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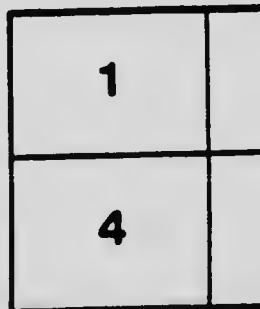
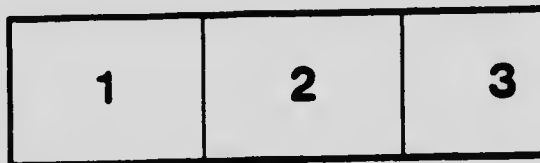
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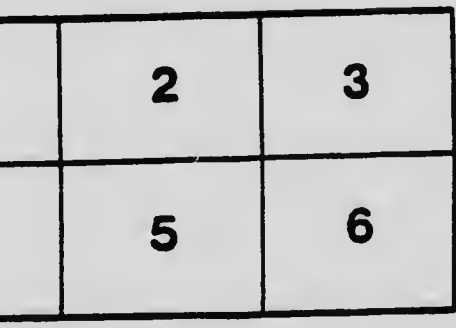
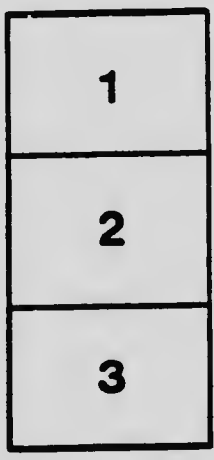
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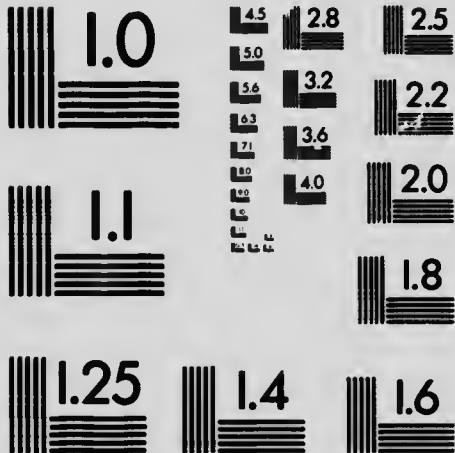
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I, Robert E. Brett, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the Constitutions thereof as adopted at the Annual Communication of that Body held in the City of Vancouver on the 5th day of October, A. D. 1910, A. L. 5910.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto appended my official signature and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Victoria, this 6th day of October, A. D. 1910, A. L. 5910.



Robert E. Brett

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CONSTITUTIONS

OF THE

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia.

DECLARATION.

Whereas, Free Masonry was in the year 1859, A. D., inaugurated in the Colony of Vancouver Island, and in the year 1861, A. D., in the Colony of British Columbia, by the M. W. the Grand Lodge of England:

And whereas, the said Colonies were united as one Colony with the name of British Columbia, and such Act of Union was proclaimed on the 17th day of November, A. D., 1866:

And whereas, on the 20th day of July, A. D., 1871, the Colony of British Columbia was admitted into and became part of the Dominion of Canada, as the Province of British Columbia:

And whereas, Free Masonry from the time of its inauguration was perpetuated and practised by the establishment from time to time of Lodges in the said Colonies, and after the Confederation of British Columbia with the Dominion of Canada, by the estab-

1 CONSTITUTION

ishment, from time to time, of Lodges in the Province of British Columbia, under warrants from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland:

And whereas, by virtue of a Commission from the M. W. the Grand Master Mason of Scotland, dated the 20th day of December, A. D., 1866, authority was granted for a Provincial Grand Lodge over Lodges in British Columbia, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Scotland:

And whereas, by virtue of a Patent from the M. W. Grand Master of England, dated the 10th day of September, A. D., 1867, authority was granted for a District Grand Lodge over Lodges in British Columbia, under the jurisdiction of the M. W. the Grand Lodge of England:

And whereas, the Craft in British Columbia, by the almost unanimous vote of the Brethren taken per capita in each one of the Lodges holding under those Jurisdictions, avowed itself in favour of the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge:

And whereas, at a joint convention of the representatives from Lodges on the Registers of the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland in British Columbia, held on the 21st day of October, A. D., 1871, in the City of Victoria, in consequence of such vote and called by the consent and authority of the R. W. the Provincial and District Grand Masters, to take such action as might be deemed necessary for the formation of an Independent Grand Lodge of Free Masons in British Columbia:

It was unanimously resolved that in order to establish perfect fraternal harmony and to promote the lasting welfare of the Masonic Fraternity in British Columbia, it was expedient to form a Grand Lodge in and for the Province of British Columbia:

And the representatives in such convention assembled, on behalf of their Lodges, declared themselves to be, and proceeded to organize the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia:

And M. W. Brother Israel Wood Powell, (R. W. Provincial Grand Master) was unanimously elected Grand Master, and M. W. Brother Robert Burnaby (R. W. District Grand Master) was unanimously elected Past Grand Master thereof:

And in accordance with such Resolution and Declaration, the said Grand Lodge, on the 26th day of December, 1871, at the Masonic Hall in the City of Victoria, was duly organized, the Grand Master elect and the Grand Officers elect, and appointed thereof, were invested, installed and proclaimed, and the said Grand Lodge was declared to be installed:

And thereupon the M. W. the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia, was opened in ample form and duly consecrated, dedicated and proclaimed:

Be it now therefore enacted by the said Grand Lodge, that the following be the Constitutions and Laws for the good government of Grand Lodge itself and for all Lodges holding under it.

Of Grand Lodge

1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be style and "The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of British Columbia." ^{title.}

Seal.

2. The following, which is hereby adopted as the seal of this Grand Lodge, shall be affixed to all instruments issued by and under its authority.



Composition
of Grand
Lodge.

3. The Grand Lodge shall consist of -
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| The Most Worshipful Grand Master. | |
| " Right | " Deputy Grand Master. |
| " " | " Senior Grand Warden. |
| " " | " Junior Grand Warden. |
| " Very | " Grand Chaplain. |
| " " | " Grand Treasurer. |
| " " | " Grand Secretary. |
| " Right | " District Deputy Grand Masters. |
| " " | " Grand Historian. |
| The | " Senior Grand Deacon. |
| " | " Junior Grand Deacon. |
| " | " Grand Superintendent of Works. |

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- The Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- “ “ Grand Marshal.
- “ “ Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ “ Grand Standard Bearer.
- “ “ Grand Organist.
- “ “ Grand Pursuivant.
- “ “ Grand Stewards.

The Grand Tyler.

and the duly installed Worshipful Masters and Wardens of all the Warranted Lodges, or in their absence, proxies duly certified as hereinafter provided, and all Past Masters, while they continue members of such Lodges.

4. Brethren of eminence and ability who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by vote of the Grand Lodge, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such ranks and distinction as may be thought proper. Additional members may be appointed.

5. Past Grand Officers, other than appointed, have Rank precedence (according to their seniority) in the order of office as stated in Section 3, immediately after the actual occupants of such offices respectively. Worshipful Masters, Past Masters and present Wardens of Warranted Lodges, in the order of the number of their respective Lodge Warrants, shall rank after the appointed officers of Grand Lodge.

6. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Institution are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, whether to particular Lodges or to individual Brethren, which it may exercise either of itself or by Power to enact laws, etc.

such delegated authority as it may appoint. The Grand Lodge has also power to suspend Warrants and Dispensations, and it alone can grant and revoke Warrants and expel Brethren from the Craft.

COMMUNICATIONS OF GRAND LODGE.

Regular.

7. The Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge for the transaction of business shall be held on the Thursday and following days in June immediately preceding St. John's Day, at such place as shall be fixed by a majority vote at the preceding Regular Communication, and at such hour as may be appointed by the Grand Master.

Emergent.

8. The Grand Master, or in his absence from the Jurisdiction, or inability to attend, the Deputy Grand Master, or if he be likewise absent or unable to attend, the Grand Wardens, may summon and hold a Grand Lodge of Emergency, at such time and place as in his or their opinion the good of the Craft shall require; and the particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that Communication.

Quorum.

9. No business of any kind shall be transacted at any Communication of the Grand Lodge unless at least ten Lodges are represented by proxy or otherwise; but upon occasions of ceremony only, the Grand Master or his duly authorized representative, with a sufficient number of Brethren to fill the stations and places, may at any time open the Grand Lodge, perform the ceremonies for which it was convened, and close it.

**Who shall
preside.**

10. At every Communication of Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall preside, but in the case of his death or absence, his place shall be filled in the following order:

- By the Deputy Grand Master,
- “ “ Senior Grand Warden.
- “ “ Junior Grand Warden,
- “ “ Junior Past Grand Master,
- “ “ Junior Past Deputy Grand Master,
- “ “ Junior Past Senior Grand Warden,
- “ “ Junior Past Junior Grand Warden,

who shall have the same powers while presiding as the Grand Master.

Note.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in Ample Form when the Grand Master is present; in Due Form when the Deputy Grand Master or a Past Grand Master presides; at all other times only in Form, yet with the same authority.

11. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or his representative shall appoint a Brother to fill the office ^{Vacancies,} ^{how filled.} pro tempore.

12. No Brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Worshipful Master, Past Master or Warden, until his name and Masonic rank shall have been returned and transmitted to the Grand Secretary. ^{Rank must be returned.}

13. Master Masons in good standing, properly vouched for, may be admitted into Grand Lodge after the same has been opened. ^{Visitors.}

14. The Grand Lodge shall keep a Porch Book in which the members attending at each Communication shall sign their names before entering the Grand Lodge, and a similar book, or a portion of the same book for visitors, who are, in like manner, to enter their names, Masonic rank, and the name of the Lodge from which they hail. ^{Porch Book.}

Rules of Order.

Order of
Business.

15. The following order of business shall be observed at all Communications, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge:

Opening the Grand Lodge.

Appointment of Committee on Credentials, and such other Committees as may be necessary.

Confirmation of minutes.

Communication from the Grand Master.

Communication from the Deputy Grand Master.

Report from the Grand Treasurer.

Report from the Grand Secretary.

Reports from the D. D. Grand Masters.

Report from the Grand Historian.

Reports from the several Committees.

Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.

Money grants.

Deferred business.

Election and installation of officers.

Appointment of Standing Committees.

New business.

Closing the Grand Lodge.

Voting in
Grand Lodge.

16. All matters are to be decided by the highest number of votes, each member of Grand Lodge (except the Grand Tyler) having one vote, and each and every proxy one vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of an equal division, unless the Grand Lodge for the sake of expedition think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master; or unless any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, when the votes of the members are always to be signified in the manner usual among Free Masons; which the Grand Deacons are to count unless the number should be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary. A ballot

on any question may be demanded by two members of the Grand Lodge.

(a) When a Brother appeals from the decision of the Grand Master given while Grand Lodge is in session, he shall state briefly the grounds for his appeal. The Grand Master may then state the reasons for his decision, and, without further debate, shall put the question, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?" When the vote has been taken the decision of Grand Lodge shall be announced.

Appeal from decision of Grand Master while Grand Lodge in Session.

17. Should neither the Worshipful Master nor Proxies, either of the Wardens of any Lodge be able to attend any Communication of the Grand Lodge, such Lodge by its vote, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal, may delegate any member of Grand Lodge to represent such absent officer; but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the Brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge; and no Brother can represent by proxy more than one vote. A duplicate of such written proxy shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary before the Communication of the Grand Lodge.

(a) The majority of the members of a Lodge when convened have the privilege of giving instructions to Proxies, to the Worshipful Master and Wardens, or proxies, before the Communication of the Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives and are to speak their sentiments.

18. No member of the Grand Lodge is to exercise more than one vote in his own right, with but one extra vote as proxy if so appointed.

Number of votes.

19. Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall not be entitled to vote in that capacity.

Foreign representatives have no vote.

Past Masters
have extra
vote.

20. If the Worshipful Master or Wardens of any Lodge were, previous to their election as such, Past Masters, and so returned to Grand Lodge, they shall have one extra vote each as such Past Masters, but in the event of their holding proxies they shall forfeit their extra votes as Past Masters.

Penalty for
neglect to
make returns.

21. Should any Lodge neglect to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge before the Regular Communication, the Worshipful Master, Wardens, or other representatives of such Lodge shall not be permitted to attend such Regular or any subsequent Communication of the Grand Lodge until such returns and payments shall have been made.

Decorum.

22. All members shall keep their seats during the transaction of business except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Marshal and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

Speakers to
stand.

23. Everyone who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master, and he shall not be interrupted, unless any Brother shall address the Grand Master on a point of order, or the Grand Master himself shall think fit to call the speaker to order, but after he has been set right he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

May speak
once.

24. No Brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, without permission from the presiding officer.

Resolutions.

25. It shall be competent for any member of the Grand Lodge to move a resolution or an amendment, or an amendment to an amendment, but no further amendment shall be entertained.

Resolutions to
be in writing.

26. All resolutions shall be submitted in writing to the presiding officer if any Brother desire it.

27. No motion for erasure or expulsion shall be made until the Worshipful Master or officers of the Lodge offending, or the Incriminated Brother, shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced—such summons being either delivered personally or sent by registered mail (such being deemed a proper service).

28. The election and appointment of all the officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the Regular Communication and they shall be duly installed or invested in person, and shall hold their respective offices for one year and until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

29. The following officers respectively are to be chosen by ballot:

- The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
- “ Right “ Deputy Grand Master.
- “ “ “ Senior Grand Warden.
- “ “ “ Junior Grand Warden.
- “ Very “ Grand Treasurer.
- “ “ “ Grand Secretary.
- “ “ “ The Grand Tyler.

and the following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master:

- The Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
- “ Right “ District Deputy Grand Masters.
- “ “ “ Grand Historian.
- “ The “ Senior Grand Deacon.
- “ “ “ Junior Grand Deacon.
- “ “ “ Grand Superintendent of Works.
- “ “ “ Grand Director of Ceremonies.
- “ “ “ Grand Marshal.
- “ “ “ Grand Sword Bearer.
- “ “ “ Grand Standard Bearer.

The Worshipful Grand Organist.
 " " Grand Pursuivant.
 " " Grand Stewards.

Note.—The Grand Master may appoint not more than six Grand Stewards.

Qualifications
of officers.

30. No Brother, not a member of this Grand Lodge shall hold office therein (except that of Grand Tyler), and no absent Brother shall be elected or appointed to office unless a member of Grand Lodge is prepared to guarantee that he is willing to accept the office.

(a) No Brother shall be eligible for any elective office (except the office of Grand Tyler), or for any appointment as District Deputy Grand Master unless he shall have been regularly installed Worshipful Master of a Warranted Lodge.

(b) No Worshipful Master shall be eligible for the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master; nor shall the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, nor a District Deputy Grand Master be eligible for installation as Worshipful Master in any Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

Grand Lodge
to be polled.

31. Immediately preceding the election of officers the Grand Lodge shall be polled by Lodges, and the presiding officer shall appoint three scrutineers, whose duty it shall be to collect the ballots for Grand Officers. The scrutineers shall call out the names to the Grand Secretary, who shall take account of the same and report the result. After Grand Lodge has been polled for the election of officers, no member of Grand Lodge shall be allowed to enter (or retire, save in cases of necessity), until the elections are completed.

Number of
votes
necessary
to elect.

32. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for the election of a Grand Lodge Officer. In the

event of there being more than two names, not one of which has a majority of all the votes cast, the name that has the least number of votes shall be dropped and the ballot taken again, and so on until one receives a majority of the votes cast, who shall be declared duly elected.

OF THE GRAND MASTER.

33. It is the prerogative of the Grand Master to Prerogatives
 preside in any Lodge in which he is present, and to perform the following ceremonies, viz., consecrating and dedicating Masonic Halls, constituting Lodges, laying foundation stones and installing Grand Lodge officers, and no Brother can lawfully perform any of these ceremonies unless authorized to do so by him.

34. The Grand Master shall have original jurisdic- Jurisdiction.
 tion to try and determine all differences between Lodges or between a Lodge or any of its members in one Masonic District and another Lodge or any member thereof within any other Masonic District, or complaints against the District Deputy Grand Masters, or against unaffiliated Masons resident in this Jurisdiction.

35. The Grand Master may send his officers to visit
 any Lodge he may think proper. May send officers to visit Lodges.

36. The Grand Master may summon the officers
 of any Lodge to attend him, and to produce the Warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge, or may summon any Brother to attend him and produce his certificate, and he may suspend the Lodge or Brother who shall refuse to comply with such order. He has power to suspend any officer of a Lodge for good reasons shown, and likewise to suspend the Warrant or Dispensation of any Lodge until the next Communication of Grand Lodge. He has also power May summon Lodge or Brother.

to decide any question of usage, order and Masonic law, and to approve the By-laws of Warranted Lodges.

May grant dispensations.

37. The Grand Master may grant Dispensations if in accordance with the law of the Grand Lodge.

May appoint representatives.

38. The Grand Master may, by Warrant, appoint any Brother of eminence and skill to represent this Grand Lodge in a sister Grand Lodge.

When visiting Lodges.

39. The Grand Master, when presiding in any Lodge, may order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed at his right, and the Worshipful Master of the Lodge at his left hand. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons, to act as his Wardens pro tempore.

How applied to.

40. The Grand Master shall only be applied to officially on any business concerning Masons or Masonry through the Grand Secretary. This shall not prevent the Deputy Grand Master or any of the District Deputy Grand Masters from communicating directly with the Grand Master on any matter concerning the Craft in his or their Jurisdiction.

Succession in case of temporary or permanent absence.

41. In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Jurisdiction, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master, and should the Grand Master die during his term of office, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties thereof by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or otherwise, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume all the functions of the Grand Master until the next Annual Election; and should the Deputy Grand Master also die, remove permanently from the Jurisdiction, or be otherwise incapacitated

previous to such annual Election, the Grand Wardens, or either of them (in order of seniority) shall immediately hold a Communication of Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. In the temporary absence of both Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master from the Jurisdiction, the order of succession shall be that laid down in Section 10.

OF THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

42. During the temporary absence of the Grand Powers. Master from the Jurisdiction, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master.

OF THE GRAND WARDENS.

43. When the Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge Duties. no others can assume their places, but in their absence the junior Past Grand Wardens present shall act pro tempore. If no Past Grand Wardens be present, the presiding officer may direct any other members of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Wardens for that occasion.

OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

44. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to Duties. attend all Communications of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion; and when called upon, to preach at any religious service attended by Grand Lodge.

OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

45. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer: Duties.

1. To receive all moneys belonging to the To receive Grand Lodge; to keep an account of the same, moneys. specify the respective uses for which the several sums were collected, and to disburse the

same in such manner as may be directed by the Grand Lodge.

To submit statement.

2. He shall lay before the Finance Committee at the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge, or when called for by the Grand Master, all his accounts for inspection and adjustment.

To execute bond.

3. He shall execute and file in the office of the Grand Master an official bond in such penal sum as the Grand Lodge may direct, with such sureties as may be approved by the Grand Master, for the faithful discharge of his duties, and at the end of his term, pay over and transfer to his successor all funds and properties of the Grand Lodge which shall remain in his possession.

OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

Duties.

46. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:

To issue notices and take minutes.

1. To issue notices for all Communications of the Grand Lodge, and to attend and take minutes of their proceedings; also to summon any Committee when directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and to receive their reports.

To receive returns.

2. To receive official and other returns from the several Lodges in the Jurisdiction, enter them in the books, and duly report the same with as full particulars as possible concerning the membership, funds and properties of each at the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge.

To send Proceedings.

3. To transmit to all Lodges in the Jurisdiction a copy of the Proceedings of every Communication of Grand Lodge, together with all such other papers, documents, etc., as may be ordered by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

4. To receive all petitions, memorials, etc., and lay them before the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or any other proper authority. To receive petitions, etc.

5. To attend the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, or any Committee of Grand Lodge when required, and to take him or them any books, papers, documents, etc., he or they may direct. To attend Grand Master, etc.

6. To conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge, and keep duplicates of the same. To conduct correspondence.

7. To credit and record all moneys of Grand Lodge when received by him, and to pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and furnish a report of such amounts with proper vouchers at the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge. To pay over money.

8. To have the custody of the Grand Lodge seal, and to affix it to all Warrants, certificates, and other proper instruments issued by and under the authority of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. To have custody of seal.

9. To keep a book called the Black List, in which the names of those suspended or expelled are to be entered immediately upon being received; and to notify all the Lodges in the Jurisdiction of such names, when necessary; also to keep a list of the names of candidates rejected at the ballot. To keep Black List.

10. To record all the transactions of the Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each Communication, under such instructions as may be given by the Grand Lodge. To keep record of proceedings.

Remuneration 47. The Grand Secretary shall receive out of the Grand Lodge funds such remuneration as the Grand Lodge shall determine by special vote at each Regular Communication.

OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

Division of Jurisdiction.

48. The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into such districts, which shall include such Lodges as may from time to time be ordered by the Grand Lodge.

D. D. G. M. to be appointed.

49. To each of these Districts there shall be appointed by the Grand Master, at the Regular Communication, if possible, an officer, whose style and title shall be Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Master, whose jurisdiction shall only extend to the Lodges belonging to his District, and who shall rank next after Past Grand Secretaries.

Authority to preside.

50. Each District Deputy Grand Master has full authority, in the absence of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, to preside in any Lodge he may visit within his District, with the Worshipful Master of the Lodge at his right hand.

To inspect Lodges.

51. The Worshipful Master and officers of the Lodge shall afford every facility to the District Deputy Grand Master of examining the books and records of the Lodge; of inspecting its By-Laws and regulations, and of ascertaining that the condition of the Lodge in all respects is in keeping with the requirements of the Grand Lodge.

May summon Lodge or Brother.

52. A District Deputy Grand Master may summon any Lodge within his District to attend him, and to produce the Warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge; or may summon any Brother within his District to attend him and produce his certificate. If the summons be not complied with, and no sufficient

reason be given for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy, he shall report the circumstances to the Grand Master immediately.

53. A District Deputy Grand Master, under the ^{Jurisdiction.} direction of the Grand Master, may have power to investigate all complaints preferred against the Worshipful Master of any Lodge within his District, and all differences between Lodges or between members of different Lodges in such district.

54. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to exercise a general supervision over the Craft in his District; he shall visit all the Lodges in his District during his term of office, and see that such Lodges are working properly, and that returns have been regularly forwarded to the Grand Secretary, with all fees and dues. ^{To exercise general supervision.}

55. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to satisfy himself that the Brother recommended in the petition for a new Lodge as the first Worshipful Master thereof is duly qualified to perform the duties of that office, and for that purpose is authorized to summon that Brother to attend for examination, and to grant him a certificate of qualification. ^{To examine Master of New Lodge.}

56. It shall be the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to ascertain whether a Lodge working under dispensation in his district and seeking a Warrant of Constitution has provided itself with suitable furniture and clothing. ^{To see that Lodge U. D. has suitable furniture, etc.}

57. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall report at the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge such duties as he may have attended to during his term of office. This report shall be forwarded to the ^{To submit report.}

Grand Secretary at least two weeks previous to the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge.

Lodges to be notified of appointment.

58. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after the appointment of a District Deputy Grand Master, notify each of the Lodges in the District of the appointment, and shall furnish every such officer with a list of the Lodges in his District.

Must be member of Lodge in, and resident of, District.

59. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be a member of some Lodge in the District to which he is appointed, and a resident of the District.

60. Every District Deputy Grand Master who has filled the office for one year may be granted the rank of Right Worshipful.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

Grand Historian.

61. It shall be the duty of the Grand Historian to collect all data relative to the formation and progress of this Grand Lodge.

Grand Deacons.

62. It shall be the duty of the Grand Deacons to assist the Grand Master and Grand Wardens in such manner as the Ancient Charges and usages of the Craft prescribe.

Grand Supt. of Works.

63. It shall be the duty of the Grand Superintendent of Works to take under his care all working tools, etc., and at ceremonies of laying corner stones, or at dedications, officiate as specified.

Grand Dir. of Ceremonies.

64. It shall be the duty of the Grand Director of Ceremonies to proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation, and to make such other proclamations as the Grand Master may direct.

Grand Marshal.

65. It shall be the duty of the Grand Marshal to aid and assist the Grand Director of Ceremonies in conducting all ceremonies of Grand Lodge.

66. It shall be the duty of the Grand Sword Bearer ^{Grand Sword Bearer.} to carry the Sword of Grand Lodge in all public processions and other ceremonies.

67. It shall be the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer ^{Grand Standard Bearer.} to carry the Banner of the Grand Lodge in all processions and at all public ceremonies.

68. It shall be the duty of the Grand Organist ^{Grand Organist.} to preside at the organ, and to conduct the musical ceremonies of this Grand Lodge.

69. It shall be the duty of the Grand Pursuivant ^{Grand Pursuivant.} to guard the inner door, and to communicate with the Grand Tyler without; to announce all applicants for admission by their names and Masonic titles, and see that those who enter wear the jewel and clothing proper to their rank, and to allow none to withdraw who have not obtained permission from the Grand Master.

70. It shall be the duty of the Grand Stewards ^{Grand Stewards.} to superintend the preparations for all festive occasions, and also to assist in the arrangements of the Communications of the Grand Lodge.

71. It shall be the duty of the Grand Tyler ^{Grand Tyler.} to guard the outer door; to report all applicants for admission to the Grand Pursuivant, and see that those who enter are qualified and properly clothed, and that they have signed their names in the book kept for that purpose; to take charge of and safely keep the jewels, furniture, clothing and other paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge, and see that the hall during session is kept in proper condition; to serve all summonses and perform such other duties as may be required, for which he shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge may direct.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Committees
to be
appointed.

72. The Grand Master shall, immediately after the installation of officers at the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge, appoint the following Standing Committees, each to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively:

- On Foreign Correspondence,
- On Finance,
- On Jurisprudence,
- On Petitions and Grievances,
- On Printing,
- On Charity,
- On Constitution,
- On Warranted Lodges and Lodges, U. D.

and such other Committees as may be necessary. No member of the Grand Lodge shall be required to serve on more than one of these Standing Committees. The first named on any Committee shall be the Chairman and Convener thereof, and two members shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

Committee
on Foreign
Correspondence.

73. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence:

1. To examine all written or printed Proceedings or other documents emanating from the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and report at each Regular Communication whatever may seem of interest to the Craft.
2. To prepare a report in time to have the same printed with the Proceedings of the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge.
3. To return to the Grand Secretary after such report is completed, all the Proceedings

and other documents received from other Jurisdictions and belonging to this Grand Lodge.

74. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance.

1. To examine and audit the books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and make separate reports thereon, and submit the same to the Grand Lodge before the close of each Regular Communication.

2. To examine and report upon all accounts and financial matters referred to them during each Communication, and also to report on the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

3. To present, before the close of each Regular Communication, an estimate of the probable expenses of the ensuing year, giving each class of expenditure under its proper head.

75. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence to consider and report to the Grand' Lodge on such questions, documents, papers and decisions of Masonic law and usage as may be referred to them.

76. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Petitions and Grievances:

1. To report upon all petitions and appeals to the Grand Lodge, with such recommendations as they may deem proper, and upon all papers and documents relating to any matter of complaint or grievance pertaining to Masonic discipline which may be referred to them.

2. To report, with such recommendations as they may deem proper, upon all appeals

the proceedings or decisions of any Lodge, and upon all papers and documents relating to any matters of complaint or grievance appertaining to Masonic discipline which may be referred to them.

On Printing.

77. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Printing to receive and open all tenders for printing for the ensuing year and award the same to the lowest responsible tenderer; always provided that the tender accepted does not exceed the amount granted for said printing.

On Charity.

78. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Charity to carefully examine and report upon all documents and matters referred to them by the Grand Secretary or Grand Lodge relating to or arising under the sections governing the Charity Fund of Grand Lodge.

Disposal of funds by Committee on Charity.

(a) No recommendation for the disposal of any of the Funds of Grand Lodge by the Charity Committee shall be placed before Grand Lodge until a report on same is received from the Finance Committee.

On Constitution.

79. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Constitution to examine all proposed amendments to the Constitution; to see that they are in accordance with strict Masonic usage, and to supervise all revisions of the Constitution.

On Warranted Lodges and Lodges U. D.

80. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Warranted Lodges and Lodges Under Dispensation, to examine the returns of the proceedings and work of all Warranted Lodges, and Lodges Under Dispensation for the preceding year.

Matters to be referred to Committees.

81. All communications referring to the said Standing Committees when received by the Grand Secretary, shall at once be handed by him to the Chairman of the Committee to whose province the business

therein referred to appertains; and the Committee shall, as soon as possible, proceed to investigate the matters so referred to them, and report thereon to the Grand Lodge at a Regular Communication or at an Emergent Communication called for that purpose.

82. In order to enable such Committees fully to investigate the matters submitted to them, the Chairman thereof shall have the power to require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers by the authority of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. Powers of Committees.

OF THE CHARITY FUND.

83. The Charity Fund of this Grand Lodge shall consist of the present Grand Lodge Charity Fund, together with any donations which may, from time to time, be given to charity, and shall be regularly augmented by annual proportion at the rate of ten per cent. of all the money paid by the Lodges under the authority of Section 99 of this Constitution. Of what composed.

84. This fund shall be kept separate from the ordinary funds of the Grand Lodge, and shall be in the custody of the Grand Treasurer, and shall be disposed of subject to the following rules: How kept.

1. It shall be devoted to the relief of distressed worthy Brothers of this Jurisdiction in good standing; the widows and orphans of any such Brother, and to transient Brethren of other Jurisdictions, provided they are in good standing and have contributed to a Lodge within the twelve months preceding their application for relief. To whom disbursed.

2. The Secretaries of Lodges shall forward to the Grand Secretary with the Lodge returns, a list of relief granted in pursuance of the foregoing Returns to be made by Lodges.

rule, which shall be referred to the Committee on Charity to examine, report thereon and recommend such refunds as they may deem proper, and submit the same to the Grand Lodge before the close of each Regular Communication.

Special and
urgent cases.

3. The representatives of Lodges shall present any special case or application for relief for the consideration of Grand Lodge, or in urgent cases, when Grand Lodge is not in session, to the Charity Committee, who may grant such sum as they may deem proper, not exceeding twenty-five dollars at one time.

How paid.

4. All sums ordered to be paid by the Grand Lodge, either as special grants or refunds, shall immediately after the Regular Communication of Grand Lodge, be so paid by the Grand Treasurer to the Secretary of such Lodge, or person designated.

Proportion to
be refunded.

5. The amount refunded to any Lodge upon relief granted to members thereof shall not exceed twenty-five per cent. of the Grand Lodge dues paid by said Lodge, unless by special vote in the Grand Lodge.

Total amount
of refunds.

6. The amount of refunds paid by the Grand Treasurer to all the Lodges shall not exceed the annual income of the Charity Fund for the year for which said sums are granted.

OF CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA.

Proper cloth-
ing to be
worn.

85. The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft, and no Brother shall on any pretence be admitted into any Lodge or the Grand Lodge without his proper clothing, unless by permission of the Grand Master or the Worshipful Master.

86. The jewels worn by the Grand Officers (except Jewels the Grand Stewards) shall be of gold, and may be described as follows:

The Grand Master—The compasses extended to 45 degrees, the points resting on the segment of a circle of 60 degrees.

The Deputy Grand Master—The Compasses and square united with a five-pointed Star in the centre.

The Senior Grand Warden—The Level.

The Junior Grand Warden—The Plumb.

The Grand Chaplain—A Book in a triangle.

The Grand Treasurer—A chased Key.

The Grand Secretary—Cross Pens.

District Deputy Grand Masters—The Square, surrounded by a circle on which is the number of the District.

The Grand Historian—A Scroll.

The Grand Deacons—Dove with Olive Branch.

The Grand Superintendent of Works—A Protractor.

The Grand Director of Ceremonies—Arms of the Grand Lodge with Sword and Baton crossed.

The Grand Marshal—Crossed Rods with a tie.

The Grand Sword Bearer—Crossed Swords.

The Grand Standard Bearer—Crossed Standards with a tie.

The Grand Organist—A Grecian Lyre.

The Grand Pursuivant—Crossed Baton and Sword.

The Grand Stewards—A Cornucopia between the legs of a pair of Compasses extended upon an irradiated plate.

The Grand Tyler—A Sword.

Note.—The jewels as above stated, except those of the Grand Master and Grand Stewards, shall be placed within a circle of gold bearing the inscription "The Grand Lodge of British Columbia."

Collars.

87. The collars worn by the Grand Officers (except the Grand Stewards) shall be of royal blue, four inches broad, and bound with gold braid and lace.

Aprons.

88. The aprons worn by the Grand Officers (except the Grand Stewards) shall be of white lambskin, sixteen inches wide and fourteen inches deep; they shall be edged with ribbon of royal blue, four inches in width, and lined with blue. They shall have three sets of two right angles (one on the flap and one on each lower corner) and gold tassels. In the centre there shall be embroidered in gold a double circle, between the lines of which shall be the words "Grand Lodge of British Columbia," and within which shall be embroidered, also in gold, the jewel of the office. The flap and edges shall be bound with gold braid and edged with gold fringe.

Gauntlets.

89. The gauntlets worn by the Grand Officers shall be of royal blue, nine inches deep, with a double circle embroidered in gold, between the lines of which shall be the words, "Grand Lodge of British Columbia," and within which shall be embroidered, also in gold, the jewel of the office. They shall be bound with gold lace and edged with gold fringe.

Dress of
Grand
Stewards.

90. The Grand Stewards shall wear aprons of white lambskin, fourteen inches wide and twelve inches deep, lined with crimson and trimmed with crimson ribbon three and one-half inches wide. They shall be furnished with silver tassels and with three sets of two right angles (one on the flap and one on each lower corner) also of silver.

Their collars shall be of crimson ribbon four inches broad, lined with crimson, but not bound with lace or fringe.

The jewel of office shall be of silver.

91. No honorary or other jewel shall be worn in any Lodge or in the Grand Lodge which shall not appertain to or be consistent with those degrees which are recognized or acknowledged by the Grand Lodge, which are Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason and Past Master. Members of a Lodge who belong to the Order of the Holy Royal Arch may wear in Lodge the emblems of this Order, but not the clothing. A Brother from a foreign recognized Jurisdiction may appear as a visitor in the clothing recognized by his own Grand Lodge.

92. All Past Grand Officers, except Past Grand Masters (who are entitled to wear chains), may wear the collar of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar, but smaller, jewel being worn on the breast.

93. Grand Lodge clothing and regalia is only to be worn when in Grand Lodge, or when acting in official capacity or on any ceremonial occasion.

94. In the Grand Lodge and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following clothing and regalia:

The Grand Master—A Gold chain with nine stars over a blue collar; gauntlets, apron and jewel.

The Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and District Deputy Grand Masters—A blue collar, with gauntlets, apron and jewel.

The Grand Stewards—Apron, crimson collar, and jewel.

All Other Grand Officers—Apron, blue collar, and jewel.

Jewels of Lodge Officers. 95. The jewels of the officers of the Lodges in this Jurisdiction shall be of silver, and may be described as follows:

Past Masters—The Square, and the diagram of the 47th problem of Euclid engraved on a silver plate pendant within it.

Worshipful Master—The Square.

Senior Warden—The Level.

Junior Warden—The Plumb.

Chaplain—A Book on a Triangle.

Treasurer—The Key.

Secretary—Crossed Pens.

Senior Deacon—A Dove or Mallet.

Junior Deacon—A Dove or Trowel.

Director of Ceremonies—Crossed Rods.

Organist—A Lyre.

Inner Guard—Crossed Swords.

Stewards—A Cornucopia.

Tyler—A Sword.

Collars.

96. The officers of Lodges shall wear collars of light blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver braid is used it must be placed over the blue. Worshipful Masters of Lodges may wear silver chains in lieu of broad collars, if considered advisable.

Gauntlets.

97. The gauntlets of the officers of Lodges shall be of light blue, nine inches in depth, having embroidered thereon in silver a double circle, between the lines of which is embroidered the name and number of the Lodge, and within which is embroidered (also in silver) the jewel of the office.

98. Entered Apprentices shall wear aprons of Aprons plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide and from twelve to fourteen inches deep; square at the bottom, and with a triangular flap; without ornament and with white strings.

(a) Fellow Crafts shall wear aprons similar to those of the Entered Apprentices, with the addition only of two sky blue rosettes at the bottom corners.

(b) Master Masons shall wear aprons of white lambskin similar in size to those of the Fellow Crafts, lined with sky blue and edged with sky blue ribbon not more than two inches in width; with an additional rosette on the flap, and silver tassels.

(c) Past Masters and Worshipful Masters of Lodges shall wear aprons similar to those of the Master Masons, except that in place of the rosettes they shall have three sets of two right angles, formed by perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each and of the perpendicular lines one inch each; these emblems to be of silver or of ribbon half an inch broad, of the same color as the edging and lining.

Note—Ashlar Lodge, No. 3, is permitted to wear collars of royal blue and aprons trimmed with the same color, but in other respects they shall conform with the requirements above stated.

FEES AND DUES.

99. The following shall be the fees payable to the Fees and Grand Lodge: dues.

- 1. For granting a dispensation for a new Lodge\$50.00

2. For granting a Warrant.....	\$75.00
3. For a new Warrant in case of loss.....	5.00
4. For a dispensation for a public procession	5.00
5. For every dispensation not provided for in this table	5.00
6. For a Grand Lodge Certificate	2.00
7. For a Grand Lodge Certificate to replace one lost or destroyed by fire	1.00
8. For a Past Master's Certificate	2.00
9. For every person initiated in a Lodge....	1.00
10. For every Brother passed	1.00
11. For every Brother raised	1.00
12. For every Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft joining from without this Jurisdiction	2.00
13. For every Master Mason joining from without the Jurisdiction (to include a certificate of registration if applied for)	1.00
14. For every member each Lodge shall pay annually toward the fund for Grand Lodge purposes	1.00

Note.—The fee for a Warrant shall include a seal, a set of Lodge books, and stationery.

Note.—Dispensations for Lodges to attend Divine service in Masonic clothing shall be gratis.

LODGES UNDER DISPENSATION.

Conditions precedent to granting dispensation.

100. No dispensation for a new Lodge shall be granted except upon the petition of at least fifteen Master Masons in good standing. The petition must

be accompanied by a certificate of good standing (or a dimit from a regularly Warranted Lodge of this or some other recognized Jurisdiction) of each of the petitioners, and must be recommended by the Warranted Lodge nearest to the location of the proposed Lodge, or where two or more Lodges hold concurrent jurisdiction in a town or city, by every such Lodge. The recommendation shall also certify that the Brethren selected as Worshipful Master and Wardens of the proposed Lodge have appeared before the recommenders in open Lodge and exemplified the work of the three degrees, and that they are competent to confer the same in a proper Masonic manner.

101. In lieu of the certificate mentioned in the preceding section, the petition and recommendation may be accompanied by a certificate from the District Deputy Grand Master of the District, or some other duly qualified Brother delegated for the purpose by the Grand Master.

102. The Grand Master may, on receipt of such petition, recommendation and certificate, or on receipt of such petition and certificate only, if he thinks the circumstances justify such a course, grant a dispensation to open a new Lodge, and shall duly report the same at the next Regular Communication of Grand Lodge; but a dispensation shall not be valid after such a Communication of Grand Lodge unless approved by it.

103. Every new Lodge must be regularly organized by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or some member of Grand Lodge specially appointed by the Grand Master for that purpose.

104. A Brother joining in a petition for a dispensation for a new Lodge shall not thereby sever his

Alternative.

Grand Master may grant dispensation.

Lodge U. D. must be regularly organized.

Membership not forfeited by petitioner.

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membership from the Warranted Lodge of which he may be a member.

Standing of members if dispensation withdrawn.

105. If for any reason a dispensation shall be withdrawn by the Grand Master, or not approved by the Grand Lodge, and a Warrant refused, all the members thereof in good standing shall have the status of regularly dimitted Masons, and upon the return of all books and records to the Grand Secretary, each of the members of the Lodge, as shown by such books and records shall be entitled to receive from the Grand Secretary, under seal of the Grand Lodge, a certificate showing such facts, and such certificate shall have the force and effect of a dimit; provided that no Brother shall receive such certificate until he has paid to the Grand Secretary all dues owed by him to such Lodge at the date of its demise.

Returns to be made.

106. Every Lodge under dispensation shall, not later than the 1st of June, return to the Grand Secretary its letter of dispensation together with its annual returns and an abstract of the work done.

The abstract shall show particularly the following facts:

1. The name and location of the Lodge.
2. The date and time when each Communication was held.
3. The names of the officers, members and visitors present.
4. Whether the Communication was a Regular or an Emergent one, and what degrees the Lodge conferred.
5. All its proceedings, especially those relating to petitions for initiation; by whom recommended, fees paid, to whom referred, report thereon, ballot and its result.

107. The following are instructions for Lodges under dispensation: Instructions
for Lodges
U. D.

1. Officers of Lodges under dispensation are not installed.

2. The dispensation shall be copied in the Lodge records.

3. The General Regulations as specified for Warranted Lodges in the Constitution are to be observed strictly.

4. Lodges under dispensation do not pay dues to the Grand Lodge, but must pay regular fees for initiations, passings, raisings and certificates.

5. The Ancient Landmarks, General Regulations and Constitution of Grand Lodge shall be the guide and laws of government, until Warranted, when Lodge By-laws are to be formulated, adopted, and submitted to the Grand Master for approval.

6. If a Warrant be granted the Grand Master shall in person or by some specially deputed Brother, as soon as convenient, constitute the new Lodge.

7. Lodges under dispensation cannot add to their membership by affiliation.

OF LODGES.

108. The precedence of Lodges is derived from the number of their Warrants as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. Precedence of
Lodges.

109. Every Lodge has the power of framing By-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to nor inconsistent with the Constitution and Regulations of this Grand Lodge. Such By-laws must Lodge has
power to
frame By-
laws.

be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master, and when approved a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made in them, such alteration must, in like manner, be submitted, and no new law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every Brother, immediately upon becoming a member of any Lodge, shall sign the By-laws thereof, and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such By-laws, which shall be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the Brethren. All clauses in the By-laws of Lodges conflicting with alterations in the Constitution made from time to time by the Grand Lodge are thereby repealed.

Lodge may suspend or recommend for expulsion.

110. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-thirds vote, of suspending or recommending for expulsion any member for unmasonic, immoral or infamous conduct; but no Lodge shall suspend or recommend for expulsion any member without giving him at least one month's notice of the charge preferred or the complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. The member shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the Brethren shall be given by ballot, and a penalty may be inflicted subject to the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge. The name of any member suspended or recommended for expulsion and the reason thereof shall be sent immediately to the Grand Secretary. Recommendation for expulsion shall carry with it suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, pending the decision of Grand Lodge.

May suspend for non-payment of dues.

111. Every Lodge has the power to summon any of its members to appear for cause; to suspend from the privileges of the Lodge any member thereof for

non-payment of dues; also to remit the dues of any member.

112. A Lodge has penal jurisdiction over its own members wherever they reside, and over all Masons residing within its jurisdiction. Jurisdiction of Lodge.

113. When any Mason suspended for unmasonic conduct desires restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for restoration. The petition must be presented at a Regular Communication of the Lodge, and shall lie over until the next Regular Communication before final action is taken thereon. Notice of such petition for restoration shall be sent to all the members of the Lodge in the notice for the Regular Communication at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot, and it shall require a unanimous vote of the members present to restore the Brother. Restoration after suspension for U. M. C.

(a) If the Lodge which suspended the Brother has ceased to exist, or if it has refused the request for restoration, the Brother may petition the Grand Lodge, provided that notice of such intended petition shall be given in writing to such Lodge (if in existence) and also to the Grand Lodge, not less than forty days previous to the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge at which such petition is to be presented. Before such petition can be considered by the Grand Lodge, proof shall be furnished that the suspended Brother has applied for restoration to the Lodge which suspended him (if it be in existence) and that the Lodge (if in existence) has been notified of the intended application to the Grand Lodge. In all cases of restoration by the Grand Lodge, not at the request of a private Lodge, the restored Brother resumes the status of a non-affiliated Brother. Restoration if Lodge not in existence.

Restoration of
expelled
Mason.

114. When any expelled Mason desires to petition the Grand Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, he shall, in writing, notify the Lodge of which he was last a member, or the Lodge at whose instigation he was expelled (if the Lodge be in existence), of his intention to do so, at least sixty days previous to the Regular Communication of the Grand Lodge at which his petition is to be presented; and before such petition can be considered by the Grand Lodge, proof shall be furnished that such Lodge (if in existence) has been so notified.

Action by
Lodge.

115. When any Lodge desires to petition the Grand Lodge for the restoration of an expelled Mason to the rights and privileges of Masonry, the Master thereof shall give notice to all the members of his Lodge, in the usual manner, of such intended action, and of the Regular Communication at which it will be considered; and at such Communication he will cause to be recorded the fact that such notice was duly given. The votes of two-thirds of all the members present shall be required to authorize the presentation of such a petition to the Grand Lodge.

Returns and
payments to
be made
annually.

116. Each Lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, on or before the first day of March, to the Grand Secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, it shall be liable to be suspended or to have its Warrant declared forfeited, and the Worshipful Master and Wardens, or any representatives of such Lodge neglecting to make such returns and payments, shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Lodge or sitting upon any committee until these returns and payments have been made.

To keep
Porch Book.

117. Every Lodge shall keep a Porch Book, in which all members and visitors shall, before entering the Lodge, sign their names, with their Masonic rank,

and the name and location of the Lodge from which they hail.

118. Each Lodge shall procure a Grand Lodge certificate, to be paid for by the Lodge, for every Brother raised therein. To procure Grand Lodge certificates.

119. Every Lodge shall have a Masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be submitted. To have seal.

120. No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting from the building approved of by the Grand Lodge in the City, Town, Village or District named in its dispensation or Warrant unless notice shall have been given at a Regular Communication that a resolution changing the location of the Lodge will be offered at the next succeeding one, nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at such succeeding Regular Communication; nor shall such removal take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge. Not to remove without permission.

121. A Lodge rejecting an application for the degrees or for affiliation or to waive jurisdiction, shall forthwith notify the Grand Secretary. Notice of rejection to be sent.

122. The place and days of Regular Communications of the Lodge shall be specified in its By-laws. Place and day of meeting.

123. A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called on the authority of the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in their absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in Emergent Communications may be called.

the notice and recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

**Business to
be transacted
in M. M.
Degree.**

124. All the business of the Lodge, except the conferring of the Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft degrees and the instruction and examination therein, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

Quorum.

125. At all Communications of a Lodge, whether Regular or Emergent, seven Master Masons shall form a quorum, and no business shall be transacted at any Communication unless at least five members of the Lodge are present.

**Consolidation
of Lodges.**

126. Two or more Lodges located near each other may consolidate into one, as may be agreed upon by themselves; but of such proposed consolidation the members of each Lodge shall have at least two months' notice before the Regular Communication at which such proposition is to be acted upon, and it shall require the assent in writing of at least three-fourths of all the members present of each Lodge (provided the number dissenting is less than seven in either Lodge) to adopt such proposal for consolidation.

(a) The Lodge thus formed may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the Warrant and seal of that Lodge; or it may bear the name of one and the number of another of such consolidating Lodges, and it shall then receive a new Warrant without charge, and provide a new seal, or it may take a new name and number, receiving a Warrant for the same and providing a new seal. No such consolidation, however, shall go into effect until all the proceedings relative thereto have been submitted to and approved by the Grand Master and Grand Lodge.

Of the Officers of a Lodge

127. The officers of a Lodge are the Worshipful ^{Officers} Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the ^{specified.} Treasurer, the Secretary, two Deacons, two Stewards, an Inner Guard and a Tyler, and such other officers as may be necessary for the proper working of the Lodge. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

128. The Worshipful Master, Wardens, Treasurer ^{Which officers} and Tyler shall be elected annually by ballot, and a ^{to be elected.} majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The remainder of the officers shall be appointed by the Worshipful Master, or elected, as the By-laws of the Lodge may direct.

129. No Worshipful Master-elect shall assume the ^{Master must} Master's chair until he shall have been regularly ^{be installed.} installed, though he may in the interim rule the Lodge.

130. It shall be necessary previous to the installa- ^{Election to} tion of elective officers, that their election be con- ^{be confirmed.} firmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of any officer not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following Regular Communication of the Lodge, setting forth that the Brethren are again to proceed to elect such officer; and if confirmation of that election is made, at the following Regular Communication of the Lodge the installation of the officer-elect shall follow.

(a) The officers of a Lodge shall be installed at ^{Time of} the next Regular Communication following the elec- ^{Installation.} tion. The secrets, however, of an Installed Master shall be communicated by a Board of Installed Masters, at which only Masters or Past Masters of Craft Lodges can be present.

Officers to be installed in person.

131. Officers shall be installed in person, and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elected or appointed be not present, he shall be installed at the next Regular Communication of the Lodge at which he is present; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation for two Regular Communications after his election or appointment, the Lodge may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another member shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

Officers cannot dimit.

132. No officer of a Lodge can dimit or resign his office during the term for which he was installed.

Officers (except W.M.) may be removed.

133. Any officer of a Lodge, except the Worshipful Master, can be removed from office for a cause which appears to the Lodge to be sufficient; if the Worshipful Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge, and if it shall appear to a majority of the Brethren present that the complaint is well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and in either case another must be elected or appointed in his place.

Of the Worshipful Master

Eligibility.

134. No member shall be eligible for the position of Worshipful Master (except by special dispensation of the Grand Master) unless he has filled the office of Warden or is a Past Master.

Powers.

135. The Worshipful Master has power to summon his Lodge whenever he may deem it proper, or any officer or member thereof, for cause.

Responsibility.

136. The Worshipful Master is the custodian of the Warrant of the Lodge, and is responsible to

Grand Lodge for the proper administration of the privileges it contains, as well as the strict observance of the Ancient Landmarks, Laws, Regulations, and By-laws on the part of such Lodge.

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

To see that records are kept.

138. It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to see that every Brother who is raised to the degree of Master Mason is properly instructed therein and passes an examination in open Lodge.

To see that Brethren raised are instructed and examined.

139. The Worshipful Master shall see that all money received or paid on account of the Lodge is entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once a year by auditors elected or appointed by the Lodge.

To see that moneys are accounted for.

140. No appeal lies to a Lodge from the decision of its Master. His decision can only be reviewed by the Grand Lodge. Such appeal can only be taken by the person or persons against whom the decision was given, not by any other member of the Lodge.

No appeal from Master by Lodge.

141. Every Worshipful Master who has served a full term as such in this Jurisdiction shall be entitled to obtain from the Grand Secretary a Past Master's certificate, should he so desire, on payment of the prescribed fee therefor, such request to be made through the Secretary of his Lodge.

May obtain P. M. certificate.

Of the Wardens**Duties.**

142. If the Worshipful Master die, be removed, or be absent from the Jurisdiction, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in his absence the Junior Warden, shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Worshipful Master, but may not assume the Master's chair.

Of Past Masters**Privileges.**

143. A Past Master of any Lodge may be invited to officiate as Worshipful Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

Of Master and Wardens**To answer summons.**

144. The Worshipful Master and Wardens of any Lodge, when summoned to do so shall attend the Grand Master, his Deputy, the District Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, or the Committee or person authorized by the Grand Lodge; and shall produce, if required, the Warrant, minutes and books of the Lodge, under pain of suspension and being reported to the Grand Lodge.

Of the Other Officers**Duties.**

145. The other officers of the Lodge shall perform such duties as are detailed in the By-laws of the Lodge or are contained in the instructions specified at their installation.

General Regulations**Lodge property.**

146. The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge while

legally holding the Warrant; but when such Lodge shall surrender or forfeit its Warrant, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

147. If a majority of any Lodge shall determine to ^{Power to} dimit from the Lodge, the Warrant and power of ^{retain} assembling remain with the rest of the members, ^{Warrant.} provided these be not less than seven. If less than seven members remain, their Warrant ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted and enjoyed reverts to the Grand Lodge.

148. If any Lodge shall fail to meet for the space ^{Failure} of six months, it cannot be summoned without the ^{meet.} special leave of the Grand Master, and if it fails to meet for the space of one year, it may be struck off the roll of Lodges and its Warrant declared forfeited by the Grand Lodge.

149. When a Lodge ceases to exist by the surren- ^{Certificates} der or forfeiture of its Warrant, the Grand Secretary ^{to members} shall, on application of its members and on receiving ^{of extinct} satisfactory proof that they were in good standing ^{Lodges.} and have paid all dues to the date of forfeiture or surrender of the Warrant, issue certificates of dimit to them.

150. No Lodge or member of a Lodge shall, under ^{No travelling} any circumstances, give a certificate or recommenda- ^{certificates} tion to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to ^{to be given.} Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges or members thereof for relief.

151. No Lodge room once dedicated to Masonry ^{Use of} shall, while occupied by Masons, be used for other ^{Lodge room.} than Masonic purposes.

152. No Lodge has the power of adjourning from ^{Cannot} day to day. ^{adjourn.}

- Cannot incorporate.** 153. No Lodge in this Jurisdiction shall become incorporated.
- Advancement of candidates.** 154. No Lodge shall advance an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft to a higher degree before at least two weeks have elapsed since the conferring on him of the previous degree, until his name has appeared on the notice calling the Communication at which the degree is proposed to be conferred, nor until after a strict examination in open Lodge, he has given satisfactory evidence that he is proficient and well-qualified in that or those which he has already taken; and no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be advanced to a higher degree in any Lodge other than that in which he shall have received those or either of those degrees, unless at the request of such Lodge if it be then in existence; or unless he is admitted from a Lodge in some Jurisdiction recognized by this Grand Lodge; or unless the Lodge which conferred upon him the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree, or both of them, shall have become extinct, in which case his advancement shall not take place without the approval of the Grand Master. In the event of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft not presenting himself for advancement to a higher degree within twelve months after having received the degree immediately preceding, he shall be notified by the Secretary of the Lodge that unless he presents himself to receive the aforesaid degree at the next Regular Communication, he may be dropped from the roll.
- Number of degrees limited.** 155. No Lodge shall confer degrees upon more than five candidates at one Communication.
- Fee for degrees.** 156. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees for a less fee than fifty dollars.
- Jurisdiction.** 157. The jurisdiction of each Lodge extends half way in every direction to the nearest Lodge, but in

a city or town where there are two or more Lodges, each Lodge has concurrent jurisdiction.

158. No Lodge can suspend its By-laws or any part of them, except the Order of Business, nor at an Emergent Communication alter or amend any proceedings of a Regular Communication. ^{Cannot suspend By-laws.}

159. The By-laws of any new Lodge warranted in a city where there is already a Lodge (or Lodges) shall not be approved by the Grand Master unless the fees and dues are the same or higher than the lowest fixed by any previously existing Warranted Lodge in the said city. ^{Lodge dues.}

160. No Lodge shall form any public Masonic procession without permission from the Grand Master, except in case of a funeral, which shall at once be reported to the Grand Secretary. No Lodge shall walk in procession for other than Masonic purposes. In case of a Masonic funeral the Worshipful Master may invite other Lodges to attend in form, but the whole ceremony shall be under the absolute direction of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge to whom the deceased Brother belonged, or in the case of a sojourning Brother, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge assuming the control of the ceremonies. ^{Public processions.}

161. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge or vote upon any subject. Every Brother whose petition has been favorably received in a Lodge, and who has received the Master Mason's degree therein, becomes a member of the Lodge. ^{Who are members.}

162. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are consistent with the By-laws of the Lodge and the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. ^{Right to regulate proceedings.}

Dimits

163. Any member desiring to withdraw from a Lodge shall signify such desire either personally in open Lodge, or by letter addressed to the Secretary to be read in open Lodge, and shall thereupon, provided he is in good standing, free from any Masonic charge and clear of all indebtedness to the Lodge, be entitled to a dimit. It shall be the duty of the Worshipful Master to ascertain, before he signs the dimit, that the Brother so withdrawing is so entitled. An application for a dimit shall lie on the table for one month, unless the necessity of the case requires immediate action.

**Suspension
for N. P. D.**

164. In case any Brother shall have refused or neglected to pay his regular dues for a period of twelve months, the Secretary shall at once notify him by registered letter that unless either at or before the next Regular Communication his dues be paid, or it be shown that his failure to pay is due to sickness or other misfortune, his failure to pay such dues will be laid before the Lodge. The Lodge shall then grant him further time for payment, or it shall remit his dues, or he shall, on a two-thirds vote of the members present, be declared by the Worshipful Master to be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Lodge.

Restoration.

(a) If within two years from the date of his suspension he pay up all the arrears due at the time of such suspension, he is thereby restored to the rights and privileges of the Lodge. If two years have elapsed since the date of his suspension, the suspended Brother can only be restored by payment of dues as before mentioned, and after notice of application for restoration shall have been given at one Regular Communication and placed in the notice for the next, and a two-thirds vote of the members present at the

latter Communication shall be necessary for reinstatement.

(b) The name of every Brother suspended, together with the reason of his suspension, shall be recorded in the minutes of the Regular Communication at which it was decided, and a notice of such action shall at once be forwarded to the Grand Secretary; and a similar course shall be followed when any Brother is restored to Masonic rights and privileges.

Suspensions to be recorded and reported.

(c) When a Mason is suspended for non-payment of dues in this or any other jurisdiction, he is during suspension deprived of all the privileges of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

165. No Brother shall presume to print, publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master, under pain of being reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the Grand Lodge shall determine.

Publication of proceedings prohibited.

(a) This law is not to extend to the writing, printing or publishing of any notice issued to the members of a Lodge by authority of the Worshipful Master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons not Masons are permitted to attend.

Exceptions.

166. No Mason shall be interred with the formalities of the Fraternity unless a request to that effect is made to the Lodge or the Worshipful Master, or unless he has been advanced to the degree of Master Mason. Nor can any below the rank of Master Mason be present or assist at such ceremony.

Masonic funerals.

167. When a Master Mason from beyond the Jurisdiction of British Columbia shall die within the jurisdiction of British Columbia, he shall be buried in the jurisdiction of British Columbia.

Funerals of sojourners.

diction of this Grand Lodge, the provisions of the Constitution relating to deceased members of Lodges of this Jurisdiction shall apply as far as practicable. Any Worshipful Master of a Lodge may take the direction of the funeral and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident Brethren deceased.

Disabilities of unaffiliates.

168. No unaffiliated Mason shall be entitled to any benefit from the Charity Fund for himself or family, nor to Masonic burial except in cases when it is shown that the Brother was not at fault or indifferent to his duty, nor shall he be permitted to take part in any Masonic ceremony, public or private, nor have any Lodge privileges whatever; further than the privilege of visiting twice during the time he remains unaffiliated.

Certificates to be signed.

169. Every Brother to whom a Grand Lodge Certificate is issued must sign his name on the margin thereof in the presence of the Worshipful Master or the Secretary of the Lodge except in case of absence from the place of meeting of the Lodge, when he shall sign it in the presence of the Worshipful Master or Secretary of any duly warranted Lodge.

Honorary Members.

170. A Brother who, being in good standing, may have rendered service to the Craft in general or to any particular Lodge, may by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member. Notice of the proposal to elect a Brother an honorary member shall be given at one Regular Communication and placed on the notice for the next. If the Brother is already a member of the Lodge, a majority vote is sufficient, otherwise an unanimous vote is required, in both cases to be expressed by ballot. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to the Grand Lodge and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

171. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting unless specially conferred by a vote of the Lodge at a Regular Communication. ^{Voting by Honorary Members.}

172. Lodges may by By-law admit their members to life membership on such terms as they may determine. ^{Life Membership.} For each life member the Lodge shall pay into Grand Lodge the sum of five dollars, which payment shall exempt the Lodge from payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

(a) Upon a life member withdrawing from the Lodge of which he originally became a life member, and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account; nor, in case he become a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Lodge, but if such life member does not withdraw, and joins another Lodge, the latter Lodge shall be liable to Grand Lodge for his dues. ^{Life Members withdrawing.}

(b) Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Lodge, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members. ^{Privileges of.}

173. No person shall be eligible for admission into the Fraternity who cannot read and write. ^{Educational qualifications.}

174. No Lodge shall receive a petition for the degrees of Masonry unless the petitioner shall have been a resident of the Jurisdiction during the twelve consecutive months preceding his petition and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge during the six months next preceding the date of his petition, except a dispensation shall have been obtained from the Grand Master. ^{Residential qualifications.}

(a) A candidate must at the time of his application be of the full age of 21 years, free born, and capable of supporting himself and those dependent upon him. ^{Age of applicants.}

Petitions from
rejected
applicants.

175. A Lodge shall not receive a petition for the degrees of Masonry from any person who within the twelve months next preceding shall have been rejected by any Lodge, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

Form of
petition.

176. A petition for the degrees shall be made in the prescribed form, signed by the petitioner, and recommended by at least two members of the Lodge to which application is made.

Waiver of
jurisdiction.

177. No person shall be made a Mason if he resides in the jurisdiction of another Lodge, without the consent of such Lodge, or where there is concurrent jurisdiction, Lodges, nor until his name has appeared on the notice calling the Communication at which the vote is to be taken. Such consent to be expressed by the unanimous vote by ballot of the members present at the next Regular Communication of such Lodge subsequent to the one at which the application for such consent is made.

Procedure
with reference
to petitions.

178. No Lodge shall ballot on any petition for the degrees (except by dispensation from the Grand Master) until information has been received from the Grand Secretary that the candidate is free of the Black List; nor until notice of the name, age, profession and place of abode of the candidate shall have been sent to all the members of the Lodge in the notice for a Regular Communication of the Lodge, nor until the petition received at a Regular Communication shall have been referred to a committee whose duty it shall be to make strict examination into the moral, mental, physical and other proper qualifications of the candidate, and who shall report thereon at the next Regular Communication, unless further time be granted. Nor shall a petition be withdrawn after reference to a Committee except as

hereinafter provided in this Section. If the report of the committee or of any member thereof be unfavorable, no ballot shall be taken, but the Worshipful Master shall, upon the reception of such report, declare the candidate rejected. If the report be favorable, the candidate shall be balloted for, and it shall require an unanimous vote to elect. If but one black ball appear in the ballot box the Worshipful Master, without declaring the result, shall at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be final. After one ballot has been had, no discussion shall be permitted in the Lodge before the second ballot is taken, nor shall the second ballot be postponed until another Communication of the Lodge. If the committee find the candidate disqualified in consequence of insufficient residence or physical disability, and find no objection to him, they shall make report thereon; in which case the Worshipful Master may direct the withdrawal of the petition without further action, and such direction shall be entered upon the minutes.

When petition
may be
withdrawn.

(a) When any candidate is rejected, the Grand Secretary shall be notified at once.

G. Sec. to be
notified of
rejections.

179. In case of petitioners who are members of the Royal Navy or the Permanent Military Forces on actual service, the following conditions shall apply, but to them only. The qualification of residence shall be for members of the Navy, three months on the Pacific Station, and for members of the Permanent Military Forces, three months in the Jurisdiction of British Columbia. In a case of emergency any two members of a Lodge composed especially of members of the Naval and Military services may transmit to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, the name, age, profession or occupation and place of abode of any

Petitioners
belonging to
Navy or
Army.

applicant they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency. If, in the opinion of the Worshipful Master, the emergency be real, he shall notify the proposition to every member of his Lodge, either in the notice for the next Regular Communication or in the notice for a Lodge of Emergency, to meet at a period not less than seven days from the issuing of the notice, and shall appoint a committee of investigation. If the applicant be then approved on the ballot he may be initiated. The Worshipful Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, read the proposition and state to the Lodge the cause of emergency, which shall be recorded in the minutes.

Time limit
for initiation
after being
accepted.

180. In the event of a candidate elected to receive the degrees not presenting himself for initiation within the next six months, a second petition and ballot shall be required.

Objections to
candidates.

181. No Lodge shall have more than one ballot for the three degrees, but though an applicant may be elected to receive them, if at any time before his initiation objection be made by any member, such objection shall have the same force and effect as a black ball. If, after his initiation, but before being passed, or after passing but before being raised, objection to his advancement be made by any member, such objection shall be referred to a committee with power to enquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next Regular Communication (unless further time is granted) report thereon. Upon the reception of such report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Worshipful Master may proceed to confer the remaining degree or degrees in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

Should the cause assigned for the objection be deemed sufficient, charges shall be laid against the Brother for unmasonic conduct and he shall be tried thereon.

182. Every Brother seeking admission to a Lodge in this Jurisdiction by affiliation shall apply by petition in the prescribed form, and must be recommended by at least two members of the Lodge in which he seeks admission. He shall deposit with the Secretary proof of his good standing in Masonry, or if he is not a subscribing member of any Lodge, his dimit from the Lodge of which he was last a member. Proof shall also be obtained from the Grand Secretary that he is free of the Black List. His name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name, number and location of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member shall be placed on the notice for the next Regular Communication of the Lodge. The petition shall be referred to a committee whose duty it shall be to make strict examination into his moral, mental and other qualifications and to report at the Regular Communication next following that in which his application was received, unless further time be granted. If three members of the committee report unfavorably the candidate shall be declared rejected, but if a majority report favorably the Lodge shall proceed to ballot, and three black balls shall be required to reject the candidate.

Applications for affiliation.

Of Visitors

183. Any Master Mason in good standing may be permitted to visit any Lodge, and any Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft in good standing may be permitted to visit a Lodge while working on any degree which he has received, in every case subject to the limitations contained in Section 186.

Who may visit.

To be vouched
for or
examined.

184. If no Brother present can vouch for a visitor, the Worshipful Master shall appoint a committee of Brethren skilled in the work to examine him.

Member may
object to
visitor.

185. If any member of the Lodge objects to sitting in the Lodge with a visitor, the Worshipful Master shall refuse the visitor admittance, or if he has been admitted, require him to withdraw.

Visitors must
produce
vouchers.

186. Before any visitor can be examined as to his knowledge of Masonry, he must state the name and location of the Lodge of which he is then or was lately a member, or in which he received the Masonic degrees, and must produce satisfactory vouchers, which shall be reported to the Worshipful Master before a committee of examination can be appointed.

Of Lodges of Instruction

Authority for.

187. No general Lodge of Instruction shall be held unless under the sanction of a regularly Warranted Lodge, or by special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving its sanction, and the Brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge, and no Lodge shall authorize the holding of a Lodge of Instruction outside of the Jurisdiction of the said Lodge.

Notices of
meeting to
be sent to G.
Secretary.

188. Notice of the times and places of meeting of Lodges of Instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

Minutes to
be kept.

189. A Lodge of Instruction shall keep a complete minute of its proceedings, and such minutes shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master or the Lodge granting its sanction.

Sanction may
be with-
drawn.

190. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its Warrant

shall see fit, it may, at any Regular Communication, withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the notice for that Communication.

Of Definitions.

191. The words and terms used in this Constitution shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definitions:

192. Grand Master.—This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Grand Master.

193. Worshipful Master.—This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed, or to any one who for the time being may have succeeded to the powers and duties of the Worshipful Master.

194. Past Master.—This title applies only to one who has been regularly elected or named in a warrant and installed, and has served a term as Worshipful Master of a Warranted Lodge.

195. Proxy.—The proxy of a Lodge within this Jurisdiction is one who, in case neither the Worshipful Master or either of the Wardens of any Lodge can be present at a Communication of the Grand Lodge, has been duly elected by the Lodge at a Regular Communication, or at a Special Communication called for that purpose, to represent any of them at that Communication.

196. Vacancy.—Vacancies in office, either in a Lodge or in the Grand Lodge, may occur by death, deprivation of office, removal from the Jurisdiction, suspension or expulsion.

**Jurisdiction
of Grand
Lodge.**

197. Jurisdiction.—The jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons acting or assuming to act under its authority, and all members without this Jurisdiction acting under its authority.

**Jurisdiction
of Lodges.**

(a) The jurisdiction of a Lodge includes all its own members wherever residing, and all Masons residing nearer to its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge within this Jurisdiction, except in towns or cities where more than one Lodge exists, in which case each of such Lodges has separate jurisdiction over its own members, and concurrent jurisdiction over all Masons not members of such Lodges who reside in such town or city, or nearer thereto than to any other place where a Lodge exists.

Regulation.

198. Regulation.—By a Regulation of the Grand Lodge is meant any resolution, edict, law, or ordinance of any kind whatsoever, other than the Constitution, which it may adopt.

**Suspension
of Lodges.**

199. Suspension.—The suspension of a Lodge is an arrest of its Warrant and a temporary prohibition to assemble or work as a legal Lodge until again authorized to do so by competent authority; and the act suspends all its members except those specially exempt from its effect.

**Of a
Worshipful
Master.**

(a) The suspension of a Worshipful Master of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity, until he be restored by competent authority.

Of a Brother.

(b) The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall have been legally restored in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

200.—Expulsion.—The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Fraternity, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him forever, unless he be restored by the Grand Lodge.

201. Notice.—A notice is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the Lodge or Worshipful Master or by some other competent authority as herein before provided, to attend for some specific purpose at the time and place therein indicated, to perform some specific duty therein set forth; at least three days' notice shall be given except in cases of funerals. It is the duty of every Mason to comply with this direction if he can, without great inconvenience, do so.

(a) Notices of all Regular and Emergent Communications must be sent to the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Secretary. To whom sent.

202 Summons.—A summons is an imperative order, issued under the seal of the Lodge, by the Worshipful Master or by some other competent authority to appear at such time and place as may therein be designated. The obligation to obey is absolute, and the penalty for disobedience shall be suspension or expulsion, unless it shall be shown that such disobedience was unavoidable or was occasioned by some pressing necessity. It may be either written or printed, and shall, when practicable, be personally served upon the Brother to be summoned by the Tyler or some other Mason properly deputed for that purpose, and at least seven days' notice must be given. If this cannot be conveniently done, it shall be mailed, registered, post paid, addressed

to him at his last known place of residence; this shall be deemed due and sufficient service.

**Applicant or
Petitioner.**

203. Applicant or Petitioner.—An applicant or petitioner is one who, not being a member of the Fraternity, desires to become one. An applicant is also a Brother who desires to join a Lodge by affiliation.

Candidate.

204. Candidate. — A candidate is one who has been accepted at the ballot but is not a Master Mason.

Voting.

205. Voting.—All voting in a Lodge shall be by show of hands, except in cases when the Constitution requires a ballot; or when a ballot is demanded by any two members.

**Regular
Communi-
cation.**

206. Regular Communication.—The Regular Communication of a Lodge is the only meeting in each month at which business may be done, with the exceptions specified in the Constitution. It shall be designated as such in the By-laws of each Lodge, and no Emergent Communication shall ever be considered as part of such Regular Communication.

**St. John's
Day, Regular
Communica-
tion for in-
stallation
only.**

(a) For the purpose of Installation of Officers, St. John the Baptist day, or St. John the Evangelist's day shall be considered a Regular Communication when so provided in the By-laws of Lodges, but no other business than that connected with the confirmation of the election and installation of officers and reading and passing annual reports shall be entered upon.

Month.

207. Month.—The word month, whenever it occurs in this Constitution shall be held to mean calendar month.

Of Amendments.

**Amendments
to constitu-
tion, how
made.**

208. The Grand Lodge shall have full power and authority to make such amendments, alterations and additions to this Constitution at any Communication

as it shall think proper and expedient for the benefit of the Craft under the regulations hereinbefore provided.

Repeal.

209. All Laws, Rules, Regulations, Decisions and Directions not in accordance with the foregoing Constitution or any of the Regulations are hereby repealed.



FORMS

FORM No. 1.

PETITION FOR A DISPENSATION TO FORM A NEW LODGE.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand
Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of
British Columbia:—

We, the undersigned, Master Masons in good standing, as will appear from the dimits, or certificates which are herewith submitted, having the prosperity of the Craft at heart are anxious to exert our best endeavors to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of Freemasonry; and for the convenience of our respective dwellings, and for other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge to be named

We, therefore, with the approbation (hereunto appended) of the Lodge nearest our proposed location, respectfully pray for a dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge in the.....
(city, town or village)
of on the
(name of place) (date of meeting)

We have nominated and do recommend Brother to be the first Master, Brother..... to be the first Senior Warden, and Brother..... to be the first Junior Warden, of the said Lodge.

The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the orders of the Grand Master, the regulators of the Grand Lodge, and the usages and customs of Masonry.

NAMES	RANK	Name, Number and Registry of the Lodge of which Petitioner is now or was last a member.		
1				
2				
3				
4				
Etc. To be signed by at least fifteen Master Masons.				

N. B.—See Section 100 of the Constitution.

FORM No. 2.

RECOMMENDATION FOR A DISPENSATION TO FORM A NEW LODGE

.....B. C.,
19.....

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Master:—

We, the undersigned, Worshipful Master and Secretary of.....Lodge No..... certify that at a Regular Communication of this Lodge, held on the.....day of.....19..... the accompanying petition was presented for the recommendation of our Lodge, and that all the conditions of the requirements of the Grand Lodge have been complied with, viz.:

1. That the population of the.....
 (city or town)
 of....., in which the Brethren
 (name of place)
 reside is.....
 (give population)

2. That there are the requisite number of genuine signatures to the petition.

3. That they have procured a good, safe and suitable room in which to hold the Lodge.

4. That the Brethren signing the said petition have produced (and filed herewith) regular dimitts or certificates of standing from the Lodges of which they are now, or were last, members.

5. That this is the nearest Lodge to the place in which the new Lodge is to be held.

6. That in our judgment the best interests of the Grand Lodge and of Masonry will be promoted by granting this petition.

[SEAL] Witness our hands and the seal of
 the Lodge, this.....day of
19.....

.....W. M.
 Secy.

I certify that the Worshipful Master and Wardens named in the accompanying petition are fully competent to confer the three degrees of Craft Masonry, and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted.

.....B. C.....19.....
 (place) (date)

.....D. D. G. M.
 Masonic District No.....

FORM No. 3.

PETITION FOR A WARRANT.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia:—

The undersigned respectfully represent that on theday of.....19..... a dispensation was issued by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge at..... by the name of.....Lodge, that on the.....day of.....19....., the said Lodge was opened and organized, and has since continued successfully to work during the period named in the said dispensation, as will appear from its records and returns herewith presented; and that it is the earnest desire of the members of the said Lodge that its existence be perpetuated.

They therefore pray that a warrant be granted to the said Lodge by the name of..... Lodge, with such number as the usage of the Grand Lodge may assign it; and recommend that Brotherbe named therein as Worshipful Master, Brother.....as Senior Warden, and Brother.....as Junior Warden; promising, as heretofore, strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master, and undeviating conformity to the Constitutions and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the members of the said Lodge under dispensation at.....thisday of.....19.....

.....as W. M.
.....as Secy.

FORM No. 4.

PETITION FOR INITIATION.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of
.....Lodge, No.....B.C.R., A.F. & A.M.:—

I,.....of the.....
of.....in the Province
of British Columbia, born at.....
on the.....day of.....19.....,
by occupation....., being
free-born and of mature age, do declare that unbiased
by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfu-
enced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I
freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the
mysteries of Masonry; that I am prompted by a favor-
able opinion conceived of the Institution and a desire
for knowledge; and that if admitted, I will cheerfully
conform to all the ancient usages and established
customs of the fraternity. I do also declare that I
have resided in the Province of British Columbia for
one year or more, and at the place above mentioned
six months or more next preceding the date of this
petition; and that I have not made application for
admission into any other Lodge during the last twelve
months.

Witness my hand this.....
day of.....19....
.....

We are personally acquainted with the above-
named petitioner, and from our confidence in his integ-
rity, do cheerfully recommend him as a proper candi-
date for the mysteries of Masonry.

.....
.....

N. B.—See Section 173 and following Sections of
the Constitution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATION.

(To be printed on the back of all petitions for Degrees)

To the Worshipful Master of.....Lodge, No.....

We, the undersigned Committee of Investigation, appointed by you on the accompanying petition, beg to reply to the questions annexed as follows, viz.:

1. Does the applicant possess a good moral character?

2. What is his occupation, and by whom is he employed?

3. Is he married?

4. Is he addicted to the excessive use of liquors or other pernicious habits?.....

5. Has he previously made application for admission?

If so when and where?

6. Does he possess sufficient intelligence and education to understand and appreciate the science and teachings of Masonry?

7. Have the Committee, or any of them, had an interview with the petitioner?

8. Are there any other circumstances which the Committee deem necessary to be known by the Lodge before balloting on this petition?..

9. Do the committee recommend his application and consider him proper material to be made a Mason and become a member of this Lodge?

.....19.....

(date)

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

Committee.

FORM No. 5.

PETITION FOR AFFILIATION.

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of
.....Lodge, No.....B.C.R., A.F. & A.M.

I,of the
..... of a
....., aged.....years, being a
.....Mason, am desirous of becoming
a member of.....Lodge, No.....

I was initiated, passed and raised in.....
Lodge, No.....on the Registry of the Grand Lodge
of....., and I am in good Masonic
standing. I am (or was last) a member of.....
.....Lodge, No.....on the Registry of the
Grand Lodge of.....as will
appear by the accompanying certificate.

Witness my hand this.....
day of.....19....
.....

We are personally acquainted with the above
named Brother, and cheerfully recommend him as a
proper candidate for membership in our Lodge.

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The undersigned, a Committee of Investigation
appointed on the application for membership of
Brother.....beg to
report.....

.....19.....
(date)

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Committee.

N. B.—See Section 182 of the Constitution.

FORMS

FORM No. 6.

DIMIT.

.....Lodge, No.....

A. F. & A. M.,

B. C. R.

.....B. C.

To All Whom it May Concern, Greeting:

This is to certify that Brother.....
 who has signed his name in the margin of this dimit,
 is a Master Mason in good standing, and was, until
 this date, a member of this Lodge. As such, we
 recommend him to the fraternal regard of all Free and
 Accepted Masons wheresoever dispersed over the face
 of the globe.

In testimony whereof we have
 caused this dimit to be signed by
 the Worshipful Master and Secre-
 tary, and the seal of the Lodge to
 be affixed, this.....day of
19.....

[SEAL]

.....
 Worshipful Master

 Secretary

Signature.....

N. B.—See Section 163 of the Constitution.

FORM No. 7.

D. D. G. M's REPORT.

The following queries are recommended for the
 guidance of District Deputy Grand Masters in their
 visitation of Lodges:

1. Name of Lodge visited?
2. Place and date of visit?
3. Names of Grand Lodge officers and others accompanying visitor?
4. Number present? Average attendance of members?
5. Are the minutes properly kept?
6. Are the Treasurer's books properly kept?
7. Condition of Porch-book and other books?
8. Examination of forms of notices, dimits and receipts.
9. Examination of By-laws.
10. Does the Lodge own its own Hall?
11. State of finances in regard to building.
12. Is the Hall well lighted, ventilated, and situated for the purposes of Masonry?
13. Value of Hall, furniture, library, etc.?
14. Are the building and furniture insured?
15. Amount of work done during the year?
16. Are there any other matters you would like to present?
17. Suggestions.

FORM No. 8.

FORM OF COMPLAINT.

.....B. C.,
19

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of
Lodge No.....

Brother.....is hereby
 charged with immoral and unmasonic conduct in the
 matters following:

First specification—That the said.....
on the.....day of.....
 19....., in the public street at.....
 was in a state of intoxication from the use of strong
 and spirituous liquors, in violation of his duty as a
 Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

Second specification—That the said.....
on the.....day of.....
 19....., and at divers other times and places between
 that time and the date of these charges, was intoxi-
 cated by strong and spirituous liquors, although ad-
 monished therefor by the Worshipful Master and the
 Wardens of this Lodge, in violation of his duty as a
 Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

Third specification—That the said.....
did, on the.....day of.....
 19....., at....., in the presence
 and hearing of.....
 use the following slanderous words of and concerning

 (here insert the name of person or Lodge slandered)
 that is to say

 (here set out the words used, as nearly as possible)

Fourth specification—That the said.....
, on the.....day of.....
 19....., did wrong, cheat and defraud.....
by
 (here insert the name of the person or Lodge wronged)

 (here insert a description of the actions complained of)

Fifth specification—That the said.....
, on the.....day of.....
 19....., at....., did
 threaten to impede the work of the Lodge by an im-

proper use of the black ball, in the following language
.....
(here insert the language used)

It is therefore demanded that the said.....
..... be tried for the said
offences according to Masonic law and usage.

.....
A new specification should be added for each
separate statement of facts constituting a Masonic
offence. Each specification should be stated as it is
expected to be proved, with reasonable certainty as
to time, place and circumstances, briefly, but distinctly.
A few forms are given, but it is obviously impossible
to prepare a form for each case that may occur. It
is hoped, as no technicality is required, that the forms
given may suggest the form needed in any other case.

FORM No. 9.

FORM OF NOTICE TO ACCUSED THAT LODGE
DECIDES HE SHOULD ANSWER.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To Brother.....

Take notice that at a Regular Communication of
.....Lodge, No....., held on the.....
day of....., 19....., it was decided that
the complaint of Brother....., presented
or fyled on the..... day of....., 19.....
is of such a nature to require an answer.

Take notice also, that at the next regular meeting
of the Lodge, which will be held on the.....day
of....., 19....., at the hour of.....
o'clock, p. m., the complaint above referred to (a copy

of which is hereto attached), will be considered, and you are summoned and required to be present at the Lodge room of the said Lodge at that time, to make answer to the said complaint, and to receive the award of the Lodge thereon.

[SEAL]
Secretary.

The above can be altered to suit the requirements of the case.

The Secretary should keep a copy of the notice to the accused, which should be attached to the original complaints and specifications, and upon which he should make a return of the time and manner of service.

This notice must be sent to the accused at least thirty days before the date on which he is cited to appear. See Section 110 of the Constitution.

FORM No. 10.

FORM OF NOTICE TO COMPLAINANT.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To Brother.....

Take notice that at the Regular Communication ofLodge, No....., to be held on theday of....., 19....., the charges and specifications made by you against Brother will be considered, and Brother.....has been notified to be present.

You are therefore summoned and required to be present at the Lodge room of the said Lodge on the

day above mentioned and at the hour of the Regular Communication, there to present your evidence in the case to the Lodge.

[SEAL]
Secretary.

Of this form a return should be made in the same manner as of the notice to the accused, specifying the time and manner of service.

FORM No. 11.

FORM OF SUMMONS TO MASON AS WITNESS

..... B. C.,
.....19.....

To Brother.....

You are hereby summoned and required to attend a Regular (or Emergent) Communication of.....
.....Lodge, No....., to be held at the Lodge room on.....the.....
day of....., 19....., at the hour of
.....o'clock, p. m., and there testify what you know relative to a complaint made by Brother.....
.....against Brother.....
.....

[SEAL]
Worshipful Master
.....
Secretary.

The person serving the summons should make upon a copy of it a return of the time and mode of service.

FORM No. 12.

FORM OF RETURN OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS TO WITNESS.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

I certify that on the.....day of.....
19....., I gave to the within named.....
.....in hand, a summons, of which the above is
a true copy.

.....
Secretary.

If the service was made in any other manner, as
by registered letter, etc., the return should state the
exact mode of service.

FORM No. 13.

FORM OF COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To.....

You are hereby authorized to take the deposition
in writing of.....of
what he knows relative to a complaint and specifica-
tions made to.....Lodge, No.
....., by Brother.....
against Brother.....

You will give reasonable notice, in writing, to both
parties of the time and place appointed by you for
taking such deposition; the deponent will testify upon
his honor; both parties may be present with their
counsel, and put such questions as they may please
and are relevant. If any question be proposed to the

propriety or relevancy of which objection is made, you will write the question at length as asked; you will then write the objection, after which you will propose the question to the deponent, and write his answer in the exact words used by him as near as possible. The deposition being completed, you will read the same to the deponent, and after he has signed it you will securely seal the same, together with this commission and your return of your doings thereon, in an envelope in his presence, and return the same to the Secretary of.....Lodge, No.....

[SEAL]

.....
 Worshipful Master.

.....
 Secretary.

Should it be necessary to take the deposition of a witness, the Master should issue a commission to some suitable person (if possible a Master Mason), to take such deposition.

FORM No. 14.

NOTICE TO PARTIES OF TAKING DEPOSITION.

.....B. C.,
19.....

To Brother.....

Take notice that on the.....day of 19.....
 at.....o'clock in the.....noon, by virtue of a
 commission sent to me from Worshipful Brother
, Worshipful Master of.....
 Lodge, No....., I shall take the deposition of
of what he
 knows relating to a complaint and specifications made
 to.....Lodge, No....., by

Brother..... against
Brother.....

.....
Commissioner.

A return of service should be made as in other cases.

FORM No. 15.

FORM OF COMMENCEMENT OF DEPOSITION.

I,of.....
....., on my honor as a Mason, declare
and say, etc., etc.

To be signed by party giving evidence.

FORM No. 16.

FORM OF RETURN OF COMMISSION TO TAKE
DEPOSITION.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

Pursuant to the annexed Commission, on the.....
day of....., 19....., I notified both
parties in writing that on the.....day of.....
....., 19....., at.....o'clock in the
.....noon, at.....in
.....I should take the
deposition of.....

At the time and place above mentioned, the ap-
pended deposition was given, the parties being present
and putting such questions as they pleased. After
such deposition had been reduced to writing it was

read by me to the said deponent, who afterwards signed the same.

.....
Commissioner.

If either party was not present, the return should show who was present and who was absent.

If any objection is made to the deposition, or any part of it, the person appointed to take it will not attempt to judge of the validity of the objection, but will return it, with such facts as may be necessary to the proper understanding of it, to the Lodge for judgment. He should place the Commission, copy of notice to the parties, return of service thereon, and the deposition, in an envelope, securely seal the same, and endorse thereon the following Form:

FORM No. 17.

FORM OF DIRECTION ON SEALED ENVELOPE
CONTAINING DEPOSITION AND OTHER
PAPERS.

To.....Lodge, No.....of Ancient, Free
and Accepted Masons.

Enclosed is the deposition and accompanying papers of.....taken to be used in the matter of the complaint against Brothernow pending in said Lodge. Taken and sealed up by me, in the presence of the deponent, this.....day of....., 19.....

.....
Commissioner.

If any papers are produced they should be marked with letters or numbers and referred to thereby in the deposition and then attached to it.

On the day appointed for the trial, the Lodge being open on the Third Degree and all visitors having retired, the complaint, specifications, notices to the accused and to the complainant, the answer of the accused, and the reply (if any) are read. If any objection exists as to the regularity of the proceedings, it should then be made, when the Lodge will proceed to determine it. There being no objections, or the objections being over-ruled, the evidence is then presented. If any objection is made to any part of the evidence, the Lodge will, by vote, determine upon it. The evidence having all been presented, the complainant and the accused, either personally or by counsel, will be permitted to make such remarks, pertinent to the case, as they may wish. The accused will then retire, and the Lodge will proceed to determine the question of guilt and the nature of the punishment.

A Masonic trial must be begun at a Regular Communication, although it may be continued at an Emergent Communication.

None but members of the Lodge can be present at a Masonic trial, whether at a Regular or an Emergent Communication.

If "expulsion" be the sentence adjudged, the judgment must be reported to the Grand Lodge for confirmation.

The following Forms are given as an indication of the form in which the minutes relating to the trial should be kept, whether conducted at a Regular or Emergent Communication.

FORM No. 18.

FORM OF RECORD OF MASONIC TRIAL AT A
REGULAR COMMUNICATION.

The regular business having been concluded, and all visitors having retired, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the complaint made by Brother against Brother

The complaint, specifications, notices, returns, answers of the accused and reply (if any) were read, and the complainant was called upon to give his evidence (Document.....)

The complainant then called as witnesses Brothersand....., who proceeded to give their evidence (Documents.....and.....)

The accused then gave evidence in his own behalf (Document.....) and called as witnesses Brothersand..... (Documents.....and.....) (or submitted affidavits from..... and..... (Documents..... and.....).

The parties (by their counsel) having been heard, the accused then retired.

The question "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" was then determined by ballot, each member of the Lodge present voting, and upon examination the vote was declared by the Worshipful Master as follows: For "guilty,".....; for "not guilty,".....

(Two-thirds of the members present having voted "not guilty," the Lodge adjudged against conviction.)

Two-thirds of the members present having voted "guilty," a second ballot was taken to determine the sentence, upon which the members present voted for "expulsion," "suspension," or "reprimand," and upon examination, two-thirds of the number of votes cast were for.....

The Lodge having voted in favor of "expulsion," (or "suspension,") Brother..... was admitted and informed of his sentence by the Worshipful Master.

The Lodge having voted in favor of "reprimand," Brother..... was admitted, when the Worshipful Master proceeded to administer the reprimand in open Lodge.

No further business appearing, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, peace and harmony prevailing.

.....
Secretary.

.....W. M.

.....S. W.

.....J. W.

FORM No. 19.

FORM OF RECORD OF SPECIAL COMMUNICATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF MASONIC TRIAL.

An Emergent Communication of.....
Lodge, No....., A.F. & A.M., was held at.....
.....on....., the.....
day of....., 19....., at.....
o'clock, m.

Present:

W. Bro....., W. M.
etc.

The Lodge was opened on the Third Degree of Masonry, the Worshipful Master in the Chair.

The notice calling the Communication was read by the Secretary, after which the Worshipful Master informed the Lodge that the Communication had been called for the purpose of continuing the hearing of the complaint made by Brother..... against Brother....., which was begun at the Regular Communication held on theday of....., 19.....

Evidence in the case was given by Brother(Document No.....), Brother.....(Document No.....) and Brother.....(Document No.....).

The complainant and the accused (by their counsel) having been heard, the accused retired.

The question "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" was then determined by ballot, each member of the Lodge present voting, and upon examination the vote was declared by the Worshipful Master to stand as follows: For "guilty,".....; for "not guilty," (Two-thirds of the members present not having voted "guilty," the Lodge adjudged against conviction.)

Two-thirds of the members present having voted "guilty," a second ballot was taken to determine the sentence, upon which the members present voted for "expulsion," "suspension," or "reprimand," and upon examination, two-thirds of the number of votes cast were for.....

The Lodge having voted in favor of "expulsion," (or "suspension,") the Brother was admitted and informed of his sentence by the Worshipful Master.

The Lodge having voted in favor of "reprimand," Brother.....was admitted, when the Worshipful Master proceeded to administer the reprimand in open Lodge.

The business for which the Communication was called having been accomplished, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form, peace and harmony prevailing.

.....
Secretary.
.....W. M.
.....S. W.
.....J. W.

FORM No. 20.

FORM OF NOTICE OF CONVICTION.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To.....

Take notice that at a.....Communication of.....Lodge, No....., held at.....on the.....day of19....., upon consideration of the complaint and specifications made by Brotheragainst you, it was adjudged and determined by the Lodge that you are guilty of the offence charged in said complaint and specifications, and that you be suspended (or recommended for expulsion) from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

[SEAL]

.....
Secretary.

FORM No. 21.

FORM OF RETURN TO GRAND SECRETARY.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia,
A.F. & A.M.

The following are true copies of all the papers and
proceedings in and by.....Lodge,
No....., in the matter of the complaint made by
Brother.....against Brother
..... (Here copy.)

[SEAL]W. M.
.....Secy.

FORM No. 22.

FORM OF APPEAL

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia,
A.F. & A.M.

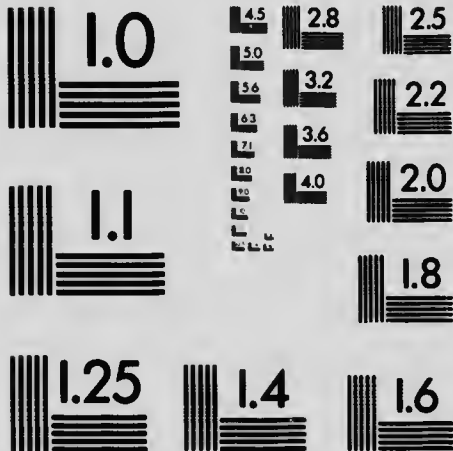
The undersigned,
hereby appeals to you from the decision of.....
.....Lodge, No....., in the matter of
certain charges and specifications preferred in the
said Lodge against the appellant Brother.....
....., whereby this appellant was
convicted of the said charges and specifications and
sentence of (expulsion) (suspension) passed against
him, and he specifies the following as the grounds of
his appeal, namely:

1. That the charges and specifications do not
allege any Masonic offence.
2. That the charges and specifications are vague,
uncertain and insufficient.



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3. That the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the conviction.

4. That the penalty is disproportionate to the offence.

5. That the Lodge erred in refusing to admit the declaration of

6. Any other appeal or general grounds of appeal may be stated.

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

.....
Appellant.

FORM No. 23.

NOTICE OF APPEAL BY COMPLAINANT.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To.....

Take notice that I have taken an appeal from the decision of.....Lodge, No....., in the matter of the complaint and specifications made by me against you, and that I shall prosecute the same at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on the.....day of....., 19.....

.....

This notice should be served as other notices on the Lodge and the Brother accused, and a return made, which the appellant should have with him at the Grand Lodge.

FORM No. 24.

NOTICE OF APPEAL BY ACCUSED.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To.....

Take notice that I have taken an appeal from the decision of.....Lodge, No., in the matter of the complaint and specifications made against me, and that I shall prosecute the same at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge on the.....day of....., 19.....

This notice should be served as other notices on the Lodge and the complainant, and a return made, which the appellant should have with him at the Grand Lodge.

FORM No. 25.

SUMMONS TO A BROTHER TO APPEAR BEFORE GRAND LODGE.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To Brother.....

Take notice that having been recommended for expulsion by.....Lodge, No..... you are hereby summoned to attend the next Communication of the Grand Lodge, which will be held in the Masonic Hall in the city of....., on the.....day of....., 19..... and there and then to show cause why such sentence of expulsion should not be pronounced against you.

[SEAL]

Grand Secretary.

FORM No. 26.

SUMMONS TO A LODGE TO APPEAR BEFORE GRAND LODGE.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To.....W. M. }
.....S. W. } of.....Lodge, No....
.....J. W. }

You are hereby summoned to appear at a Communication of the Grand Lodge, to be held at the Masonic Hall in the city of....., on theday of....., 19..... at the hour of.....o'clock.... m., and there and then to show cause why your Lodge should not be erased from the list of Lodges of this Grand Lodge.

[SEAL]
Grand Secretary.

N. B.—This Form may be varied so as to meet the requirements of Section 27, or Section 36 of the Constitution.

FORM No. 27.

FORM OF PETITION FOR RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of
.....Lodge, No.....A.F. & A.M.:

The undersigned,
respectfully represents that he was formerly a member of the above-named Lodge. That on or about theday of....., 19....., he

was tried for unmasonic conduct upon charges preferred against him in the said Lodge, and that upon conviction the said Lodge passed sentence of suspension against him, which sentence is now in full force and effect.

That he is desirous of being restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and to his membership in the said Lodge, and he hereby solemnly promises upon his honor that, if such restoration shall be granted him, he will ever pay a cheerful obedience to the laws, rules and customs of the Fraternity.

Wherefore he respectfully prays the said Lodge for restoration to his Masonic rights and membership as aforesaid.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Recommended by

.....
.....

Action on this petition must be taken at a Regular Communication, and restoration can only be affected by an unanimous vote of the Lodge. See Section 113 of the Constitution.

FORM No. 28.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR RESTORATION.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To the Worshipful Master, Officers and Members of
.....Lodge, No....., A.F. & A.M.:

I hereby give notice that at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, to be

held on the.....day of....., 19....., I will petition to be restored to all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

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If the petition is for restoration after suspension, this notice must be sent at least forty days previous to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; if for restoration after expulsion, it must be sent at least sixty days previous to the Annual Communication.

FORM No. 29.

FORM OF PETITION TO GRAND LODGE FOR RESTORATION AFTER SUSPENSION.

(To be used when the Lodge which suspended the Brother has refused to reinstate him, or when the Lodge has ceased to exist.)

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of British Columbia:—

The undersigned, respectfully represents that he was formerly a member of.....Lodge, No.....That on or about the.....day of..... 19....., he was tried for unmasonic conduct upon charges preferred against him in the said Lodge, and that upon conviction, the said Lodge passed sentence of suspension against him, which sentence is now in full force and effect.

He further represents that he did, on or about theday of....., 19....., apply to the said Lodge for restoration to the rights and privileges of Masonry, which request was denied.

(Or, he further represents that since the date of his trial and conviction the said Lodge has ceased to exist.)

He therefore applies to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for re-instatement to the rights and privileges of Masonry, attaching thereto the necessary proof that he has applied to the aforesaid Lodge, and also that the said Lodge has been duly notified of his intended application to the Grand Lodge.

He hereby solemnly promises upon his honor that, if such restoration shall be granted him, he will ever yield a cheerful obedience to the laws, rules and customs of the Fraternity.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

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This petition must be filed with the Grand Secretary at least forty days previous to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. See Section 113 of the Constitution.

FORM No. 30.

FORM OF PETITION TO GRAND LODGE FOR RESTORATION AFTER EXPULSION.

.....B. C.,
.....19.....

To the M. W. Grand Lodge, A.F. & A.M. of British Columbia:—

The undersigned,....., respectfully represents:

That he was formerly a member of.....
.....Lodge, No.....

That on or about the.....day of.....
....., 19....., he was tried for unmasonic conduct

upon charges preferred against him in.....
Lodge, No....., and that upon conviction, the said Lodge recommended him to the Grand Lodge for expulsion, and he was afterwards expelled by the Grand Lodge.

That he is desirous of being restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and he hereby solemnly promises upon his honor that if such restoration is granted him, he will ever yield a cheerful obedience to the laws, rules and customs of the Fraternity.

That the Lodge at whose instigation he was expelled has been duly notified of his intention to make his application.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

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N. B.—See Section 114 of the Constitution.

FORM No. 31.

PETITION BY A JUDGE FOR THE RESTORATION OF AN EXPELLED MEMBER.

Hall of.....Lodge, No.....
B. C.,
19.....

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of British Columbia, A.F. & A.M.:—

The undersigned, being the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Secretary of.....Lodge, No..... respectfully represent:

That Brother.....was formerly a member of.....Lodge, No.....

That on or about the.....day of.....
 19....., he was tried for unmasonic con-

duct upon charges preferred against him in.....
Lodge, No....., and that upon
 conviction of said charges the said Lodge recom-
 mended him to the Grand Lodge for expulsion, and he
 was afterwards expelled by the Grand Lodge;

That he has during the past.....
 expressed contrition for his errors and has lived an
 upright and honorable life;

That he is desirous of being restored to the rights
 and privileges of Masonry, and has promised upon his
 honor that if restored he will hereafter yield a cheer-
 ful obedience to the laws, rules and customs of the
 Fraternity;

That it is the desire and recommendation of this
 Lodge that he be restored to the rights and privileges
 of Masonry, as appears by a resolution of this Lodge,
 passed at a Regular Communication of the Lodge, held
 on the.....day of....., 19.....

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

RA-W. M.
 [SEAL]S. W.
J. W.
Secy.

N. B.—See Section 115 of the Constitution.

FORM No. 32.

DRAFT FORM OF COMMISSION

.....
 Grand Master.

To all whom it may concern:—

We, the Grand Master of A. F. & A. M., of and in
 the Province of British Columbia, and under the juris-

diction of the Grand Lodge of the said Province, do,
 for worthy and sufficient reasons, hereby issue our
 commission to our Right Worshipful Brother.....
to consecrate and constitute.....
 .Lodge, No....., on the Grand Register of British
 Columbia, and this said commission shall be valid
 authority for so doing.

Attest:

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 Grand Secretary.

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EXTRACTED FROM

The Ancient Records of Lodges beyond Sea, and those
in England, Scotland, and Ireland, for the
Use of the Lodges in London:

To be read at the making of new Brethren, or when
the Worshipful Master shall order it.

THE GENERAL HEADS, VIZ.:

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.
- IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices.
- V. Of the management of the Craft in working.
- VI. Of Behaviour, viz.:
 1. In the Lodge while constituted.
 2. After the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
 3. When Brethren meet without strangers, but not in a Lodge.
 4. In the presence of strangers not Masons.
 5. At home and in the neighborhood.
 6. Towards a strange Brother.

I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understands the Art, he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. But though in ancient times Masons were charged in every country to be of the religion of that country or nation, whatever it was, yet it is now thought more expedient only to oblige them to that religion to which all men agree, leaving their particular opinions to themselves; that is, to be good men and true, or men of honor and honesty, by whatever denominations or persuasions they may be distinguished whereby Masonry becomes the centre of union, and the means for conciliating true friendship among persons that must have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceable subject of the Civil Powers, wherever he resides or works, and is never concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior Magistrates; for as Masonry hath always been injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so ancient Kings and Princes have been men disposed to encourage the Craftsmen, because of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answered the cavils of their adversaries, and promoted the honor of the Fraternity, who ever flourished in times of peace. So that if a Brother should be a rebel against the State, he is not to be countenanced in his rebellion, however he may be pitied as an unhappy man; and, if convicted of no other crime, though the loyal Brotherhood must and ought to disown his rebellion, and give no umbrage or ground of political jealousy to the Government for the time being; they

cannot expel him from the Lodge, and his relation to it remains indefeasible.

III.—OF LODGES.

A Lodge is a place where Masons assemble and work; hence that assembly or duly organized Society of Masons is called a Lodge, and every Brother ought to belong to one, and to be subject to its By-laws and the General Regulations. It is either particular or general, as will be best understood by attending it, and by the Regulations of the General or Grand Lodge hereunto annexed. In ancient times no Master or Fellow could be absent from it, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, until it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free-born, and of mature and discreet age, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS AND APPRENTICES.

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; that so the Lords may be well served, the Brethren not put to shame, nor the Royal Craft despised: Therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and every Brother must attend in his place and learn them in a way peculiar to this Fraternity. Only candidates may know, that no Master shall take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he is a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the Art, of serving his Master's Lord, and of being made a Brother, and then a Fellow-craft in

due time, even after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents; that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive at the honor of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

No Brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a Fellow-craft; nor a Master until he has acted as Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been a Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master unless he has been a Fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singular great merit in the opinion of the Lodges. And for the better, and easier, and more honorable discharge of his office, the Grand Master has a power to choose his own Deputy Grand Master, who must be then, or must have been formerly, the Master of a particular Lodge, and has the privilege of acting whatever the Grand Master, his principal, should act, unless the said principal be present, or interpose his authority by a letter.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the ancient Lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the Brethren, according to the Old Charges and Regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All Masons shall work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the Fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master, or Overseer of the Lord's work; who is to be called Master by those that work under him. The Craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and to call each other by no disobliging name, but Brother or Fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the Lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the Lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispense his goods as if they were his own; nor to give more wages to any Brother or Apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Mason receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the Lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a Brother, nor supplant him, or put him out of his work, if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the Lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a Fellow-craftsman is chosen Warden of the work under the Master, he shall be true to both Master and Fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the Master's absence to the Lord's profit; and his Brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work is finished.

A younger Brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing in Brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the proper work of Masonry; nor shall Free Masons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach laborers and unaccepted Masons, as they would teach a Brother or Fellow.

VI.—OF BEHAVIOR, VIZ.:

1. IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED.

You are not to hold private committees, or separate conversation, without leave from the Master, nor to talk of anything impertinent or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any Brother speaking to the Master. Nor behave yourselves ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious or solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretext whatever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and Fellows, and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the Brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are proper and competent judges of all such controversies, (unless you carry it by appeal to the Grand Lodge) and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a Lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2. BEHAVIOR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any Brother to eat or drink

beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or State policy, we being only, as Masons, of the Catholic religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations tongues, kindreds, and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the Lodge nor ever will. This Charge has always been strictly enjoined and observed; but especially ever since the Reformation in Britain, or the Dissent and Secession of these nations from the Communion of Rome.

3. BEHAVIOR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other Brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any Brother, were he not a Mason. For although all Masons are as Brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the Brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

4. BEHAVIOR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS NOT MASONS.

You shall be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able

to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honor of the Worshipful Fraternity.

5. BEHAVIOR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man; particularly not to let your family, friends, and neighbors know the concerns of the Lodge, etc., but wisely to consult your own honor and that of the Ancient Brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late, or too long from home after Lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6. BEHAVIOR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.

You are cautiously to examine him, in such a method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine Brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days, or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability, only to prefer a poor Brother, that is a good man and true, before any other poor people in the same circumstances.

FINALLY, all these Charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating Brotherly Love, the Founda-

tion and Cope stone, the Cement and Glory of this ancient Fraternity, avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest Brother, but defending his character, and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honor and safety, and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication, and from thence to the Annual Grand Lodge, as has been the ancient laudable conduct of our fore-fathers in every nation; never taking a legal course, but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of Master and Fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law-suits that so you may mind the affair of Masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to Brothers or Fellows at law, the Master and Brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending Brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must however carry on their process, or law-suit, without wrath and rancor (not in the common way) saying or doing nothing which may hinder Brotherly Love, and good offices to be renewed and continued; that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

Amen, so mote it be.

THE ANCIENT LANDMARKS OF FREEMASONRY

AS FORMULATED BY BRO. ALBERT G.
MACKEY.

1. The modes of recognition.
2. The division of Symbolic Masonry into three Degrees.
3. The legend of the Third Degree.
4. The government of the Fraternity by a Grand Master elected from the body of the Craft.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over any assembly of the Craft.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for the opening and holding of Lodges.
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make Masons at sight.
9. The necessity for Masons to congregate in Lodges.
10. The government of the Craft when congregated in a Lodge by a Master and two Wardens.
11. The necessity of every Lodge when congregated being duly tyled.
12. The right of every Freemason to be represented in all general meetings of the Craft, and to instruct his representatives.

13. The right of every Freemason to appeal from the decision of a Lodge to the Grand Lodge, or general assembly of Masons.

14. The right of every Freemason to visit and sit in any regular Lodge.

15. No visitor unknown to the Brethren present or to some of them as a Freemason, can enter a Lodge without passing an examination.

16. No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge, nor give degrees to Brethren who are members of other Lodges.

17. Every Freemason amenable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides.

18. Certain qualifications of candidates for initiation.

19. Belief in the existence of God necessary to Masons.

20. Belief in the resurrection to a future life necessary to Masons.

21. The "Book of the Law" is an indispensable part of the furniture of every Masonic Lodge.

22. The equality of all Freemasons.

23. The secrecy of the institution.

24. The foundation of a speculative Science upon an operative Art, and the symbolic use and explanation of the terms of the Art, for the purpose of religious or moral teaching.

25. The Landmarks can never be changed.

CHARGE AFTER THE INITIATION

W. M. to Can.—As you have passed through the ceremony of your Initiation, let me congratulate you on being admitted a member of our Ancient and Honourable Institution; ancient no doubt it is, as having subsisted from time immemorial; and honourable it must be acknowledged to be, as, by a natural tendency, it conduces to make those so who are obedient to its precepts; indeed, no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—the practice of every moral and social virtue; and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that in every age, Monarchs themselves have been promoters of the Art, have not thought it derogatory to their duty to exchange the Sceptre for the Trowel, have patronized our mysteries, and joined in our assemblies.

As a Freemason, let me recommend to your most serious contemplation the Volume of the Sacred Law, charging you to consider it as the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the Divine precepts it contains; therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, your neighbour, and yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to his Creator; by imploring His aid in all your lawful undertakings; and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support. To your neighbour, by acting with him on the square, by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his necessities, and soothing his afflictions, and by doing unto him as in similar cases, you would wish he should do unto you.

And to yourself, by such a prudent and well-regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energy, thereby enabling you to exercise those talents wherewith God has blessed you, as well to His Glory as the welfare of your fellow-creatures.

As a Citizen of the World, I am to enjoin you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties, by never proposing, or at all countenancing any act which may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society, by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence, or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the Sovereign of your native land; ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment towards that country whence you derived your birth and infant nurture.

As an individual, let me recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let Prudence direct you, Temperance chasten you, Fortitude support you, and Justice be the guide of all your actions. Be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendour, those truly Masonic ornaments which have already been amply illustrated: Benevolence and Charity.

Still, as a Freemason, there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed; amongst the foremost of these are Secrecy, Fidelity, and Obedience. Secrecy consists in an inviolable adherence to the Obligation you have entered into, never improperly to disclose any of those Masonic secrets which have been, or may at any future period be, entrusted to

your keeping, and cautiously to avoid all occasions which may inadvertently lead you so to do.

Your Fidelity must be exemplified by a strict observance of the constitutions of the Fraternity, by adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order, by never attempting to extort or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining from recommending any one to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong grounds to believe that by a similar fidelity he will ultimately reflect honour on our choice.

Your Obedience must be proved by a strict observance of our laws and regulations; by prompt attention to all signs and summonses, by modest and correct demeanor in the Lodge, by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion, by a ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by a majority of the Brethren, and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens, while acting in the discharge of their respective offices.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may at once enable you to become respectable in life, useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have this day become a member. To study more especially such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and, without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, endeavour to make a daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will duly appreciate the value of Freemasonry, and indelibly imprint on your heart the sacred dictates of Truth, of Honour, and of Virtue.

CHARGE AFTER THE PASSING

Having advanced to the Second Degree, we congratulate you on your preferment. It is unnecessary to recapitulate the duties which as a Mason you are bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience must have established their value. Your behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honour which we have conferred; and in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the Order, but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal Arts, which tend so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration, especially the Science of Geometry, which is established as the basis of our Art. As the solemnity of our Ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour in our regular assemblies; you are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable, and induce others, by your example, to hold them in veneration. The laws and regulations of the Order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of your brethren; but in the decision of every trespass against our rules, judge with candour, admonish with friendship, and reprehend with mercy. As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies you may offer your opinions on such subjects as are introduced in the Lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master, who will guard the Landmarks against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers, qualify yourself to

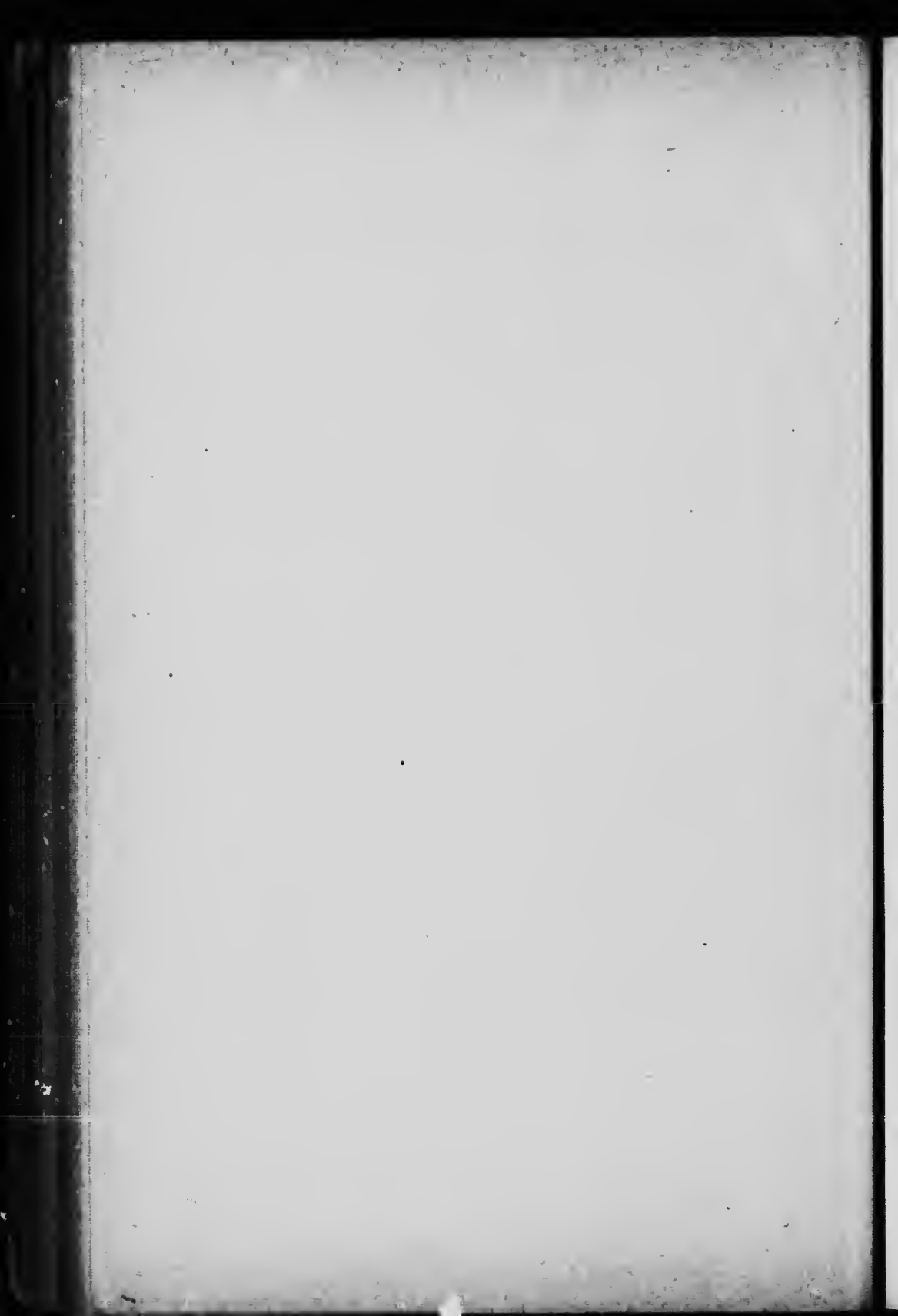
become a useful member of society, and like a skilful Brother, strive to excel in what is good and great. You are duly to honour and obey all regular Signs and Summonses given and received. You are to encourage industry, and reward merit, supply the wants and relieve the necessities of Brethren and Fellows to the utmost of your power and ability; and on no account to wrong them, or see them wronged, but timely to apprise them of approaching danger, and to view their interests as inseparable from your own. Such is the nature of your engagements as a Fellow-Craft, and these duties you are bound by the most sacred ties to observe.

CHARGE AFTER THE RAISING

Brother, your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress which you have made in the Art, and your conformity to the general regulations, have pointed you out as a proper object of our favour and esteem.

In the character of a Master Mason, you are forth authorized to correct the errors and infidelities of Brethren and Fellows, and guard against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society must be your constant care. With this view, therefore, you are always to recommend to inferiors obedience and submission; to equals, courtesy and affability; to superiors, kindness and condescension. You are to inculcate universal benevolence and, by the regularity of your own behaviour afford the best example for the benefit of others. The ancient Landmarks of the Order, which are here entrusted to your care, you are to preserve sacred and inviolable, and never suffer an infringement of our rites, or a deviation from established usage and custom.

Duty, honour, and gratitude now bind you to be faithful to every trust, to support with becoming dignity your new character, and to enforce by example and precept the tenets of the system. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows, or betray your trust; but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated Artist whom you have once represented. By this exemplary conduct you will convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favours have not been undeservedly bestowed.



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