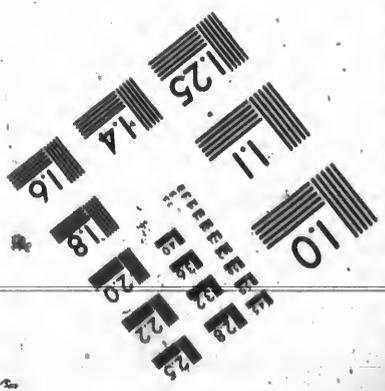
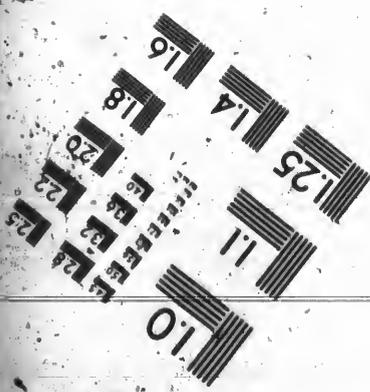
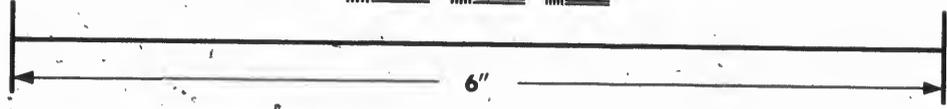
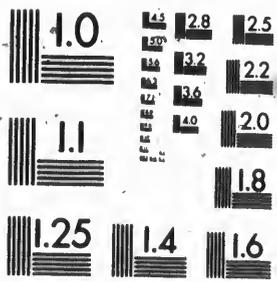


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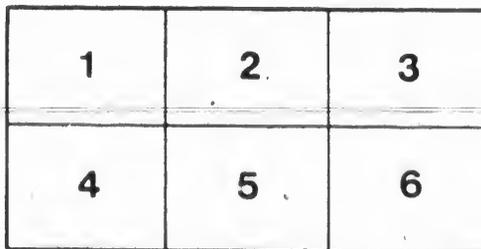
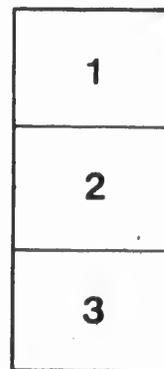
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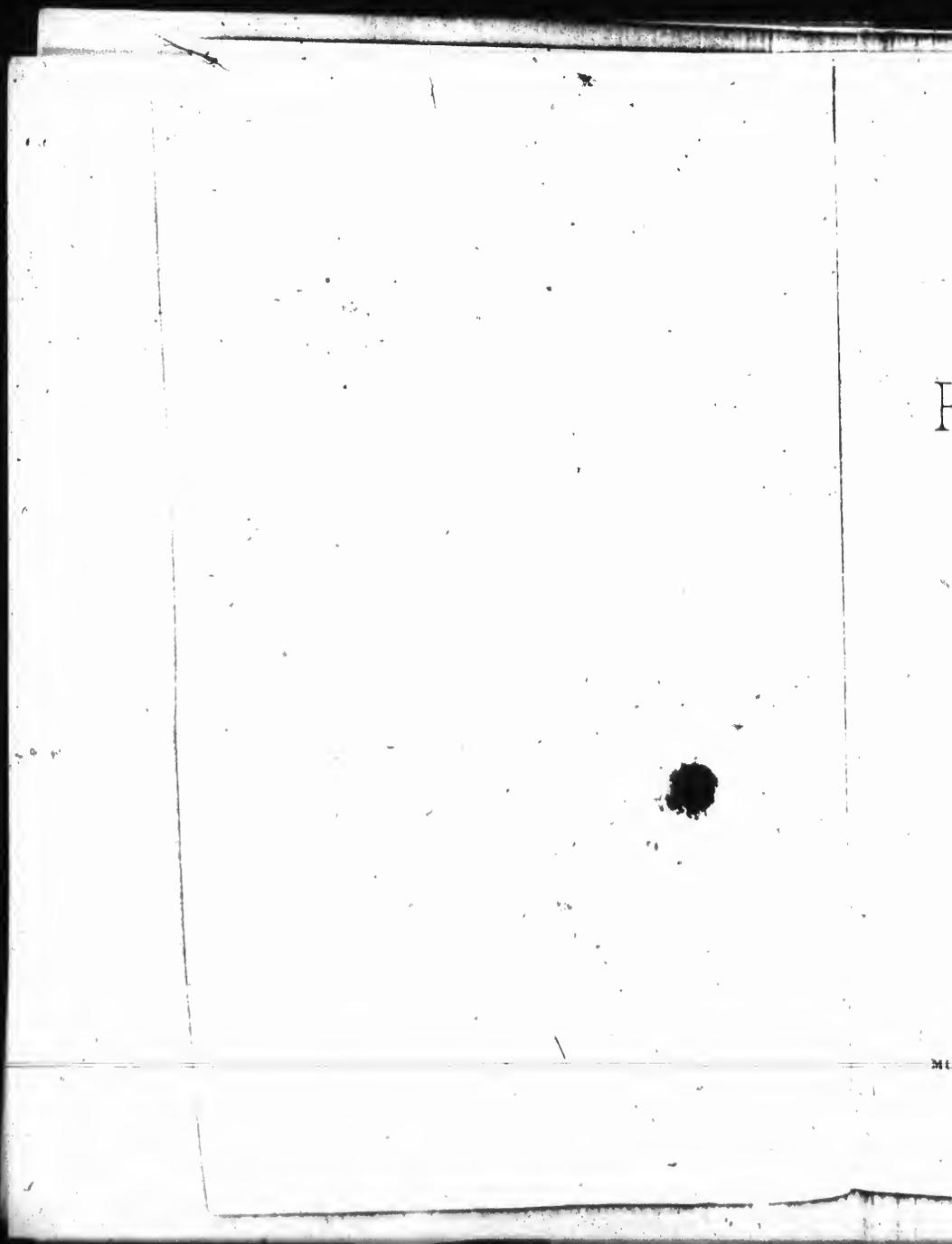
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ARTICLE I.

NAME AND POWERS.

SECTION 1. This Lodge shall be known as "FAR WEST LODGE, No. 1, Knights of Pythias, of Victoria, British Columbia, holding a legal and unreclaimed Charter from the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

ARTICLE II.

MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The regular meeting of this Lodge shall be held every Friday. The Lodge shall be opened for business at 8 o'clock p. m.

ARTICLE III.

FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 1. The fees for initiation shall be as follows: for the rank of Page, \$7.00; for the rank of Esquire, \$5.00; for the rank of Knight, \$5.00; for all persons between the ages of 21 and 30 years; \$7.50 for each rank between the ages of 30 and 40 years; and for all persons between the ages of 40 and 50 years \$100 additional for each year for all three ranks combined.

SEC. 2. The fees for membership by card shall be as follows: When the brother is between the ages of 21 and 30 years, \$2.00; between the ages of 30 and 40 years, \$4.00; and between the ages of 40 and 50 years, \$6.00.

SEC. 3. Every member shall pay as dues \$1 monthly, commencing when the rank of Knight is attained. Any brother who shall become in arrears for one year's dues shall be declared suspended by the Chancellor Commander.

ARTICLE IV.

BENEFITS.

SEC. 1. Every Knight in good standing, who has been a member of this Lodge for less than six months, shall, in case of sickness or other disability preventing him from attending to or supervising his business, be entitled to draw from the funds of the Lodge, the sum of \$1.00 per week. Every Knight in good standing, who has been a member of this Lodge for more than six months, shall be entitled to draw from the funds of the Lodge the sum of \$10.00 per week for the first six months, \$5 per week for the following six months, and should sickness be of longer duration than twelve months, the amount to be allowed shall be determined by a two-thirds vote of the Lodge, to commence from the time such Brother is reported to the Lodge as being sick or disabled; *Provided*, That if such Brother is away from the vicinity of the Lodge at the time of becoming sick or disabled, and he shall at once notify the Lodge thereof and obtain a certificate from

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his attending physician or attendant, stating the nature of his sickness or disability, he shall be entitled to the above benefits from the date of such certificate.

SEC. 2. If a brother's sickness or disability proceed from intemperance or immoral conduct or be occasioned by any constitutional disease, or bodily infirmity, which existed at the time of his initiation, which he intentionally concealed from the Lodge, he shall not be entitled to receive any benefits.

SEC. 3. On the death of a brother entitled to benefits as defined in Art. 9, Sec. 7, of the Constitution, there shall be appropriated from the funds of the Lodge the sum of \$75.00 to defray his funeral expenses, and on the death of a brother's wife, the sum of \$50.00 to defray her funeral expenses.

SEC. 4. If a brother of this or any other Lodge of the Knights of Pythias who is in good standing, is in such circumstances as to require special relief, his case shall be referred to the the Relief Committee which shall consist of the C. C., V. C. and M. of E.

SEC. 5. A member while sick and receiving benefits cannot become in arrears for dues, but the amount of his dues shall be deducted from the amount drawn for his benefit.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of every member on ascertaining that a brother is sick or in distress to report the same to the C. C. or K. of R. and S. immediately.

ARTICLE V.

FINES AND PENALTIES.

SEC. 1. The probationary period, mentioned in Art. 6, Sec. 9, of the Constitution, shall be three months, and the sick benefits for said period shall be \$1.00 per week, and \$20.00 for funeral expenses in case of death.

SEC. 2. Every salaried officer of the lodge who may be absent from any regular or special meeting of the lodge shall be fined the amount of salary of each convention that he is absent. Should either the K. of R. & S. or M. of F. fail to have his books in the lodge at the specified time of meeting, he shall be fined not exceeding five dollars.

SEC. 3. Any member of the Visiting Committee failing to discharge the duties required of him, or appointing a substitute to fulfil the same, he shall be fined one dollar for each neglect.

SEC. 4. Any member neglecting to attend the funeral of a brother, after having been duly notified, shall be fined the sum of one dollar.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1. The Finance Committee shall consist of three Brothers of the Knights Rank in good standing. Neither the C. C., V. C., K. of R. & S., M. of F., M. of E., or Trustees, shall serve on said committee.

It shall be the duties of the Finance Committee to examine all claims against the Lodge and all accounts referred to them, and audit the same and report thereon in writing, and particularly to inspect and audit the accounts of the M. of F., M. of E., Trustees and all other officers and committees who may be charged with the receipt, expenditure or custody of the funds of the Lodge, and to report in writing thereon at the first regular convention in each term, and whenever required by the Lodge; and to report upon all appropriations of moneys of the Lodge prior to such appropriations being made, and no appropriation exceeding \$100 shall be made until the same has been before the Lodge for two regular conventions, and then ordered by a two-thirds vote of all the members present.

SEC. 2. The Hall Committee shall consist of three Knights whose duty it shall be to see that the Lodge room and ante chambers are in perfect order and properly furnished.

SEC. 3. The Relief Committee shall consist of the C. C., V. C., and M. of E., whose duty it shall be to assist all needy members in good standing of this or any other Lodge, and report the case in full at the next regular convention, when the amount expended for such relief, not exceeding \$10, shall be paid by the Lodge.

SEC. 4. All final reports of committees shall be made in writing and signed by a majority of

the committee. No committee can be finally discharged until all the debts contracted by it have been paid.

Sec. 5. In all cases of contagious diseases it shall be the duty of the C. C. to notify the Relief Committee of such sickness, who will employ a suitable nurse if they deem it necessary, to attend the sick brother. In case a brother be absent from the city, the C. C. shall immediately notify the K. of R. and S. to communicate with the C. C. of the Lodge nearest to the sick brother, instructing him to consult with the attending physician, and if necessary engage a suitable nurse, whose services shall be paid for from the funds of the Lodge.

ARTICLE VII.

FUNERALS.

Sec. 1. On the death of any member of this Lodge who is in good standing at the time, the C. C. shall immediately make the necessary preparations for the funeral, and require the K. of R. and S. to call a special convention of the Lodge (notice of which shall be given by posting three notices or by advertisement in a daily newspaper), unless otherwise requested by the nearest relatives of the deceased.

Sec. 2. The brethren shall assemble at the Lodge room at the time appointed, when the roll of members shall be called and all absentees noted. The brethren shall reassemble on the return when the roll shall be again called and absentees noted.

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SEC. 3. Any brother who shall be present and answer to his name and afterwards leave the Lodge room or the procession without permission of the C.C. shall be fined as an absentee and it shall be the duty of every brother knowing the fact to report all such cases to the C.C.

SEC. 4. Any brother liable to a fine for absenting himself from or leaving the funeral of a brother who does not make a valid excuse to the Lodge verbally or in writing within 30 days from the date of the funeral, shall have charged against him by the M. of F. the fine of \$1 provided in these By-laws.

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ARTICLE VIII.

SEC. 1. No absent brother shall be elected or appointed to any position or on a committee, unless he has signified his willingness to serve, or at least two brothers certify thereto.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 1. No part of these by-laws shall be repealed or amended unless a proposition in writing be made at least one meeting previous to the time of its being acted upon and adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ARTICLE X.

ACCEPTANCE.

Sec. 1. These By-Laws and Rules of Order shall take effect at the time of their adoption by the Lodge and approved by the Grand Chancellor, and at that time all By-Laws and Rules of Order not herein contained, shall be repealed.

Considered in committee of the whole, approved and adopted.

J. C. BYRNE, C. C.

EMIL PFERDNER, K. R. and S.

VICTORIA, October 23rd, 1891.

Approved:

JAMES CROSSAN, G. C.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Opening.
2. Roll of Officers called.
3. Reading Minutes of last Convention.
4. Members sick to be reported.
5. Report of Visiting Committee.
6. Ordering drafts for benefits.
7. Bills presented.
8. Propositions for membership.
9. Reports of Committees of Investigation.
10. Balloting for Candidates.
11. Candidates to be admitted.
12. Conferring of Ranks.
13. Report of Trustees.
14. Intermission for payment of dues.
15. Report of Special Committees.
16. Report of Standing Committees.
17. Unfinished Business.
18. Communications Read.
19. Report of Finance Committee.
20. Application for Cards.
21. *New Business.
22. Good of the Order.
23. Report of Master of Finance.
24. Closing.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. When the C. C. takes the chair, officers and members shall take their respective stations; at the sound of the gavel there shall be general silence.

2. The C. C. shall preserve order and pronounce the decision of the Lodge on all subjects; he shall decide all questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any member, which appeal must be seconded, when the question shall be, "Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" On which no Brother shall speak more than once without special permission of the Lodge, which must be granted or withheld without debate. The question of appeal and all questions which arise while it is pending shall be taken and announced or decided by the C. C.

3. No question shall be stated unless moved and seconded, nor be open for discussion until stated by the C. C.; and when a question is before the Lodge, the only motions in order shall be: First, to lay on the table; Second, the previous question; Third, to postpone to a particular time; Fourth, to postpone indefinitely; Fifth, to recommit; Sixth, to refer; Seventh, to amend; and they shall take precedence in the order herein arranged, and the first two shall be decided without debate.

4. No Brother shall make any motion without rising and addressing the C. C.

5. Any member making a motion shall reduce the same to writing at the request of any member, in which case it shall not be before the Lodge until it is read from the desk of the W. of R. and S.

6. No resolution shall be offered to the Lodge except in writing and signed by the members offering the same.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except to call him to order or for the purpose of explanation.

8. If a member while speaking be called to order he shall, at the request of the C. C., take his seat until the question of order has been decided.

9. Each member, while speaking, shall be standing and respectfully address the C. C., confine himself to the question under debate and avoid all personalities, indelicate or sarcastic language.

10. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the C. C. shall decide which is entitled to the floor. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject or question until all who wish have spoken, nor more than twice without permission of the C. C. Members, while speaking, shall designate officers and members spoken of by their proper rank or title.

11. When a blank is to be filled the question shall be first taken on the highest sum, or member, or longest time proposed.

12. Any member may call for the division of the question when the sense will admit of it, and when five members call for the yeas and nays they shall be ordered by the C. C. and recorded in the minutes.

13. Before putting the question the C. C. shall ask, "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" When, if no member rises to speak he shall rise and put the question, and after he has risen for that purpose no further discussion or motion shall be entertained until the question has been decided.

14. After any question except one of indefinite postponement has been decided, any member who voted in the majority may at the same or next regular convention move for a reconsideration thereof, but no discussion of the main question shall be allowed unless reconsidered, but a motion to reconsider a vote to reconsider cannot be entertained.

15. When a Brother has been called to order for the manifestation of temper or improper conduct he shall not be permitted to speak again at that convention unless by special permission of the Lodge.

16. No member shall vote on any question in which he is directly or indirectly interested.

17. Every member not in arrears shall vote unless excused or disqualified.

18. In speaking on points of order the C. C. shall have precedence, but he shall not speak on any other subject unless to state facts within

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his own knowledge without previously vacating the chair and calling thereto some qualified member.

19. During an intermission, opening, initiation, and while a vote is being taken, the doors shall be closed and no one permitted to enter or retire from the Lodge room.

20. No member shall be required to serve on a committee if at the time of appointment he is a member of two other committees.

21. The member first named on a committee shall be the chairman thereof for the purpose of calling it together and until another has been elected by the committee.

22. When the previous question has been moved and seconded it shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" And if decided in the affirmative, the vote shall be taken on all incidental questions in proper order until the whole subject has been disposed of.

23. No part of these Rules of Order shall be repealed or amended unless a proposition in writing, stating the change, shall be made at one regular convention previous to the time of its being acted upon and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, but any one of them, or any part thereof, may be suspended for the time being by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

