicant if rejected, being contrary to the spirit of the Order to retain the fee so deposited.

No Brother shall be entitled to vote on any subject on the night of his initiation. Not approved. [See digest G.L.U.S., section 1890.]

Article XIX, all members present shall ballot unless excused by N.G., [see digest G.L.U.S., section 1890.] Approved.

Articles XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, approved.

Order of business approved.

Columbia Lodge, No. 2, Article XI, eighth line, all the words to be left out from the N.G. to the P.S., and the following substituted: "The N. G. shall appoint, when necessary, a competent nurse to attend to members when sick; each member shall immediately after the passage of this By-law, be assessed the sum of 50 cents, and the total amount of said assessment be carried to the credit of an account which shall be opened in the ledger under the head of "nurse account." All moneys paid to nurse shall be charged to said account, and the Lodge shall levy a further assessment of not over 50 cents on each member when necessary.

Not approved, being contrary to Article IV, section 1, of the Constitution of Subordinates.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1, Article X, striking out the first two lines, and substituting "Three Trustees shall be elected by ballot at the last meeting in June, 1876. The Brother receiving the highest number of votes, shall hold office for three years: then the next highest, two years; and the lowest for one year; and one annually, for a term of three years; all vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled in regular manner for the unexpired term.

Approved.

Article XVIII, the following words added, "That a medical officer be appointed by this Lodge to examine and certify as to the health of all applicants for membership, by initiation or affiliation; said officer to be paid by the candidate.

Approved.

Your Committee would request that this Grand Lodge act on the recommendation as made at the last annual session.

JOSHUA DAVIES,
R. ROBERTS,
THOS. SHOTBOLT,
LOUIS VIGELIUS,

Committee.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, that the report be taken up and considered *seriatim*.

Seconded by Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, and carried.

The decisions of the committee were then taken up separately, and on motion approved, with the exception of Article XVIII, Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5, and Article IX of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, which were, on motion, laid over until next day.

The Committee on Finance reported the bill of T. N. Hibben & Co. correct, and recommended it paid.

On motion of Rep. Davies, of No. 2, seconded by Deputy G. M., the report was adopted.

The Committee on Legislation reported on amendment to Article IV, referred to them last session, as follows:

TO THE GRAND LODGE, B. C., I. O. O. F.:

Your Committee on Legislation appointed to frame an amendment to Article IV, of the Constitution of Subordinates, so as to insure that the fees, dues and benefits of Subordinates are based on sound financial principles, and to submit the same at next annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, beg to report that the many difficulties surrounding this important question, has deprived us from coming to any definite conclusion in the matter, so as to report at commencement of the Grand Lodge.

We propose, before the close of this session, to suggest questions of deep import on this serious matter, which must affect the fundamental basis of our beloved Order

Therefore we would ask that further time be granted to your committee, as we consider hasty legislation on the financial affairs of our Order, might not prove beneficial to our Institution.

We have the honor to be, yours in F. L. and T.,

J. S. DRUMMOND,
W. J. JEFFREE,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
J. DAVIES,

Committee.

Moved by Deputy Grand Master, that the report be received, and the matter laid over until next session.

Seconded by Rep. J. Davies, and carried.

Moved by Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, seconded by Rep. Phillips, of No. 1, that we adjourn until Thursday evening next, at eight o'clock.

Motion lost.

Moved by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, seconded by Rep. Shotbolt, of No. 4, that the consideration of report of Committee on G.L. Constitution and Subordinate Lodge Constitutions, be deferred, and the report of committee on distribution of subjects in G.M. Report, be now taken up.

Carried.

Report of special committee on distribution read:

TO THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Lodge, for the purpose of distribution of the matters contained in the Grand Master's address, respectfully recommend as follows:

That the question of mileage be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The question of the invitation of the G.L. of the United States to the Grand Lodge and its subordinates to participate in the celebration of the Centennial at Philadelphia, be referred to the Committee on the state of the Order, and the remainder of the address be referred to the Committee on Legislation.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

J. S. DRUMMOND,
HENRY V. EDMONDS,
THOS. SHOTBOLT,

Committee.

On motion of Deputy Grand Master, seconded by Rep. Davies, of No. 2, the report was adopted.

Moved by Rep. Edmonds, of No. 3, that this G. L. do now adjourn until three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Seconded by Rep. Drummond, of No. 1, and carried.

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SECOND DAY.

TUESDAY, February 15, 1876.

The Grand Lodge met this day, pursuant to adjournment, at three o'clock, p.m.; and was called to order by the Grand Master, a quorum of Representatives being present.

Minutes of previous day's session were read, and on motion adopted.

The report of Committee on Laws of Subordinates, was again taken up; first on Article XVIII, of By-laws of Black Diamond Lodge, No. 5.

Moved by Rep. Edmonds, of No. 3, seconded by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, that the report of the committee be adopted.

Carried.

On amendment to Article IX, of By-laws of Columbia Lodge, No. 2, on motion of Rep. Waller, of No. 2, seconded by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, the report of committee was adopted.

Report from Committee on Finance read on Grand Master's report, as follows:

TO THE R.W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your Committee on Finance recommend that our Representatives from each Lodge be paid mileage at the rate of twenty-five cents per mile, for one way.

HENRY V. EDMONDS,
M. J. GOODE,
T. R. MITCHELL,
A. B. GRAY,
R. W. FAWCETT,

FEBRUARY 15th, 1876.

Committee.

Moved by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, that the report be laid on the table.

Seconded by Rep. Jeffree, of No. 2, and carried.

Report of Committee on state of the Order, read as follows:

TO THE R.W. GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS—Your committee on the "State of the Order," to whom was referred that portion of the M.W.G. Master's address, relating to the contemplated Centennial celebration at Philadelphia, in September, 1876, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the matter, and recommend to this R.W. Grand Lodge the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED—That the invitation of the R.W.G. Lodge of the United States to participate in the fraternal co-mingling of the Order in Philadelphia, on the occasion of the Centennial celebration of the establishment and perpetuation of the American nation, be and is hereby cordially accepted.

RESOLVED—That the R.W.G. Secretary be, and is hereby required, to inform the committee appointed by the M.W. Grand Sire, of the intention of this R.W. Grand Lodge, and to solicit such advice and assistance as may be necessary, to ensure the successful and creditable representation of the brotherhood from this jurisdiction.

RESOLVED—That in addition to the R.W.G. Representative elected by this Grand Body, the M.W.G. Master be, and he is hereby empowered, to appoint a delegation to represent this Grand Lodge at said Centennial Celebration, and that he be requested to use his influence to obtain assistance towards travelling expenses of the R.W.G. Representative and Delegation.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. HAYWARD,
THOS. SHOTBOLT,
J. P. DAVIES,
W. HARRISON,
A. PHILLIPS,

Committee.

On motion, the resolutions in the report were taken up separately, and adopted.

Special committee appointed last session to draft code of laws, reported as follows:

ODD FELLOWS' HALL, Victoria, B.C., 14th February, 1876.

TO THE M W GRAND MASTER,

Officers and Members of Grand Lodge.

M.W. GRAND SIR AND BRETHREN:

Your "special committee," to whom was entrusted the duty of drafting a code of laws for the guidance and working of this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report, that in accordance therewith, we have carefully examined the Constitutions of the R.W. Grand Lodge of California, and herewith enclose Constitutions amended therefrom, adapted for and suited to the requirements of this Grand Lodge.

All of which are respectfully submitted for your consideration.

We have the honor to be,

M. W. Grand Sir, and Brethren,

In F. L. and T., yours fraternally,

CHAS. GOWEN,
JAMES FELL,
THOS. SHOTBOLT,

Committee.

Moved by Rep. Sehl, of No. 1, seconded by Rep. Harris, of No. 4, that the report be received and acted upon.

Carried.

The Preamble, with Articles I, II, and III, with their different sections, were read, and on motion adopted.

Moved by Rep. Davies, of No. 2, seconded by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, that we do now adjourn until two o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

Carried.

THIRD DAY.

WEDNESDAY, 16th February, 1876.

The Grand Lodge met, pursuant to adjournment, at two o'clock, p.m., and was called to order by the Grand Master, a quorum of Representatives being present.

Minutes of previous day's business read, and on motion adopted.

Constitution of Grand Lodge again taken up. Articles IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XI, XII, XIII, and Rules of Order, were then read and adopted.

Constitution of Subordinates, and Rebekah Degree Lodges, was then submitted and read.

Moved by Deputy Grand Master Gowen, seconded by Grand Warden Sehl, that the Constitution, Rules of Order, and Constitution of Subordinate Lodges, and Rebekah Degree Lodges, be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Carried.

Report of Committee on Finance, which was laid on the table, was on motion taken up.

Moved by Rep. Roberts, of No. 1, seconded by Rep. Davies, of No. 1, that the following words be added, viz.: "the Representative to receive mileage being the one receiving the highest number of votes in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge."

Carried.

Report of Committee on Legislation, to whom was referred portion of Grand Master's report read as follows:

TO THE R. W. GRAND LODGE, OF BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Your committee appointed on distribution of the Grand Master's report, were pleased to leave several matters of interest to this Grand Lodge for the consideration of the Legislative Committee:

We, your Legislative Committee, take pleasure in stating that we have given the different subjects our undivided attention, and beg to suggest that so much of the Grand Master's report as refers to fraternal visits, we are of opinion that such a course would have a tendency of uniting in solid phalanx the members of the different Lodges in the bonds of peace, harmony and friendship.

So much as refers to the several celebrations by Lodges, and the power exercised by the M.W. Grand Master in allowing them certain privileges, we heartily endorse.

We also approve of the endorsement of the Grand Master in his action with regard to a decision made by the D.D.G.M., touching the matter of suicides by brethren of our Order, wherein the honors of the Order are asked for.

And such other matters as pertain to the welfare and advancement of this Order, dwelt upon by the Grand Master in his elaborate report, we are pleased to recommend the acceptance of the same referred to your Legislative Committee.

Yours in F. I. and T.,

J. S. DRUMMOND,
J. WRIGLESWORTH,
J. DAVIES,

Committee.

Moved by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, seconded by Rep. Marvin, of No. 2, that the report be adopted.

Carried.

P.G.M. Drummond, on behalf of Special Committee, consisting of himself and others appointed by him, to collect facts relating to the early history of the Order in British Columbia, asked for further time to report, and on motion the same was granted.

Notice of motion given last session to hold the next annual communication at New Westminster, was by consent withdrawn, and notice of motion given to hold the session of 1878, at that place.

Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, moved that the Grand Lodge, at its rising to-morrow, do stand adjourned *sine die*.

Seconded by P.G.M. Drummond, and carried.

Rep. Robinson, of No. 1, moved that the tax on Subordinates for the current year be sixty-five cents *per capita*, term ending 30th June ; and twenty-five cents *per capita*, term ending 31st December.

Seconded by Rep. Marvin, of No. 2, and carried.

Rep. Edmonds, of No. 3, offered the following resolution which was referred to Committee on Legislation :

RESOLVED—That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the admission of members in both Grand and Subordinate Lodges, should only be allowed between the orders of business.

Grand Secretary presented copy of the ode, as required last session.

On motion, the Grand Lodge then adjourned until two o'clock, p.m., to-morrow.

FOURTH DAY.

THURSDAY, 17th February, 1876.

The G.L. met at two o'clock, p.m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the Grand Master, a quorum being present.

Minutes of previous day's business read and adopted.

Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED—That a committee, composed of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, be appointed to procure a set of regalia during the interim for the Grand Officers.

Seconded by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, and carried.

Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, moved that a vote of thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Victoria Lodge, No. 1, and Columbia Lodge, No. 2, for the use of the Hall, and regalia during the session.

Seconded by Rep. Wriglesworth, of No. 4, and carried.

Rep. Phillips, of No. 1, moved that a photograph of every retiring Grand Master be procured for this Grand Lodge.

Seconded by Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, and carried.

Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1, offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED—That a committee be appointed to procure a suitable testimonial for the Grand Secretary, in recognition of his past valuable services.

Seconded by Rep. Hayward, of No. 1, and carried.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED.

Rep. Mitchell, of No. 1.
 " Hayward, of No. 1.
 " Roberts, of No. 1.

Rep. Gowen, of No. 1, moved that the same committee be requested to procure a photograph of the Grand Secretary (being the first to fill that office in this Grand Lodge) and the same to be placed along with the Grand Masters.

Seconded by Rep. Goode, of No. 4, and carried.

INSTALLATION.

P.G. J. P. Davies, of No. 2, G.M. elect, was presented by Reps. Gowen and Sehl, of No. 1, and duly installed as Grand Master.

The M.W. Grand Master then installed into office the following:

P.G. R. Roberts, of No. 1,	R.W. Deputy Grand Master.
" C. Hayward, of No. 1,	" Grand Warden
" J. D. Robinson, of No. 1,	" Grand Secretary.
" J. Wriglesworth, of No. 4,	" Grand Treasurer.

The M. W. G. M. then appointed the following officers, and installed them into their respective chairs:

- P.G. Thos. R. Mitchell, of No. 1 W. Grand Marshal.
- " H. Waller, of No. 2 W. Grand Guardian.
- " J. Davies, of No. 1 W. Grand Conductor.
- " A. Phillips, of No. 1 W. Grand Herald.
- " T. Harris of No 1 W. Grand Chaplain.

The M. W. G. M then appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

- P.G. E. B. Marvin, of No. 2 P.G. H. Gribble, of No. 1.
- P.G. M. Humber, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

- P.G. W. J. Armstrong, of No. 3 P.G. R. W. Fawcett, of No. 2.
- " T. J. Partridge, of No. 1 " M. J. Goode, of No. 4.
- P.G. G. W. Anderson, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON APPEALS.

- P.G. James Fell, of No. 1 P.G. S. D. Levi, of No. 5.
- " J. H. Meldram, of No. 2 " T. Shotbolt, of No. 4.
- P.G. J. York, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

- P.G. Joshua Davies, of No. 1 P.G. H. V. Edmonds, of No. 3.
- " L. M. Hughes, of No. 2 " S. T. Styles, of No. 1.
- P. G. L. Vigelius, of No. 2.

COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS.

- P.G. H. Smith, of No. 4 P.G. J. Gosnell of No. 1.
- " W. H. Huxtable, of No. 1 " Alex. Ewen, of No. 3.
- P.G. J. Schl, of No. 1

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF THE ORDER.

- P.G.M. J. Weiler, of No. 1 P.G. W. Harrison, of No. 2.
- P.G. C. Gowen, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION.

- P.G.M J.S. Drummond, of No. 1 P.G. A. B Gray, of No. 2.
- P.G. A. W. Shiles, of No 3 " W. J. Jeffree, of No. 2.
- P. G. T. R. Mitchell, of No. 1.

COMMITTEE ON PRINTING.

- R.W. Grand Secretary.
- R.W. Grand Treasurer.
- P.G. Joshua Davies, of No. 1.

The M. W. G. M. appointed the following D. D. G. M. :

- P.G. W. J. Jeffree, of No. 2, for District No. 1.
- " J. T. Scott, of No. 3, for District No. 2.
- " E. Quesnell, of No. 5, for District No. 3.

Also appointed as Grand Instructor, P.G. R. Roberts, of No. 1.

On motion, the appointments of the Grand Master were approved.

Minutes of the day were then read, and on motion adopted.

The retiring Grand Master offered a few appropriate remarks, after which prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES D. ROBINSON,

Grand Secretary.



ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., commencing 1st January, 1875, and ending 30th June, 1875.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Ceased Membership.	Rejected.	Members in good standing	Revenue
Victoria	1	Victoria .	Monday . . .	3	1		1		2			1	1	167	1621 48
Columbia	2	do.	Wednesday	9					1			6	2	124	1709 97
New Westminster .	3	N. West'r	Thursday . .	2										40	324 00
Dominion	4	Victoria .	Thursday . .	10					1				1	62	908 50
Black Diamond .	5	Nanaimo.	Saturday . .	5	1								6	36	574 50
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ABSTRACT REPORT OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

Under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I.O.O.F., commencing 1st July, 1875, and ending 31st December, 1875.

Name of Lodge.	Number.	Location.	Night of Meeting.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	Withdrawn by Card.	Resigned Membership.	Deceased.	Suspended.	Expelled.	Ceased Membership.	Rejected.	Members in good Standing.	Revenue.	
Victoria.....	1	Victoria.	Monday	9	1	1								177	1878 96	
Columbia.....	2	do.	Wednesday	7		2			4				1	129	1284 25	
New Westminster.....	3	N. West'r	Thursday	6	1									43	488 50	
Dominion.....	4	Victoria.	Thursday	7	1									70	746 20	
Black Diamond.....	5	Nanaimo.	Saturday	7					1	1			1	2	40	500 00
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LIST OF OFFICERS

Of Subordinate Lodges, I.O.O.F., of British Columbia, for term commencing 1st January, 1876.

Lodge.	1	Noble Grand.	Vice Grand.	Recording Secretary	Treasurer.	Permanent Secretary.
Victoria.....	1	E. A. Sharpe	Fredk. Carne	B. E. Gleen.....	John Weiler, P. G. . .	B. E. Green.
Columbia	2	J. P. Goodhue. . .	Louis Wilton . . .	W. Harrison, P. G. . .	W. J. Jeffree, P. G. .	H. Waller, P. G.
New Westminster . . .	3	Chas. N. Trew. . .	Geo. Turner	A. Peele	Alex. Ewen, P. G. . .	B. W. Shiles, P. G.
Dominion.....	4	Wm. C. Loye.....	Chas. Todd	E. Fletcher.....	T. N. Hibben	J. Batchelor.
Black' Diamond.....	5	Geo. Norris.....	Alex. Galloway . . .	Wm. Hurst.....	Wm. C. Webb	Wm. Hurst.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the R.W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, for the year ending 31st December, 1875, to the R.W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Number of Lodges,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
“ Initiated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
“ Admitted by Card, and as Ancient O.F.,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
“ Reinstated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
“ Withdrawn by Card,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
“ Suspended or dropped,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9
“ Expelled,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
“ Deceased,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
“ Members,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	459
“ Of Brothers relieved,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	65
“ Of Widowed Families relieved,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
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Amount paid for relief of Brothers,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 2876 00
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“ Education of Orphans,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	00 00
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APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,

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PREAMBLE.

Whereas, The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the United States of America, possessing original and exclusive jurisdiction—the source of all true and legitimate authority in Odd Fellowship in the United States of America—did, by its warrant, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of April, in the fifty-fifth year of our Order, grant authority to certain Past Grands of the Order, resident in the Province of British Columbia, to form a Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to be known and hailed by the name, style and title of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia, giving and granting to them and their successors, by the name, style and title aforesaid, full power and authority to grant warrants for opening Lodges subordinate to it, for the propagation of the established principles of the Order; with power and authority also, to cause all honorary and the first five degrees of the Order to be conferred on deserving members, according to the laws, customs, and ancient usages of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; and as the Grand Legislative Head of the Order in the Province of British Columbia, to have and to exercise full power and authority to enforce upon its subordinates a strict adherence to the laws of the Order, and to make and establish such rules for their government as in the opinion of the said Grand Lodge may be for the advancement of the Order, and in conformity to the directions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States of America.

Now, therefore, we, the Past Grands, residing within said jurisdiction, do hereby make and declare the following as the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the Province of British Columbia.

ARTICLE I

OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. This R. W. Grand Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of "The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia," and shall be composed of all Past Grands who are contributing members of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and in good standing, and who have been admitted as required by this Constitution

Sec. 2. The Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in Odd Fellowship over the territory known as the Province of British Columbia, and over all Subordinate Lodges situated within the said Territory or Province, or working under the authority of the same, and is the Supreme Tribunal of the Order in its jurisdiction.

Sec. 3. To entitle a Past Grand to be admitted to the Grand Lodge, he must produce satisfactory evidence that he is such, and is a contributing member in good standing of a Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, at the time of his admission.

ARTICLE II.

OF THE SESSIONS AND BUSINESS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold regular Annual Communications to begin on the second Monday of February, in each year, at eleven o'clock, A. M., and shall continue to meet at such hours as may be agreed upon, from day to day, (Sundays excepted) until the close of the session.

Sec. 2. The business of the Grand Lodge shall be transacted by the elective officers of the Grand Lodge, and the representatives elected, in the manner hereinafter provided. All Past Grands in good standing, who have received the Grand Lodge Degree, may be present at the session; but none except officers of, and representatives to, the Grand Lodge, shall have the right to vote, or, without permission, to speak on any subject at the session.

Sec. 3. Every Subordinate Lodge shall be entitled in this Grand Lodge to one representative for its members of fifteen or under; also one representative for every fifteen members over and above said first number of fifteen, and one for every fraction exceeding ten members in good standing. Representatives must be Past Grands in good standing, and shall be elected by the Lodge at any regular meeting at least one month previous to each Annual Communication, to serve one year from the beginning of said Annual Communication. Vacancies may be filled at any time to serve the remainder of the term.

Sec. 4. Each elective officer, except the M. W. Grand Master, who is not also a representative, and each representative, shall be entitled to one vote. The M. W. Grand Master shall be entitled to a vote in all cases of a tie. In case of the absence of any representative, the representatives of his Lodge present may cast the vote of the absentee. In the election of Grand Officers, each Past Grand in attendance, at the annual communication, shall be entitled to one vote only.

Sec. 5. Special sessions may be called at the option of the M. W. Grand Master. Such sessions shall be for the transaction of extraordinary business only, which shall be specified in the call, and not less than fifteen days' notice shall be given by letter to each representative, which fifteen days shall begin from the date on which said letters are mailed. Such special session shall be held at the place as specified in the notice calling the session.

SEC. 6. The Grand Lodge cannot be opened unless representatives from three Lodges are present, including ten members, in addition to the M. W. Grand Master, or his deputy.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Grand Lodge shall be :

- 1st. Most Worthy Grand Master.
- 2nd. Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master.
- 3rd. Right Worthy Grand Warden.
- 4th. Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
- 5th. Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
- 6th. Right Worthy Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall be :

- Worthy Grand Chaplain
- Worthy Grand Marshal.
- Worthy Grand Conductor.
- Worthy Grand Guardian.
- Worthy Grand Herald.

Worthy District Deputy Grand Masters for each District, as may have been admitted to membership; provided, that Past Grands may be appointed to discharge the duties of District Deputy Grand Masters previous to being admitted to membership.

SEC. 3. The election for elective officers of the Grand Lodge shall be held at nine o'clock, P. M. on the first day of the session, by ballot, in the following manner:

When open in that order of business, each Past Grand present having the privilege to nominate, there shall be provided a ballot box in which to deposit the ballots, with two tellers; and all shall proceed to vote; and when all have voted, the Grand Master shall proclaim the ballot closed, and the tellers shall immediately canvas the votes, and if there be no choice for the officer balloted for, a new ballot shall be immediately ordered, which ballot shall be confined to the three having the greatest number of votes, (provided there are three voted for) and if there be then no choice, the ballot shall be confined to the two receiving the greatest number of votes. Any Past Grand qualified, having received a majority of votes, shall be declared elected, and shall be installed into his respective office on the last day of the session. Provided, that in all cases where only one person is in nomination for an office, the election may be held *cave voce*. Provided also, That the Grand Lodge may, after a four-fifths vote, install any officer or officers at any time after his election; but the duties of said officer or officers shall not commence until the last day of the session.

SEC. 4. No one shall be eligible for the office of M. W. Grand Master, unless he has served at least one term in some other elective office in this Grand Lodge. No one shall be eligible for any other elective Grand Office, unless he has served at least one term in an elective or appointed office in this Grand Lodge. Provided always, That any Past Grand is eligible in either case without such service, when all qualified Past Grands refuse to serve.

SEC. 5. The appointed officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, by and with the consent and approval of this Grand Lodge, after his installation.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1. The Most Worth Grand Master shall preside at all sessions of the Grand Lodge, and preserve order therein, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution or By-laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and of this Grand Lodge.

All questions of order, and all decisions made by him on any point growing out of the Constitution or By-laws of this Grand Lodge, shall be subject to appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge; and it shall be his duty to put the question on all such appeals to the Grand Lodge.

He may appoint all Grand Officers *pro tem*, and all committees not otherwise provided for in this Constitution, or ordered by the Grand Lodge. He shall give the casting vote in all cases where the votes are equally divided, except in cases of election of officers. When any demand shall have been approved by a majority of the Finance Committee, he shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay the same. He may grant dispensations :

- 1st. To confer degrees on a member without delay.
- 2d. To allow members of the Order to appear in public in regalia.
- 3d. To allow Lodges to apply to other Lodges for assistance.
- 4th. To allow Lodges to admit to membership persons who reside near some other Lodge.
- 5th. To authorize the installation of officers in public
- 6th. To give entertainments for the benefit of the Order.
- 7th. To authorize the balloting for, and initiation of a candidate at the time his proposition is presented to a Lodge.
- 8th. To allow Subordinate Lodges to change their place of meeting.
- 9th. To allow a brother to be reinstated after expulsion.
- 10th. To institute Lodges, and authorize them to work as such until the next session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.
- 11th. To empower Subordinate Lodges to elect Scarlet Degree members to any office in such Lodge, provided all qualified brothers refuse to serve.

He may, in person, confer the Past Official Degrees. He shall decide all appeals on questions of law, which may be made to him from the decisions of his deputies. He shall receive and act upon all complaints which may be made to him against his deputies or Lodges. He shall give such instructions from time to time in the work of the Order to the Deputies, or to the Lodges, as may be necessary. When officially visiting Subordinate Lodges, he shall be received with the honors of the Order.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master shall support the Grand Master in presiding, and in his absence shall fill the chair for him. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall become Grand Master for the balance of the term, and receive the honors of a full term.

SEC. 3. The Right Worthy Grand Warden shall assist the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge. He shall, under the Grand Master, have special charge of the door, and in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, he shall preside.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at every session, and transmit as soon as practicable after the close of the annual session, to the Subordinate Lodges, each two copies thereof; he shall keep the accounts between the

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Grand Lodge and its subordinates, receive all moneys coming therefrom, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer ; he shall issue all necessary notices and circulars to Subordinates, representatives and officers ; he shall provide all stationery for the use of the Grand Lodge, and superintend such printing as the Lodge shall direct ; he shall perform such other duties as are herein provided for, or that may be ordered by the Grand Lodge ; he shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each annual session, which shall be paid quarterly ; he shall, previous to installation, give bonds to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia, in such form and penalty as shall be approved of, for the faithful discharge of his duties

Sec. 5. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, under the seal of the Grand Lodge ; make such investment of the funds as the Grand Lodge may direct ; keep his accounts in such a manner as will exhibit the resources and amount of receipts, and by whom paid, the purposes and amount of disbursements, and to whom paid ; have his accounts closed up on the Saturday preceding the second Monday in February, annually, and submit them to the Finance Committee, and transmit by the Grand Secretary, annually, to the subordinates, an exhibit of his accounts. He shall attend all regular sessions of the Grand Lodge ; he shall, previous to installation, give bonds to the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia, in such form and penalty as shall be approved of, for the faithful performance of his duties.

Sec. 6. The Worthy District Deputy Grand Master shall, in the absence of the Grand Master, or other elective Grand Officer, install the officers of all Lodges in his district, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution, By-laws, and Resolutions of the Grand Lodge ; be the organ of the Grand Master with the subordinates in his jurisdiction ; have power to grant dispensations to Lodges in his district, for granting certificates for the five degrees in less time than may be otherwise permitted, when circumstances require it ; he shall see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly, confer official degrees on Past Grands, collect from Lodges in his district all returns and moneys due the Grand Lodge, and forward them immediately to the Grand Secretary ; decide all questions of law that may be submitted to him by Lodges under his charge, and report semi-annually to the Grand Master of his proceedings. He shall forthwith report to the Grand Master all cases of violation on the part of Subordinates, of the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge, or disobedience to its lawful commands.

Sec. 7. The appointed officers of this Grand Lodge shall perform such duties as are required by their charges, and the usages of the Order.

ARTICLE V.

REMOVALS AND VACANCIES.

SECTION 1. Any Grand Officer may be removed from his office by the Grand Lodge for misconduct or neglect of duty, but he shall be entitled to a fair trial, and two-thirds of the votes of the members present, shall be necessary for removal.

Sec. 2. No officer shall officiate in the Grand Lodge during the time of his trial. Whenever the Grand Master, or officer acting as such, shall be on trial, or whenever a resolution for the removal of the Grand Master, or officer acting as such, shall be submitted, the Grand Lodge may direct any Past Grand Master, (in case the Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden are incapacitated) to occupy the chair.

All appeals taken from the action of the Subordinate Lodges shall, as fast as the same are received by the Grand Secretary, be transmitted by him to the chairman of the Committee on Appeals. If the Committee on Appeals find the papers defective on any essential particulars, they shall certify the fact to the Grand Secretary, who shall remit the papers to the respective Subordinate Lodge, requiring it forthwith to correct the defects complained of, and return the amended papers to the Grand Secretary, who shall immediately transmit the same to the chairman of the Committee on Appeals. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals to report, at the earliest practicable day of the Annual Session, their action upon the appeals transmitted to them during the recess of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

SEC. 6. The Committee on Laws of Subordinates shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges referred to them, and also to examine and approve of the By-laws of Subordinates, that may be submitted to them previous to being printed, and to direct such alteration in the By-laws as will make them conform to the laws and regulations of the Order, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 7. The Committee on petitions shall consist of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine all petitions referred to them, and report to the Grand Lodge such action thereon as may be proper.

SEC. 8. The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of three members appointed in the same manner as the Finance Committee, who shall examine the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, and such other matters as may be referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge, and they shall annually present to the Grand Lodge an exhibit of the condition and progress of the Order under this jurisdiction, and recommend such measures for the good of the Order as from time to time they shall judge proper.

SEC. 9. The Committee on Legislation shall consist of five members, who shall examine and report on all proposed amendments of the Constitution, By-laws, Rules of Order, and Resolutions governing this R. W. Grand Lodge, and such other matters as may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge, or M. W. Grand Master.

SEC. 10. The Committee on Printing shall consist of three members, of which the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge shall be one, and shall be chairman thereof. They shall decide all matters of Printing, and none of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge shall be given to the public press without having first received the sanction of a majority of said Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

OF VOTES.

SECTION 1. Each elective Officer, except the Grand Master, shall be entitled to one vote. All questions and votes before the Grand Lodge, not in this Constitution otherwise provided for, shall be determined by a majority of the votes given; and when five of the members call for a vote by yeas and nays, or when the same are in this Constitution required to be taken, they shall be so taken and recorded on the journal.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The revenue of this Grand Lodge shall be raised for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses thereof.

SEC. 2. The fee for a charter for a Subordinate Lodge shall be Thirty Dollars, to accompany the application for a charter, and Fifteen Dollars for a Degree Charter.

SEC. 3. At each regular Annual Session, the Finance Committee shall ascertain what will be the deficiency for the current year to pay the estimated expenses of the Grand Lodge, and the amount of such deficiency shall be assessed upon each Subordinate Lodge in proportion to the number of its members returned at the last semi-annual report thereof, ending 31st December of each year. Said assessment shall be assessed upon the members not suspended at said date. Such assessment shall be paid immediately after receiving the same by the Lodges, to the District Deputy Grand Masters, who shall remit the same without delay to the Grand Secretary

SEC. 4. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall be entitled to have its officers installed, or to receive the travelling or term P. W., until the semi-annual reports to the Grand Lodge shall have been placed in the hands of the Installing Officer, and assessments paid.

ARTICLE IX.

OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. On the written application of five or more brothers of the Order, one of whom has attained the Scarlet Degree, praying for a charter to open a Lodge where there is no Lodge established, or on the application of seven or more brothers, five of whom shall have attained the Scarlet Degree, for a charter to open a Lodge where there is one already established, the Grand Lodge may grant the same, and such Lodge shall receive its charter and the necessary charges and instructions from the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master of the district, or by a Past Grand specially deputed. All necessary expenses, if any, of the installing officers, to be borne by the Lodge so opened; Provided, always, that the cards of the petitioners, or a certificate of the deposit thereof with the District Deputy Grand Master of the district, shall accompany the application.

SEC. 2. An application, as provided in the first section hereof, shall be presented to the Grand Lodge, if in session; if not, to the Standing Committee, through the Grand Secretary, who shall, on the receipt thereof, if advisable, have power to issue a Dispensation to open such Lodge, subject to confirmation at the next session of the Grand Lodge, in which case, if confirmed, a regular charter shall be issued.

SEC. 3. At the end of each term, every Subordinate Lodge shall report to the Grand Lodge the work thereof for such term, which shall include the names of those initiated, admitted by card, as an Ancient Odd Fellow, rejected, withdrawn by card, reinstated, and deceased; the names of those suspended, and expelled, with the cause thereof, together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. At each Annual Session, every Lodge shall report in addition, up to the first day in January, a full return of members, with their names ranked according to the degrees they have taken, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved, widowed families relieved, and brothers buried, and amount of money applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans.

SEC. 5. The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges may be changed or amended in any manner, at a regular session of the Grand Lodge, by a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE X.

OF DEGREE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Upon the written petition of five or more Past Grands, and five or more Scarlet Degree members of the Order, praying for a warrant to open a Degree Lodge, the Grand Lodge may grant the same; and such Degree Lodge shall receive its charter, and the necessary lectures and instructions in the same manner as is provided for Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 2. The Standing Committee shall have the same power in reference to the approval of applications and issuing of dispensations to open Degree Lodges, as in the case of Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 3. No Degree Lodge shall admit or retain in membership any person who is not at the time a regular contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction, unless his card is in the possession of the Grand Lodge or its officers, as an applicant for a charter.

ARTICLE XI.

OF OFFENCES OF SUBORDINATE OR DEGREE LODGES.

SECTION 1. Whenever any Subordinate or Degree Lodge shall violate the Constitution, By-laws, Rules, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States, or of this Grand Lodge, such Lodge shall be liable to a trial and punishment, as herein provided.

SEC. 2. Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender or forfeiture of its charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed officers and members, having the custody of the charter, books, papers, property and funds of the Lodge, to assign, transfer, and deliver the same, on demand, to the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same; and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. All the effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge, under the last section, shall be kept separate and apart from the property or funds of the Grand Lodge, and such funds shall not be estimated as a part of the funds of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust to be restored, should such Lodge ever be reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of suspension; Provided, however, that in the event said Lodge should not be restored to fellowship within one year, the funds of said Lodge shall be placed in the general fund of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to hold its meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by Article IX, Sec 3, of this Constitution, for one year, shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its charter shall be forfeited.

SEC. 5. Members of a suspended or expelled Lodge, or of a Lodge whose charter has been surrendered or forfeited, who were in good standing at the time of such suspension or dissolution, or who may have paid all arrears due to the Grand Lodge, shall, upon the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which such suspended or extinct Lodge is located, receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, to enable them to make application for admission to membership in any other Lodge; Provided, such members are not excluded by Sections 3 and 4 of this Article.

Sec. 6. Upon the application of any five or more members of an extinct Lodge, to the Grand Lodge, for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, accompanied with a satisfactory evidence that a fair opportunity has been given to all who were members in good standing at the time the same became extinct, to unite in such application (except as provided by Section 4. of this Article.) such applicants, or such portion thereof as the Grand Lodge may approve of, may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the charter and effects belonging to such Lodge at the time of its extinction; unless such effects shall have been placed in the general fund of the Grand Lodge, as provided by Section 3 of this Article.

ARTICLE XII.

BY-LAWS AND RULES OF ORDER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Lodge may enact, alter, or amend such By-laws as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this Constitution, and of regulating the proceedings of its officers, and of committees, and of providing for the safety and security of the funds and property; Provided, at least one day's notice in writing be given at the Annual Session, of such By-law or amendment, and that the same do not in anywise contravene this Constitution.

Sec. 2. The Grand Lodge may, in like manner, make such Rules of Order as may be necessary for the regulation of its sessions, and for securing good order and the dispatch of business. Such Rules of Order may be suspended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote; Provided, that such suspension shall not extend beyond the meeting which voted therefor.

ARTICLE XIII.

AMENDING CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. Any amendment or alteration may be made to this Constitution, at any regular Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, by a vote of two-thirds of the representatives present; Provided, all such alterations shall be proposed one day before action thereon. And, provided also, that no amendment providing for the meeting of the Grand Lodge at any particular place, for locating the seat of the Grand Lodge, shall be made, unless the same be proposed in writing at a regular Annual Session, and acted upon and adopted at the next Annual Session.



RULES OF ORDER.

I.—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Order of Business of the Annual Session shall be, on the

FIRST DAY:

1st. The Grand Master shall request the members to clothe themselves in proper regalia, and direct the officers to take their respective stations, and fill vacancies *pro tem.*, and shall then, after all have been examined, call up the Grand Lodge.

2nd. While standing, the Grand Chaplain shall address the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.

3rd. Proclamation shall be made by the Grand Marshal of the opening of the Grand Lodge.

4th. The Grand Secretary shall present, and read, if required, the credentials of members.

5th. The Committee on Credentials shall forthwith examine and report on the eligibility of members.

6th. New members of the Grand Lodge shall be admitted.

7th. The record of all Special Sessions shall be read, and passed upon by the Grand Lodge.

8th. Vacancies in committees and among the appointed officers, shall be filled.

9th. The reports of the Grand Officers shall be presented.

10th. Petitions, Communications, Appeals, and Financial Accounts, shall be presented, and referred in the order above mentioned.

11th. Miscellaneous business, and nomination and election of officers.

SECOND DAY.

12th. Reading and approval of Minutes of preceding day.

13th. Reception and reference of Credentials, reports thereon, and admission of new members.

14th. Resolutions of inquiry of Standing or Special Committees.

15th. Reports of Standing Committees, in the order in which they are named in the Constitution.

16th. Reports of Special Committees by seniority.

17th. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

18th. Consideration of proposed amendments to the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges.

19th. Petitions, Communications, Appeals, and Financial Accounts, presented and referred.

20th. Unfinished business.

21st. New business.

THIRD DAY.

22d. Reading and approving Minutes of preceding day.

23d. Reception and reference of Credentials, reports thereon, and admission of new members.

24th. Reports of Standing and Special Committees.

25th. Additional business, in the same order as on second day.

26th. Miscellaneous business.

27th. If the foregoing order of business not be concluded on the first or second day, it shall be commenced on each succeeding day where it left off on the preceding; except that the reading and approval of minutes, and reception, reference, and reports on credentials of members, shall be the first business in order on each day; and that the nomination and election of officers shall be the last business on the first day of the session.

28th. The vote on a motion to close the session, shall not be taken until the day succeeding that at which it shall be offered, and shall be in this form: "That when the Grand Lodge adjourn this day, this Annual Session shall stand adjourned *sine die*."

29th. On the last day of the session, the officers shall be installed, and committees appointed, before it shall be declared closed; the minutes of the day shall be read and approved, if correct.

II.—OF DECORUM.

During the continuance of the meeting, the most decorous silence must be observed; the officers and members retaining their respective seats, and no one leaving the room without the permission of the M. W. Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the R. W. Grand Warden.

No member shall, by conversation or otherwise, interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or refuse to obey the chair. Every officer and member shall be designated in debate, or otherwise, by his proper office or title, according to his standing in the Order.

No member shall be permitted to vote or speak, unless clothed in regalia appropriate to his rank and station.

III.—OF THE CHAIR.

The Grand Master, while presiding, shall state every question coming before the Grand Lodge, and immediately before putting it to vote shall ask "Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?" Should no member rise to speak, and a majority indicate their readiness, he shall rise to take the question; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall pronounce the votes and decisions of the Grand Lodge on all subjects. His decisions on questions of order shall be without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point, he invite it. And he shall have the privilege of speaking only on such questions from the Chair. When his decision has been appealed from, the question shall be put thus: "Will the Grand Lodge sustain the Chair in its decision?"

IV.—OF DEBATE.

Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as any reflection upon the Grand Lodge, or its members.

Should two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chair shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

No member shall disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

If a member, while speaking, shall be called to order, at the request of the Chair, he shall cease speaking, and take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until all the members wishing to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice, without permission of the Chair. But no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than once on a question of order, after appeal from the decision of the Chair.

V.—OF QUESTIONS AND VOTES.

When any communication, petition, or memorial is presented, before it is read, or any vote taken on it, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer, or the Chair. And after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport shall be entered on the Journal.

No motion shall be subject to action until seconded and stated by the Chair, and at the desire of any member, shall be reduced to writing.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number, and the longest or latest time proposed.

Any member may call for a division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

When a question is before the Grand Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, the previous question to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, to refer or to amend, and shall have precedence in the order herein arranged; the three first of which shall be decided without debate.

After any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has been decided, any two members who voted in the majority, may, during the same communication, move for a reconsideration thereof.

The previous question can be called for by two members, if seconded by a majority, and shall be put in this form "Shall the main question be now put?" If carried, all debate shall cease, and the vote shall be first upon all pending amendments, beginning with the one last proposed, after which, upon the main question.

When five members rise in favor of taking a question by ayes and nays, they shall be ordered to be so recorded.

Every member present shall vote on any question before the Grand Lodge, unless he is personally interested in the result, or has been excused by the Grand Lodge, or is otherwise incapacitated.

No more than two amendments to a proposition shall be entertained at the same time—that is, an amendment, and an amendment to an amendment—and the question shall be first taken on the latter.

When the ayes and nays are ordered, the names of the representatives shall be called by Lodges.

Past Grands, not representatives, have no right to vote upon any question before the Grand Lodge; that right is confined to those whose credentials as Representatives are reported correct by the Committee on Credentials.

All unimportant questions and answers reported upon by the Committee on the State of the Order, are to be entered on the Secret Journal.

After a substitute has been accepted by the Grand Lodge, in place of the report of a committee, further action on the report would be out of order, without first reconsidering the vote by which the substitute was adopted.

When a substitute is adopted in place of an amendment, it is not necessary to take action on the amendment.

All resolutions laid on the table, and not acted upon before the close of the session of the Grand Lodge at which they were presented, expire with the session, and would have to be renewed at any subsequent session, before any action could be had thereon.



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CONSTITUTION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

P R E A M B L E .

For the purpose of effecting uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of Odd Fellowship within this jurisdiction, the GRAND LODGE OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ordains the following Constitution of Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction :

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall consist of at least five members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, to be hailed and entitled [Name and number of Lodge,] Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding a legal and unreclaimed charter, granted or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender its charter, or dissolve, so long as five brothers in good standing object thereto.

ARTICLE II.

O F M E M B E R S H I P .

SECTION 1. All candidates for initiation must be free white males, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of sound health, of good moral character and industrious habits, having some respectable known means of support, and believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and be proposed in the Lodge nearest his residence, except that Lodge grant permission for his joining another Lodge ; Provided, that application for membership may be made to any Lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, in the same county or district. A person may be admitted to any Lodge in the city or village in which he resides ; but all candidates for initiation must reside in this jurisdiction, except such candidates as may apply from other States or Territories, where there is no Grand Lodge or District Deputy Grand Sire located.

SEC. 2. All candidates for membership by deposit of card, or certificates of dismissal, or as Ancient Odd Fellows, whose cards or certificates of dismissal have been granted more than twelve months, shall deposit their cards or certificates with their proposition, or furnish satisfactory evidence that such card or certificate has been lost.

SEC. 3. No suspended or expelled member of the Order can be admitted to membership in this Lodge, except on a dismissal certificate, or on being reinstated, and receiving a withdrawal card from the Lodge which suspended or expelled him, or from the Grand Secretary, as prescribed by law.

SEC. 4. A non-affiliated Odd Fellow who has been regularly initiated in the Order, and has retained membership therein for at least five consecutive years, and who at the time of making application for reinstatement or membership shall be over fifty years of age, may be admitted to membership in this

Lodge, as a non-beneficial member, upon such terms as the By-laws may prescribe, by presenting a petition as required under Section 1, Article III, for proposals for membership by initiation, which shall be disposed of according to said section.

Sec. 5. When an application for membership is received from a person residing nearer to another Lodge than to the one to which the application is made, the Lodge receiving such application shall communicate the fact to the Lodge nearest the residence of such applicant, and shall enquire whether such person is a fit and proper person to be admitted into our Order, and if in the same county or district, shall also ask the consent of such Lodge to receive and act upon such application; and it shall take no further action upon such application until an answer is received to such communication. The Lodge receiving such communication shall appoint a committee of three to investigate the character, standing, and health of the petitioner, in the same manner as if the application were made directly to such Lodge. Such committee shall report at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, and a certified copy of the report, together with a certified copy of the minutes showing the action of the Lodge upon the request for consent to receive and act upon the application (if such consent was necessary) shall be forthwith forwarded to the Lodge in which such application is filed, and said last-named Lodge may then proceed upon such application as in other cases, except that, if it be a case where the consent of the other Lodge is necessary, and that consent be refused, the petitioner's money (if any has been paid) shall be returned, and no further action shall be had in the premises.

ARTICLE III.

OF PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The name of a person offered for membership, with his age, residence, and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant, with the names of two persons as references attached, and entered upon the record; and forthwith be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting (unless extraordinary circumstances prevent,) when the candidate may be balloted for with ball ballots, and if any or less than three black balls shall appear, then the balloting shall be deferred until the next regular meeting. During the week the member casting the black ball may (and it is his duty to) inform the Noble Grand of the cause or ground thereof, and the Noble Grand shall, at the next regular meeting, state the reason, if any is given, to the Lodge, without exposing the name of the brother; and if the brother casting the black ball shall not have informed the Noble Grand of the reason why he cast such ball, the Noble Grand shall, at the next regular meeting, if no other objection be made, declare the applicant duly elected; but if such reasons are disclosed, or other objections be made, privately or otherwise, then the ballot shall again be held, and if no more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be deemed rejected.

Sec. 2. No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can be had, unless all the brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership, voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot; and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballots, and if the balls cast be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over till the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected; and in no case shall a reconsideration be had, except upon the voluntary motion of all those who cast the black balls:

and never more than one motion for a reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed. A favorable balloting can be reconsidered at any meeting prior to the admission of the candidate; Provided, a majority of the members present agree thereto.

SEC. 3. When a candidate for initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the R. W. Grand Secretary, and to all the Lodges in the county and district, and he cannot be proposed again in any Lodge for the space of one year after such rejection. All other applications for membership may be renewed at any time.

SEC. 4. No proposition can be withdrawn after being referred to a committee, unless by consent of two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, and before the report of the committee has been read to the Lodge.

SEC. 5. If any person shall gain admittance to any Lodge upon a petition containing any false representations, he shall be expelled.

ARTICLE IV.

OF FEES, DUES AND BENEFITS.

SECTION 1. The fees and dues of this Lodge shall not be less than fifteen dollars for initiation, five dollars for admission by card, ten dollars for an Ancient Odd Fellow, five dollars for each degree to the Lodge Fund, and such amount of dues to the Lodge Fund as shall be determined by the By-laws; in addition to which, the Lodge may, by its By-laws, provide for a Widows', Orphans' and education fund, and nurse and funeral tax, and for extraordinary assessments for Lodge purposes.

SEC. 2. Every member, qualified as required by the By-laws, shall, in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident from following his usual occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to, and may receive, such weekly benefits as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the Lodge.

SEC. 3. In case of the death of a member, qualified as in the last section, there shall be allowed from the Lodge not less than thirty dollars to defray the expenses of the burial, to be paid by the N.G., on account of the funeral. In the absence of competent relations, the N. G. shall take charge of the funeral, and render an account of the disbursements.

SEC. 4. The funeral expenses and sick benefits shall be regulated by the By-laws of the Lodge, and all orders drawn for the above shall be by vote of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

OF DEGREES.

SECTION 1. A member who has been in membership one month, shall be eligible for degrees, but shall not be elected to more than three degrees at the same meeting, unless a dispensation be obtained therefor, from the Grand Master, or his Deputy for the district.

SEC. 2. Application for election to any of the five subordinate degrees, shall be accompanied with the amount required therefor, and shall be presented to the Lodge when open in that order of business, if so provided for in its Rules of Order - if not, then in the order of New Business—and when the Lodge has regularly closed, it shall then forthwith open in the degrees applied for, beginning with the lowest, and ballot upon the application, and if not more than two black balls be cast—and the Lodge does not confer the degrees upon its own members—a certificate shall be given the applicant, addressed to

a Degree Lodge, or officer authorized to confer degrees, located or residing in this District, showing that he is a member of this Lodge, and has been authorized, by a ballot of the members of said degrees of this Lodge, to receive them.

ARTICLE VI.

OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a N. G., V. G., Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each, and the Lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary for the same time; or for one year, to take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its members.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a W., Conductor, O. G., I. G., R. S. to N. G., L. S. to N. G., R. S. to V. G., L. S. to V. G., and R. and L. S. S., who shall each serve a regular term; and the Lodge may also appoint a Chaplain for a regular term.

SEC. 3. No member shall be installed as N. G., unless he has served a term as V. G., or the last of a term to fill a vacancy; nor as V. G., unless he has served twenty-six weeks in an inferior office; that service in office, whether elected or appointed, is qualifying in any other Lodge as well as in this Lodge, providing a brother has a certificate to that effect, under seal of a Lodge in good standing; Provided, that any Scarlet member may be elected, if all qualified brothers refuse to serve, and a dispensation being granted by the M. W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Deputy of the District, previous to the election.

SEC. 4. All elective officers, Warden, Outside Guardian, and Inside Guardian, shall be clear of all pecuniary charges on the books, and have attained the Scarlet Degree previous to installation.

SEC. 5. Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

SEC. 6. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and be installed at the first regular meeting in the new term; Provided, the installing officer be present; if absent, the Lodge may, by vote, defer it for one week, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 7. Any officer, absenting himself from the Lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer, for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting, at the next meeting after a resolution therefor has been offered in the Lodge.

SEC. 8. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the Lodge, by nomination and election, at the next regular meeting after nominating; and, until so filled, the N. G. shall appoint a member to the office, *pro tem*.

SEC. 9. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office, and as specified by this Constitution, and the By-laws of the Lodge.

SEC. 10. The N. G., or officer acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the V. G., or officer acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates or charges.

SEC. 11. The Lodge, at the first regular meeting in January, in each year, shall elect one representative to the Grand Lodge for its members of fifteen or under; also one Representative for every fifteen members over and above first said number of fifteen, and one for every fraction exceeding ten members in good standing, as shown by its report on the 31st day of December of the previous year.

ARTICLE VII.

OF PENALTIES AND TRIALS.

SECTION 1.—CLAUSE 1. Any member neglecting or refusing to make payment of his dues or demands against him to the Lodge, according to its By-laws, for the space of eleven months, shall be notified by the Lodge, in writing of the state of his account; and if after one month his account still remains unsettled, he shall be suspended from membership; Provided, that no person shall be so suspended until after the fact of his dues being in arrears and unpaid for TWELVE MONTHS, shall have been announced in open Lodge, at two regular meetings; and provided further, that no person shall cease to be a member, under this section, whilst charges are pending against him.

CLAUSE 2. Any member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated in the Lodge from which he was suspended within one year thereafter, by paying the amount of one year's dues and by receiving a vote of two-thirds of the members present—a motion to that effect having been laid over one week; but after one year he may be reinstated, upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as provided by the By-laws, or such lesser sums as may be fixed by the By-laws of the Lodge to which such application is made; Provided, such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of said Lodge; and he shall petition the Lodge in writing to be reinstated, which shall be disposed of, in all respects, as provided for in Article III, Section 1, for petitions for membership by initiation.

CLAUSE 3. A member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, and who makes application for reinstatement and for a withdrawal card for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge in this jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a final card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues, and the usual price of a card.

CLAUSE 4. A member after being suspended in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues for the space of five years, wishing to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant him, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

CLAUSE 5. A member suspended from membership in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction, shall, upon proper application, be entitled to receive from the Lodge from which he was so suspended, a dismissal certificate, upon the payment to said Lodge of one dollar.

CLAUSE 6. In all cases, when a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and his Lodge has refused to reinstate him, he shall, upon proper application, be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt thereof of one dollar.

CLAUSE 7. Dismissal certificates may be received from the holders thereof on application for membership in Subordinate Lodges, in the same manner, and with the same effect, as withdrawal cards; and applications made on such certificates shall be received and acted on in like manner as upon withdrawal cards. But the holders of such certificates shall in no case be allowed to visit thereon.

CLAUSE 8. The certificates named in this section shall be only those provided by the Grand Secretary of the G. L. U. S.

SEC. 2. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against the Constitution, By-laws, or Rules of Order of this Lodge, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, or the Lodge determine.

SEC. 3. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion. No member shall be put upon trial, unless charges duly specifying the offence, so as fully to apprise him of the nature thereof, and to enable him to prepare for his defence, shall be submitted to the Lodge in writing, and signed by a member of a Lodge within this jurisdiction, and a copy thereof, under seal of the Lodge, be served upon him.

SEC. 4. Such charges shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from the peers of the accused. Such committee shall, without unnecessary delay, summon the parties and try the case. They shall keep full minutes of the evidence, and of their proceedings, and report the same to the Lodge, with their verdict. If a witness be a member of the Order, he shall give his evidence on the honor of an Odd Fellow; if he be not a member, then on oath or affirmation, and the proceedings must state that such obligation or oath was administered. No testimony shall be taken without notice, or opportunity for cross-examination by the opposing party. Upon the report being made, notice thereof shall forthwith be given, by the Secretary, to the party against whom the verdict is rendered, and he shall have two weeks in which to file his exceptions. If no exceptions are filed within two weeks, the Lodge shall proceed to pronounce judgment upon the verdict, and affix the penalty. An appeal from the judgment of the Lodge may be taken, at any time within two weeks thereafter, to the Grand Lodge; and if no such appeal is taken, the judgment of the Lodge shall be final. When a bill of exceptions to the report of the committee is filed, as above provided, the Lodge may determine upon its merits, and either sustain the report of the committee, or refer the same back to the same or another committee, or grant a new trial. If the Lodge deems the exceptions not well taken, it shall proceed to pronounce its judgment, and affix the penalty.

SEC. 5. If the accused refuse or neglect to stand trial when duly summoned, the committee shall report him guilty of contempt of the Lodge, which report shall be conclusive, and the punishment shall be expulsion.

SEC. 6. If a specific penalty for an offence be provided in the Constitution or By-laws, the N. G. shall enforce it. If none be so provided, the Lodge shall decide by paper ballot whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension, or reprimand and fine. During the ballot the accused brother shall withdraw from the Lodge-room. If upon the ballot it shall appear that two-thirds of the ballots are cast for expulsion, such shall be the penalty; if two-thirds of the ballots are cast for suspension, suspension shall be the penalty, and the Lodge shall proceed to fix the duration of such suspension. If neither expulsion nor suspension is determined as the penalty, as above provided, then the penalty shall either be reprimand, fine, or both; if fine is determined upon, then the Lodge shall fix the amount, not exceeding ten dollars; if reprimand is decided upon, then the accused shall be reprimanded in open Lodge, by the acting Noble Grand. No ballot held under this section, shall be reconsidered. All fines imposed under this section shall be charged in his account, and considered, in determining his standing in the Lodge, as dues; and when the fine thus imposed, added to his dues, bring him under the penalty of Section 1. of this Article, he shall be notified, and allowed the usual time to make payment. In all cases, if he ceases to be a member, upon reinstatement he shall pay the whole amount of the fines and dues.

Sec. 7. When a member shall be subject to the penalty of reprimand, he shall be summoned to attend at some regular meeting, to be fixed by the N. G., to be reprimanded from the chair of the N. G.; and until he so attend and be reprimanded, he shall be suspended from all benefits and privileges of membership.

Sec. 8. Notice of all suspensions, expulsions, rejections, and reinstatements, and of brothers who have ceased to be members in accordance with Section 1, of this Article, shall forthwith be forwarded to every Lodge in the District, and to the Subordinate Encampment of which the Lodge shall have been notified of such brother having become a member; and also to the R. W. Grand Secretary, who shall, at the end of each quarter, forward the same to all the Lodges in the Province, and also to the R. W. Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment or Oregon.

Sec. 9. An expelled member can be reinstated only after a proposition, reference, and election by ballot, as in the case of a newly proposed member. A brother suspended for any cause, may be reinstated on the removal of the cause, or the expiration of the term for which he was suspended, without action of the Lodge, and the N. G. shall declare in open Lodge his being reinstated.

Sec. 10. Any member intending to appeal from the action of the Lodge, either in a decision of law, or where charges have been preferred, shall file with the Secretary a notice of his appeal, and the grounds thereof; upon which the Secretary shall forthwith send the notice, or a true copy of the same, together with a certified copy of all charges, reports, evidence and proceedings of the Lodge, relating to the case, to the D. D. G. M.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF FUNDS AND PROPERTY.

SECTION 1. The funds and property of this Lodge shall be held exclusively as a Trust Fund to be devoted to no other purpose than the charitable uses of the I. O. O. F., and expenditures legitimately made for Lodge purposes, and the advancement of the interests of the Lodge or the Order. The funds may be invested from time to time, as the Lodge shall direct, but no part thereof, or of the Lodge property, or of the proceeds of any sales of such property, shall ever be divided among the members; and in case of a surrender or forfeiture of the Lodge Charter, all the funds and property of the Lodge of whatsoever kind, shall be immediately surrendered and delivered up to the R. W. Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, or to its officers or agents properly authorized to receive them.

ARTICLE IX.

OF OFFENCES.

SECTION 1. No member of this Lodge shall be concerned in organizing or visiting any illegal, spurious, expelled, extinct, or suspended Lodge of Odd Fellows; nor paint on his sign any emblem of the Order, or otherwise exhibit any upon the same, or have any printed or engraved upon his business card, nor expose any in a public place as a sign; or receive, or put any motion from the Chair of the N. G., unless he be a present or past N. G. or V. G.

Sec. 2. This Lodge shall not have a public procession, unless to attend the funeral of a member, or have any public celebration of any kind, or get up any ball or public amusement in the name of the Order, or admit to membership any member of an expelled or extinct Lodge, or reinstate an expelled or suspended member of this Lodge, without permission of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE X.

OF TERMS AND RETURNS.

SECTION 1. All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July, in each year, and end on the day on which the succeeding one commences.

SEC. 2. The officers for the term about expiring, shall prepare and deliver to the officer who shall install their successors, the result of the elections, and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card, and as an Ancient Odd Fellow; those suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, and of those reinstated and deceased; the number of certificates for degrees granted; the whole number in membership, and the amount of receipts, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. In addition to the above, the officers for the term expiring on the first meeting in January, shall annually make to the Grand Lodge a full return of the members of the Lodge (except such as are more than one year in arrears or have been expelled) ranked according to the degrees attained and a statement of the number of members relieved in the past year; the number of widowed families relieved; the number of members buried; the number of sisters buried; the amount of money applied to each of these purposes; designating the amount paid for the education of orphans, the amount of money in the Treasury, amount of Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and amount of investments.

SEC. 4. Should this Lodge fail to make any of its returns, as required by the two preceding sections, for one year, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the G. M., or D. D. G. M. to withhold the A. T. P. W. and semi-annual P. W., until such returns are made, and the amount due the Grand Lodge paid. And it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master or his Deputy, the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XI.

OF CARDS.

SECTION 1. Withdrawal Cards may be granted to members who are clear of the books, according to law, by a majority vote, by ballot, of the members present when application is made. Should the Lodge refuse to grant the card, the applicant, on tendering a written resignation of membership, and paying all dues, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary a certificate under seal of the Lodge to that effect; and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of good standing at the time of such resignation.

SEC. 2. Visiting Cards shall be applied for in open Lodge, and the dues must be paid up to the time for which the card is to be granted.

ARTICLE XII.

SECTION 1. When any doubt arises of the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 2. These Articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge, at a regular session.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. This Lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-laws, Rules, and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient; Provided, that they do not in any wise contravene this Constitution, or the Constitution, By-laws, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, or of the United States.

SEC. 2. The By-laws of this Lodge are in force from the time of their adoption, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge; and the manuscript copy of such By-laws shall, before being printed, be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates for their approval.

ATTEST:

JAMES D. ROBINSON,

Grand Secretary.



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R E B E K A H D E G R E E L O D G E S.

For the purpose of effecting a uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors, and benefits of the Rebekah Degree of Odd Fellowship within this jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia, ordains the following Constitution of Rebekah Degree Lodges under its jurisdiction :

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall consist of at least ten members, five of each sex, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, to be hailed and entitled REBEKAH DEGREE LODGE, No. ... Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender its Charter, or dissolve, so long as five brothers and five sisters in good standing object thereto.

ARTICLE II.

M E M B E R S H I P .

SECTION 1. The name of any qualified brother or sister within the district designated in the Charter, offered for membership, with his or her age, residence and occupation, with the name and number of the Lodge to which said brother, or the husband of said sister does, or if deceased, did at the time of such decease belong, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant, with the names of two persons as references attached, and entered upon the record ; such proposition shall be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting (unless further time be granted,) when the candidate may be balloted for with ball ballots, and if less than five black balls shall appear, then the balloting shall be deferred until the next regular meeting, when a ballot shall again be held, and if no more than five black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected ; but if more than five black balls appear, the candidate shall be deemed rejected. Should the candidate be elected, he or she shall become a member on paying the dues provided by the By-laws ; and any brother may continue such member so long as he remains a member of his Subordinate Lodge in good standing, and pays his dues to this Lodge ; and any sister may remain a member so long as her husband is entitled to remain a member, or so long as she remains his widow, and pays her dues to this Lodge.

Sec. 2. Candidates rejected in this Lodge, may renew their application for membership therein, at the expiration of six months after such rejection.

ARTICLE III.

POWERS AND PRIVILEGES.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following :

1. To confer the Degree of Rebekah on such Scarlet Degree members and their wives, as present a certificate from a Lodge located within the District embraced in the Charter, certifying that he is a Scarlet Degree member in good standing ; also to confer the said Degree of Rebekah upon widows of Odd Fellows presenting certificates from Lodges of which their husbands were members at the time of their decease, certifying that her said husband was a Scarlet Degree member in good standing at such decease ; or if her said husband was not such Scarlet Degree member, certifying that he was a member in good standing, and that it is the desire of the Lodge that the Degree of Rebekah should be conferred upon his said widow.

2. To elect and appoint its own officers, in the manner prescribed by the By-laws.

3. To hold regular and special meetings, as provided in the By-laws.

4. To fix and establish dues, to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as the By-laws may provide ; and to provide by By-laws when those in arrears for dues shall be dropped from the roll of members.

5. To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge, for the relief of the sick, the destitute or the distressed, from time to time, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine, or as shall be otherwise provided by the By-laws.

6. To establish such By-laws and Rules of Order, not inconsistent herewith, or with the rules, usages, and general regulations of the Order, as it may deem proper ; subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Lodge of California.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Noble Grand, Vice-Grand, Secretary, and Treasurer, and if so provided in the By-laws, a Financial Secretary.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, Inside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters of Noble Grand and Vice-Grand, who shall each serve a regular term.

SEC. 3. Any member of the Lodge shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge, except that of Noble Grand, which office shall be filled by a Past Grand in good standing in his Lodge, and except Warden, Outside Guardian, and Inside Guardian, who shall be Scarlet Degree members.

SEC. 4. All officers shall hold their offices for six months, except the Financial Secretary, who may hold his office for six months or one year, as the By-laws may prescribe.

SEC. 5. All officers shall be clear of all pecuniary charges on the books.

SEC. 6. Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

SEC. 7. The officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term, and shall enter upon the discharge of their duties at the first regular meeting in the new term, after the Lodge has acted upon the reports of the retiring officers, and after they shall have been regularly installed by a competent installing officer.

SEC. 8. Any officer absenting himself from the Lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer, for misconduct or neglect, as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the next meeting, after a resolution therefor has been offered in the Lodge.

SEC. 9. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the Lodge by nomination and election at the next regular meeting after nominating, and until so filled, the N. G. shall appoint a member to the office *pro tem*.

SEC. 10. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office, and as specified by this Constitution, and the By-laws of the Lodge.

SEC. 11. The N. G., or member acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the V. G., or member acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates.

SEC. 12. In the absence of the Noble Grand, any Past Grand present may act as such, and in case there should be more than one Past Grand present, the Past Grand who first became a member of the Lodge, shall have precedence and so on in their order.

ARTICLE V.

FUNDS AND PROPERTY.

SECTION 1. The funds and property of this Lodge shall be held exclusively as a Trust Fund, to be devoted to no other purpose than the charitable uses of the I. O. O. F., and expenditures legitimately made for Lodge purposes, and the advancement of the interests of the Lodge or the Order. The funds may be invested from time to time, as the Lodge shall direct, but no part thereof, or of the Lodge property, or of the proceeds of any sales of such property, shall ever be divided among the members; and in case of a surrender or forfeiture of the Lodge charter, all the funds and property of the Lodge, of whatsoever kind, shall be immediately surrendered and delivered up to the R. W. Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, or to its officers or agents, properly authorized to receive them.

ARTICLE VI.

TERMS.

SECTION 1. All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July in each year, and end on the day on which the succeeding one commences.

ARTICLE VII.

RETURNS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the term about expiring, shall prepare and deliver to the R. W. Grand Secretary, the result of the elections and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of the brothers admitted, the names of the sisters admitted, the names of the brothers dropped from the roll, the names of sisters dropped from the roll, the names of sisters deceased, the names and number of those upon whom the degree is conferred, the whole number in membership, the amount of receipts, and the amount of disbursements.

SEC. 2. In addition to the above, the officers of the term expiring on the first meeting in July, shall annually make to the Grand Lodge a full return of the members of the Lodge, and a statement of the number of brothers and sisters relieved in the past year, the amount of benefits granted, the number of widows relieved, the number of orphans relieved, the number of members buried, the amount of money applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for the education of orphans, the amount of money in the Treasury, and the amount of investments.

ARTICLE VIII.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. This Lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-laws, Rules and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient; Provided, they do not in any wise contravene this Constitution, or the Constitution, By-laws or Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, or of the United States.

SEC. 2. The By-laws of this Lodge, are in force from the time of their adoption; subject to an approval of the Grand Lodge, or its authorized or appropriate officers or committee.



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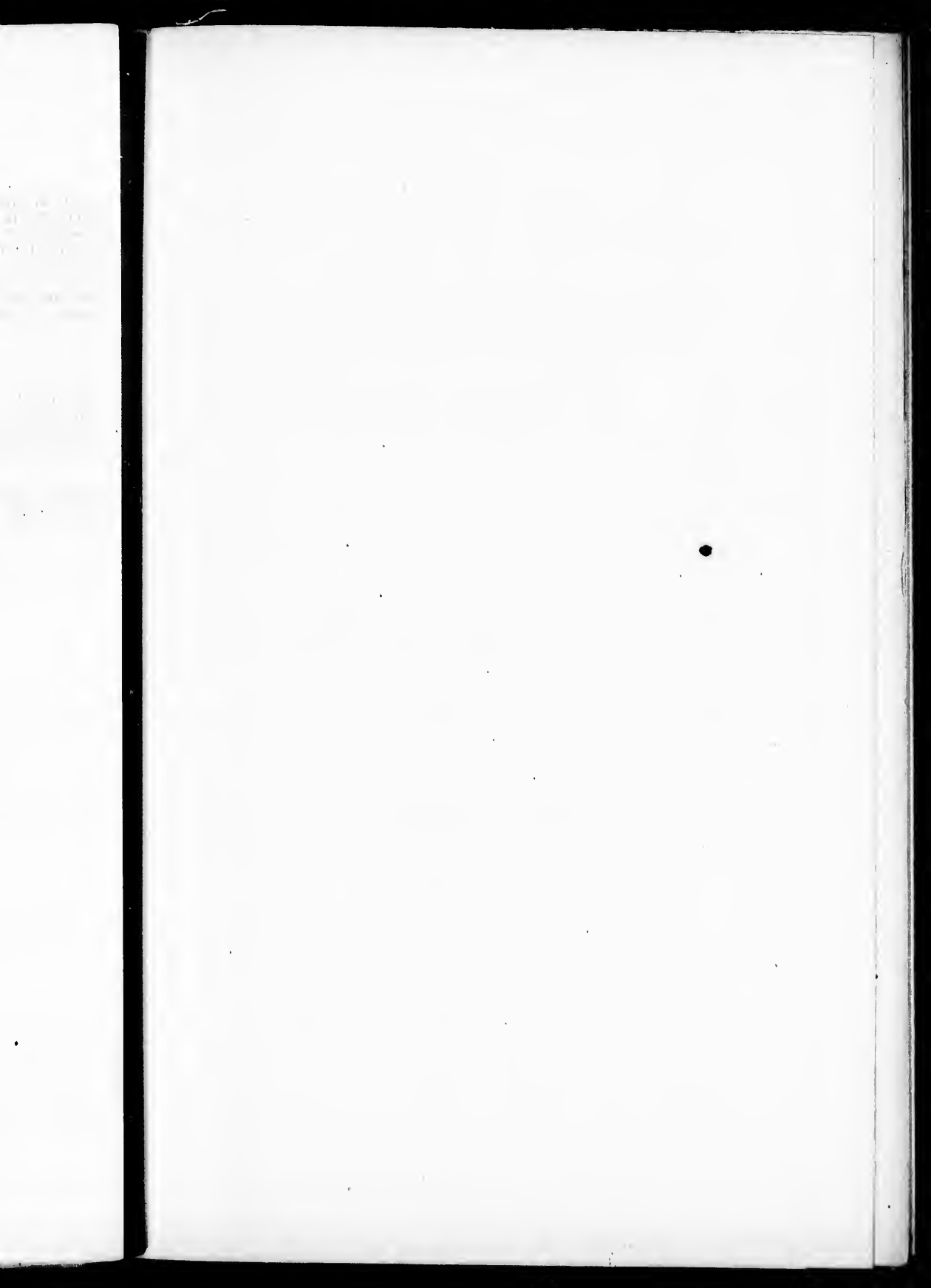
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ADDRESSES OF THE OFFICERS

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

J. P. DAVIES.....	M. W. Grand Master.....	<i>Victoria.</i>
R. ROBERTS.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Master.....	<i>do.</i>
C. HAYWARD.....	R. W. Grand Warden.....	<i>do.</i>
J. D. ROBINSON.....	R. W. Grand Secretary.....	<i>do.</i>
J. WRIGLESWORTH.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.....	<i>do.</i>
THOS. R. MITCHELL.....	W. Grand Marshal.....	<i>do.</i>
H. WALLER.....	W. Grand Guardian.....	<i>do.</i>
J. DAVIES.....	W. Grand Conductor.....	<i>do.</i>
A. PHILLIPS.....	W. Grand Herald.....	<i>do.</i>
T. HARRIS.....	W. Grand Chaplain.....	<i>do.</i>

Past Grand Masters :

J. S. DRUMMOND.....	<i>Victoria.</i>
JOHN WEILER.....	<i>do.</i>



