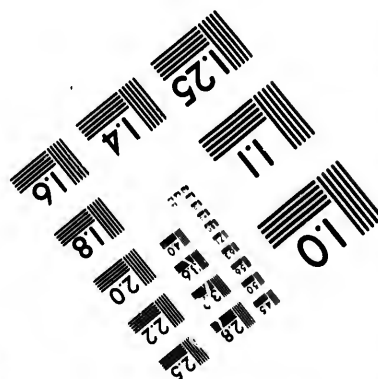
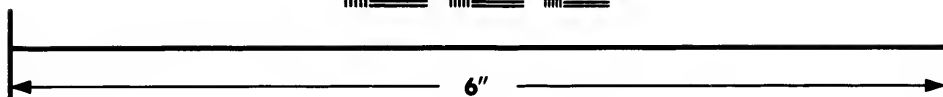
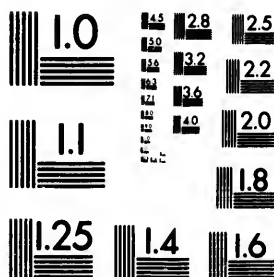


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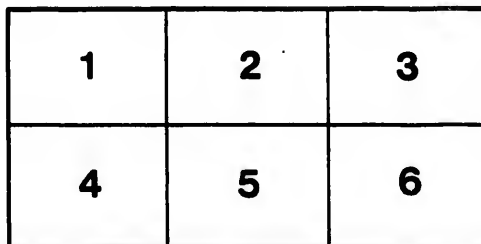
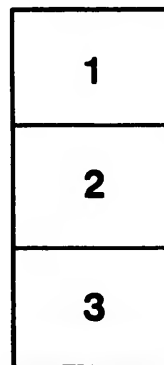
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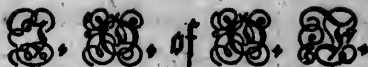
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PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of effecting as much uniformity as possible in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Order within this jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada, the Supreme Tribunal of Odd Fellowship within its limits, and without whose sanction and control no Lodge can exist, ordains the following Articles, as the *constitution* of the subordinate Lodges.

ARTICLE I.

This Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Scarlet Degree, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled the "Albion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. of O. F., of the Province of Canada," and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed

and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada.

ARTICLE II.

Of Membership—Section 1.

ADMISSIONS.

Clause 1st.—No proposition for the admission of a minor, or person under the age of twenty-one years, shall be entertained, nor shall any person be received into this Lodge for a less sum than one pound five shillings.

Clause 2nd.—The name, age, occupation, and place of abode of every applicant for Membership, must be handed in by a Member in writing, and be entered on the record, and the subject referred to three brothers for investigation, who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, when the application shall be determined by ballot, and not otherwise; and if, on balloting, *one black* ball be found, the question shall lie over to be acted upon at the next regular meeting without debate or comment, when, if less than three *black* balls be found, the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more be found, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

Clause 3rd.—When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and to all the Lodges in the Province ; and no person so rejected shall be again balloted for in any Lodge for the space of six months.

Clause 4th —A brother of the Order wishing to become a Member, shall present his card from the Lodge of which he was formerly a Member, which shall be referred to a Committee of three, and in other respects disposed of as provided by Clause 2nd for other applicants, and on being admitted shall pay a sum of not less than fifteen shillings.

Clause 5th.—An Ancient Odd Fellow, whose card is out of date, or which may have been lost, can be admitted by referring his application to a Committee, and disposing of it in other respects, as is provided for other applicants in the foregoing Clauses, and on his paying into the Lodge funds a sum of not less than one pound five shillings.

Clause 6th.—This Lodge shall not admit to Membership, either by initiation or otherwise, any person who has been rejected by any other Lodge, until at least six months after the date of said rejection ; nor shall this Lodge receive in Membership any person who has previously been a Mem-

ber of this Order, by new initiation or otherwise, unless it is satisfactorily shewn, by his card or otherwise, of his having honorably withdrawn from the Lodge of which he was last a Member, and that he is not an expelled or suspended Member, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

Section 2.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

Clause 1st.—The regular contributions to the Lodge fund shall not be at a less rate than five shillings per quarter, to be determined by the By-Laws—one-third of whatever be the quarterly contributions shall go to the widows' and orphans' fund; and the Lodge shall suspend all Members who neglect or refuse payment of the sums so determined, for twelve months.

Clause 2nd.—Every *bona fide* Member who shall be qualified, as required by the By-Laws, shall, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive such weekly benefit as may be fixed by law, from the funds of the Lodge.

Clause 3rd.—In case of the death of a brother, who is qualified as provided in Clause 2, there shall be allowed from the Lodge a sum not less than seven pounds ten shillings, to defray the expenses of burial, which shall be paid over without

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Clause 4th.—On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified by Clause 2, he shall be entitled to a sum of not less than three pounds fifteen shillings, for the purpose of assisting to defray the funeral expenses.

Section 3.

PENALTIES AND TRIAL.

Clause 1st.—Any Member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these Articles or By-Laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

Clause 2nd.—Every Member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension, or expulsion ; but no Member shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his offence be submitted to the Lodge in writing, by brothers of the Order, except when made liable by non-payment to the Lodge.

Clause 3rd.—When charges have been preferred against a brother in a proper manner, or any mat-

ter of grievance between brothers be brought before the Lodge, they shall be referred to a Special Committee of five Members, and they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question, and if not involving the expulsion or suspension of a Member, or no appeal be taken from their decision to the Lodge, it shall be final, without other action from the Lodge. Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the Lodge for action.

Clause 4th.—When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a Member shall have been submitted in due form, it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to action being taken, and the accused shall be summoned to be in attendance at the Lodge, on the time when it may have been determined to consider the question, at which time, whether the implicated brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine it—two-thirds of all the qualified Members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried; and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion.

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Clause 6th.—Any brother feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial, and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

ARTICLE III.

Of Officers—Section 1.

ELECTIVE AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 1st.—The elective Officers of the Lodge shall consist of N. G., V. G., Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each. However, when deemed necessary, the Lodge may

elect a permanent Secretary in addition, to serve at least six months.

Clause 2nd.—The appointed Officers shall consist of a W., C., O. G., I. G., R. H. S. N. G., L. H. S. N. G., R. H. S. V. G., L. H. S. V. G., and R. and L. H. S. S., who shall serve a regular term each, and the Lodge may appoint at its option a Chaplain for a similar term.

Section 2.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Clause 1st.—The duties of the various Officers shall be as laid down in the charges of their office, and as specified by these Articles, and by the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Clause 2nd.—A permanent Secretary, when one has been chosen by the Lodge, shall take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its Members; but the Secretary shall record the proceedings, and perform all the other duties of the office.

Section 3.

ELECTIONS, &c.

Clause 1st.—No brother shall be eligible to the chair of the N. G. unless he has served a regular term as V. G.; nor shall any brother be eligible

as V. G., unless he has served at least one term in some elective or appointed office.

Clause 2nd.—All elective Officers, and the W. and O. G. shall have attained to the Scarlet degree previous to installation.

Clause 3rd.—Nominations for the elective Officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the elections, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Clause 4th.—No Past Officer shall be qualified to be a candidate for the office past when other nominations are before the Lodge, unless he has been two full terms out of such office, except the Treasurer and permanent Secretary.

Clause 5th.—Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in each term ; and shall be installed at the first meeting in the succeeding one.

Clause 6th.—Any Officer absenting himself for more than four successive meetings, his seat may be declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge ; and all vacancies shall be filled in the manner of the former selection to serve the residue of the term ; and Officers so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the term.

ARTICLE IV.

Terms and Returns.—Section 1.

TERMS.

Regular quarterly terms shall commence on the first meetings in July, October, January, and April ; and regular semi-annual terms shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January only ; and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

Section 2.

RETURNS.

Clause 1st.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Lodge, immediately, a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, reinstated, and deceased ; together with the number of certificates for degrees granted, the whole number in Membership, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of Officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2nd.—It shall be the duty of the Lodge also to forward to the Grand Lodge in like manner,

up to the first day of July annually, a full return of the Members of the Lodge, ranked according to the degrees attained, and a statement of the number of brothers relieved by the Lodge in the past year, the number of widowed families relieved, the number of brothers buried, with the amount of money applied to each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for education of orphans.

Section 3.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Should this Lodge fail to make its returns, as required by the 2nd Section of this Article, for four successive terms, it shall thereby forfeit its Charter, and become extinct ; and it shall become the duty of the last installed Officers, to transmit or surrender, within three months, to the Grand Secretary, (or such other brother as may be appointed by the Grand Lodge to receive them,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture, and funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE V.

Degrees.—Section 1.

ELIGIBILITY FOR DEGREES.

Brothers who have been in Membership one month, shall be eligible for Degrees ; and not more

than three degrees shall be conferred on a brother on the same meeting, unless the most urgent necessity be proved.

Section 2.

RATES OF DEGREES.

No certificate for degrees shall be granted until after the candidate has paid the amount required therefor, which shall not be less than the following rates, viz. :—

For the White, Pink, Royal Blue, Green, and Scarlet, five shillings each for the Lodge fund ; and one shilling and three-pence each degree, for the Degree Lodge fees ; which fees shall be paid over to the Degree Lodge on the return of the certificate.

ARTICLE VI.

Of Amendments, &c.—Section 1.

AMENDMENT.

Clause 1st.—When doubts arise as to the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2nd.—These Articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, except on motion made in Grand Lodge,

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BY-LAWS.

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RESOLUTIONS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

I.

That an "Ancient Odd Fellow" is a person who having been regularly initiated into a legal Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has honorably withdrawn by card from the Lodge of which he was last a Member, and retaining his card, the same is out of date, by reason of more than twelve months having transpired since it was granted ; or having lost his card, good and satisfactory evidence is presented of his honorable withdrawal from the Lodge of which he was last in Membership.

II.

That it is irregular for a Lodge to receive in Membership any person who has previously been a Member of the Order, either as an Ancient Odd

Fellow, or by new initiation, unless he produce testimony, by card or otherwise, of having honorably withdrawn from the Lodge of which he was last a Member, and that he is not an expelled or suspended Member of such Lodge.

III.

That the V. G. of a subordinate Lodge can appoint the minority of the Committees for the investigation of character for membership only.

IV.

That when the M. W. G. M., D. G. M., or Deputies duly authorised by the Grand Master, shall attend to install the Officers of a subordinate Lodge, it would be highly improper for such subordinate Lodge to install themselves; and that in cases where the G. M., D. G. M., or any P. G., duly deputed by the G. M., shall not attend in due and proper time to install such Officers, that in such cases the P. G.'s of such Lodge may install their own Officers, they shall immediately report to the G. M. their proceedings, and the G. M. shall then proceed with all reasonable despatch to give the N. G. of such Lodge so installed the Q. P. W.

V.

That the Grand Lodge of Canada has supreme jurisdiction over the Order in all its departments in the Province of Canada ; and that all subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, are bound to use the regular forms and ceremonies with such discretionary alterations only as are allowed by the existing laws of the Grand Lodge.

VI.

That it is irregular to exhibit the name, or initials and insignia of the Order, by posting the same about the streets, or displaying them in places of public resort, and that the Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be directed to refrain from so doing.

VII.

That no public celebration of any kind shall be permitted to be holden in this Province by Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without permission having been first obtained from the R. W. Grand Lodge.

VIII.

That no ball or public amusement shall be got

up in the name of the Order in this Province, without the consent of the Grand Lodge.

IX.

That no travelling or visiting card be issued by any Lodge subordinate to this jurisdiction to a member thereof, unless countersigned by the Grand Secretary.

X.

That the Officers and Members of the Subordinate Lodges working under this jurisdiction, be and are hereby directed to enter into no controversy through the public prints, or publish any matter in the form of orations and addresses connected with the Order, without the permission of this Grand Lodge.

XI.

That no motion or application for having processions be entertained by this Grand Lodge, unless presented from a majority of Lodges in the vicinity where the said procession is to be holden.

XII.

That it is indispensably necessary for the several Subordinate Lodges to conform to the work as

laid down in the several charges delivered to them ;
and that all additions and variations not contained
therein must be dispensed with.

XIII.

That any brother of the Order in preferring
charges against another brother, must do so in the
Lodge to which the brother belongs.

XIV.

That the subordinate Lodges be and are hereby
ordered to transmit a copy of each edition of their
Constitution and By-Laws to the Grand Lodge,
immediately upon its being issued from the press,
with a proper notice of the same, under the seal of
the Lodge, signed by the Secretary.

XV.

That it is irregular for any Lodge to allow a
proposition for Membership to be withdrawn after
it has been referred to a Committee, and the Can-
didate thus proposed shall be ballotted for.

XVI.

That it is irregular for any Lodge to exempt any
of its Officers or Members from paying the weekly
dues, as levied by Law.

XVII.

That it is irregular for any Lodge to admit any brother as an honorary member thereof.

XVIII.

That each proposition for Membership must be referred to a Special Committee, appointed at the time the individual is proposed, and that a brother shall not be appointed on more than one Committee on the same evening, provided a sufficient number of brothers are present.

XIX.

That it is irregular for any Lodge to create Officers other than those enumerated in Sections 5 and 6 of the Constitution for Subordinates.

XX.

That a Lodge has not authority to withdraw its Representative or Representatives as Members of the Grand Lodge.

XXI.

That when an amendment to the By-Laws of a subordinate Lodge comes up for consideration, it

is irregular for an amendment containing new matter to be substituted in lieu of the original amendment, but it must lay over the regular time stated in the By-Laws.

XXII.

That it shall not be lawful to use publicly the name of the Order for invitations to funerals, unless it be for the death of a brother.

XXIII.

That no petition for a Charter for a subordinate Lodge shall be entertained in this Grand Lodge, unless accompanied by the Cards of the petitioners, or the certificate of the D. D. G. M. of the District in which the Lodge is proposed to be located, that the Cards are deposited in his hands.

XXIV.

That when an individual shall be ballotted for in any subordinate Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and shall be rejected, that it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge, when such rejection takes place, to notify this Grand Lodge of the same, without note or comment, and that it shall then become the duty of the

G. S. to notify all the other subordinate Lodges of such rejection, under this jurisdiction ; and the same action shall be taken in all cases of expulsion or suspension.

*Extract from the By-Laws of the Grand
Lodge, United States.*

“ARTICLE 7.—No brother can be permitted to visit, or deposit his Card in a Lodge or encampment out of the State, District or Territory where he resides, unless he present a Card or Certificate under the signature of the Officers, and the seal of the Lodge, of which he is a member, and endorsed with his name in his own proper handwriting, and prove himself in the travelling P. W., and in the degree in which the Lodge is open. Provided nevertheless, a brother may always visit if introduced by a Grand Representative, or other elective Officer of the Grand Lodge, under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit.”

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BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

OF MEETINGS.

Section 1st.—The Lodge shall assemble on every Monday evening throughout the year, for the transaction of general business ; meetings for special purposes may be held on any other evening, at the pleasure of the N. G., or by his order, on the written request of any five brothers to that effect being presented to him.

2nd.—The hour of meeting shall be, from the first of May to the first of December, at eight o'clock, and from the first of December to the first of May, at half-past seven o'clock. The Lodge shall be opened within ten minutes after the hour of meeting, and in the absence of the N. G. and V. G., the eldest P. G. present shall take the chair.

3rd.—No brother shall be permitted to enter the Lodge without the regalia appertaining to his rank, or to leave it without the consent of the N. G. and the P. W. of the V. G.

4th.—No smoking or other refreshment, except water, shall at any time be allowed in the Lodge room, or any apartment attached to it.

5th.—At the request of any three Members, the yeas and nays on a question shall be recorded in the minutes.

ARTICLE II.

OF MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1st.—The qualifications for Membership shall be—*1st.* Good moral character, regular and steady conduct, sober and industrious habits. *2nd.* Exemption from all such mental or physical infirmities as incapacitate from earning a livelihood. *3rd.* The possession of that prudence and self-command, which are indispensably necessary to social intercourse. *4th.* Being a man of not less than twenty-one, nor more than sixty years of age.

2nd.—When a person has been proposed for admission, the fact shall not be mentioned by any brother to any person who is not also a brother until after the ballot has taken place, and then only in case the result be favorable; otherwise the utmost secrecy, consistent with the rules of the Order, shall be for ever maintained on the subject.

3rd.—The Committee of Investigation shall report in writing, and on balloting the ballot-box shall be placed in full view of the N. G., and shall be examined by him and the V. G., and the result announced by the latter.

4th.—If the result be favourable, the candidate shall, unless prevented by sickness or absence from the city, present himself for initiation within one month from the period of his election, in default of which the same shall be null, and he must be proposed and balloted for anew; and no brother shall take any part in the proceedings on the night of his initiation.

5th.—Every brother on being initiated, shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge, and thereby agree to support the same, and pay all legal demands against him, as long as he re-

mains a Member of the Lodge ; he shall also furnish the Secretary with his address, and in case of changing his place of residence or business, notify him of the change within four weeks.

6th.—When a brother desires to withdraw from the Lodge, he shall signify his intention in open Lodge ; and if he is clear of the books, and a majority of the Members present agree thereto, he shall be entitled to a card ; and when any brother requires a visiting or travelling card, it shall be applied for in like manner, and the same shall be granted, provided the majority of the members present agree thereto, on his paying up all dues to the end of the period to which it shall extend.

ARTICLE III.

OF OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Section 1st.—It shall be the duty of the N. G. to preside in the Lodge, and enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and a proper respect for the Grand Lodge of the Province of Canada ; to see that all the other

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Officers of the Lodge perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the several charges and these By-Laws ; to appoint all Officers and Committees whose appointment is not otherwise provided for ; and to perform all that is required of him by ancient usage. He shall not make or second any motion, nor take part in any debate while in the chair, nor shall he vote except at the election of a Member or Officer, or when the Lodge is equally divided, in which last case he shall have a casting vote.

2nd.—The V. G. shall assist the N. G. in presiding in the Lodge, appoint a minority of all Committees for the investigation of character ; assist in examining the ballot for the admission of a Member ; have special charge of the door under the direction of the N. G., and perform all such other duties as are required of him by the charges and usages of this Order.

3rd.—The Secretary shall make a just and true record of the proceedings of the Lodge at every meeting ; he shall write all communications, fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge, issue all summonses and notices required, and attest all orders for the payment of money

made at regular meetings (but none others), and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Lodge and his charge ; at the end of his term he shall make out for the Grand Lodge a full return of the work of the Lodge during his term, and deliver up to his successor in office, or to any Committee appointed by the Lodge for that purpose, all books, papers, and other property belonging to his office and the Lodge ; and the Secretary who shall serve the last quarter in each year, shall at the end of his term make out for the Grand Lodge a full return of the work of the Lodge during the past year, in addition to his quarterly return.

4th.—A permanent Secretary shall be elected annually, at the last regular meeting in December ; his duty shall be to procure all stationary for the use of the Lodge ; keep the accounts of the Lodge with its Members, receive all monies due to the Lodge, and immediately pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt ; at the end of each quarter he shall make out for the Lodge a statement of all monies received by him and paid over to the Treasurer, and close the accounts of the brothers ; and four weeks after

the expiration of each quarter, he shall notify every brother who is thirteen weeks in arrears, of the amount due by him to the Lodge. Finally, he shall deliver up to his successor in office, or to any Committee appointed by the Lodge for that purpose, all books, papers, and other property belonging to his office and the Lodge.

5th.—The Treasurer shall, previous to his installation, execute to the N. G. and V. G. a bond in a sufficient penalty, with sureties to be approved by the Lodge for the faithful performance of his duties ; he shall receive and safely keep the monies and funds of the Lodge, and make such investments thereof from time to time as the Lodge may direct ; he shall keep the accounts in a fair and legible manner, exhibiting the sources and amounts of receipts, as well as the purposes and amounts of disbursements ; his books shall be open for inspection of the brothers at every regular meeting, and at the end of each quarter he shall have his accounts closed, and submit a full statement thereof to the Lodge ; and, finally, he shall deliver up all monies, securities for money, books, papers, or other property belonging to his office or the Lodge, to his successor in office, or to any Committee appointed by the Lodge to receive the same.

6th.—The Warden shall take charge of the property of the Lodge, and report to the N. G. any damage done to the same ; he shall place the regalia for the use of the Members at the opening of the Lodge, and at its close he shall collect and preserve them in a careful manner ; he shall canvass all votes on motions and resolutions, and when any candidate is balloted for, he shall carry the ballot-box to the N. G., and thence to the V. G. ; he shall also act as messenger of the Lodge.

7th.—All other Officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed for them by the regulations and charges of the Order, or may be required of them by the presiding Officers.

ARTICLE IV.

QUALIFICATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS.

Section 1st.—No brother who is in arrears, or indebted to the Lodge in any way, or whose general conduct is known to be censurable or discreditable to the Order, shall be eligible for any office in this Lodge.

2nd.—No brother shall be eligible to the office of V. G. who shall not have previously served a term as Secretary, or two terms in some inferior office or offices.

3rd.—No nomination for office shall be received unless the brother signify his assent in person, or otherwise, and no brother shall be balloted for in his absence, unless such absence be caused by sickness, and duly notified to the Lodge.

4th.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to receive in the box in front of the N. G.'s chair, the ballots of brothers entitled to vote, as their names are called by the Secretary. When all such have voted, the N. G. shall appoint two tellers, who, with the Warden, shall examine the ballot-box, and declare the result to the N. G., by whom it shall be announced to the Lodge.

5th.—No candidate shall be declared duly elected who shall not have received a majority of the votes given ; and if there be no such majority in favor of any one candidate, a selection shall be made by ballot, in the same manner, from among the three candidates having the greatest number of votes, if there be so many ; and if not, or if such second ballot should fail to

produce a decision, then a final and similar ballot shall take place between the two candidates having the greatest number of votes in the last ballot.

6th.—No candidate for office shall use any undue influence to procure suffrages, or canvass in the Lodge on the night of election, nor vote for himself, under a penalty in either case of five shillings.

ARTICLE V.

OF FINANCE AND VISITING COMMITTEES.

Section 1st.—The N. G. on the night of his installation shall appoint three brothers as a Committee of Finance, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the T. and P. S. as to the receipts and expenditures of the Lodge, together with the accounts of its Members, and all accounts presented to this Lodge, and to present to the Lodge at the first regular meeting after the expiration of their term, a report containing a full and exact statement of the financial affairs of the Lodge.

2nd.—The R. and L. H. S. of the N. G., and the R. H. S. of the V. G., shall be a Visiting Committee, (to act in conjunction with the N. G., V. G., and T.,) and it shall be their duty to visit every brother reported sick within twenty-four hours after receiving information of his case, and continue to render him during his sickness such assistance as these By-Laws allow, and his case may require.

ARTICLE VI.

OF DUES, DEGREES, AND FUNDS.

Section 1st.—Every brother initiated in this Lodge previously to the first day of March, 1845, shall pay one pound five shillings on the night of his initiation ; and every brother initiated after that date shall pay two pounds ten shillings. If more than forty-five years of age, he shall pay an additional sum of ten shillings for every year to fifty, and for every year above fifty, and under sixty, a further sum of fifteen shillings.

2nd.—Every brother admitted to Membership in this Lodge as an Ancient Odd Fellow, shall

pay the same rates as above on the night of his admission.

3rd—Every brother admitted to Membership in this Lodge, by deposit of card from any other Lodge, shall pay one pound five shillings on the night of his admission.

4th.—Certificates for degrees shall be granted by vote in open Lodge, the fee for each of them shall be five shillings ; and no brother who is in arrears, or in any way indebted to the Lodge, or whose general conduct is known to be censurable or discreditable to the Order, shall receive any of them.

5th.—Every Member of the Lodge shall pay into the funds thereof, the sum of eight shillings and ninepence per quarter, three shillings and ninepence of which shall be placed in the Widow and Orphan fund, one shilling and threepence of last sum to be considered as a " special contribution for schooling."

6th.—When the payment of a funeral benefit would leave less than fifty pounds in the general fund, each Member shall be assessed by the Secretary in the sum of one shilling and three-

pence, which shall be payable forthwith, and the amount applied in the first instance to the payment of such benefit ; and whenever either of the funds of this Lodge is found to be insufficient for the relief of those having claims upon it, the deficiency shall be supplied by the contributions of all the Members.

7th.—The Widow and Orphan fund shall be formed by the regular quarterly payments for that purpose, to which shall be added the surplus of funeral assessments, the amount of all fines collected, and such donations as may be made to it from time to time ; it shall be kept separate from the general fund, and be sacred to the relief of the widows and children of deceased brothers, under such regulations as may be determined upon by the Lodge.

8th.—The general fund shall consist of all monies belonging to this Lodge, not designated in the last Section as belonging to the Widow and Orphan fund.

9th.—The stocks, securities, funds, and investments of this Lodge, shall not be disposed of or transferred, in whole or in part, unless a majority of the Members present at a regular meeting, having agreed to consider the proposition for such disposal, or transfer, then made to them,

at the next regular meeting, two-thirds of the Members present at such next meeting shall concur in such proposition. Provided always, that these formalities shall not be required for the passage of accounts for contingent expenses, or special votes of relief, nor for the payment of funeral benefits ; and provided also, that no motion for a loan of the funds, or any part of them, shall at any time be put to the Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

OF BENEFITS.

Section 1st.—No brother shall receive any weekly or other benefit from this Lodge until he has been three months a Member thereof ; nor then if he be disqualified by the eighth Article of these By-Laws.

2nd.—Every brother entitled to benefits as above, shall, in case of being disabled by sickness or accident, not caused by his own immoral conduct, from following his usual occupation, be entitled to and receive out of the general funds of the Lodge, fifteen shillings, (and if of the Scarlet Degree, one pound five shillings,) per week during such disability, dating not more

than two weeks anterior to his case being reported to the Lodge.

3rd.—On the death of any brother entitled to benefits as above, the sum of seven pounds ten shillings shall be allotted as a funeral benefit, to be disposed of as provided for by the 3rd Clause of the 2nd Section of the 2nd Article of this Constitution ; and the Secretary shall give notice in the newspapers, or if that is impracticable, shall notify every Member of this Lodge of the death of a worthy brother, in order that they may attend the funeral.

4th.—If such deceased brother leave a family unprovided for, without a protector or guardian, it shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to place them in a situation where they may be made comfortable, and be preserved from vice.

5th.—Every child of such deceased brother shall be sent to school at the expense of the Lodge, at least three quarters in each and every year from seven to thirteen years of age ; provided such schooling can be paid for without reducing the Widow and Orphan fund below seven pounds ten shillings.

6th.—On the death of the wife of a brother entitled to benefits as above, he shall receive five pounds as a funeral benefit.

7th.—Residence at a distance from the city shall not of itself disqualify a brother from receiving benefits ; but it will be necessary for a brother so situated to send to the N. G. a true statement of his case, attested by the N. G. of the nearest Lodge to the place where he may be, under the seal of that Lodge ; or if no Lodge be near, his case, complaint, and circumstances must be certified by a Justice of the Peace, or a respectable Physician.

8th.—If a Member of a distant Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, on the presentation of his card, his case shall be referred to a Committee of three brothers to investigate his circumstances and report thereon, when by motion a sum may be voted for his relief, which shall not exceed fifteen shillings, unless by the unanimous vote of the Lodge.

9th.—The N. G. shall have a correct roll of the Members of the Lodge for the use of the Visiting Committee ; and when it shall be necessary, the said Committee shall notify two Members as they stand in rotation on the roll, to attend each sick brother during the night, to administer such assistance as may be in their power. Provided always, that his disease be not

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ARTICLE VIII.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

Section 1st.—No Member of this Lodge who is in arrears for more than twelve weeks, shall be allowed to vote on any question before the Lodge.

2nd.—No Member who is in arrears for more than twelve weeks, shall receive any benefit from this Lodge, until after the lapse of thirteen regular Lodge nights from the date of his paying the same; nor shall any brother who has been expelled or suspended, and re-elected or reinstated, receive any benefit for a like period after his re-election or reinstatement.

3rd.—Every elected Officer who shall be absent from the Lodge ten minutes after the time appointed for meeting, shall be subject to a fine of one shilling and threepence; every appointed Officer so absent shall be subject to a fine of sevenpence-halfpenny. The Secretary shall incur a fine of two shillings and sixpence for every meeting at which he shall fail to have his books

in the Lodge at the appointed time ; and a like fine of two shillings and sixpence for every meeting which he shall fail to attend ; the N. G. and V. G. shall pay a fine of two shillings and sixpence for every meeting which they shall fail to attend ; every brother who shall accept an appointment on a Committee, and not attend to the duties thereof, shall incur a fine of sevenpence-halfpenny ; and every brother who shall fail to attend the funeral of a deceased brother, after due notice, shall incur a fine of two shillings and sixpence, cases of sickness or unavoidable absence from the city only excepted.

4th.—Every Member of this Lodge who neglects to report to the Secretary any change of his residence or place of business within four weeks after it has occurred, shall incur a fine of sevenpence-halfpenny, and as much more for every week of his further continuance in such neglect.

5th.—Any brother who shall in open Lodge make use of any profane or indecent language, or refuse to obey the call of the N. G. to order, or use disrespectful expressions towards the Officers or Members of the Lodge, shall incur a fine for each offence not exceeding one pound five shillings.

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6th.—Any brother who shall be guilty of improper conduct out of the Lodge, or bring charges against a brother which he is unable to prove, or knowingly propose unworthy persons for admission, shall subject himself to fine, suspension, or expulsion, according to the enormity of the offence.

7th.—If any brother be convicted of having divulged the fact of another brother having spoken, reported, or voted against the admission of a candidate, he shall incur such fine or other punishment as may by a Committee of Officers be deemed commensurate with his offence.

8th.—Every brother who shall refuse or neglect to pay his dues or fines to the Lodge for the space of eleven months, shall be notified of his default by the Secretary ; and if his accounts still remain unsettled at the expiration of one month from the date of such notice, he shall be liable to suspension during the pleasure of the Lodge.

9th.—Every brother who may be reinstated or re-elected, after having been suspended or expelled, shall pay the amount due by him at the time of his suspension or expulsion, together with all the dues, assessments, and contributions

to which he would have been liable, had he not been suspended or expelled.

10th.—Any brother who shall be convicted of habitual drunkenness, profanity, immorality, or of any offence against the laws of the land, or of feigning himself sick with a view to abuse the benevolence of the Order, *shall be expelled.*

ARTICLE IX.

OF FRATERNAL COURTESY.

Section 1st.—It is particularly enjoined on all Members of this Lodge to treat each other with respect and consideration, especially during meetings; and that, keeping ever in view the prominent objects of our Order, (Friendship, Love, and Truth,) all ungenerous remarks, personal allusions, or sarcastic language, by which the feelings of any brother might be wounded, be carefully avoided, and our discussions conducted in that spirit of candour, courtesy, and moderation, which is characteristic of genuine Odd Fellows.

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ARTICLE X.

OF AMENDMENTS, &c.

Section 1st.—No Article or Section of these By-Laws, as now enacted, or as hereafter altered or amended, shall be repealed, altered, or amended, unless by the vote of two-thirds of the Members present at a regular meeting, at which the proposed repeal, alteration, or amendment shall be discussed, after notice of its purport, given in writing at the regular meeting next but one previous ; nor shall this or any other Article or Section of these By-Laws, as now enacted, or as hereafter altered or amended, be suspended, except for very special reasons ; nor then for more than one night at a time, or without the consent of at least two-thirds of the Members present on that night.

 RULES OF ORDER.

RULE 1—When the presiding Officer takes the Chair, the Officers and Members shall take their respective stations, and at the sound of the gavel there shall be a general silence. The Lodge shall then proceed to open in ancient form.

2. The Officers shall explain their respective duties.

3. The roll of Officers shall be called.

4. Reading of the minutes of the last Lodge night by the Secretary, and should no errors appear in the proceedings, they shall stand approved.

5. Consideration of previous proposals for Membership.

6. Initiation of new Members.

7. Reception of new proposals for Membership

8. Reports of Committee of Sickness and Distress—Committee of Finance—of Special Committees—unfinished business—new business.

9. No question shall be stated unless moved by two Members, nor be open for consideration, until stated by the N. G.; and when a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless to adjourn, to lay on the table, the previous question, to postpone, to refer, or to amend; and shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, the second of which shall be decided without debate.

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

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

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12. The Yeas and Nays shall be ordered by the N. G., on the call of any Member, duly seconded.

13. After any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has been decided, any two Members, who voted in the majority, may at the same or next meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed unless re-considered.

14. Every Member of the Lodge shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question under consideration, but no oftener, unless by permission of the N. G.

15. When a brother intends to speak on a question, he shall rise in his place, and respectfully address his remarks to the N. G., confine himself to the question, and avoid personality. Should more than one brother rise to speak at the same time, the N. G. shall determine who is entitled to the floor.

16. The N. G., or any Member, may call a brother to order while speaking, when the debate shall be suspended, and the brother shall not speak until the point of order be determined, unless to appeal from the chair, when he may use the words following, and none other:— "*M. N., I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge;*" whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to

vote upon the question ;—“ *Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair ?*”

17. When a brother has been called to order for the manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, he shall not be allowed to speak again on the subject under discussion in the Lodge at that meeting, except to apologize.

18. No brother shall retire without the leave of the N. G.

19. On the call of nine Members, a majority of the Lodge may demand that the previous question shall be put, which shall always be in this form—“ *Shall the main question be now put ?*” and until it is decided, shall preclude all amendments to the main question, and all further debate.

20. No Member shall be permitted to speak or vote on any question before the Lodge, unless clothed in suitable regalia.

21. No resolution shall be offered in the Lodge, except in writing.

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