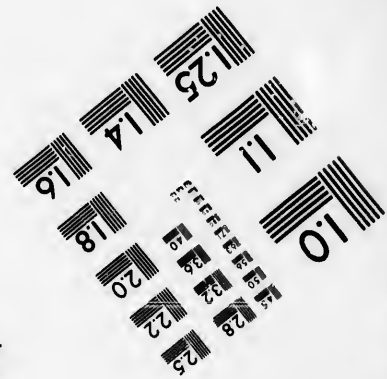
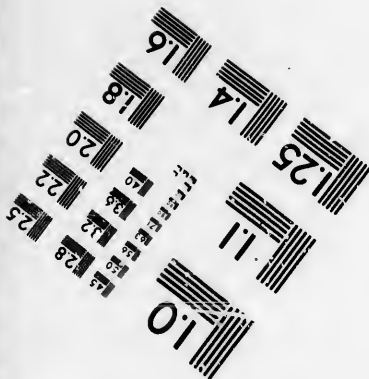
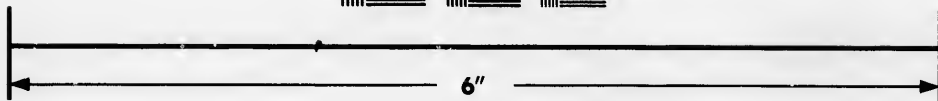
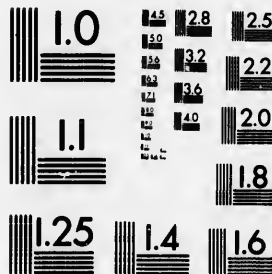


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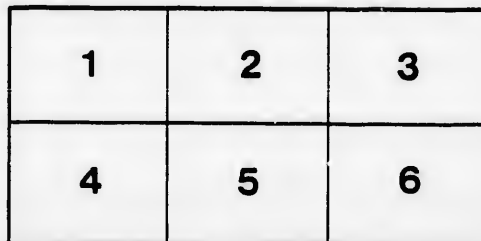
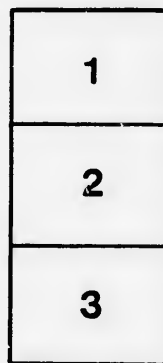
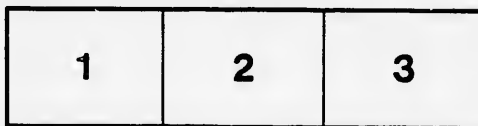
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*Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.*

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**Silver Star Lodge, No. 202, M. O. F.**

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# CONSTITUTION.

## PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible, uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows within its jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Ontario—the Supreme Tribunal of the Lodges within the limits of the Province of Ontario—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the Constitution of all Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction :

### TITLE AND POWERS.

1.—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least Five Members of the Scarlet Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled

**Silver Star Lodge, No. 202, I. O. O. F.,**

OF ONTARIO,

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 Ontario.

### MEMBERSHIP.

#### ADMISSION.

2.—Candidates for Membership by Initiation in this Lodge, must be free white males of not less



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than 21 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and residents within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.

3.—Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other member of the Lodge.

4.—The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, unless excused by a two-thirds vote of members present, or the petition be withdrawn by the proposer.

5.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition immediately after the presentation of such report ; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted ; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

6.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd Fellow desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Withdrawal Card or dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member, and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

7.—Every member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Lodge and to pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member.

8.—Any Candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new Candidate.

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9.—The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the City, Town or Village, in which such rejection takes place.

10.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for membership, until, at least, six months after his rejection.

11.—No person shall be admitted to Honorary Membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Subordinate Lodge of this Order at the same time.

12.—No proposition for membership, either by initiation or by card, shall be received or acted upon if the applicant's residence be out of this jurisdiction, (without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which he resides); nor if his residence be nearer to any other Lodge, unless consent of the latter be obtained.

#### DEGREES.

13.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Five Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and then shall be balloted for.

14.—If, on such ballot three or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible and shall be admitted to the Degree, or Degrees, applied for. In case of rejection, two weeks' notice in open Lodge must be given, before a ballot can again be had.

15.—No certificate for Degrees shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the fees required therefor.

16.—No Brother having been less than one month in Membership, shall be eligible for Degrees ; and not more than three Degrees shall be conferred on any Brother at one and the same meeting, except by dispensation.

## WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

17.—Any Brother in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge, or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation ; provided that, upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

## RE-ADMISSION.

18.—Should any Brother receiving a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be re-admitted a member, and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as they may think fit.

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**OFFICERS.**

**ELECTIVE OFFICERS.**

91.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-Laws, for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

20.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M., must be a P. G. having the three P. O. Degrees; for the office of N. G., a V. G. or P. V. G.; and for any other of the Elective Officers, except Physician, he must have served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office and have attained to the Scarlet Degree.

21.—All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

22.—Nomination for the Elective Officers shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, and no Brother shall be nominated who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named, and no nominee shall be allowed to retire after the nominations have been declared closed.

23.—The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months as the Lodge by its By-Laws determine.

24.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot, and only members in good standing shall be entitled to a vote.

25.—A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes as well as those who shall receive no votes, shall be withdrawn.

#### APPOINTED OFFICERS.

26.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W., C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R. and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

27.—These Officers shall be appointed by the N. G. immediately after his installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be appointed at the same time by the V. G.

28.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W., O. G., and I. G., must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

29.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

#### VACANCIES.

30.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

31.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be; in the case of elective officers the election may take place on

the second night of nomination ; and Brothers so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office, provided they complete the term.

#### DUTIES AND POWERS.

32.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, the Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the Lodge to which they belong.

33.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause.

#### SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

##### SESSIONS.

34.—This Lodge shall hold its meeting weekly or fortnightly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-Laws ; provided always, that as decided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, twenty-six nights' service be required as the term of office.

35.—Special Sessions may be called by the N.G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

36.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present, nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order, annexed to this Constitution.

37.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for

the Term, present a proper Card, or are introduced by an Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge, or by any Representative to the G. L. U. S., from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Ontario.

38.—This Lodge shall have no power to resolve itself, at any time, into Committee of the Whole.

## TERMS.

39.—The Terms of this Lodge shall be Semi-Annual, or Annual, as provided by its By-Laws, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively if semi-annual; and on the first regular meeting in January, if annual. Should the D. M., P. S., or Physician, be elected semi-annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in January.

40.—Every Term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence.

## RETURNS.

41.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario immediately on the expiry of their term of Office, a regular return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of semi-annual or annual return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

42.—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being 25 cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

43.—A fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after

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44.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the Returns required by the preceding Clauses, for twelve months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers, to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed, by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same,) the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

### FUNDS.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS.

45.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows' and Orphans' Fund and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a Special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order; provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

46.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than five dollars.

47.—The charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than one dollar for each of the five Degrees; and all moneys received on account of Degree charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

48.—The contribution of each member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be



determined by the By-Laws ; such portion thereof shall be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund as the Lodge may see fit, provided it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund.

49.—The Lodge shall have the power of exacting such fees for Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, and Dismissal Certificates, except when otherwise provided by the G. L. U. S., (to be applied to the General Fund) and such fines for neglect of duty &c., (to be applied to the Widows' and Orphan Fund) as may be determined by the By-Laws.

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

50.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following usual or other attainable occupation, by sickness or disability, not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Benefit as may be fixed by the By-Laws ; provided always that the Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

51.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-Laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin, or other legal representative from the General Fund, towards defraying funeral expenses, if any are incurred by the family or legal representatives, such sum as may be fixed by the By-Laws of this Lodge, and the Lodge shall also provide by its By-Laws for the payment of Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on

demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral.

W. & O. Fund 52.—The Lodge may, by its By-Laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress.

General Benefit 53.—The Lodge shall make such dispositions of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as shall see fit.

applied to the neglect of duties' and Orphan By-Laws. PENALTIES. 54.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-Laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

required by of following n, by sickness, weakness or other, shall be entitled to such weekly Stipend; provided he shall be held to pay such shorter than by its By-Laws. Brother, qualified shall be paid as a representative of the Lodge in defraying the expenses of the funeral of a Brother, on TRIALS. 55.—Every Brother, charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues), shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of the following Clauses.

56.—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in good standing.

57.—Any charge or charges so preferred, shall be referred to a Committee of five Members, three of whom shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which Committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question in accordance

with the Constitution and Rules of Procedure on Trials. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

58.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the Lodge.

59.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three or more of their number, in their name.

60.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charge shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

61.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one more or less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the Committee.

#### APPEALS.

62.—Any member shall have the right to appeal to the Lodge from the decision of a Committee, given under Clause 58; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

63.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decision was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being

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heard before the Lodge ; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled or modified, as a majority of the members present shall determine.

64.—Any Member interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the Lodge on the matter to be appealed against ; and the Lodge shall be required to provide the appellant with a copy of all the proceedings in the case, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same ; which charges shall be refunded to the appellant in the event of his appeal being sustained.

In case of charge and trial where the penalty is fixed as suspension or expulsion, the accused may immediately, or on or before the time of making his appeal to the Grand Lodge, file an application for an arrest of judgment with the Secretary of his Lodge, and send a copy thereof to the Grand Master, (which application the Grand Master may refuse,) and at the same time the accused shall pay all dues and demands against him to that date ; and thereupon his *status* in the Lodge shall not be affected by reason of such trial and conviction, while such appeal is pending, unless, after filing such application, he shall fail to perfect his appeal in the time provided, or the Grand Master shall refuse the application. Then, in such case, the judgment of the Lodge shall be enforced in the same manner as in cases where the arrest of judgment has been applied for. Such member shall not be entitled to

a visiting or withdrawal card or dismissal certificate during such arrest of judgment.

## RE-INSTATEMENT.

65.—When any Brother, suspended for a definite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be reinstated before the expiration of his suspension, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement, and, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, may be re-instated.

66.—No Brother shall be re-instated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then, except in cases of suspension for non-payment of dues.

67.—No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges, and those possessing dismissal certificates, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation.

68.—Any Brother suspended for non-payment of dues, may at any time prior to six months thereafter, become re-instated in his Lodge upon payment of the amount due by him at the date of his suspension, together with such sum as may have

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### REGALIA AND JEWELS.

#### REGALIA.

69.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit: Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematical color of the degree intended to be represented, namely: First degree, white; second degree, pink; third degree, blue; fourth degree, green; fifth degree, scarlet; rosettes of the appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who may have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sash; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, blue sash.

#### JEWELS.

70.—The jewel of a P. G. is a five-pointed star; of Noble Grand, crossed gavels; of Vice-Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, crossed pens; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed axes; of Conductor, crossed wands; of Guardian, crossed swords; Supporters of the N. G., a wand having branching arms connected with three links and encompassing a gavel; Supporters of the V. G., a wand arranged same as that of the Supporters of the N. G., encom-

passing an hour glass ; Scene Supporter, arranged in same manner, encompassing a burning torch ; Chaplain, arranged in same manner, encompassing a bible ; all to be of white metal. Past Grands, having the Royal Purple Degree, may have trimmings of yellow.

#### FUNERAL REGALIA.

71.—Funeral regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above, and such jewel or jewels as the Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. But the Lodge may wear the ordinary regalia at funerals, either in connection with or as a substitute for this simple regalia, by obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master or D. D. G. M.

72.—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape passed through one button hole of the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree the wearer has attained. To be worn for one month.

73.—Past Officers and Members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other Members of the Order, WHEN VISITING Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to the highest degree they have taken.

#### BY-LAWS, ETC.

##### BY-LAWS.

74.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt from time to time, such By-Laws and Resolutions as may be deemed expedient ; pro-

vided they do not in any wise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the principles or customs of the Order.

75.—All such By-Laws shall be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Grand Secretary, authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its N. G., and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be, and no such By-Laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Lodge, or in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

## AMENDMENTS.

76.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.



## RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

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1st.—All charges against members of this Order shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A.," and be submitted direct to the Lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by specification or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

2d.—The Lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, choose by ballot a Committee of five, as near as possible from among the peers of the accused, three of whom shall be a quorum, to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the convener thereof.

3d.—The accused or accuser, or any member of the Lodge acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on the ballot. The grounds of challenge shall be stated and considered by the Lodge, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made.

4th.—The Secretary shall affix the seal of the Lodge to one copy of the charge and specifications, and certify it substantially according to "Form B.," and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused, either personally or by leaving it at his usual place of residence. The Secretary shall also certify under Seal the duplicate charge and deliver it to the Convener of the Committee, with the notice, according to "Form C.," of these rules.

5th.—The accused shall, within one week from the receipt by him of the charge and specifications, serve his plea or

answer to the same upon the Convener of the Committee, by either or several of the answers shown in "Form E."

6th.—The Convener of the Committee shall, on receipt of the pleas in defence, or at the expiration of the time limited therefor, with reasonable diligence call a meeting of the Committee, to attend which the accuser and accused shall be served with personal notice if they can be found, or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence, according to "Form D," at least one week prior to the time affixed for trial.

7th.—At the meeting a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed, and the trial proceed by examination of the parties and witnesses on their behalf. Either party may amend their proceedings, by leave of the Committee.

8th.—The report of the Committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F," and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner at the same time. The minutes of the Committee should show:—

I. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present

II. The exceptions taken by either party, and the decision thereon.

III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.

IV. All documentary evidence, marked as exhibits.

9th.—The finding of the Committee shall be entered in the Lodge minutes by the Secretary, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to make a copy thereof.

10th.—The Lodge shall take up the report for consideration at the regular meeting to be held two weeks after it has been submitted, and may amend, affirm or reverse the finding of the Committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge or their ruling thereon.

11th.—The final decision of the Lodge shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

12th.—Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, within three months from the action of the Lodge thereon. The Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

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PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

FORM A.  
CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To.....Lodge No.....I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, a member in good standing of.....  
 .....Lodge, No....., does hereby charge Bro. A.  
 B., of.....Lodge, No....., with conduct unbecom-  
 ing an Odd Fellow; the grounds of such charge being  
 more fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit:

1st. For that he, the said A. B., did on the.....  
 day of.....18 , at the.....(Specify  
 the offence and circumstances, and continue with further  
 specifications. Each separate thing in violation of law to be  
 under a separate place in the charge.)

Contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.  
 Dated..... (Signed) B. B.

FORM B.  
NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

(Dated) .....18 .....

Bro..... I herewith enclose a copy of charge  
 and specifications preferred against you by.....of  
 ..... The same was referred to a Committee consist-  
 ing of.....(give names)..... You are  
 required to file your answer to the charge and specifications,  
 according to the form prescribed, within one week from the  
 service of this notice, with the first named member of the  
 Committee, who will notify you of the time and place of trial.

Fraternally,  
 [SEAL.] .....Secretary.

FORM C.  
NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

(Dated) .....18 .....

To Bro.....

I enclose you a charge preferred by.....against  
 .....which charge was referred to.....(give names)  
 for trial of which Committee you are Convener. The accused  
 was served with a copy of the charge on the.....day of  
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 and proceed with the trial.

Fraternally,  
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FORM D.  
NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

To.....A. B. or C. D. (as the case may be, one to each party.)

(Dated) .....18 ....  
The Committee on trial of the charge and specifications made by.....against.....will meet at,.....on the.....day of.....at.....o'clock p.m., to hear and determine the same. You are required to attend with your witnesses, and (prosecute or defend the same, as the case may be.)

I am, yours fraternally,

.....Convener of Committee.

B. B.

FORM E.  
PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications preferred by B. B., on the.....day of.....say :

- 1st.—The the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.
- 2nd.—That I am not guilty.
- 3rd.—Guilty.
- 4th.—I admit the fact stated but will justify the alleged offence.
- 5th.—The complaint is frivolous.

FORM F.  
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

To.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F. ;  
(Dated) .....18 ....

The undersigned (a majority of the) Committee appointed to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by.....against.....respectfully report as follows :  
(State the finding on each specification). The minutes of the committee, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial are submitted herewith.

(Signed by Committee.)

FORM G.  
DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

You sincerely declare upon your honor as an Odd Fellow, that the evidence you shall give in the matter of.....against.....now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. This you declare.

## SECTION II.

## EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of trial shall be—

a. Parol evidence (*i. e.*, testimony of living witnesses before the Committee.)

b. Depositions, procured in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

c. Regularly certified minutes of Lodge.

d. Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received. The Committee will determine the admissibility of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the Committee upon its minutes.

2.—Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Odd Fellows, according to "Form G.," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

3.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

4.—The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

5.—Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Committee to give such evidence, and if he still refuses, after being so required by the Committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as they may deem necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

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## RULES OF ORDER.

**RULE I.**—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the Officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

**RULE II.**—The order of procedure after opening, shall be as follows :

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.
- 2.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
- 3.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.
- 4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.
- 5.—The nomination or election of Officers, on the evening designated for such nomination or election.
- 6.—The receiving and consideration of reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.
- 7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.

8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.

9.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.

10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

11.—The Reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare, being *first*, Unfinished business, in order of priority at former meetings ; and *secondly*, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

RULE III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

RULE IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded ; nor be open for consideration until so put ; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

- 1—To adjourn ;
- 2—To lay on the table ;
- 3—To put the previous question ;
- 4—To postpone ;
- 5—To refer ; or
- 6—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

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from the chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

**RULE VI.**—If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

**RULE VII.**—Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

**RULE VIII.**—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time proposed.

**RULE IX.**—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any member, duly seconded.

**RULE X.**—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

**RULE XI.**—Any question decided by the Lodge



shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding, and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

**RULE XII.**—Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

**RULE XIII.**—Any Brother intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

**RULE XIV.**—The Presiding Officer, or any member, may call a Brother to order while speaking and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair.

**RULE XV.**—In all cases where a member makes appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—“*N. G., I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge*” and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—“*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?*”

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**RULE XVI.**—Any Brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologize to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer ; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

**RULE XVII.**—The Presiding Officer of the Lodge may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

**RULE XVIII.**—Brothers, not members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

**RULE XIX.**—No Brother shall retire while the Lodge is open, without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

**RULE XX.**—A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon ; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term, shall at any time be put to vote.

**RULE XXI.**—These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.), by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

# BY-LAWS

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## Silver Star Lodge, No. 202

### I. O. O. F.

#### MEETINGS.

1.—This Lodge shall hold its regular meetings every Friday evening, from the 1st of April to the 1st of October, at 8 o'clock, and from the 1st of October to 1st of April, at 7½ o'clock. The N. G. may summon a special meeting whenever he shall deem it necessary, or when requested to do so by five members in good standing; notice of the time and object to be given by the Secretary, by means of a written or printed circular, to every Brother of the Lodge residing in Town.

2.—Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

3.—One week's notice shall be given in open Lodge of every intended application for membership.

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4.—No application for membership shall be made known to any person not a member of the Order.

5.—Applications for membership shall be in the prescribed form, and shall be accompanied by the certificate of a physician (a member of this Order), as to the health of applicant and the sum of two dollars (\$2), which sum shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's initiation fee, provided he appear for initiation within thirteen (13) weeks; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the widows' and orphans' fund; but in the event of rejection it shall be returned to the candidate.

6.—Every member on his admission shall give his place of residence to the P. S.; and whenever he changes his residence he shall notify the P. S. of such change, or forfeit his claim to the attention of the Visiting Committee.

#### OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

7.—Before proceeding to open a poll for an election of officers, the N. G. shall appoint two Brothers of the Scarlet Degree, in good standing, to be tellers, whose duty it shall be to guard the ballot box, to count the votes given, and to make return thereof to the N. G. and to the Lodge.

8.—It shall be the duty of the Junior P. G. of the Lodge to register, in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name and residence of every widow, and the name, age and residence of every orphan child, receiving benefit from the funds of the Lodge; to watch over their welfare and interest; to visit them, if residing in the village of Milverton, or within one mile thereof, at least once a month; to report their condition to the Lodge, whenever occasion may require, and to perform all other duties appertaining to the office.

9.—It shall be the duty of the N. G. to appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for (subject to the approval of the Lodge) ; to name and fill all vacancies occurring in committees originally appointed by him; to ascertain and announce to the Lodge the result of all ballotings and other votes ; to give the casting vote (in case of a tie) on any matter or question before the Lodge, except the vote be by ballot ; to present a copy of the constitution and by-laws to every Brother on his admission ; to ascertain from the P. S. previous to closing the Lodge, the amount of his receipts since last Lodge night, and from the Treasurer whether he has received the same ; to cause the Secretary to summon Brothers to assemble at the Lodge room for the purpose of attending the funeral of any deceased Brother, or any Brother's deceased wife ; to take charge of such funeral in the absence of competent relations, and to receive account of and regulate the disbursements ; to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums voted by the Lodge or necessary for the payment of any benefits provided by these by-laws ; and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office by the constitution and by-laws of this Lodge, or by the charges or usages of the Order.

10.—It shall be the duty of the V. G. to assist the N. G. while presiding in the Lodge ; and in his absence to take the chair, (except during an initiation, visitation of Grand Officers, or other important occasion, when he may cause the same to be done by a P. G.) ; to appoint a minority of all committees on character ; to assist in the examination of the ballot-box at elections for membership and announce the condition of the vote to the N.G. ;

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to act as chairman of the Visiting Committee; to take special charge of the door under the N. G., and to perform such other duties as are required by the charges and usages of the Order.

11.—It shall be the duty of the R. S. to conduct the correspondence of the Lodge; record its proceedings; take charge of and safely keep the seal and all books, papers, and properties of his office; fill all blank forms; issue all notices, and perform such other duties consistent with his office as may be ordered by the N. G. or the Lodge. And for such services he shall receive not less than \$1.00 during his term of office.

12.—It shall be the duty of the P. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members; to charge and collect punctually all dues and fines and to report to the Lodge, from time to time, the names of all Brothers who may neglect to pay the same, when duly notified; to notify in particular, every Brother, by means of a written or printed circular, at least two weeks before the close of each quarterly term of the amount due by him; to call the special attention of any member being eleven calendar months in arrears by means of a written or printed circular, to be delivered or sent to his address; to advise the Lodge, from time to time, of the names of all Brothers being in arrears twelve calendar months; to receive all other money due to the Lodge; to pay over forthwith all moneys collected or otherwise received by him, for the Lodge, to the Treasurer; to keep in a book a record of the names and residences of all members of the Lodge; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last meeting in the term, and

to deliver up in good order for his successor, all books, papers and other properties pertaining to his office. And for such service he shall receive not less than \$1.50 during his term.

13.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the P. S. all moneys of the Lodge; to pay all warrants signed by the N. G. and attested by the Secretary—but none other; to keep correct accounts of all moneys coming into his hands; to lay before the Lodge, at the first meeting in the term, a full report of the receipts and disbursements of the preceding term, with vouchers; to have his book written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after such meeting; and to deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, papers, books and other properties of the Lodge, which may be in his hands, to his successor, or to any other Brother or Brothers whom the Lodge may appoint to receive them. Prior to his installation in office, the Treasurer shall give, with two sureties to be approved by the Lodge, a bond to the N. G. and V. G. for the term during which he is to serve.

14.—There shall be five Trustees of this Lodge, who shall at the second meeting in January in each year be elected by ballot. The duties of the Trustees shall be to take charge of such funds of the Lodge as may be placed in their hands; and invest said funds as hereafter provided for. Each Trustee before entering upon his term of office, shall give a bond, with two sureties, to the N. G. and V. G., to be approved by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duties as such Trustee.

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All Brothers elected as Trustees must be members of the Scarlet Degree at the time of their election ; and one at least must be a Past Grand.

#### COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

15.—The N. G., on the night of his installation, shall appoint (subject to the approval of the Lodge) the following standing committees to serve for the current term, viz :—A Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee, a Property Committee, and a Special Relief Committee.

16.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom the Vice Grand shall be one.

17.—It shall be the duty of this committee to visit every sick Brother of the Lodge, within twenty-four hours after receiving information of his illness, provided he be in the village of Milverton, or within one mile thereof, to render him such aid as the law of this Lodge provides, and as his case may require and admit.

18.—It shall be the duty of the chairman of this committee to make such arrangements as that sick Brothers of the Lodge, if within the village of Milverton, or within one mile thereof, shall be visited at least once a day during their illness, by one or more members of the committee ; to obtain from the P. S. a correct roll of the names and residences of all Brothers of the Lodge, for the use of the committee ; and whenever circumstances may require it, to call upon so many of the Brothers, in order as they may stand on such roll, as may be necessary to secure the attendance and services of two Brothers to watch nightly with any sick Brother.



19.—It shall be the duty of each member notified to attend the sick, to inform the chairman of the committee, at the same time such notice is given, whether he will attend or not; and when he is unable to attend or provide a suitable substitute (unless he be prevented by sickness) he shall be charged one dollar (\$1), which sum shall be paid to such person acting as substitute.

20.—In case of contagious or infectious disease it shall not be incumbent on members of the committee personally to visit the sick Brother; and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon Brothers as above provided, the committee shall supply a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Lodge.

21.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to superintend the financial affairs of the Lodge; to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them at the next regular meeting following the reference of such accounts; and to audit semi-annually the accounts of the P. S. and Treasurer for the previous term, and all other officers charged with the receipt or expenditure of money of the Lodge, and make a written report thereon.

22.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members (including the Warden, who shall be chairman thereof) whose duty it shall be to take charge of all regalia, and other effects of the Lodge not especially entrusted to particular officers, or to other committees.

23.—It shall be the duty of all Committees on Character to ascertain carefully the age, state of health, profession, habits, and character of the candidates referred to them.

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24.—Any committee, or member or members of committee, failing to discharge his or their duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge, may be discharged therefrom by vote of the Lodge to that effect, and every committee, or member or members thereof, thus discharged, shall forthwith surrender on demand to that effect, to the N. G. or such Brother or Brothers as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, moneys and other properties of the Lodge which may be in his or their hands.

#### ADMISSION FEE.

25.—Every person not an extra hazardous risk admitted into this Lodge by initiation, ~~or as a Dormant member~~, or as an Ancient Oddfellow, shall pay an entrance fee of seven dollars (\$7); and every Brother not an extra hazardous risk admitted by card, three dollars (\$3).

#### QUARTERLY DUES.

26.—The regular contributions, payable by every Brother who may be a member of this Lodge, at the time of passing these by-laws, shall be at the rate charged each Brother at the date of his initiation—payable “quarterly in advance,” on the first meeting night of each quarter. Every person not an extra hazardous risk admitted into this Lodge, shall pay into its funds “quarterly in advance,” on the first meeting night of each quarter, according to his age at the time of his admission, at the rate following, that is to say:—At the age of 21, \$6 per year; from 22 to 35 inclusive, an additional 12c. for each year; from 36 to 40 inclusive, an additional 20c. for each year; from 41 to 45 inclusive, an additional 28c. for each year; and from 46 to 50 inclusive, an additional 36c. for each year.

27.—Engine drivers, firemen, railway trainmen, railway yardsmen, express messengers, mail clerks, brakemen and baggagemen on trains, shall be deemed extra hazardous risks and shall pay twenty-five per cent. additional to the amount of fees and dues mentioned in by-laws twenty-five and twenty-six. Nevertheless, should a Brother so'engaged change his business to one less dangerous, his dues shall be reduced to the same amount as provided for other members in by-law twenty-six, provided that should he resume his former business, he shall also pay the additional percentage on dues as provided in the former portion of this by-law. This provision is not to affect present members of the Lodge.

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## TABLE OF QUARTERLY DUES.

AGE WHEN ADMITTED.	YEARLY RATE.	QUARTER'S DUES.
21	\$ 6.00	\$ 1.50
22	6.12	1.53
23	6.24	1.56
24	6.36	1.59
25	6.48	1.62
26	6.60	1.65
27	6.72	1.68
28	6.84	1.71
29	6.96	1.74
30	7.08	1.77
31	7.20	1.80
32	7.32	1.83
33	7.44	1.86
34	7.56	1.89
35	7.68	1.92
36	7.88	1.97
37	8.08	2.02
38	8.28	2.07
39	8.48	2.12
40	8.68	2.17
41	8.96	2.24
42	9.24	2.31
43	9.52	2.38
44	9.80	2.45
45	10.08	2.52
46	10.44	2.61
47	10.80	2.70
48	11.16	2.79
49	11.52	2.88
50	11.88	2.97

28.—Whenever any benefits shall accrue to the account of a Brother, payment shall be required therefrom of such quarterly dues as may be chargeable to the close of the then current quarter.

#### OTHER CHARGES.

29.—The charges for degrees in this Lodge shall be \$1.00 for each of the first three degrees, and \$2.00 each for the fourth and fifth degrees. The amount of such charges must be deposited in the hands of the P. S. before any Brother can be balloted for to obtain a certificate entitling him to receive such degrees, but shall be returned by the P. S. should such candidate be refused.

30.—For every visiting or withdrawal card there shall be a charge of 30 cents.

#### WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AND GENERAL BENEFIT FUND.

31.—There shall be carried to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, all moneys which, at the time of the passing of these by-laws, may be at the credit of said fund; one-fifth part of all quarterly dues; all fines for neglect of duty; all donations and bequests that may be made thereto; and all proposition fees of accepted candidates who do not appear for initiation within the required time. All other moneys accruing to the Lodge shall be carried to the account of the General Benefit Fund.

#### INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

32.—Investment of all moneys of the Lodge which it may not be deemed necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer, to meet ordinary disbursements, shall be made by the Trustees—in the name of the Lodge—from time to time

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as the Lodge may direct, in the stock of some chartered Bank of Canada, in mortgage on real estate, or in municipal debentures. All evidences or certificates thereof shall be kept by them, and all dividends, interests, or income accruing therefrom shall be duly demanded, and received by them, and the amount thereof paid over forthwith to the P. S. for delivery to the Treasurer.

33.—No motion in any way relating to the investment of the funds of this Lodge as provided by the by-laws shall be put to vote at any meeting, whether regular or special, unless two weeks' notice of such motion has been given by the mover; and no motion for the appropriation of moneys belonging to this Lodge, other than for general purposes of the Lodge and for the relief of members of distant Lodges, shall be put to vote until notice thereof has been read at three regular meetings of the Lodge, and any such motion for the appropriation of moneys shall not be carried unless two-thirds of the members present at such meeting vote in its favor.

#### SICK BENEFITS.

34.—Every qualified Brother of this Lodge, if rendered incapable of following his usual or other obtainable occupation by sickness or disability not proceeding from drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part, shall receive a benefit from the funds of the Lodge during such sickness or disability at rates following, that is to say:—If he shall have attained the Scarlet Degree, \$3 per week; if he shall have attained the Royal Blue Degree, \$2 per week; and if he has not attained the Royal Blue Degree, \$1.50 per week; provided always that

no benefits shall be paid for the first six days' sickness.

35.—If a Brother be a non-resident, it shall be necessary that a statement or statements of his case setting forth the nature of his sickness or disability, the time of its commencement and duration, be transmitted to the N. G. of this Lodge, certified by the Lodge nearest to the place where he may be for the time resident or detained, and under the seal of such Lodge ; or if he be not near any Lodge, by a Justice of the Peace, or a Clergyman, or duly licensed Physician ; such statement or statements shall be in accordance with the forms appended to these by-laws ; and such Brother shall thereupon receive the benefit provided by the preceding by-laws ; provided always, that no benefits shall be paid, unless such statement or statements shall have been presented to the Lodge within six months from the date of the commencement of such sickness or disability.

#### FUNERAL BENEFITS.

36.—On the decease of any qualified Brother of this Lodge the sum of \$30 shall be granted as a funeral benefit. The said benefit to be paid to his personal representatives ; provided always that if the duty of burying and paying the funeral expense of any deceased qualified Brother as aforesaid, shall devolve upon this Lodge, then that this Lodge shall have the privilege of appropriating said benefits for such purposes.

37.—On the decease of the wife of any qualified Brother, the sum of \$15 shall be granted as a funeral benefit.

#### BENEFITS TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

38.—The widow of any deceased qualified mem-

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ber of this Lodge shall receive from the funds of this Lodge, the sum of \$20 per annum—the same to be paid quarterly, during her widowhood.

39.—Should any deceased qualified Brother have no widow, or should his widow afterwards die, the said quarterly sum shall be paid in like manner for the benefit of his orphan child or children, if any therebe, under the age of fifteen years—the interest of each such child in each such benefit ceasing as he or she shall attain the age of fifteen, unless in case of any female child or children it be otherwise ordered by the Lodge.

40.—Should any widow be guilty of unbecoming conduct, the Lodge may withdraw from such widow the benefit above set forth, and grant the same to the orphan child or children of the deceased Brother under the age of fifteen.

41.—Should the widow of a deceased qualified Brother marry again, while any child or children of such Brother shall still be under the age of fifteen years, it shall be optional with the Lodge to grant such benefit, or any part thereof, to such child or children.

42.—No motion affecting the benefits of any widow or orphan in the manner referred to in the previous three clauses shall be put to vote unless two weeks' notice thereof be given; nor shall such motion be adopted unless two-thirds of the members present vote in its favor.

43.—Should the family of a deceased Brother be in need of a protector or guardian, the Lodge shall to the best of its power, protect and assist them, and endeavor to place them in such a position as to enable them to be useful to themselves and society.



## RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES.

44.—Whenever it may become known that any Brother of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress by any sudden and unlooked for dispensation, his case shall be referred to a special committee of three Brothers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report to the Lodge whether any and what sum in their opinion should be granted for relief, and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Brothers present to grant him any sum not exceeding \$20.

45.—If a member of a distant Lodge apply to this Lodge for relief, his case shall be referred to the Special Relief Committee, who shall examine him, and if satisfied they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding three dollars. They shall report their action to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, when if necessary such further sum may be voted as shall be deemed proper.

## DISABILITIES.

46.—No Brother who is three calendar months in arrears for any Lodge dues shall speak or vote in the Lodge until such arrears be paid in full.

47.—The words "Qualified Brother" shall mean that a Brother has been a member of this Lodge for six calendar months, and that he is not thirteen weeks in arrears for Lodge Dues, and no Brother being three calendar months in arrears for Lodge dues shall become entitled to any benefits until six weeks after such arrears shall have been paid in full; provided always that no Brother shall be entitled to any benefit for sickness, commencing while under disabilities.

48.—No Brother who has been suspended for any cause, or a Dormant member, shall on any account become entitled to any benefit within the term of six calendar months after he shall have been reinstated.

## SUSPENSIONS.

49.—Any Brother twelve calendar months in arrears on the books of the P. S. shall be summoned to show cause why he should not be dropped from Active to Dormant membership at the regular meeting on which the Brother is summoned to appear, and failing to show cause, or unless on account of any special circumstances, the Lodge should see fit to grant a further term for payment, the N. G. shall declare him dropped from Active to Dormant membership.

## REGALIA.

50.—All officers shall wear the regalia of their respective offices while present in the Lodge, and all members the regalia of the highest subordinate Lodge degree they have attained.

## DEGREES.

51.—Applications on behalf of any Brother for a certificate to entitle him to receive degrees must be made by two Brothers, at a regular meeting of the Lodge, such certificate to state that the Brother has paid the proper fees therefor.

## CARDS.

52.—The Lodge [may by open vote grant a Visiting Card to any Brother, on his paying up all dues and dues accruing during the period for which such Card is desired.

## AMENDMENTS.

53.—No motion to repeal, suspend, or amend these by-laws, or any part thereof, shall be put to

vote until the same shall have been read in Lodge at three consecutive regular meetings, nor shall the consideration of, or voting upon, any such motion be postponed after such third reading unless by vote of the Lodge; nor shall such motion be declared to prevail unless, upon the final division thereon two-thirds of the Brothers present and voting shall vote in favor of it.



### NEW LEGISLATION, &c.

#### DORMANT MEMBERSHIP.

*Resolved*, 1.—That hereafter, suspensions from membership for non-payment of dues in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be from *active* to *dormant* membership.

2.—That a member who shall be in arrears for one year's dues shall be considered a Dormant Odd-Fellow, and as such be debarred from the benefits (both pecuniary and attentive), but his name shall be retained on a list for such class, provided that before any member can be dropped from active to dormant membership, notice of such contemplated action shall be given him.

3.—That a Dormant Odd-Fellow may be restored to active membership upon application made in open Lodge or Encampment by a member thereof, which shall be held over until the second meeting thereafter, the Secretary or Scribe reading the same at each meeting, and be determined affirmatively, on a ballot by a majority of the votes cast, and upon the payment of such amount as the by-laws of the Lodge or Encampment may prescribe.

4.—That all members heretofore dropped or suspended for the non-payment of dues are hereby reinstated to a dormant membership in the Order, from which they will be subjected and privileged to the condition herein-before stated.

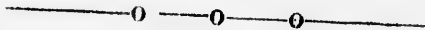
5.—That a Dormant member, of either Lodge or Encampment, shall in no way be subject to a per capita tax to be paid by Lodges or Encampments for any purpose whatsoever.

6.—That a Dormant Odd-Fellow shall be subject to trial, suspension or expulsion from the Order for cause, under the law, the same as an Active Odd-Fellow.

7.—That all law inconsistent with the foregoing resolution be and the same is hereby repealed.

8.—That these resolutions shall take effect from and after their adoption.

*Resolved*,—That all laws of this Grand Lodge upon the subjects of suspended membership, restoration of suspended members, and of the granting of dismissal certificates, not inconsistent with the action of this Grand Lodge at the present session upon the subject of "Dormant Membership," be and the same are hereby declared to be in full force and to fully apply to dormant members.



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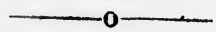
APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS IN SICKNESS.

To the N. G., Officers and members of Silver Star Lodge, No. 202, I. O. O. F., of Milverton.

BRETHREN,—On the.....day of.....18... I was prostrated by a severe illness (state nature of sickness or disability), and disabled from following my usual or other obtainable occupation, until the .....day of.....18.. I send the certificate of my Physician and the statement of (Lodge, Magistrate or Clergyman), of the (state place of residence of such party.) I therefore claim benefits for..... weeks, which please pay to (name to whom payable) whose receipt is hereby binding upon me.

Yours Fraternally,

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No. 2.

PHYSICIAN'S CERTIFICATE.

To the N. G., Officers, &c.

This is to certify that I was called to visit Mr. . . . professionally, on the.....day of.....18.., and found him prostrated (state nature of sickness or disability); that I have attended him from that date till the....day of.....18.., and declare that he was unable to attend to his usual occupation for the space of. . . weeks.

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LODGE'S STATEMENT.

To the N. G., Officers, &c.

This is to certify that we have examined into the circumstances of the (sickness or disability) of Brother....., and found that he was prostrated by (state the nature of sickness or disability) on the.... day of 18..., and disabled from following his usual or other obtainable occupation, until the... day of .....18... That Dr..... is known as a man of honor and veracity, and have no doubt the above statements are correct, and that Brother..... is entitled to benefits for.....weeks, so far as disability to labor constitutes such claim.

Yours fraternally,

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FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION BY CARD.

To the N. G., Officers and members of Silver Star Lodge, No. 202, I. O. O. F., of Milverton, Ont. BRETHREN,—

Herewith I present my card of withdrawal from....Lodge No....., I. O. O. F., of .....and respectfully ask to be admitted a member of your Lodge by deposit of the same.

Fraternally yours,  
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## OPENING PRAYER.

Almighty and most merciful God! we adore Thee as the God of all worlds, and the righteous Governor of all beings, upon whom we are dependent for life and its blessings, and without whose favor no human enterprise can permanently prosper. Lift upon us, we pray Thee, O Lord, the light of Thy countenance, and bless us while we are together this evening. May all things be done in the spirit of charity and brotherly kindness, and may our labors of love be blessed to the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Order. Hear us, O God, in behalf of the stranger, the sick, the afflicted, the widow and the orphan, and bless them as Thou seest they may need. Keep us ever in Thy fear and wisdom, and save us all with an everlasting salvation; and to Thy great name be all the glory, "as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end." Amen,

## CLOSING PRAYER.

We bless Thee, O Lord, that we have been permitted to enjoy this, another Lodge meeting. Pardon what Thou hast seen amiss in us; and now, as we are about to depart, let Thy blessing be with us, and with all our brethren throughout the globe. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue adorn our lives, while members of this Lodge below; and at last may we be admitted to the joys of a better world; and Thine be the power and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## LIST OF LODGES

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UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF  
ONTARIO, JULY, 1879.

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Meeting Night.
9..	Brock.....	Brockville.....	Tuesday
10..	Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	Tuesday
16..	Union.....	St. Catherines.....	Monday
22..	Phoenix.....	Oshawa.....	Monday
28..	Rose.....	Amherstburg.....	Wednesday
29..	Chatham.....	Chatham.....	Tuesday
30..	Eureka.....	London.....	Tuesday
32..	Elgin.....	St. Thomas.....	Friday
33..	Erie.....	Port Burwell.....	Thursday
34..	Gore.....	Brantford.....	Monday
35..	Samaritan.....	Ingersoll.....	Wednesday
36..	St. Mary's.....	St. Mary's.....	Tuesday
38..	Forest City.....	London.....	Monday
40..	Rond Eau.....	Blenheim.....	Monday
41..	Avon.....	Stratford.....	Wednesday
44..	Excelsior.....	Hamilton.....	Thursday
45..	Frontier.....	Windsor.....	Wednesday
46..	Mt. Zion.....	Newberry.....	Thursday
47..	Unity.....	Hamilton.....	Wednesday
48..	Dominion.....	London.....	Wednesday
49..	Canada.....	Toronto.....	Friday
50..	Otter.....	Tilsonburg.....	Monday
51..	Bissell.....	Mitchell.....	Monday
52..	Covenant.....	Toronto.....	Tuesday
53..	Niagara Falls.....	Clifton.....	Tuesday
54..	Collingwood.....	Collingwood.....	Thursday
55..	Fidelity.....	Seaforth.....	Wednesday
56..	Queen City Ont.....	Toronto.....	Wednesday
57..	Maple Leaf.....	Orangeville.....	Thursday
58..	Howard.....	Strathroy.....	Wednesday
59..	Kingston.....	Kingston.....	Friday



No.	Lodge.	Location.	Meeting Night.
60...	Wardsville	Wardsville	Alt. Monday
61..	Corinthian	Oshawa	Thursday
62..	Huron	Goderich	Thursday
63...	Barrie	Barrie	Monday
64..	Victoria	Hamilton	Tuesday
65...	Friendship	Petrolia	Friday
66..	FloNightingale	Bowmanville	Wednesday
67..	Exeter	Exeter	Tuesday
68..	North Star	Stayner	Alt. Friday
69..	Hope	Harrietsville	Saturday
70..	Lucan	Lucan	Tuesday
71..	The Toronto	Toronto	Monday
72..	Eastern Star	Whitby	Tuesday
73...	Fergus	Fergus	Tuesday
74..	Bothwell	Bothwell	Tuesday
75..	Warriner	Port Perry	Monday
76..	St. Thomas	St. Thomas	Wednesday
77..	Oxford	Ingersoll	Monday
78..	Durham	Port Hope	Tuesday
79...	Nipissing	Uxbridge	Thursday
80..	Amity	Prescott	Thursday
81..	Belleville	Belleville	Thursday
82..	Beaver	Ruthven	Tuesday
83..	Clinton	Clinton	Tuesday
84..	Walkerton	Walkerton	Friday
85...	Constellation	Burgessville	Tuesday
86..	Napanee	Napanee	Tuesday
87..	Empire	St. Catharines	Thursday
88..	Olive Branch	Woodstock	Monday
89..	Reliance	Guelph	Monday
90..	Ivy	Parkhill	Thursday
91..	Grand River	Paris	Thursday
92..	Milton	Milton	Tuesday
93..	Western City	Chatham	Wednesday

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No.	Lodge	Location.	Meeting Night.
94.	Aylmer.....	Aylmer.....	Tuesday
95.	Port Stanley..	Port Stanley..	Monday
96.	Nith .....	New Hamburg..	Thursday
97.	Grand Union..	Berlin .....	Friday
98.	Minto.....	Harriston .....	Friday
100.	Lindsay .....	Lindsay.....	Thursday
101.	Golden Star...	Brampton .....	Thursday
102.	Dosoronto.....	Millpoint .....	Wednesday
103.	Cataract.....	Drummondville..	Thursday
104.	Crescent .....	Hamilton .....	Friday
105.	Manilla .....	Manilla .....	Wednesday
106.	St. Clair.....	Point Edward..	Thursday
107.	Waterloo .....	Galt .....	Monday
108.	Royal Oak .....	Forrest .....	Monday
109.	Orion.....	Georgetown .....	Monday
110.	Laurel.....	Toronto.....	Monday
111.	Peterboro' ..	Peterborough ..	Thursday
112.	Lucknow.....	Lucknow .....	Friday
114.	Gananoque .....	Gananoque.....	Monday
115.	Harmony .....	Brantford .....	Tuesday
116.	Naomi .....	Markham .....	Monday
117.	Valley City..	Dundas.....	Wednesday
119.	Maitland .....	Wingham.....	Thursday
120.	Syd'nh'm Vall'y	Wallaceburg ..	Friday
121.	Saxon.....	Ailsa Craig.....	Wednesday
122.	Streetsville ..	Streetsville ..	Friday
123.	Palmerston ..	Palmerston.....	Thursday
124.	Dresden.....	Dresden .....	Monday
125.	Stella.....	Carleton Place..	Monday
126.	Sarnia.....	Sarnia.....	Monday
127.	Mizpah.....	Belleville .....	Monday
128.	Mystic.....	Killbride.....	Monday
130.	Livingstone ..	Thorold .....	Tuesday
131.	Marion.....	Renfrew.....	Thursday

No.	Lodge.	Location.	Me eting Night.
132	Oakville	Oakville	Monday
133	Glencoe	Glencoe	Wednesday
134	Orient	Welland	Tuesday
135	Peaceful Dove	Cannington	Thursday
136	Cobourg	Cobourg	Friday
137	St. Lawrence	Brockville	Monday
138	Ancaster	Ancaster	Monday
139	Garnet	Mount Forest	Tuesday
140	Leamington	Leamington	Thursday
142	Concord	Kingsville	Friday
143	Bay of Quinte	Picton	Wednesday
144	Ridgetown	Ridgetown	Wednesday
146	Vivian	Arnprior	Tuesday
147	Model	Wyoming	Monday
148	Aurora	Aurora	Tuesday
149	Western Star	Brussels	Thursday
150	Bertie	Ridgeway	Monday
151	Sycamore	Arkona	Tuesday
152	Hayden	Norwich	Friday
153	Wildey	Granton	Wednesday
154	Alpha	Almonte	Monday
155	Brougham	Brougham	Thursday
156	Pyramid	Newmarket	Tuesday
157	Thamesville	Thamesville	Thursday
158	Progress	Guelph	Thursday
159	Oak Leaf	Hamilton	Thursday
160	Listowel	Listowel	Tuesday
161	Simcoe	Simcoe	Friday
162	Cookstown	Cookstown	Tuesday
163	Oriental	Cornwall	Wednesday
164	Romeo	Stratford	Tuesday
165	Beethoven	Brooklin	Friday
166	Oswego	Attercliffe	Thursday
167	Hillsburg	Hillsburg	Friday

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168.	Sutton	Sutton	Friday
169.	Stephen	Durham	Monday
170.	Denovo	Port Elgin	Thursday
171.	Alliston	Alliston	Friday
172.	Penetangore	Kincardine	Tuesday
173.	Emerald	Dunnville	Tuesday
174.	Dolman	Ayr	Wednesday
175.	Lorne	West Lorne	Thursday
176.	Dauncey	Theford	Wednesday
177.	Montana	Wroxeter	Wednesday
178.	Welli'gt'n Sq're	Burlington	Monday
179.	Madoc	Madoc	Alt. Monday
180.	Owen Sound	Owen Sound	Thursday
181.	Ark	Springfield	Thursday
182.	Tecumseh	Otterville	Monday
183.	Teeswater	Teeswater	Wednesday
184.	Germania	Waterloo	Thursday
185.	Live Oak	Greensville	Alt. Wed'sd'y
186.	Dufferin	Flesherton	Tuesday
187.	Cypress	Bradford	Monday
188.	Cambridge	Preston	Wednesday
189.	Parry Sound	Parry Sound	Monday
190.	Chorazin	London East	Monday
191.	Jarvis	Jarvis	Monday
192.	Howick	Gorrie	Tuesday
193.	Victor	St. Mary's	Friday
194.	Albert	Toronto	Friday
195.	Cicerone	Woodville	Tuesday
196.	Florence	Florence	Wednesday
197.	Minerva	Hamilton	Alt. Friday
198.	Britannia	Hollin	Friday
199.	Scotia	Port Robinson	Wednesday
200.	Weston	Weston	Tuesday
201.	Beacon	Port Colborne	Friday

<i>No.</i>	<i>Lodge.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Meeting Night.</i>
202..	Silver Star . . . .	Milverton . . . . .	Friday
203..	Pembroke . . . . .	Pembroke . . . . .	Tuesday
204..	Acton . . . . .	Acton . . . . .	Friday
205..	Ahram . . . . .	Paisley . . . . .	Tuesday
206..	Silver City . . . .	Tiverton . . . . .	Friday
207..	Egremont . . . . .	Adelaide . . . . .	Saturday
208..	Alvinston . . . . .	Alvinston . . . . .	Friday
209.	Millbank . . . . .	Millbank . . . . .	Wednesday
210	Brucefield . . . . .	Brucefield . . . . .	Friday
211..	Lily . . . . .	N. Dorchester . . . .	Tuesday
212..	Argyle . . . . .	Napanee . . . . .	Thursday
213..	Zepher . . . . .	Zepher . . . . .	Wednesday
214..	Clifford . . . . .	Clifford . . . . .	Thursday
215..	Freestone . . . . .	Beamsville . . . . .	Friday
216.	Elmira . . . . .	Elmira . . . . .	Wednesday
217..	Mount Brydges	Mount Brydges . . . .	Thursday
218..	Enterprise . . . . .	Essex Centre . . . . .	Thursday
219..	Georgian Bay . . .	Waubashene . . . . .	Thursday



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