

Independent Order of Odd-Fellows.



PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA

—CANADA,—

—AT THE—

INSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE,

—IN THE—

CITY OF WINNIPEG, OCT. 24th, 1883,

—AND AT THE—

Adjourned Session, held in Winnipeg, Feb. 6th, 1884.

Winnipeg:

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	(Manitoba No. 1)	
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	Minnehaha " 7	
Portage la Prairie	Portage " 3	J. H. DOHERTY.
Gladstone	Gladstone " 5	W. J. MAY, Carberry P.O.
Brandon	Brandon City " 6	J. W. ANDERSON.
Emerson	Gateway City " 4	L. T. OWEN.
Crystal City	Crystal City " 8	GEORGE RIDDELL, M.D.

COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

CREDENTIALS.

JAMES D. CONKLIN, Grand Secretary, J. W. ANDERSON, CHAS. HARVEY.

FINANCE.

B. D. DEERING, H. B. ROSE, J. W. ANDERSON.

LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

HARPER WILSON, HORACE J. RAYMER, WM. HUNTER.

PRINTING.

JAMES D. CONKLIN, Grand Secretary, C. T. BROWN, WM. HIGGINS.

AUDITORS.

C. T. BROWN, JAMES PETTIGREW.

The first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, will be held in the City of Winnipeg, on Wednesday, the 13th day of August, 1884, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

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ORGANIZATION

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GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA,

—IN THE—

CITY OF WINNIPEG, OCT. 24, 1883.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GRAND LODGE

ON THAT DATE, AND AT THE ADJOURNED SESSION

HELD IN WINNIPEG, FEBRUARY 6, 1884.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to notice issued by Bro. J. P. Young, District Deputy Grand Sire, a meeting of the Representatives of the several Subordinate Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, in the Province of Manitoba, was held in the Lodge Room of Portage Lodge, No. 3, Portage la Prairie, on the afternoon of Wednesday, the first day of August, 1883, for the purpose of considering the propriety of applying to the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the L. O. O. F. at its next session, for a Charter for a Grand Lodge, to be known as the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

The D. D. G. Sire took the chair at two o'clock P.M., and called the meeting to order.

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The following, who were in attendance, presented certificates that they were Past Grands in good standing and duly elected to represent their respective Lodges at this meeting:—

NAME	LODGE	No.	LOCATION
C. D. ANDERSON	Manitoba	1	Winnipeg.
WILLIAM HUNTER	North Star	2	
JOHN DODIMEAD			
J. H. DOHERTY	Portage	3	Portage la Prairie,
J. P. YOUNG			
Lo T. OWEN	Gateway City	4	Emerson.
W. J. MAY	Gladstone	5	Gladstone.
J. D. ROWLEY	Brandon City	6	Brandon.
H. B. ROSE	Minnehaha	7	Winnipeg.

On motion of Bro. Hunter, seconded by Bro. Rose, Bro. Owen, of Gateway City Lodge, No. 4, was appointed Secretary.

The Chairman explained that he had called the present meeting in consequence of expressions in favor of the organization of a Grand Lodge for this Province received by him from all parts of the jurisdiction.

Certificates from the several Lodges were read, shewing the number of Past Grands in good standing, as follows:—

Manitoba Lodge, No. 1	16
North Star " 2	2
Portage " 3	5
Gateway City " 4	5
Gladstone " 5	2
Brandon City " 6	2
Minnehaha " 7	5

Total..... 37 Past Grands.

After a general discussion, in which all participated, it was moved by Bro. Doherty, seconded by Bro. May, and carried unanimously,—That this meeting, representing the Subordinate Lodges of the I. O. O. F. in the Province of Manitoba, believes the best interests of the Order would be served by the institution of a Grand Lodge, and now agrees to petition the Sovereign Grand Lodge for a Charter.

Moved by Bro. Rose, seconded by Bro. Hunter,—That the chartered location of the Grand Lodge be at the City of Winnipeg, and that it be instituted there. Carried.

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Moved by Bro. Rose, seconded by Bro. Anderson,—That each Lodge, by its representative present, advance the sum of five dollars for Charter fee and expenses. Carried.

In accordance with this resolution, the sum of thirty-five (35) dollars was handed to the D. D. G. Sire.

Moved by Bro. Dodimead, seconded by Bro. May,—That Bros. Rose, Hunter and Anderson be appointed a committee to draft a statement of reasons why we should apply for a Grand Lodge Charter without having the number of Lodges (ten) required by the Constitution of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. Carried.

After several remarks regarding the benefits to accrue to the Order in this Province from the formation of a Grand Lodge, the committee appointed to draft reasons as above presented their report, which was considered and adopted, and attached to the application for a Grand Lodge Charter, which was then signed by the representatives present.

The D. D. G. Sire stated that the object for which the meeting was convened had been accomplished, and expressed the hope that the next time they met together it would be in the City of Winnipeg for the purpose of instituting the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. F.

The meeting then closed.

J. P. YOUNG, D.D.G. Sire, Chairman.

L. T. OWEN, P.G., Secretary.

PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, }
Aug. 1st, 1883. }

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SOVEREIGN GRAND LODGE.

At the Fifty-ninth Annual Communication of the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., held in the City of Providence, State of Rhode Island, September 17th, 1883, the following application was presented and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.:

The petition of Manitoba Lodge No. 1, North Star No. 2, Portage No. 3, Gateway City No. 4, Gladstone No. 5, Brandon City No. 6 and Mianehaha No. 7, of the Province of Manitoba, respectfully represents that at present they work under warrants granted by your body; that at present they have thirty-seven Past Grands in good standing. They are of the opinion that it would be of advantage to the Order to establish a Grand Lodge in the Province.

They therefore pray your body to grant a charter for a Grand Lodge in the Province, to be located in the City of Winnipeg.

Witness our hands and seals this first day of August, 1883.

C. D. ANDERSON, Representative No. 1.	[Seal.]
WILLIAM HUNTER,	" " 2. "
J. P. YOUNG,	" " 3. "
L. T. OWEN,	" " 4. "
W. J. MAY,	" " 5. "
J. D. BOWLEY,	" " 6. "
H. B. ROSE,	" " 7. "

On the 19th of September the Committee on Petitions reported "that they have had the matter under consideration, and after weighing carefully the reasons set forth in the petition, deem it wise to grant their prayer, and offer the following:

Resolved,—That a warrant be issued for the formation of said Grand Lodge of Manitoba, to be located at Winnipeg; *provided*, that no expense shall be incurred by this Sovereign Grand Lodge for representation until said Grand Lodge shall be composed of at least ten Lodges."

This report was afterwards considered and adopted.

On the 20th the following petition was submitted and referred to the Committee on Finance:

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 14th, 1883.

"To the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

We, your petitioners, on behalf of the Order in the Province of Manitoba, would respectfully ask that the per capita tax now due your honorable body from this jurisdiction be turned over to the proper authorities of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, when the same is duly instituted in this Province. We believe that your favorable consideration of our request will have a tendency to greatly promote the interests of our Order here."

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES PETTIGREW, Noble Grand,	} Manitoba Lodge No. 1.
G. SLACK WOOD, Secretary,	
W. J. WATSON, Noble Grand,	} North-Star No. 2.
HORACE J. RAYMER, Sec. pro tem,	

The Committee on Finance, on the 22nd, submitted the following resolution, which was considered and adopted:

Resolved,—That the dues for the year 1883 unpaid to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the several Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction of Manitoba be remitted, the several amounts to be paid by said Lodges to the recently chartered Subordinate Grand Lodge of said jurisdiction."

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In pursuance of the foregoing, a charter for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba was issued by the Grand Sire, ERIC J. LEECH, and a Commission as Instituting Officer sent to Bro. J. P. YOUNG, D. D. G. Sire, on whose call a meeting of the Past Grands in good standing in the several Lodges was convened in

THE ODD-FELLOWS' HALL,
HARRIS BLOCK,

Corner of Main and Market Sts., WINNIPEG.

On Wednesday Afternoon, the 24th Day of October, 1883,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTITUTING THE GRAND LODGE.

The D. D. G. Sire took the chair at 2:30 P.M., and called the meeting to order, after having carefully examined several visiting Past Grands from other jurisdictions.

There being a number present in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree, the other offices were filled as follows:

Deputy Grand Master	Geo. M. Francis, P.G.	Friendship Lodge, No. 58, Strathroy, Ont.
Grand Warden	John Dauncey, P.G.	Gateway City Lodge, No. 4, Emerson.
Secretary	James D. Conklin, P.G.	Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, Winnipeg.
Marshal	Harper Wilson, P.G.	Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, Winnipeg.
Conductor	Robert Pierce, P.G.	Harmony Lodge, No. 115, Brantford, Ont.
Guardian	John Dodimead, P.G.	Portage Lodge, No. 3, Portage la Prairie.

The following Past Grands were also present:—Wm. Hunter, North Star Lodge, No. 2, Winnipeg; J. W. Anderson, Brandon City Lodge, No. 6, Brandon; Harry Jamison and Alex. Pratt, Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7, Winnipeg; Wm. Miller, Grand River Lodge, No. 91, Paris, Ont., and James McGee, Virginus Lodge, No. 1, Wheeling, West Virginia.

The Grand Marshal examined those present, and reported all correct and qualified to sit in the Grand Lodge, whereupon the Deputy Grand Master declared the Lodge duly opened.

The Grand Secretary presented certificates of good standing from the following named Past Grands:

- Manitoba Lodge, No. 1. . . C. D. Anderson, George Andrew, C. T. Brown,
James Buckham, N. R. Gillies, M.D., Chas. Harvey,
W. L. Hutton, A. J. Johnston, A. T. McNabb,
Horace J. Raymer, James Watson.
- North Star Lodge, No. 2. . . Wm. Hunter, W. J. Watson.
- Portage Lodge, No. 3. John Dodimead, J. P. Young, J. H. Doherty (not
present.)
- Gateway City Lodge, No. 4. . John Dauncey, L. T. Owen.
- Gladstone Lodge, No. 5. . . W. J. May (not present.)
- Brandon City Lodge, No. 6. . J. W. Anderson, J. D. Bowley.
- Minnehaha Lodge, No. 7. . James D. Conklin, Harry Jamison, Alex. Pratt, H.
B. Rose, Harper Wilson.

The following Past Grands in waiting, who were not previously instructed, were now introduced by the Grand Marshal, obligated and instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree :

- C. D. Anderson, Andrew, Bowley, Brown, Buckham, Gillies, Harvey, Hutton,
Johnston, McNabb, Owen, Raymer, Rose, James Watson, W. J. Watson.

The D. D. Grand Sire read his Commission as Instituting Officer, and expressed his pleasure at being present on an occasion of so much importance to the Order in this Province.

A copy of the application to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for a Grand Charter (see page 7) was then read by the Grand Secretary, as also the Charter issued by that Grand body, when the applicants were presented to the D. D. Grand Sire and duly obligated ; after which the "*Grand Lodge of Manitoba of the I. O. O. F.*" was proclaimed to be instituted in regular form.

The election of Grand Officers being next in order, the chair appointed Bros. Pierce and Wilson, Tellers.

Nominations for Grand Master, being asked for, Bro. C. D. Anderson was nominated by Bro. John Dodimead.

There being no further nomination, Bro. C. D. Anderson was declared elected Grand Master by acclamation, to serve until next annual session, the date of which to be afterwards determined by the Grand Lodge.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

Bro. J. P. Young was nominated by Bro. Harper Wilson.
There being no further nomination, Bro. J. P. Young was declared elected Deputy Grand Master by acclamation.

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GRAND WARDEN.

Bro. Horace J. Raymer nominated by Bro. Alex. Pratt.

" L. T. Owen " " " H. B. Rose.

A ballot having been taken, the Tellers reported result as follows:

Number of ballots cast, 24; necessary to a choice, 13.

Bro. Owen, 18; Bro. Raymer, 6.

Whereupon the Chair declared Bro. L. T. Owen elected Grand Warden.

GRAND SECRETARY.

Bro. James D. Conklin nominated by Bro. W. L. Hutton.

There being no further nomination, Bro. James D. Conklin was declared elected Grand Secretary by acclamation.

GRAND TREASURER.

Bro. W. L. Hutton nominated by Bro. C. T. Brown.

" W. J. Watson " " " H. J. Raymer.

" J. D. Bowley " " " J. Dodimead.

Bro. Bowley declined the nomination.

A ballot having been taken, the Tellers reported result as follows:

Number of ballots cast, 22; necessary to a choice, 12.

Bro. Watson, 17; Bro. Hutton, 4; spoiled ballot, 1.

Bro. W. J. Watson, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared duly elected Grand Treasurer.

The installation of officers was then proceeded with, when the Chair requested Bros. Hunter and Brown to present Bro. C. D. Anderson, Grand Master elect, for obligation, which being done, Bro. C. D. Anderson was duly installed as Grand Master and conducted to his seat.

The Grand Master then installed the following Brothers into their respective offices:

J. P. YOUNG, presented by Bros. Wilson and Francis... *Deputy Grand Master.*

L. T. OWEN, " " " Rose and Pierce... *Grand Warden.*

JAS. D. CONKLIN, " " " Hutton and Miller... *Grand Secretary.*

W. J. WATSON, " " " Raymer and Bowley... *Grand Treasurer.*

The following motion was carried unanimously:

Moved by Bro. Wilson, seconded by Bro. Watson, Grand Treasurer,—That we take a recess of five minutes for mutual congrat-

ulations on the auspicious institution of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

After recess the Grand Master called the Grand Lodge to order, when Bro. Wilson submitted the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Dauncey :

Resolved,—That until a Constitution and By-Laws are adopted by this Grand Lodge, that we work under the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

After some discussion on the above resolution, and before a vote on it was taken, it was moved by the Deputy Grand Master, seconded by Bro. Hunter,—That the Grand Lodge do now adjourn until 7:30 P.M., which motion to adjourn prevailed.

EVENING SESSION.

WINNIPEG, Oct. 24th, 1883.

The Grand Lodge met at half-past seven o'clock, pursuant to adjournment, and opened in due form.

Present:—

BRO. C. D. ANDERSON, *Grand Master.*
 " J. P. YOUNG, *Deputy Grand Master.*
 " JAMES D. CONKLIN, *Grand Secretary.*
 " W. J. WATSON, *Grand Treasurer.*

and all the members of the Grand Lodge excepting Bro. Dauncey.

Bro. B. D. Deering, Past Grand, Durham Lodge, No. 78, Port Hope, Ont., was introduced as a visitor.

The Grand Master appointed Bro. Bowley, of Brandon, Grand Warden, *pro tem.*

The reading of the minutes of the afternoon session was dispensed with.

The Grand Master made the following appointments:

BRO. JOHN DODIMEAD, *Grand Marshal.*
 " J. D. BOWLEY, " *Conductor.*
 " W. L. HUTTON, " *Chaplain.*
 " HARRY JAMISON, " *Guardian.*

The appointed officers were presented to the Grand Master, and by

him instructed in the duties of their respective offices, and afterwards conducted to their chairs.

The Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, appointed the following District Deputy Grand Masters for the current year, viz :

DISTRICT.	LODGE.	No.	DEPUTY
	Manitoba	1	HORACE J. RAYMER.
Winnipeg	North Star	2	
	Minnehaha	7	
Portage la Prairie	Portage	3	J. H. DOHERTY.
Gladstone	Gladstone	5	W. J. MAY.
Brandon	Brandon City	6	J. W. ANDERSON.

Appointments for Emerson and Crystal City were deferred for the present.

The Grand Master, with the approval of the Grand Lodge, also appointed the following a Committee to frame a Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order for this Grand Lodge, and also a Constitution for Subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction, which Committee shall report at a future session of this Grand Lodge, the date to be hereafter determined :

Bros. Raymer, Rose and Hunter, with the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

The following resolution, moved by Bro. J. P. Young, D. G. M., and seconded by Bro. Wilson, was adopted :

Whereas, the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its late session in Providence, Rhode Island, as appears in page 234 of the Daily Journal, has remitted the dues for the year 1883, unpaid to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the several Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction of Manitoba, the several amounts to be paid by said Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba when instituted.

Resolved,—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to request the several Lodges in this jurisdiction to forward returns and per centage for the term ending June 30th, 1883, as soon as may be convenient.

The following was adopted:

Moved by Bro. J. P. Young, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. Wilson,—That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be and are hereby authorized to procure all necessary books and stationery required for their respective offices.

Bro. J. Dodimead, Grand Marshal, moved, seconded by Bro. J. W. Anderson, the following, which was adopted :

Resolved,—That the Grand Master appoint a Committee of five to procure a Grand Seal and all supplies necessary to keep in stock for the requirements of Subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master appointed the following Committee in accordance with the foregoing resolution:

The Grand Secretary, Bros. Raymer, Wilson, Rose and Brown.

Bro. J. P. Young, D.D.G. Sire, submitted the following report:

Winnipeg, Oct. 24th, 1883.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba I. O. O. F.

At the meeting of Representatives from the several Lodges in Manitoba, held in Portage la Prairie on the 1st of August last, for the purpose of petitioning the Sovereign Grand Lodge for a Grand Lodge Charter for this Province, the representatives present agreed, on behalf of their respective Lodges, to advance the sum of five dollars each to pay Charter fee and other expenses, which amount was placed in my hands, and I now beg to submit a statement, showing how the money was disposed of:

Received from representatives of Lodges No's. 1 to 7, \$5 each.....	\$35 00
Remitted Bro. Theo A. Ross, Grand Sec'y, Charter fee.....	\$30 00
Paid exchange and postage	40
Paid Duty and Express charges on Books and Charter	1 80
Telegrams	1 00
	33 20

Leaving a balance of..... \$ 1 80

which has been handed to the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

J. P. YOUNG,

D. D. G. Sire.

Moved by Bro. Brown, seconded by Bro. Rose,—That the report of the D. D. G. Sire be received and adopted, and the Grand Secretary be instructed to credit the several Lodges on the books of the Grand Lodge with the sum of five dollars, and an order be drawn on the Grand Treasurer for amount of Charter fee and expenses, \$33.20. Carried.

The following, moved by Bro. Rose, seconded by Bro. Brown, was adopted:

That an adjourned session of this Grand Lodge be held on Wednesday, the sixth day of February, 1884, to receive and consider the report from the Committee on Constitutions, and for the transaction of any other business which may be brought before the Grand Lodge.

The discussion was then resumed on Bro. Wilson's motion, made at

the afternoon session, to adopt temporarily for the guidance of the Grand Lodge, the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario. On a vote being taken, the motion was declared lost.

The following, moved by Bro. Dodimead, Grand Marshal, seconded by Bro. Hutton, Grand Chaplain, was adopted:

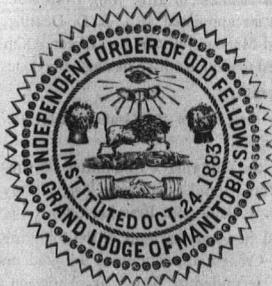
Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge assess the Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction, for the remainder of the current term, the same per centage on receipts as charged by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, namely five per cent., and that the Grand Secretary notify the Lodges accordingly.

After a few remarks from the Grand Master, expressing his appreciation of the high honor conferred on him by the Grand Lodge in electing him to the position he now occupied, and inviting the members and visitors present to an oyster supper at the Palmer House, the business of the Session was brought to a close.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer, and the Grand Lodge adjourned at 10 P.M.

James D. Conklin

Grand Secretary.



Approved, Feb. 6, 1884.

C. D. ANDERSON,

Grand Master.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

ODD-FELLOWS HALL,

Winnipeg, February 6th, 1884.

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba assembled this day, pursuant to motion passed at the session held on the evening of October 24th, 1883, as found on page 14.

The Grand Master took the chair at 10:30 A.M., and called the Grand Lodge to order.

In the absence on account of sickness of Bro. John Dodimead, Grand Marshal, the Grand Master appointed Bro. B. D. Deering, of Manitoba Lodge No. 1, Grand Marshal *pro tem*, and directed him to see that all present were qualified to remain, which having been done.

The Grand Chaplain offered prayer.

The Deputy Grand Master by direction of the Grand Master, declared the Grand Lodge duly opened.

The Grand Master appointed the following a Committee on Credentials:—Bros. James D. Conklin, Grand Secretary, Chas. Harvey of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, and J. W. Anderson, Brandon City, No. 6.

Bro. James D. Conklin, Grand Secretary, presented the following report from the Committee on Credentials, which was adopted on motion of the Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. J. W. Anderson:

Winnipeg, Feb. 6th, 1884.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

Brethren,—Your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report that they have examined the Credentials of Past Grands, whose Certificates have been before them, and find the following entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge.

We would therefore recommend that the brethren who have not already received the Grand Lodge Degrees, be now admitted, obligated and instructed.

NAMES.	LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.
B. D. DAERING	Manitoba	1	Winnipeg.
J. K. MCGILLIVRAY	"	1	"
JAMES PETTIGREW	"	1	"
A. RAYMER	Portage	3	Portage la Prairie.
WM. HIGGINS	Minnehaha	7	Winnipeg.
U. S. JORY	Crystal City	8	Crystal City.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

JAMES D. CONKLIN, Grand Secretary.

J. W. ANDERSON.

CHAS. HARVEY.

The Grand Marshal retired and introduced the following, who were obligated and instructed by the Grand Warden—Bros. McGillivray, Pettigrew, A. Raymer, Higgins and Jory.

The roll of officers and members was now called by the Grand Secretary, and the following answered to their names:

C. D. ANDERSON	Manitoba, No. 1	Grand Master.
J. P. YOUNG	"	Deputy Grand Master.
L. T. OWEN	"	Grand Warden.
JAMES D. CONKLIN	"	Secretary.
W. J. WATSON	"	Treasurer.
B. D. DEERING	"	Marshal, pro tem.
J. D. BOWLEY	"	Conductor.
W. L. HUTTON	"	Chaplain.
HARRY JAMISON	"	Guardian.
GEO. ANDREW	Manitoba, No. 1	Winnipeg.
C. T. BROWN	"	"
CHAS. HARVEY	"	"
J. K. MCGILLIVRAY	"	"
JAMES PETTIGREW	"	"
HORACE J. RAYMER	"	"
WM. HUNTER	North Star, " 2	"
A. RAYMER	Portage, " 3	Portage la Prairie.
J. W. ANDERSON	Brandon City, " 6	Brandon.
WM. HIGGINS	Minnehaha, " 7	Winnipeg.
H. B. ROSE	"	"
HARPER WILSON	"	"
U. S. JORY	Crystal City, " 8	Crystal City.

The minutes of the session of Grand Lodge, held Oct. 24th, 1883, were read and approved.

Bro. Wilson called the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the Grand Lodges of Louisiana and Vermont were in session to-day in the cities of New Orleans and Rutland, respectively, and moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Bro. Rose, and adopted by the Grand Lodge :

Resolved,—That a Committee of three be appointed by the Grand Master to prepare and submit suitable messages of friendship, to be sent by telegraph to the Grand Bodies of our Order now in session.

The Grand Master named as the committee on above—Bro. Wilson, Hutton and Deering.

Bro. H. J. Raymer, from the Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table until the afternoon session, on motion of Bro. Wilson, seconded by Bro. Watson, Grand Treasurer :

Winnipeg, Feb. 6th, 1884.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

Brethren,—Your Committee, to whom was assigned the duty of framing a Constitution for this Grand Lodge, also for the Lodges Subordinate thereto, beg leave to submit the accompanying Constitutions as the result of their labors, and would state that a large portion of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario has been adopted by them, together with some amendments which your Committee thought better adapted to this jurisdiction. As the matter herewith submitted is the result of most serious consideration, your Committee trust it will meet with the unanimous approval of this Grand Lodge.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

HORACE J. RAYMER.
WM. HUNTER.
H. B. ROSE.
C. D. ANDERSON.
JAMES D. CONKLIN.

On motion of Bro. Brown, seconded by Bro. Deering, the Grand Lodge adjourned until two P.M.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 6th, 1884.

The Grand Lodge met at 2 P.M., pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present:—The Grand Officers as at morning session and a majority of the members.

Bro. Wilson, from the special Committee on Telegrams to sister Grand Lodges in session to-day, presented the following report, which was adopted on motion of Bro. Deering, seconded by Bro. Hutton:

Winnipeg, Feb. 6th, 1884.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

Your Committee, appointed to send greetings to the Grand Lodges now in session, report that the following telegrams have been sent, signed by the Grand Secretary:

"To the Grand Lodge of Vermont, I. O. O. F., Rutland.

"The Grand Lodge of Manitoba,—the infant Grand Body of our Order,—sends you greetings, and wishes you God-speed in the good work."

"To the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, I. O. O. F., New Orleans.

"The infant Grand Lodge of Manitoba sends you greetings,—the North shaking hands with the South,—and trusts the Giver of all good gifts will bless you in your efforts on behalf of the Widow and the Orphan."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HARPER WILSON.
W. L. HUTTON.
B. D. DEERING.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of the Committee on Supplies, presented the following report, which, on motion of Bro. A. Raymer, seconded by Bro. Wilson, was laid on the table until after the appointment of a Finance Committee:

Winnipeg, Feb. 6th, 1884.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

Brethren,—Your Committee, appointed at the session of this Grand Lodge, held October 24th, 1883, for the purpose of procuring a Seal for the Grand Lodge, also the necessary supplies required for Grand and Subordinate Lodges, beg to report:

1. As soon as possible after the session of the Grand Lodge, your Committee met and agreed on a design for the Grand Seal, which was afterwards procured, and is now in the custody of the Grand Secretary.

2. We procured from the Sovereign Grand Lodge a stock of Digests, Rituals, Dismissal Certificates, Visiting and Withdrawal Cards, and the Subordinate Lodges were notified to order such supplies as they required from this Grand Lodge.

3. Your Committee also adopted a form of semi-annual returns, which were printed and bound, and sent out to the Subordinates at a small advance over cost.

4. Books for the Grand Secretary, Orders on the Grand Treasurer, Grand Treasurer's Receipts, Grand Secretary's Receipts, and other blanks and stationery have also been procured in sufficient quantity, so that very little further outlay for these will be necessary during the current year.

5. A set of Jewels for the Grand Officers was also procured through Bro. Anderson, Grand Master, and are now worn by the officers at this session.

6. The outlay for supplies, jewels, books and stationery has been as follows:

Supplies from the Sovereign Grand Lodge	\$40 50	
Duty and charges	5 35	
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Jewels for Grand Officers	26 40	
Duty and charges	7 35	
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Twenty Return Books	14 00	
Grand Seal, also Wood Cut and Electrotype	23 65	
Set of Books for Grand Secretary	15 85	
Books of Orders and Receipts	6 00	
Commissions for D. D. G. M.	5 00	
Instructions " "	3 00	
Letter Heads, Envelopes, &c	9 90	
		76 40
Total		\$156 00

Vouchers for the several items above are hereto annexed.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.

JAMES D. CONKLIN, *Grand Secretary.*

HORACE J. RAYNER.

C. T. BROWN.

HARPER WILSON.

H. B. ROSE.

The Deputy Grand Master, on behalf of the Grand Master, presented the Grand Lodge with an elegant gilt frame for the Grand Charter.

The following resolution was presented by Bro. Deering, seconded by Bro. Jory:

Resolved,—That the hearty thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to Bro. C. D. Anderson, Grand Master, for the beautiful frame now enclosing the Charter of this Grand Lodge.

The resolution was put to the Grand Lodge by the D. G. Master and carried by acclamation.

The thanks of the Grand Lodge as per above resolution were tendered by the D. G. Master to the Grand Master, and suitably acknowledged.

The Grand Lodge now took up for consideration the report of the Committee on Constitutions, laid on the table just before adjournment, and as printed copies of the proposed Constitutions were in the hands of the members, it was moved by Bro. Wilson, seconded by Bro. A. Raymer, and adopted as the sense of the Grand Lodge, —That the proposed Constitutions for Grand and Subordinate Lodges be taken up and considered clause by clause.

The preamble to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was read by Bro. Horace J. Raymer and adopted.

[The Constitutions and Rules of Order of Grand and Subordinate Lodges, as finally adopted by the Grand Lodge, will be found as an Appendix to this Journal.—Grand Sec'y.]

The first clause was amended by striking out the word "style" after the word "name," and as amended was adopted.

The second clause was amended by inserting the words, "the Province of" between the words "as" and "Manitoba," and as amended was adopted.

Clauses 3 to 7, inclusive, were adopted as read.

Clause 8 having been read, and the question for its adoption being put to the Grand Lodge,

Bro. Deering moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Bro. Owen, Grand Warden,—That clause 8 be struck out and the following substituted:—"No member of this Grand Lodge shall have power to make, second, vote or speak upon any resolution or motion that may properly come before this Grand Lodge, unless for the election of officers, except such Representatives as are duly qualified, as provided in the foregoing clause; but the legislative functions of this

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Grand Lodge shall be vested in, and exercised solely by such Representatives as shall be elected and appointed in the manner prescribed by this Constitution."

The amendment was put and lost, and the Yeas and Nays being called for were recorded as follows:

Yeas—Anderson, J. W., Brown, Deering, Jamison, Jory, Owen, Raymer, A., Young.—8.

Nays—Andrew, Bowley, Conklin, Harvey, Hunter, Hutton, Pettigrew, Raymer, H. J., Rose, Wilson.—10.

The motion for the adoption of clause 8 was carried, and the Yeas and Nays recorded as follows:

Yeas—Anderson, J. W., Andrew, Bowley, Conklin, Harvey, Hunter, Hutton, Jamison, Pettigrew, Raymer, H. J., Rose, Wilson, Young.—13.

Nays—Brown, Deering, Jory, Owen, Raymer, A.—5.

Clause 9 having been read, and the question for its adoption being put, Bro. Deering moved in amendment thereto, seconded by Bro. Jamison,—That said clause be struck out, and the following substituted:—"Every Lodge within this jurisdiction shall at its first meeting in July, annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grand in good standing, a Representative who shall have one vote for 50 members or less; over 50 members and under 100, two votes; over 100 and under 150, three votes; over 150 and under 200, four votes; and so on."

The amendment, being put, was lost. Yeas and Nays taken as follows:

Yeas—Brown, Deering, Hutton, Jamison, Owen, Pettigrew, Young.—7.

Nays—Anderson, J. W., Andrew, Bowley, Conklin, Harvey, Hunter, Jory, Raymer, A., Raymer, H. J., Rose, Wilson.—11.

The following amended was then moved by Bro. Hutton, seconded by Bro. Deering,—That clause 9 be amended by striking out the following words:—"One Representative where the number of members returned in the semi-annual report of the preceding term shall be fifty or less; over 50 and under 100, two Representatives; over 100 and under 150, three Representatives; over 150, four Representatives;" and substituting the following: "One Representative where the number of members returned in the semi-annual report of

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This amendment was carried. Yeas and Nays as follows:

Yeas—Andrew, Brown, Conklin, Deering, Hutton, Jamison, Owen, Pettigrew, Raymer, A., Watson, W. J., Young.—11.

Nays—Anderson, J. W., Bowley, Harvey, Hunter, Jory, Rose, Raymer, H. J., Wilson.—8.

The clause as amended was adopted.

Clauses 10 to 38, inclusive, were then read and adopted without amendment.

Clause 39 was read as follows: "The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or any District Deputy Grand Master, shall not hold office in a Subordinate Lodge while holding either of these offices."

On motion of Bro. Young, D. G. M., seconded by Bro. J. W. Anderson, this clause was struck out.

The next clause was adopted, and stands as Art. 39.

On the next clause being read, Bro. Deering moved to amend, seconded by Bro. Young, D. G. M., by striking out the words, "or Past Grands."

The amendment was lost, and the clause was adopted as read.

The next ten clauses were adopted—41 to 50 inclusive.

The next clause, Art. 51, was read as follows: "The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a table of mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives and members of Committees of this Grand Lodge, such mileage to be computed at actual cost of same, and per diem at \$2.00.

On motion to adopt this clause being put, the following amendment, moved by Bro. Hutton, seconded by Bro. J. W. Anderson, was adopted: That the words, "and members of Committees," be struck out.

The following amendment was also adopted: Moved by the Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Wilson,—That the following words be inserted after the word "same," "by the nearest travelled route."

The clause as amended was adopted,

The remaining clauses of the Constitution were read and adopted without amendment, and stand as Art. 52 to 97, inclusive.

The following motion was adopted:

Moved by Bro. Conklin, Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Young, D. G. M.,—That the Grand Lodge Constitution as amended be now adopted as a whole.

The "Order of Business for a Regular Session of the Grand Lodge," was then considered and adopted.

The "Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge," were then read and considered.

The following sub-section of Art. II was struck out: "The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous sittings."

Art. XV was amended by substituting the word "member," for the word "representative."

The Rules of Order as amended were then adopted.

The Grand Master appointed the following as the Committee on Finances:—Bros. Deering, Rose and J. W. Anderson; to whom was referred the report of the Committee on Supplies.

The following communication was read, and laid on the table until the evening session:

MANITOBA LODGE, NO. 1, I. O. O. F.,
Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 1, 1884. }

Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

Dear Sir and Brothers,—I am instructed by Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, to request your Honorable Body to perform the dedication ceremonies at the opening of their new hall, which will take place on or about the twenty-sixth day of April next.

Yours in F. L. and T.,

W. C. BALDWIN,

Rec. Sec'y.

On motion the Grand Lodge adjourned until 7.30 P.M.

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EVENING SESSION.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 6th, 1884.

The Grand Lodge met at 7:30 P.M. pursuant to adjournment, and was opened in due form.

Present—All the Grand Officers and a majority of the members.

The Grand Master appointed the following committees:

ON PRINTING.

Bros. James D. Conklin, Grand Sec'y; C. T. Brown, W. Higgins.

ON LAWS OF SUBORDINATES.

Bros. Harper Wilson, H. J. Raymer, W. Hunter.

AUDITORS.

Bros. C. T. Brown and James Pettigrew.

The following resolutions, moved by Bro. Deering, seconded by Bro. Conklin, Grand Sec'y, were adopted:

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge embraces the earliest opportunity of recording its appreciation of the services rendered to the Order in this Province, as well as throughout the Dominion generally, by the "*Dominion Odd-Fellow*," published at Belleville, Ontario, and would recommend it to the favorable consideration of all who desire to be informed on current events connected with Odd-Fellowship.

Resolved,—That the "*Dominion Odd-Fellow*" be, and is hereby recognized as the official organ of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved,—That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the publishers of the above-named Journal.

Bro. Deering, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following report, which was adopted:

Winnipeg, Feb. 6th, 1884.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have examined the report of the special Committee on Supplies, with vouchers attached thereto, and find the same correct. Your Committee would recommend that said report be adopted.

B. D. DEERING.

H. B. ROSE.

J. W. ANDERSON.

The following resolution, moved by Bro. Wilson, seconded by Bro. H. J. Raymer, was adopted :

Resolved,—That the salary of the Grand Secretary for the current year be sixty dollars.

The following telegram from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, was read by the Grand Secretary, and on motion of Bro. Deering, seconded by Bro. Hunter, was ordered to be spread on the Records.

Rutland, Vermont, Feb. 6th, 1884.

To the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont, hails with great pleasure the greeting of her youngest sister. She returns fraternal greetings, wishing you abundant prosperity. May Heaven's benediction rest upon the labors of our brotherhood in all lands.

HENRY CLARK,

For the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

Bro. Brown moved the following resolution, seconded by Bro. A. Raymer :

Resolved,—That the Printing Committee be instructed to have printed, one hundred and fifty copies of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge ; the Grand Secretary to ask for tenders for printing the same.

Bro. J. W. Anderson moved to amend, seconded by Bro. Jory,—That the words "one hundred and fifty" be struck out, and "two hundred" be inserted instead.

On the question being put, the amendment was lost, and the original motion carried.

The following resolution was adopted :

Moved by Bro. A. Raymer, seconded by Bro. Bowley, Grand Conductor :

Resolved,—That this Grand Lodge hereby tenders a hearty vote of thanks to Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, for the use of their Hall, during the past and present sessions.

The Grand Lodge then considered the communication from Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, *re* dedication of their new Hall, when the following, moved by Bro. Watson, Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Jory, was adopted :

Resolved,—That the invitation of Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, for this Grand Lodge to take charge of the Dedicatory Ceremonies of their new Hall, be accepted, and the arrangements therefor be left in the hands of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

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Bro. Wilson moved the following, seconded by Bro. Brown :

Resolved.—That the first Annual Session of this Grand Lodge, be held in the City of Winnipeg.

Bro. A. Raymer moved in amendment, seconded by Bro. Young, D.G.M.,—That the words "City of Winnipeg" be struck out, and "Portage la Prairie" inserted.

The question being put on the amendment it was lost, and on call the Yeas and Nays were thus recorded :

Yeas—Anderson, J. W., Bowley, Deering, Jamison, Raymer, A., Watson, W. J., Wilson, Young.—8.

Nays—Andrew. Brown, Conklin, Harvey, Hunter, Hutton, Jory, McGillivray, Owen, Pettigrew, Raymer, H. J., Rose.—12.

The question now being on the motion of Bro. Wilson, it was adopted.

The following resolution was adopted :

Moved by Bro. Deering, seconded by Bro. Rose :

Resolved.—That the Grand Secretary be instructed to send copies of the printed Journal to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, to each Lodge in this jurisdiction, and to each Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge now resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitutions, taking up the proposed "Constitution for Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba."

The preamble and first sixteen clauses were adopted as read.

Clause 17 was amended by striking out the following words after the word "Physician," "to be elected at the last meeting in November, and to serve for a term of twelve months."

The clause was adopted as amended.

Clauses 18 to 21 inclusive were adopted as read.

Clause 22 was amended by inserting the following words after the word "Treasurer," "(also D. M. and Physician, if provided for by the By-Laws of the Lodge)."

The remaining clauses 23 to 79 inclusive were adopted, and on motion of Bro. Horace J. Raymer, seconded by Bro. Deering, the Constitution as a whole was adopted as amended.

The "Order of Business and Rules of Order for Subordinate Lodges" were then read and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted :

Moved by Bro. Deering, seconded by Bro. Horace J. Raymer,

Resolved,—That a list of prices of supplies be furnished Subordinate Lodges, that the prices be fixed at an advance on cost of 33¼ per cent, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to notify Lodges to send cash with order.

The following was also adopted :

Moved by Bro. J. W. Anderson, seconded by Bro. Jory,

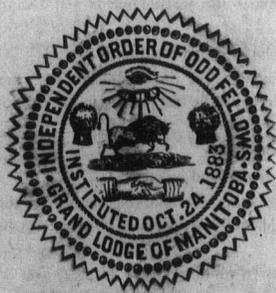
Resolved,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Committee on Constitutions, for the very efficient manner in which they discharged the duty assigned to them.

The Chair having conveyed the thanks of the Grand Lodge to the Committee, Bro. Horace J. Raymer, Chairman, in a few appropriate words, acknowledged the compliment.

The business of the session being concluded, the Grand Chaplain offered prayer, whereupon the Deputy Grand Master, by direction of the Grand Master, proclaimed the Grand Lodge of Manitoba adjourned, *sine die*.

James D. Conklin

Grand Secretary.



LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES

LIST OF SUBORDINATE LODGES
 —UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE—
 GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA,
 with the Elective Officers for term ending June 30th, 1884.

LODGE.	No.	LOCATION.	NOBLE GRAND.	VICE GRAND.	* REC. SEC'Y.	PER. SEC'Y.	TREASURER.	SITTING PAST GRAND.	NIGHT OF MEETING.
Manitoba	1	Winnipeg.	W. F. Ross	G. Slack Wood	W. C. Baldwin	C. T. Brown	C. D. Anderson	J. Pettigrew	Friday.
North Star	2	"	Wm. G. Bell	W. C. Copeland	J. A. Payne	W. H. Seach	W. Brydon	W. J. Watson	Tuesday.
Portage	3	Portage la Prairie	J. M. Robinson	R. Roxburgh	A. L. Curtis	J. Dodimead	J. P. Young	A. Raymond	"
Gateway City	4	Emerson	J. H. Longworth	D. McKay	C. E. Harris	J. R. Christie	A. McKay	C. M. Purdy	"
Gladstone	5	Gladstone	David Budge	H. C. Deans	F. Cope	G. Pirie	J. McRae	J. Small	Monday.
Brandon City	6	Brandon	Arthur McLean	W. C. Hunter	W. J. Crossley	T. J. Lamont	J. W. Anderson	L. M. Moore	Thursday.
Minneapolis	7	Winnipeg.	M. H. Halle	J. R. Jones, M.D.	H. B. Andrews	W. Emblee	Jas. D. Conklin	W. Higgins	"
Crystal City	8	Crystal City	W. T. Kinney	E. Doberer	J. W. Greenway	D. W. Duff	P. W. McDonald	G. Riddell	Wednesday.

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APPENDIX.

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SUBORDINATE LODGES,

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CONSTITUTION
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PREAMBLE.

Whereas, it has been found expedient and of the utmost importance to the well being of all organized Institutions, to govern the same by sound and uniform laws and regulations :

Therefore, the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, with the view of ensuring co-operation and uniformity of action, of providing for the best interests of the Order, and of securing more effectually the permanence of the blessings to be derived from the right exercise of those ennobling and Heaven-born principles of *Friendship, Love and Truth*, on which it is founded, doth ordain, declare, and establish the following articles as the Constitution for the Government thereof :

TITLE.

1.—This Grand Lodge shall be known and hailed by the name and title of "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows."

POWERS.

2.—This Grand Lodge shall have jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship within that section of the Dominion of Canada called and known as the Province of Manitoba, being the Superior Tribunal of all Subordinate Lodges within its jurisdiction.

3.—No Lodge can be formed, or continue to exist, within its jurisdiction, without the express sanction of this Grand Lodge.

4.—It possesses within its jurisdiction the right and power of granting, suspending or annulling Charters for proper cause; of receiving, hearing, and determining appeals from the decision of Subordinate Lodges, and of redressing all grievances arising therein; of regulating the means of its own support; and of performing all such other acts and things as shall have for their object the promotion of the true and best interests of the Order, or shall appertain to it by ancient usage or custom, and are not in violation of the Laws of the land or the regulations of the Order.

MEMBERSHIP.

5.—The members of this Grand Lodge shall be the Past Grands of every Lodge in good standing under its jurisdiction, who are in good standing in their respective Lodges, and in possession of the Grand Lodge Degree.

6.—Any Past Grand, on presenting a Certificate of his official services, and after satisfactory examination of the Degrees pertaining thereto, shall be entitled to receive the Grand Lodge Degree.

7.—No Past Grand shall be admitted as a Representative in this Grand Lodge unless duly certified as having been elected thereto; nor until he has been instructed in the Grand Lodge Degree, and has signed a promise faithfully to support, maintain and abide by the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

8.—Every member of this Grand Lodge shall have power to make or second, and to speak upon, any and all motions and resolutions that may properly come before the Grand Lodge; shall be entitled to vote for Grand Officers and upon every proposed amendment to this Constitution; and shall also be entitled to vote upon all other motions and resolutions before the Grand Lodge, unless a vote by Lodges is called for by two representatives, in which case none but representatives shall vote, and the yeas and nays shall be recorded.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

9.—Every Lodge within the jurisdiction shall, at its first meeting in the month of July annually, elect by ballot from amongst its Past Grands in good standing, a Representative, or Representatives, as follows, that is to say: One Representative where the number of members returned in the semi-annual report of the preceding

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10.—Any Lodge not having a properly qualified Past Grand may choose one so qualified from any other Lodge within the jurisdiction, to represent it in this Grand Lodge for the like period.

11.—In all ballotings, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

12.—The resignation by any member of his office as Representative must be addressed in writing to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, which shall proceed at its first opportunity to consider the same, and either accept or refuse the resignation, as may seem expedient; and if such resignation be accepted, the Lodge may at once proceed to elect another qualified member to fill the vacancy.

TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

13.—Whenever charges affecting the character or standing of any member shall be submitted to the Grand Lodge in writing, by one or more members thereof, the same shall be immediately referred to a committee of five members, to be elected by ballot, who shall, with as little delay as possible, examine carefully into the charges, and report the result of such examination to the Grand Lodge.

14.—The Grand Lodge, after having heard the member thus charged in his defence, shall proceed to determine the case, by acquitting, reprimanding, suspending from his seat in the Grand Lodge, or expelling therefrom the implicated member, as the Grand Lodge may deem fit and proper.

15.—Whenever any member shall be suspended or expelled, intimation of the same shall be forthwith given to the Noble Grand of his Lodge, and the Grand Lodge may require that he be tried by the Subordinate Lodge to which he belongs.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

16.—The Elective Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be:

The Grand Master;
 “ Deputy Grand Master;
 “ Grand Warden;
 “ “ Secretary;
 “ “ Treasurer;

To be elected by ballot.

17.—These Elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, after previous nomination, such nomination and election to take place at the annual session of the Grand Lodge.

18.—At each election the Presiding Officer shall appoint two of the members present as Tellers, who shall preside at the ballot box, and allow each member, as his Lodge is called by the Grand Secretary, to deposit his ballot, and when the balloting is completed shall examine the same and report the result.

19.—Each Elective Officer shall be chosen separately, by a majority of all the ballots cast. Should there be no choice of such officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place among the members present, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who shall have received the least number of votes shall be withdrawn.

20.—The Grand Representative or Representatives to represent this Grand Lodge in the Sovereign Grand Lodge, shall be elected in accordance with the Constitution and Laws of the said Sovereign Grand Lodge, and in the form and manner herein prescribed for the nomination and election of Grand Officers.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

21.—The Appointed Officers of this Grand Lodge shall be :

The Grand Marshal ;
 “ “ Conductor ;
 “ “ Guardian ;
 “ “ Chaplain ;
 “ “ Herald ;

To be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after his installation, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

22.—The Grand Master shall, as soon after his installation as may be, appoint, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, a District Deputy Grand Master for each District under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and within which one or more Subordinate Lodges may be in operation.

INSTALLATION.

23.—The Grand Officers shall be installed according to the Grand Lodge Order of business, unless otherwise ordained by the Grand Lodge, and shall serve until the next annual session, and until the installation of their successors.

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24.—The sitting Grand Master, or any Past Grand Master present, shall install the Grand Master elect, who shall thereafter install the other Officers.

25.—Should any Officer elect fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant, unless sufficient cause be shown for such non-attendance, and the Grand Lodge shall forthwith proceed to fill the same by a new election, the successful candidate at which shall be immediately installed. Should sufficient cause be shown, as aforesaid, the installation of the Officer elect, so absent, may take place at such time, and in such manner as the Grand Lodge may then specially direct.

VACANCIES.

26.—Should a vacancy occur in the office of Grand Representative, Grand Warden, Grand Secretary, or Grand Treasurer, by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of this Grand Lodge, such vacancy shall be filled by a person to be chosen by a majority of the remaining Elective Officers and Grand Representatives, provided always that the person so chosen shall serve only until the next annual session of the Grand Lodge, when in the event of the term in the vacant office being still unexpired, the members present shall elect by ballot a person to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

DUTIES AND POWERS.

27.—The Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge when present; he shall preserve order and decorum therein, and decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Grand Lodge; he shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in cases decided by ballot; he shall appoint *pro tem.*, in the absence of the regular incumbents, all officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge; sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring his signature, and transmit, or cause to be transmitted regularly, previous to the commencement of each term, to each subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, the Passwords necessary; he shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of all committees of the Grand Lodge, whose meetings he may choose to attend; he may grant dispensations to open new Lodges,

and-petitions of a Subordinate Lodge to reinstate an expelled member; and he shall, in person or by deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings and work of each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, whenever he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests—the necessary expense incurred in making such visits to be defrayed by the Grand Lodge.

28.—The Deputy Grand Master shall act as the Assistant of the Grand Master, and during the absence of that officer shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex-officio*, become Grand Master until the next regular session thereafter.

29.—The Grand Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge; he shall confer the Grand Lodge Degree on all Past Grands qualified to receive it; and shall, subject to the Grand Master, have charge of the Lodge room during all meetings of the Grand Lodge. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Deputy Grand Master, he shall perform the duties of that office until the next regular session thereafter.

30.—The duty of the Grand Secretary shall be to attend in person every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and when absent to transmit the books and records thereof; he shall keep a just and true record of all the proceedings, and to intimate to each Subordinate Lodge such portion thereof as may affect it; he shall also keep a just and true account between each Subordinate Lodge and the Grand Lodge, and also of the affairs of the Grand Lodge; he shall preserve all books and file all documents belonging to his office; attest all orders drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and pay over to him monthly all moneys coming into his hands on account of the Grand Lodge; receive all documents relative to the Grand Lodge, and submit the same to the Grand Master, or the Grand Lodge if in session; conduct all correspondence on behalf of the Grand Lodge; furnish all committees with such official documents as may be necessary for their reference; transmit to the Sovereign Grand Lodge a regular report of the Order, made up to the 31st of December in each year; notify all Subordinate Lodges of each regular or special session of the Grand Lodge, at least two weeks previous to its commencement; prepare all Charters granted by the Grand

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Lodge; affix the Seal of the Grand Lodge to such Charters, and to all other documents requiring it; perform all the duties of the Grand Treasurer in his absence; and attend to all other business not herein enumerated, and coming properly within the duties of his office. He shall have his books properly closed before the annual session, and shall have a sufficient number of his Annual Report printed for the use of the Grand Lodge. Prior to installation, he shall execute in favor of the Grand Lodge a satisfactory bond for the faithful performance of his duties; and shall receive such salary as may be fixed upon at each annual session.

31.—The Grand Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the moneys of the Grand Lodge, depositing the same in some chartered banking institution of this Province, to be named by the Grand Lodge, within three days at furthest after receipt thereof, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Grand Master, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and none other; he shall keep his accounts in a fair, clear, and legible manner, exhibiting, in as far as possible, the sources of all receipts, and the destination of all disbursements, with the amount of both; he shall have his accounts closed immediately before every regular session, and submit them thereat to the Grand Lodge; and shall, prior to installation, execute in favor of the Grand Lodge a satisfactory bond for the due and faithful performance of his duties.

32.—The Grand Representative shall attend the meetings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and act thereat on behalf of this jurisdiction; he shall be furnished with a certificate of election in the form required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge. He shall also attend the meetings of this Grand Lodge, and submit a synopsis of the proceedings of the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the sessions thereof attended by him—to appear in the annual printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

33.—The Grand Chaplain shall open and close every meeting of the Grand Lodge with prayer.

34.—The Grand Marshal shall examine Past Grands applying for the Grand Lodge Degree, and shall otherwise assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge, according to his office.

35.—The Grand Conductor shall assist the Grand Marshal in the ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.

36.—The Grand Guardian shall have charge of the inner entrance

of the Grand Lodge Room, and permit none to enter or depart without the usual formalities.

37.—The Grand Herald shall securely guard the outer door of the Lodge Room; he shall permit no one to enter without examination and receiving from him the semi-annual P. W.; he shall receive the cards of travelling brothers desiring to visit this Grand Lodge, and deliver the same to the Grand Guardian to be laid before the Grand Lodge.

38.—Each District Deputy Grand Master shall act as the agent of the Grand Master with the Subordinate Lodge or Lodges situated within the District over which he may be appointed; it shall be his duty to see that the work of the Order is performed therein uniformly and correctly, and to instal the officers of such Lodge or Lodges, or cause the same to be done by a competent officer; he shall be entrusted with the charge of, and shall countersign and issue all Dispensations granted to any Lodge in his District; he shall report to the Grand Master at least two weeks previous to each regular Session, such dispensations as may have passed through his hands, together with all other matters coming within his sphere of duty; and he shall remit forthwith to the Grand Secretary all dues, charges, and other funds, which may have been received by him on account of this Grand Lodge.

COMMITTEES.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

39.—The Elective Grand Officers and Grand Representatives shall constitute an advisory board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, and whose duty it shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master, on such matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties, to introduce and submit to their notice and consideration during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

40.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed from among the Representatives or Past Grands by the Grand Master, at or before the opening of each Annual Session, to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge, viz.:

- Committee on Credentials;
- “ “ Distribution;
- “ “ Returns;

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- " " Appeals and Grievances;
- " " Laws of Subordinates;
- " " Printing;
- " " Judiciary;
- " " State of the Order;
- " " Legislation;
- " " Mileage and Per Diem;
- " " Petitions and Correspondence;

41.—The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, who shall report to the Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of Brothers claiming admission as Representatives or Past Grands, and on the validity of their credentials.

42.—The Committee on Distribution shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred the reports of the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and Grand Representative, in order to distribute the various matters embraced in them to appropriate committees.

43.—The Committee on Returns shall consist of three members, who shall examine and report to this Grand Lodge, without delay on the regularity of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

44.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine, at each regular session, the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, the accounts of the Grand Lodge, and all other claims and matters laid before them, and report thereon; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may deem to be expedient and necessary.

45.—The Committee on Appeals shall be composed of three members, of whom two shall form a quorum, to whom shall be referred all appeals and grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof (unless in case of charges against members of the Grand Lodge), on which they shall report without delay, recommending such action in the case as they may consider necessary; provided always, that no member of this committee shall act as such, on any appeal to which he himself may be a party.

46.—The Committee on Laws of Subordinate Lodges shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all By-laws of Subordinate Lodges sent in for approval. It shall be the duty of the Committee, at the earliest possible opportunity, to notify such

Lodges through the Grand Secretary of their approval or disapproval of the By-laws submitted, pointing out all regulations therein (if any) which may violate or conflict with the laws and usages of the Order. All By-laws so approved will be operative upon the Lodge until next session of Grand Lodge, and no By-laws shall be operative until so approved. The Committee shall make a full report to the Grand Lodge at its next session.

47.—The Committee on Printing shall consist of three members, of whom the Grand Secretary shall be one, to whom shall be referred all matters relative to the printing required by this Grand Lodge, and the necessary correction and condensing of material for the Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge previous to publication.

48.—The Judiciary Committee shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred the decisions of the Grand Master made during the recess, and all questions relating to the interpretation or construction of the laws and usages of the Order.

49.—The Committee on the State of the Order shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all matters concerning the condition and prospects of the Order.

50.—The Committee on Legislation shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all questions pertaining to the making or amending of Laws.

51.—The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to arrange a table of the mileage and per diem of the Officers and Representatives and members of committees of this Grand Lodge, such mileage to be computed at the actual cost of same, by the nearest travelled route, and per diem at \$2.00.

52.—The Committee on Petitions and Correspondence shall consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all petitions, and all official correspondence of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

53.—All committees meeting during recess shall be paid mileage and per diem at the same rate as paid to Representatives of the Grand Lodge, at the previous session, the chairman of each committee to present the account.

54.—The reports of all committees must be made in writing.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

55.—All Special Committees shall be named by the Grand Master, subject to approval by the Grand Lodge, unless provided

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for by special vote, and shall report at the next sitting following their appointment, unless otherwise ordered by this Grand Lodge.

AUDITORS.

56.—Two auditors shall be appointed by the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to examine the books, accounts, vouchers, &c., of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, prior to each annual session, and report upon the same.

SESSIONS.

57.—The Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in August in each year, at such place as may be appointed at the preceding session thereof.

58.—The Grand Master shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Grand Lodge, whenever and wherever, in his judgment, it would be for the true interests and benefits of the Grand Lodge and Odd-Fellowship generally within its jurisdiction, and when the importance of the subject matter for consideration is such as to justify the expense necessarily involved in such meetings; provided always, that two weeks' notice shall be given to each Subordinate Lodge of the time and object of such meeting.

59.—At any special meeting of the Grand Lodge, no business shall be transacted other than that for which the meeting was called.

60.—At all regular and special meetings, the Grand Lodge may adjourn from time to time, as may be found expedient.

61.—To constitute a regular or special meeting of this Grand Lodge, there must be in attendance a majority of the Representatives of all the Lodges within the jurisdiction present.

APPEALS.

62.—Upon the investigation of any appeal presented to the Grand Lodge, if it shall appear that there has been irregularity or informality in the form of the charges made, or in the manner of preferring them, or in the appointment of the Committee of Trial; or in the proceedings of the Committee or of the Lodge; or that incompetent evidence has been received, or competent evidence excluded; or that a fair opportunity has not been given the appellant to produce his evidence; or if it appear that the decision is contrary to evidence or the weight of evidence; then the decision of the Lodge may be reversed, and the case referred back for a new trial.

63.—In the event of an appeal coming before the Grand Lodge

in any case that has so been referred back for a new trial, if it shall appear after such second trial that the charges are not such as the Lodge by its constitution and by-laws, or by the laws and usages of the Order, can take cognizance of; or that the evidence produced was not sufficient to prove the charges, then the decision of the Lodge may be reversed, and the member under sentence restored to all the rights and privileges which he may have lost by the action of the Lodge; and no further proceedings in regard to the subject matter of such charges shall be taken against him, except by appeal to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

64.—Or if it shall appear that the penalty inflicted upon the accused after such second trial has been contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the Lodge, or the laws and usages of the Order, or disproportioned to the offence committed, the case may be referred back, and the Lodge instructed to impose such penalty as may be legal or appropriate.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

INSTITUTION.

65.—Brothers desirous of establishing a new Lodge under this jurisdiction shall transmit to this Grand Lodge a written application to that effect, accompanied with their withdrawal cards, or dismissal certificates, and the charter fee (\$30) thirty dollars.

66.—Such application must be signed in every instance by at least five Brothers of the Scarlet Degree (*Degree of Truth*). Should one Lodge, or more, be already established in the proposed location, the signature of at least ten brothers, qualified as above, shall be requisite.

67.—On receipt of a formal application for a charter, as above required, the Grand Master may issue a warrant for the immediate institution of the Lodge petitioned for.

68.—The necessary charges and lectures shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge to every new Lodge on its institution, to be paid for at such rates as may be charged by the Grand Lodge. The travelling expenses of the Instituting Officer shall be payable by the Lodge instituted.

69.—The first Noble Grand of a new Lodge shall be entitled to the Past Vice Grand's and Past Secretary's Degree, and the first Vice Grand shall be entitled to the Past Secretary's Degree in addition to the Degrees acquired by actual service.

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GOVERNMENT.

70.—The Grand Lodge shall stand invested with full power, and it shall be its duty to issue, for the government of its subordinate Lodges, a Form of Constitution and Rules of Order, subject to the approval of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

71.—Every Subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction must adhere strictly to its Constitution and Rules of Order, as issued by the Grand Lodge; and also to the By-laws framed by the Lodge in accordance therewith, and confirmed by this Grand Lodge, and shall, in all cases, yield implicit obedience to the further regulations that may from time to time be promulgated by this Grand Lodge.

72.—No public celebration of any kind shall be held by any Lodge in this jurisdiction, without the express permission of the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master for said Lodge; nor shall any controversy be entered into relating to the Order through the public prints, without the express permission of the Grand Master.

73.—No communication from a Subordinate Lodge shall be recognized as official unless attested by its Secretary, and having its Seal impressed, of which seal an impression shall be furnished to the Grand Lodge, as soon as possible.

74.—The Grand Lodge shall divide the Province of Manitoba into Districts, making such arrangements therefor, from time to time, as circumstances may suggest and require, and as shall seem most fit and expedient.

75.—The Grand Lodge, or in its recess, the Grand Master thereof shall have power to issue dispensations, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, to any Lodge under its jurisdiction to exempt it, in any particular case, from the operation of any of the various regulations, other than financial, by which it is governed, or to enable it to proceed in any matter with other than the usual and prescribed formalities, whenever the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may deem it for the interest and welfare of the Order so to do.

FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

76.—Any Subordinate Lodge failing to make the returns and pay the dues required by its constitution, for twelve months, shall become liable to the forfeiture of its charter, which may thereupon be recalled by the Grand Master, or by vote of the Grand Lodge at any regular session. Should any Lodge fail to forward its returns

promptly to the Grand Lodge, as required by its constitution, the Grand Secretary shall immediately, upon receipt of such return, enter to the debit of such Lodge, a fine of two dollars per month for the time which may have elapsed since such return was due.

77.—In the event of any Lodge failing to meet for three consecutive months, it shall thereby become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the officers last installed to transmit to this Grand Lodge the charter, books, funds and other property of the said Lodge.

78.—The funds and properties of Subordinate Lodges, are by the provisions of their charters and the laws of the Order, held only in trust for charitable purposes, and must be applied solely to these purposes; donating them for other than such purposes, or in any manner dividing them among the members individually, is a violation of such trust and the law—the penalty for which is expulsion. And if a Subordinate Lodge shall fail from any cause to work, all moneys and properties, together with the charter, shall be surrendered to the Grand Lodge to be held in trust and applied as hereinafter provided.

79.—Upon the suspension or expulsion of a Lodge, or surrender or forfeiture of its charter, it shall be the duty of its last installed officers and members having the custody of the charter, books, papers, properties and funds of the Lodge, to assign, transfer, and deliver the same on demand to the Grand Master, or the Deputy Grand Master of the District, or to such Past Grand as may be specially deputed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to receive the same; and the same shall be held subject to the order of the Grand Lodge. Any officer or member having such properties in custody, refusing such demand, shall be forever excluded from membership or fellowship in the Order, notwithstanding such Lodge should afterwards be restored to good standing.

80.—All effects or funds received by the Grand Lodge from any Subordinate or Degree Lodge under Clauses 77, 78 and 79 shall be kept separate and apart from the property and funds of the Grand Lodge; and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the assets of the Grand Lodge, but shall be held in trust; first, for the benefit of any Brother and Widow and Orphans entitled to benefits in accordance with the By-laws of such Lodge at the time of the dissolution or suspension of the same; and the balance, if any, to be returned to such Subordinate Lodge, should it ever be re-instated,

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or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; provided, however, that should said Lodge not be restored to fellowship within five years, the funds and properties of said Lodge may be disposed of or used under the direction of the Grand Lodge in aiding or assisting any working Lodge or proposed Lodge needing assistance, or for such other charitable purposes as in the judgment of the Grand Lodge may be deemed advisable.

81.—Members of extinct Lodges, who were clear on the Books of such Lodge, at the time of its dissolution, or who shall have paid to the Grand Lodge all arrears then due, may, upon application to the Grand Secretary, receive a card under the seal of the Grand Lodge, which shall have all the force of a Withdrawal Card regularly granted; and the Grand Lodge, or during recess thereof, the Grand Master may direct the issue of cards to such members without the payment of arrears, or upon payment of such portion thereof as may be deemed sufficient, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown. Provided always, that the Grand Master and Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the applicant was not implicated in the breaking up of the Lodge, or in the illegal distribution or use of the funds of the same.

82.—Upon the application to the Grand Lodge of five or more members of an extinct Lodge, for the restoration of such Lodge to fellowship, such applicants as the Grand Lodge may approve may be restored to fellowship in said Lodge, together with the Charter and effects belonging to such Lodge at the time of its extinction, unless such effects shall have been disposed of as provided in clause 82 of this Constitution.

FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

83.—The Grand Lodge shall be entitled to receive from each Subordinate Lodge the sum of fifty cents a year, payable half yearly, for each unsuspended member on its books, as shown by its Semi-Annual Return.

84.—In case of failure or deficiency in the funds of the Grand Lodge, the amount required may be supplied by an assessment upon the Lodges under its jurisdiction, apportioned according to the number of unsuspended members in each Lodge, as reported in its last Semi-Annual return.

EXPENDITURE.

85.—All claims against the Grand Lodge shall be first placed

in the hands of the Grand Secretary, and by him submitted to the Finance Committee, who shall examine and report on the correctness of the same.

86.—When such claims have been reported correct and approved by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall issue an order on the Grand Treasurer, attested by the Grand Secretary, for the payment of the same, which payment shall be duly entered in the books of the Grand Lodge by the Grand Treasurer.

87.—In case of urgency, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master may, at his discretion, issue such order, making report thereof to the Grand Lodge at its next regular session.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

88.—This Grand Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt from time to time such by-laws and resolutions as it may deem expedient; provided they do not, in any wise, contravene any part of this Constitution, or of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the general laws, principles, or customs of the Order.

89.—Copies of such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded in duplicate to the Sovereign Grand Lodge for approval, authenticated by the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and the signatures of its Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

90.—All By-laws and Resolutions of this Grand Lodge shall be provisionally in force from the time of their enactment; but any portion thereof not conforming to Clause 88, may be annulled by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and such annulment may also have retro-active effect.

AMENDMENTS.

91.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of this Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, and upon notice of such proposed alterations being given by the Grand Secretary, three months previous thereto, to each of the Subordinate Lodges.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FOR A REGULAR SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

- 1st.—The members will clothe themselves in their appropriate regalia.
- 2nd.—The Guardian will close the door.
- 3rd.—The Officers will take their respective chairs.
- 4th.—The Grand Master will make *pro tem.* appointments if needed.
- 5th.—The Grand Marshal and Grand Conductor will examine all present in the G. L. Degree and semi-annual Pass Word.
- 6th.—The Grand Chaplain will offer prayer.
- 7th.—The Grand Lodge will rise according to usage, and the Deputy Grand Master will declare the Grand Lodge open for business.
- 8th.—The Grand Secretary will submit the Credentials of Representatives and new members.
- 9th.—The Grand Master shall appoint the Committee on Credentials, which shall report with as little delay as possible.
- 10th.—The reception and adoption of the report of the Committee on Credentials.
- 11th.—The reception of new members and Representatives, and the calling of the Roll of Officers and Representatives.
- 12th.—The reading and adoption of the Minutes of the last Annual Session, and all special meetings of the year past.
- 13th.—The appointment of regular committees.
- 14th.—The reading and reference to appropriate committees of the reports of the Grand Officers.
- 15.—The reception of petitions, communications and appeals, and the reference of the same to committees.
- 16th.—The Roll of Lodges shall be called for the presentation of questions and business, and proper reference of the same.
- 17th.—The Election of Officers.
- 18th.—Unfinished business in order of its priority.
- 19th.—The reports of committees shall be read and considered.
- 20th.—The presentation and disposal of miscellaneous business.
- 21st.—The adjournment of the Grand Lodge.

RULES OF ORDER OF THE GRAND LODGE.

- I.—After each adjournment the Grand Lodge shall be opened in the manner prescribed in the Order of Business, and the Minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read and approved.
- II.—During the continuance of the Session the most decorous

order shall be observed, no one leaving the room without the permission of the Grand Master, nor entering without the consent of the Grand Warden.

The order of procedure, after opening adjourned sittings, shall be as follows :

- 1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers and Representatives.
 - 2.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Committee on Credentials, on claims for admission as Representatives or Members.
 - 3.—The admission and instruction (when requisite) of new members.
 - 4.—The reading by the Grand Secretary of the Minutes of last sitting, 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.
 - 5.—Reading of Accounts, Petitions, and other communications.
 - 6.—Reports of Standing Committees in the following order :
 - On Distribution.
 - “ Returns.
 - “ Finance.
 - “ Appeals.
 - “ Laws of Subordinates.
 - “ Printing.
 - “ Judiciary.
 - “ State of the Order.
 - “ Legislation.
 - “ Mileage and Per Diem.
 - “ Petitions and Correspondence.
 - 7.—The receiving of any reports from Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.
 - 8.—New business.
 - 9.—Unfinished business, in order of priority at previous sittings.
 - 10.—Closing or adjournment (as the case may be) of the Grand Lodge.
- III.—Notwithstanding the Order of Business in Rule II., the Grand Lodge may, by resolution, make the consideration of any matter coming before it a special order for any particular hour or day.

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IV.—No question, unless regularly moved and seconded, and submitted in writing, shall be put to the Grand Lodge by the presiding officer.

V.—No question shall be open for consideration until regularly put from the chair; and when so 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.

VI.—The previous question shall be put from the chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge present, and then shall 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.

VII.—If the vote of the Grand Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon put forthwith to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall not allow any amendment or further debate thereon.

VIII.—Before taking the vote on any motion, the Presiding Officer shall ask: "*Is the Grand Lodge ready for the question?*" and, should no member stand up to speak, the Presiding Officer shall rise to take the vote, after which no member shall have a right to speak on the question.

IX.—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 sitting, move for a re-consideration, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

X.—Any representative may require the division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

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

XII.—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any two representatives.

XIII.—Every representative present may be required to vote on any question, unless excused by the Grand Lodge, personally interested in the result, or otherwise incapacitated.

XIV.—Any member intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personality and indecorous language, as well as reflection on the Grand Lodge or its members.

XV.—No member shall speak more than once on the same question, until every member entitled to speak shall have had an opportunity of doing so; not more than twice, unless by permission of the Presiding Officer.

XVI.—Should more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor; and no member shall interrupt the business of the Grand Lodge, or in any manner disturb another in his speech, unless to call him to order for words spoken, or rules infringed.

XVII.—Any member, called to order while speaking, shall resume his seat, and the debate shall forthwith be suspended until the point of order thus raised be determined; nor shall any member speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanations, or appeal from the decision of the chair.

XVIII.—The decision of the Presiding Officer on questions of order shall be without debate, unless entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it; and on such questions alone shall he have the privilege of speaking from the chair.

XIX.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the chair, he shall use the words following and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation; "*Grand Master, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Lodge,*"—and the Grand Lodge shall, after such explanation as the Presiding Officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question: "*Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Lodge!*"

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XX.—Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper or improper feeling, must apologise to the Grand Lodge, or to any aggrieved party, if required to do so by the Presiding Officer.

XXI.—Visiting Past Grands, not members of this Grand Lodge, may address the Grand Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

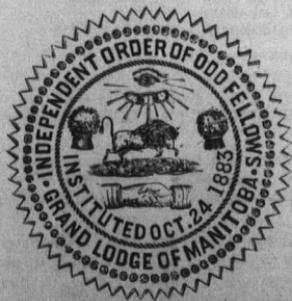
XXII.—A motion to alter or suspend the Order of Business for the remainder of a sitting may at any time be carried by a two-thirds vote, but no motion to suspend or alter any such Order of Business for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote.

XXIII.—These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled (except in the case provided for by Rule 22nd) by action of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, in the same mode as required in Clauses 88, 89, 90 and 91 of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge.

The foregoing Constitution, Order of Business, and Rules of Order for the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, I. O. O. F., were adopted at the session of the Grand Lodge, held in the City of Winnipeg, on the sixth day of February, 1884.

James D. Conklin

Grand Secretary.



CONSTITUTION
—OF—
SUBORDINATE LODGES

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

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 Manitoba—the Supreme Tribunal of the Lodges within the limits of the Province of Manitoba—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 Third Degree (*Degree of Truth*), and shall be hailed and entitled, _____ Lodge, No. _____, I. O. O. F., of Manitoba, 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 Manitoba.

MEMBERSHIP.

ADMISSION.

2.—Candidates for Membership by initiation in this Lodge, must be free white males of not less than 21 years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and residents within the jurisdiction of this Lodge at least three 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.

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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.

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 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 degree or degrees; he then shall be balloted for: should there be no objections the Lodge may ballot for all three degrees at one ballot.

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.

WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

15.—Any Brother in good standing and clear on 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,

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RE-ADMISSION.

16.—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 it may think fit.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

17.—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.

18.—Any Brother to be nominated for the office of D. M. must be a P. G.; for the office of N. G., a V. G. or P. V. G.; and for any other of the Elective Offices, except Physician, he must have served at least twenty-six nights in some inferior office.

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

20.—Nomination for the Elective Officers shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Election 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.

21.—The election of N.G., V.G., and R.S. shall take place at the last regular meeting in May and November, and they shall be elected to serve for a term of six months.

22.—The election of P. S. and Treasurer, (also D. M. and Physician if provided for by the By-Laws of the Lodge), shall take place at the last regular meeting in November of each year, and they shall be elected to serve for a term of one year.

23.—Each Elective Officer or Representative to the Grand Lodge shall be chosen separately by a majority of all the ballots cast, and before proceeding to ballot the P. S. shall call the roll of members qualified to vote, and only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

24.—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.

25.—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., R. S. S., and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

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

27.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Third Degree, (*Degree of Truth*), belonging to any other Lodge.

VACANCIES.

28.—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.

29.—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.

30.—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.

31.—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.

32.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or bi-weekly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-laws ; provided always, that as decided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, twenty-six nights' service be required as the term of office.

33.—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.

34.—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.

35.—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 Sovereign Grand Lodge, from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

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

TERMS.

37.—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.

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

RETURNS.

39.—It shall be the duty of the last Past Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Manitoba, 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, etc., 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.

40.—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.

41.—A fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for every month that may elapse after the close of any semi-annual term previous to the Returns required by Clause 39 being placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge.

42.—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.

43.—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.

44.—The Initiation 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.

45.—The charges for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than two dollars for each of the three Degrees; and all moneys received on account of Degree charges shall be applied to the General Benefit Fund.

46.—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. and 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.

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DISBURSEMENTS.

48.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his 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 sick 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.

49.—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 the 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 may also provide by its By-laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral.

50.—This Lodge may, by its By-laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress.

51.—This Lodge shall make such dispositions of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, or the relief and benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, by annuity or otherwise, as it shall see fit.

PENALTIES.

52.—Any Brother who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or infringe the Constitution or By-laws of the Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

TRIALS.

53.—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 clauses following.

54.—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.

55.—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.

* RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

The Grand Lodge provides the following rules of procedure, forms, etc., for the trial of Members:—

56.—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 by the Lodge.

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.

2nd.—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.

3rd.—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 decisions 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 of their ruling thereon. (If the decision of the Committee does not involve suspension or expulsion it should be acted on the night it is presented.)

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57.—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.

58.—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,

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.

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 Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

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.—Where evidence has to be taken from persons not members of the Order, the party giving the evidence shall make a statutory declaration of all the facts relating to the matter as are within his own knowledge, in the manner provided for the taking of statutory declarations by chapter 37 of the Statutes of Canada, 37 Victoria (1874), and to be taken before any of the persons therein authorized to take such declarations (Justices of the Peace and Commissioners in B. R.); and such declarations when so taken shall be received by the Committee appointed to try the case; provided always, that the party procuring such declaration to be taken, shall give to the opposite party forty-eight hours notice in writing of the time and place when and where such declaration will be taken, and the party receiving such notice shall have the right to attend at the time and place appointed, for the purpose of asking such questions as he may wish of the party making such declaration, and the replies to such questions shall be embodied in the declaration; and in case such notice as is herein required shall not be given, such declarations shall not be received by the Committee in evidence. Should the party so notified not attend at the time and place appointed, the declaration shall be taken in his absence, and shall be received by the Committee as if the said party had been present.

4.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

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

6.—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.

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.

59.—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.

FORMS.

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 unbecoming 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.

Date (Signed) B. B.

FORM B.—NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

(Date) 18....

Bro., I hereby enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by of
The same was referred to a committee consisting 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.

[SEAL.] Fraternally, Secretary.

FORM C.—NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

(Date) 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 and notified to file his answer thereto with you within one week, when you will cause the committee to meet and proceed with the trial.

Fraternally, Secretary.

FORM D.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

(Date) 18....

To A. B. or C. D. (as the case may be, one to each party.)
The Committee on trial of the charge and specifications made by against will meet at on the day of at o'clock

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APPEALS.

60.—A Member shall have the right to appeal to the Lodge from the decision of a committee, given under Clause 57; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

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.

FORM E.—PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I, A. B., mentioned in the charge and specifications preferred by B. B., on the day of say:
1st.—That 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.

(Date) 18....
To Lodge, No. I. O. O. F.
The undersigned (*a majority of the*) Committee appointed to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by against respectfully report as follows: (*state 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 now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. Thus you declare.
(The following additional forms are recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge as are here submitted, modified to suit the laws and usages of this jurisdiction. Notices to accused and to witnesses should, if possible, be delivered personally, and should be endorsed on the back as delivered, over the signature of the person so delivering; and the receipt thereof should be acknowledged over the signature of the person to whom it is delivered.—JOUR. S. G. L.: pp. 6541, 6590.)

FORM H.—SUBPENA.

..... Lodge No. I. O. O. F.
You are hereby notified and required to appear before the Committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred by Bro. at on the day of 18.... at o'clock of that day, to testify as a witness therein on behalf of said Bro.
By order of Committee.
..... Sec. Com.

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

62.—Any Member interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, 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.

63.—In case of charge and trial where the penalty is fixed as suspension or expulsion, the accused may immediately, 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.

FORM I.—NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.

..... Lodge, No. I. O. O. F.
 To 18....
 Sir and Bro.: Take notice that the Committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred against you by Bro. have this day filed their report thereon, which will be considered by the Lodge at the meeting to be held on the evening of the day of 18....

Yours in F. L. and T.,

..... Rec. Sec.

FORM J.—NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To Lodge, No. I. O. O. F.

Take notice that the undersigned hereby appeals from the action and judgment of this Lodge in the matter of charges preferred against him by Bro. on the following grounds:—

1st.—The evidence was insufficient to sustain such charges, or the report of the Committee thereon, in this—(here insert wherein the evidence was insufficient.)

2nd.—Errors committed at the trial, and by the Trial Committee, as follows: (Here insert errors complained of.)

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SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES AND REINSTATEMENT.

64.—A Member of this Lodge, who is in arrears for dues for the period of one year, may be suspended or dropped from membership, but he cannot be expelled from the Order on account of being in arrears for dues.

65.—A Member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated in the Lodge within one year after suspension, by paying the amount of one year's dues, and being reinstated in the manner prescribed by the By-laws.

66.—After one year from the date of suspension, a member dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, or such less sum as the By-Laws may prescribe.

67.—A Member suspended or dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, who makes application for reinstatement and for a withdrawal card, for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to be reinstated and granted a withdrawal card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues and the usual price of a card.

68.—A Member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, after five years' suspension, wishing to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon the receipt of one dollar.

69.—This Lodge, upon proper application and the receipt of one dollar, may, at its discretion, by a majority vote of the members present, grant a dismissal certificate to a member suspended for non-payment of dues, to enable such suspended member to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction before the five years have expired.

70.—A Member suspended or dropped for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

71.—Dismissal certificates may be received on deposit (as Ancient Odd-Fellows) in this Lodge, but the privilege of visiting the Lodge shall not be awarded to the holder of a dismissal certificate.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

REGALIA.

72.—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 (*Degree of Friendship*), pink; second degree (*Degree of Brotherly Love*), blue; third degree (*Degree of Truth*), 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, scarlet collar; Treasurer, scarlet 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.

73.—The jewel of a Past Grand 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 Noble Grand, a wand having branching arms connected with three links, and encompassing a gavel; Supporters of the Vice Grand, a wand arranged same as that of the Supporters of the Noble Grand, encompassing an hour glass; Scene Supporters, 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.

74.—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.

75.—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.

76.—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.

77.—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; provided they do not in any wise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, or the principles and customs of the Order.

78.—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.

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

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RULES OF ORDER FOR LODGES.

SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF MANITOBA.

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.

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, and conferring degrees.
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.
11. Good and welfare : being *first*, unfinished business, in order

of priority at former meetings; and *secondly*, new business.

13. The closing of the Lodge.

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.

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—

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| 1. To adjourn; | 4. To postpone; |
| 2. To lay on the table; | 5. To refer; or |
| 3. To put the previous question; | 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.

V. The previous question shall be put 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.

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.

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

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.

IX. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any member, duly seconded.

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having voted in the majority; may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

XI. Any question decided by the Lodge shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by reconsideration, 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.

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

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.

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.

XV. In all cases where a member may 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?*"

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.

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.

XVIII. Brothers, not members of this Lodge, may address the

Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

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

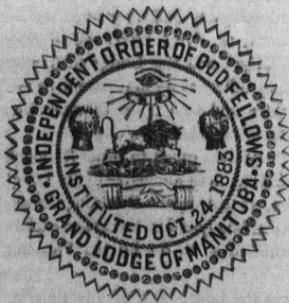
XX. A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon: but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term,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

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 Manitoba.

The foregoing Constitution and Rules of Order for the government of Subordinate Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, were adopted at the session of the Grand Lodge, held in the City of Winnipeg on the sixth day of February, 1884.

James D. Conklin

Grand Secretary.



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