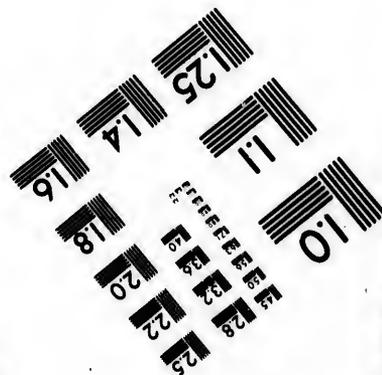
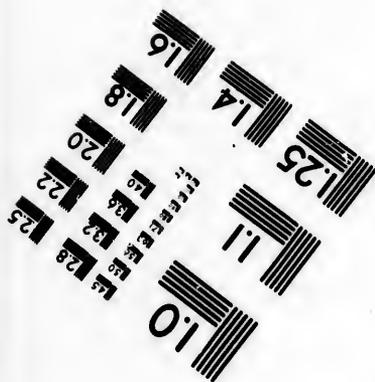
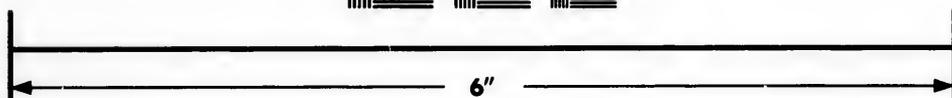
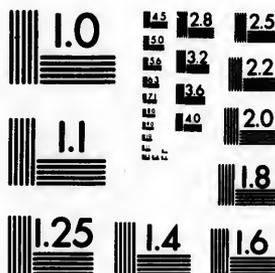


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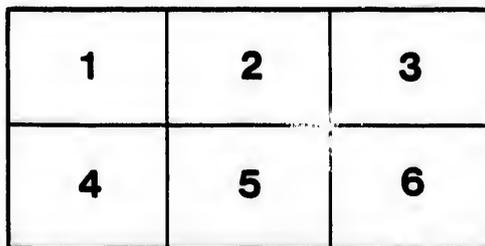
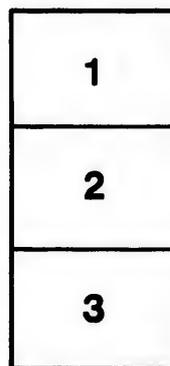
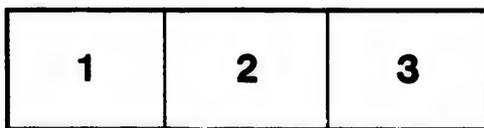
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### No. XXII.

HELD AT

## FREDERICTON, N. B.

ON THE

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## BY-LAWS,

*For the Regulation of a LODGE, duly constituted by a Warrant from the Provincial Grand LODGE of Nova-Scotia, (The Right Worshipful RICHARD BULKELEY, Esquire, Grand Master,) and called SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. XXII. to be held at Fredericton, New-Brunswick, on the first Tuesday after every Full Moon throughout every Year.*



### CAP. I.

*Relative to Meetings and the Admission of Members.*

**W**HEREAS it is necessary for the better government of this Lodge, that a regular Code of By-Laws be established,

I. *Be it therefore enacted by the Master, Wardens, and Brethren, in due form assembled at their Lodge Room, on Tuesday the sixteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and in the year of Light five thousand eight hundred and nineteen—*

teen—That from and after the date hereof, all By-Laws or Regulations, heretofore or at present existing for the government of this Lodge, shall be, and they are hereby declared and enacted to be, null and void and of none effect, excepting so far as the same may be necessary for the recovery of any debts due to the Lodge.

II. That this Lodge shall be held at Brother EBEN-  
EZAR AVERY'S (or such other place as may hereafter be  
agreed upon) on the first ensuing Tuesday after every Full  
Moon (which shall be deemed the regular nights of meet-  
ing) and at such other times as shall be found necessary,  
which occasional meetings are to be deemed emergencies ;  
and the Master and Wardens are hereby empowered to  
call the Lodge together at all times when they shall see  
occasion---the hour of meeting shall be at seven of the clock  
in the evening, and the Lodge shall be closed at ten of the  
clock, unless business shall require it to be kept open a  
longer time---which time shall be at the discretion of the  
Master.

III. That for the speedy convening of this Lodge,  
every Member (if he be within the limits of the Lodge)  
that does not appear, in clean and decent apparel, within  
thirty minutes after the time prescribed by cap. 1, § 2,  
although the Lodge be not opened, shall be fined one  
shilling and threepence ; and the same, if he be regularly  
summoned on an emergency, the same thirty minutes al-  
lowed as on the regular Lodge nights, unless his reasons  
for such absence be absolutely satisfactory to the Master  
and a majority of the Brethren ; and the Master, War-  
dens, Secretary, or Treasurer, neglecting to attend at the  
set time, or to send his key or books, shall be liable to pay

a fine of two shillings and sixpence, unless his reasons for such absence be satisfactory as aforesaid. And whereas much inconvenience results from admitting Members at a late hour, no Brethren shall be allowed to enter the Lodge after it has been open one hour, unless by consent of the Officers.

IV. That any person desirous of being initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in this Lodge, shall make application in writing, agreeably to the annexed form, and be proposed *in form*, on a regular Lodge night, by a Member of the Lodge, which proposition must be seconded by another Member; he must then stand over one month, or until the next regular Lodge night, at least, that a due enquiry may be made into his character and capacity; for which purpose, a Committee of two Members shall be appointed, who shall make report previous to his being balloted for; when, if the said ballot shall prove unanimous, (and on no other consideration) he shall be admitted. This regulation to extend to Brethren desirous of joining this Lodge, as well as to candidates for the mysteries.

FORM OF APPLICATION.

"To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Brethren,  
of Solomon's Lodge, No. XXII. of Free and  
Accepted Masons---

"The Petition of the Subscriber respectfully sheweth,  
that, having long entertained a favorable opinion of  
your ancient Institution, he is desirous of being admitted  
a Member thereof, if found worthy."

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V. That the method of balloting, upon all occasions, to be pursued in this Lodge, shall be as follows:---The balloting box, together with a box containing black and white balls, shall be placed, by the direction of the Master, in a certain part of the room, in such a situation that each and every Brother may have an opportunity of making his ballot in private; after which, the Secretary shall (by direction as aforesaid) proceed to call every Member separately, beginning with the Master--and each Member, when so called, shall go to the said balloting box, and there ballot.

#### CAP. II.

*Relative to Fees, Fines, and other Pecuniary Affairs.*

I. **B**E it further enacted, That any person who may be proposed as a candidate to this Lodge, shall deposit the sum of twenty shillings at the time of his being proposed; and if he is found worthy of admission, (agreeably to cap. 1; § 4) it shall be considered as a part of what he is to pay into the Fund: if he should be rejected, the money shall be returned to him; but if he should decline, the money shall be forfeited.

II. That every candidate who shall be initiated into the mysteries of Masonry in this Lodge, shall pay the sum of Five Pounds---which sum shall entitle him to be advanced to the degree of a *Master Mason*; and the said sum shall be paid on the night of his admission as an *Entered Apprentice*, (deducting therefrom the twenty shillings deposit money) and on no consideration to be dispensed with.

III. That no Brother shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge until he has visited it once, at least, and has been

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been proposed in open Lodge. If, on balloting for, as by cap. 1, § 4, he is found worthy, he may be admitted on paying, if an Entered Apprentice, the sum of Three Pounds, for which he shall be advanced to the degree of a *Master Mason*; if a Fellow Craft, the sum of Two Pounds, for which he shall also be advanced to the degree of a *Master Mason*: and if a Master Mason, the sum of Ten Shillings, with his proportion of the evening's expence.

IV. That after this Lodge is convened together, every Member shall pay to the Secretary, on each and every regular Lodge night, the sum of one shilling and sixpence towards the evening's expence, (which shall not exceed this sum) as also one shilling to the Fund—making in all two shillings and sixpence. And in order to prevent delay and confusion in the collection of the said sum, it shall be the duty of each and every Member, on his entering the Lodge, forthwith to go to the Secretary's table, and then and there to pay in his respective dues. And any Brother omitting the payment of his dues for two regular meetings, shall not be allowed to visit the Lodge until his said dues are paid.

V. That every visiting Brother shall, after his first visit, pay the sum of one shilling to the Fund, and his proportion of the evening's expence.

VI. That any Member of this Lodge whose business obliges him to leave the Province, or the limits of the Lodge, may, on his return, be admitted on paying his monthly dues; and if he has been absent one year, or more, fifteen shillings shall be deemed sufficient therefor. But

But if any Brother, residing within the limits as aforesaid, shall absent himself six regular Lodge nights, without setting a just and reasonable excuse, in writing, to the Master and Presiding Officers, he shall be summoned to attend on the next regular Lodge night, and in case of a refusal, or disobedience, he shall be expelled the Lodge.

VII. That each and every Member of this Lodge, shall pay the amount of his dues to the Grand Lodge, on each and every regular Lodge night, which will be in each of the following Months, viz. *March, June, September,* and *December.*

VIII. That no Member shall be furnished with a certificate from this Lodge, unless by the consent of a majority of two-thirds of the Members present on the evening he makes application therefor; and each and every Member that does obtain a certificate, by the consent as aforesaid, shall pay for the same a sum not exceeding five shillings, for the benefit of the Fund, and also the sum of seven shillings and sixpence to the Secretary, for drawing the same. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary to furnish parchment and draw said certificate for the said sum of seven shillings and sixpence.

IX. That the Cash, or Fund, as well as the Jewels and all other things belonging to this Lodge, shall be, and they are hereby vested in, and deemed the property of the Master and Wardens, for the time being: so that any actions or suits that may happen to be necessary for the preservation or recovery of the same, or any part thereof, may or shall be brought or commenced in their names, in trust for the use and benefit of the Lodge, and to be paid, applied, and disposed of, as a majority of the Members shall, in due form, think proper to direct. X.

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X. That for the more effectually raising a permanent Fund in this Lodge, no draft shall be made upon the said Fund for the relief of any transient Brother or Brethren at any time, when the said Fund shall not amount to the sum of One Hundred Pounds. All applications from such Brethren must be referred to the voluntary individual contribution of the Brethren.

This Section is not to be construed to extend to distressed worthy resident Brethren.

XI. That all fines and dues shall be collected by the Secretary, and the books balanced every six months, that is to say, on the regular Lodge night preceding each St. John's Day, viz. the 24th June and the 27th December; at which time the Treasurer shall state the balance in his hands, which balance shall be put out on interest (with sufficient security) and the Treasurer shall have the privilege allowed him of so taking it on interest. And every Member that does not pay his respective dues and fines as aforesaid, if he be within the limits as aforesaid, shall be excluded the Lodge, agreeably to cap. 2, §. 6.

### CAP. III.

*Relative to the Election of Officers, and other Internal Regulations of the Lodge.*

I. **A**ND be it further enacted, That the election of Officers in this Lodge shall take place on the regular Lodge night preceding the Festival of Saint John the Evangelist, in each and every year; and the officers so elected to be installed into their offices, on the said Festival.

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II. That if any Member shall at any time presume to come into this Lodge in a state of intoxication, curse, swear, or use any profane language, or shall behave himself with disrespect to the Master, Wardens, or Brethren of this Lodge, in any manner so as to disturb the peace and harmony of the Brethren, he shall for such offence be expelled the Lodge.

III. That in all debates concerning the affairs of the Lodge, complaints made, or questions that may arise, every Brother shall stand up while he speaks, and address himself to the Chair; and if more than one speak at a time, the Master shall order the first who stood up to proceed, and the rest shall immediately sit down and be silent until such Brother has done speaking. And at all times when the Master shall strike with his *Gavel*, a profound silence shall be observed; and no private altercations or dispute shall be suffered during Lodge hours; nor is any Member to leave the room without permission from the Chair. And whenever it shall be deemed necessary to appoint Committees to transact any business relative to this Lodge, the power of nominating the Brethren for such Committees shall be vested in the Master, subject to the approval of a majority of the Members present.

IV. That these Laws shall be printed in pamphlets, and each and every Member, as also each and every person that may hereafter become a Member of this Lodge, shall be furnished with one copy, at the price of one shilling and threepence, to be paid to the Fund.

V. That each and every Member of this Lodge, and all other persons who may hereafter become Members, shall  
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sign these Laws, and shall observe and keep them, and all such as shall hereafter be enacted, as well as all the Laws, Orders, and Regulations, as laid down in the last edition of the Book of Constitutions of Masonry, and such as shall hereafter be made, or published by the authority of the Grand Lodge.

VI. That unless nine Members are present, no person can be either balloted for, entered, passed, or raised; neither shall any Law of this Lodge be made, altered, or amended, and not then, except approved of by two-thirds of the Members present.

VII. That these Laws shall be read at the making of every Brother, and upon every regular Lodge night, (unless business of more importance shall interfere) if thought necessary by the Master; and it is the joint expectation of the Members of this Lodge, that the Master and presiding Officers for the time being, will, on all occasions, exert such authority as from time to time may, or shall be necessary, for the enforcing a due and strict observance of these Laws and Regulations.

If any Member break any of these Rules or Orders, he shall, for such offence, be expelled the Lodge, or suffer such other punishment as the Master and a majority of the Brethren shall see fit to direct.

