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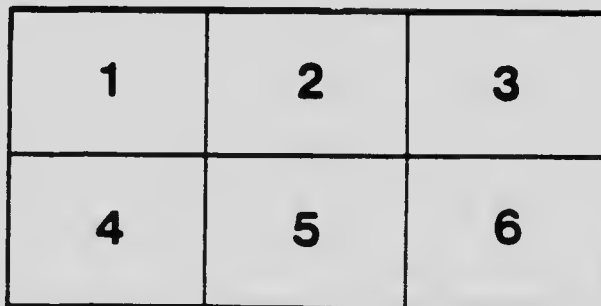
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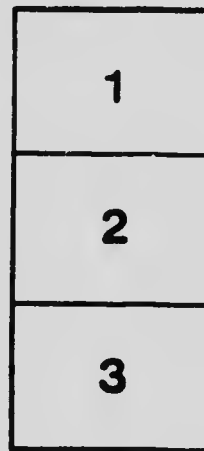
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**ANCIENT, FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS**

**AS ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL COMMUNICATION
HELD AT WINNIPEG, JUNE 12 and 13, 1918**



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I, James A. Ovas, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the Constitution, adopted at the Forty-Third Annual Communication of that body, held in the City of Winnipeg on the 12th and 13th days of June, A.L. 5918, A.D. 1918.

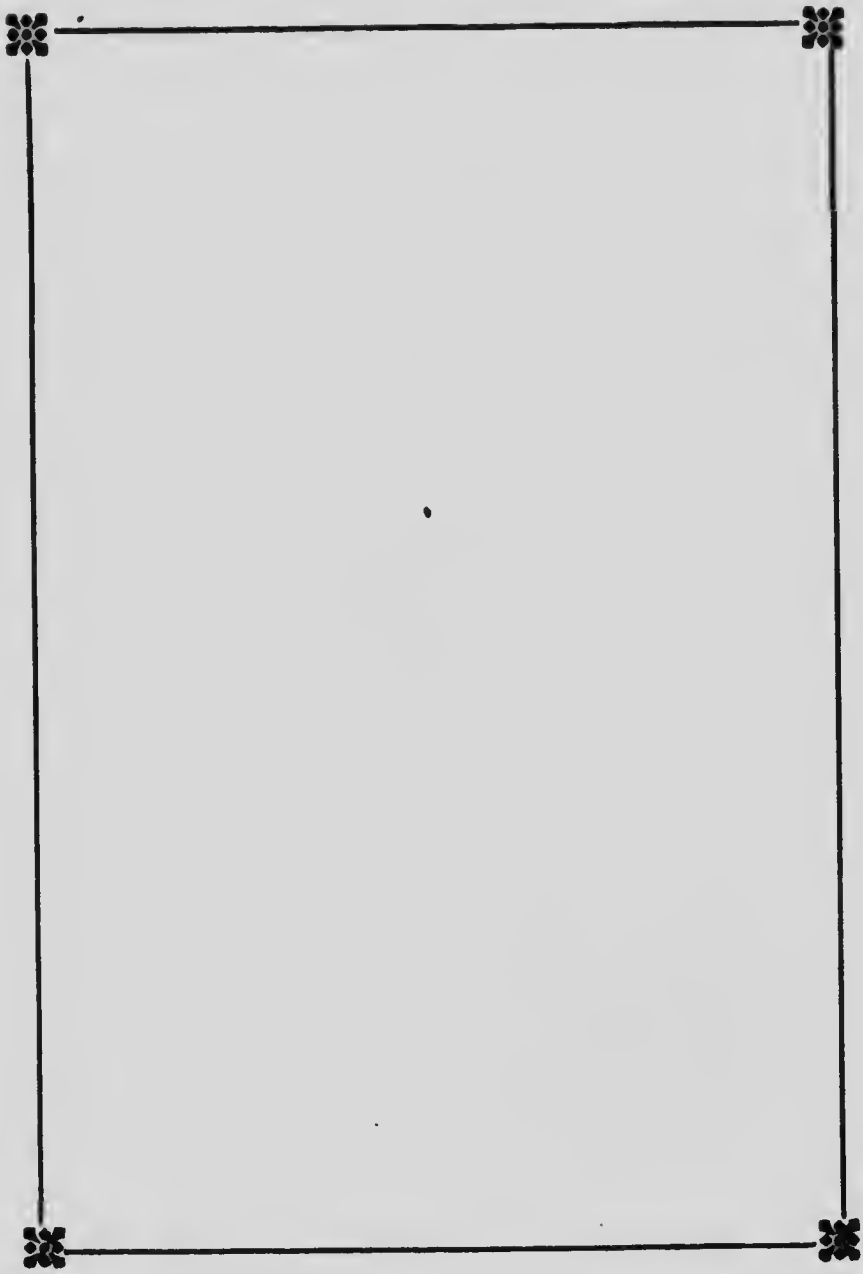
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto appended my official signature and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Winnipeg, this fourteenth day of June, A.L. 5918, A.D. 1918.





Grand Secretary.



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THE CHARGES
OF A
FREEMASON

Extracted from the Ancient
Records of Lodges Through-
out the World



FOR THE USE OF LODGES

To be Read at the Making
of New Brethren, or When
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The CHARGES OF A FREEMASON Etc.

I.—Concerning God and Religion

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understand the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as a man seeth; for man looketh to the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believes in the architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good



men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—Of the Civil Magistrate, Supreme and Subordinate

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against the peace or welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion, the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries, and promote the honor of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and to live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—Of Lodges

A Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their ancient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of Masons is called a Lodge. Every brother

ought to belong to some Lodge, and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the Craft. A Lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the Craft may be acquired. From ancient times no master or fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure; unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made Masons and admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of a mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him, and unless he is a perfect youth having no maim or defect in his body, that may render him incapable of learning the art, or serving his master's lord and of being made a

brother and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honor of being a warden, and then the master of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden unless he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a master until he has been master of a Lodge, nor a grand master until he has acted as warden, nor a grand warden until he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be notably born or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the ancient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

N.B.—In ancient times, no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called a master mason until he had been elected into the chair of the Lodge.

V.—Of the Management of the Craft in Working

All Masons should work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the master, or overseer, of the lord's work, who is to be called master by those that work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the master and the mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him nor put him out of his work if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that begun it.

When the fellow-craftsmen is chosen warden of the work under the master, he shall be true both to master and fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working, to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing brotherly love.

All tools used in working shall be approved by the grand lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall freemasons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach labourers or unaccepted masons as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

VI.—Of Behaviour, viz.:

1.—In the Lodge While Constituted

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversations without leave from the master, nor to talk of anything impertinently, or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens or any brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and fellows and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile in which case a particular reference may

be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

2.—Behaviour after the Lodge is over and the Brethren not Gone

You may enjoy yourself with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, that would forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as masons of the universal religion before mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

3.—Behaviour when Brethren Meet Without Strangers, but not in a Lodge Formed

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching on each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason; for though all masons

are as brethren upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before, nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due and avoid ill-manners.

4.—Behaviour in Presence of Strangers not Masons

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you may divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honor of the worshipful fraternity.

5.—Behaviour at Home and in Your Neighborhood

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man particularly not to let your family and friends and neighbors know the concerns of the Lodge, etc.; but wisely to consult your own honor, and that of your ancient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long after lodge hours are passed; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—Behaviour Toward a Strange Brother

You are cautioned to examine him in such a manner as prejudice shall direct you, that you may

not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother and a good man and true before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated unto you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cope stone, the cement and glory of this ancient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and backbiting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, so far as is consistent with your honor and safety and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge, and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the ancient laudible conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided; and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of masters and fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to

law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law suits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with more alacrity and success; but with respect to the brothers or fellows at law, the masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process of lawsuit without wrath or rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

Amen, so mote it be.

Summary of the Ancient Charges and Regulations to be read by the Grand Secretary (or Acting Secretary) to the Master-Elect, prior to his installation into the chair of the lodge:

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You agree to be a peaceful subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.

4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.

5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations, and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitution of the order.

6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess.

7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your lodge.

8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of Masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master; and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular person initiated therein; and that no public procession of masons clothed with the badge of the order, can take place without the special license of the Grand Master.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Freemason, or admitted a member of any lodge without previous notice and due enquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular lodge.

At the conclusion the Grand Master or installing officer addresses the master-elect as follows: "Do you submit to and promise to support these charges and regulations as masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering in the affirmative, the ceremony of installation proceeds.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
Grand Lodge of Manitoba

Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons

**As adopted at the Annual Communication
Held at Winnipeg, June 12 and 13, 1918**

The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, under the powers vested in it by its Act of Incorporation, enacts provision for the government of the Craft in this jurisdiction, as follows:

1. The title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

2. It shall be composed of the Masters, Past Masters and the Senior and Junior Wardens of Lodges, together with Past Masters from other jurisdictions who have been affiliated with one or more Lodges in this jurisdiction for a period of not less than five consecutive years immediately preceding the annual communication at which its membership is being determined. Every member

must be in good standing in a Lodge in this jurisdiction.

3. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Grand Lodge on a member of another Grand Lodge in fraternal relationship with it, as a recognition of his services to the Craft. This procedure requires a motion at an annual communication, to be approved by not less than two-thirds of the members present.

4. The Grand Lodge has jurisdiction throughout Manitoba. In it is vested the sole power to enact laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, to alter or repeal them, and to exercise generally the authority necessary to carry them into effect. This power includes the granting or revocation of charters of Lodges, the enforcement of discipline upon its members or on lodges; the hearing and determination of appeals from the decisions of the Grand Master or any other elected officer, of the Board of General Purposes, or of a lodge; expulsion of a member of a lodge, or his restoration after expulsion; the establishing or discontinuance of fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges; and the investigation and determination of all other matters that may be brought before it, including its relations to Lodges or to individual members of Lodges.

5. The Province shall be divided into Masonic districts, the number and extent of which shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

6. The following is adopted as the seal of the Grand Lodge:



7. The officers of the Grand Lodge, with their official designations, are as follows:

- The Most Worshipful the Grand Master.
- The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden.
- The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

- The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.
- The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.
- The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.
- The Very Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon.
- The Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies
- The Very Worshipful Grand Organist.
- The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Steward.
- The Very Worshipful Grand Junior Steward.
- The Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
- The Very Worshipful Grand Tyler.

8. Grand Officers are entitled to precedence and rank in the order set forth in the preceding section, except that Past Grand Officers are entitled to precedence and rank, according to seniority, immediately following the occupants of their former offices; but no one is entitled to rank as a Past Grand Officer unless, at the time of holding office, he was a Master or Past Master.

9. A Board of General Purposes shall be constituted. It shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Masters, and sixteen elected members.

FUNDS OF GRAND LODGE

10. The funds of Grand Lodge shall be classified as follows:

(a) Benevolent Fund.

This Fund shall be an endowment for benevolent purposes. To it shall be added all the sums collected from the Lodges under the provisions of section 75 of this Constitution, together with any sums received by way of gift, grant, legacy or subscription.

(b) Relief Fund.

The interest income derived from the investment of the Benevolent Fund shall be credited to the Relief Fund as collected. This Fund shall also be credited with any moneys received by it from the Grand Lodge or from any other source.

The Relief Fund shall be administered by the Committee on Benevolence in the care of poor and distressed Masons, their families and dependents. It is intended that grants from it shall be made only in cases requiring more or less continuous assistance, but the Committee may extend relief wherever it deems necessary. The following general regulations shall be observed:

(1) The Committee shall require an application for relief to be made through a Lodge, under its seal, signed by the Master and Secretary. The Lodge shall have passed a resolution to this effect, and shall have attached a copy of it to the application. This application must be made on a printed form furnished by the Grand Secretary.

(2) As the assistance given from the Fund is to be regarded as supplementary to the benevolent activities of the Lodge making application, the Committee shall require a detailed statement showing the amounts expended by the Lodge for benevolent purposes during the six months immediately preceding the date of the application.

(3) Cheques on this Fund shall be drawn in favor of the grantee or the Lodge or both, in the discretion of the Committee.

(c) *General Fund.*

This Fund shall be credited with all moneys received by Grand Lodge for purposes other than those of the Benevolent Fund and the Relief Fund. From it all payments on account of Grand Lodge, excepting those for the Benevolent and Relief Funds, shall be made.

COMMUNICATIONS OF GRAND LODGE

11. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the second Wednesday in June, at an hour to be fixed by the Board. At least thirty days' notice shall have been given. It shall be held at Winnipeg, or at such other place as shall have been determined by the Grand Lodge.

12. An emergent communication for the consideration of special business may be called at the discretion of the Grand Master. At least seven days' notice shall have been given. Only the business

for which it is called may be transacted at an emergent communication, and this shall have been stated in the summons. An emergent communication for ceremonial purposes may be called at any time by the Grand Master.

13. At any communication for the transaction of business the representatives of at least seven Lodges must be present. At a communication for ceremonial purposes six members, in addition to the Grand Master or his representative, will be sufficient.

14. Every chartered and duly constituted Lodge that is not in arrears for more than one year with respect to its returns and payments shall be entitled to representation at a communication of Grand Lodge after it has filed with the Grand Secretary the names of its representatives. A Lodge under dispensation that complies with these conditions shall be entitled to send delegates. These delegates may take part in discussions but they shall have no vote.

15. The Grand Master may permit any Master Mason in good standing to attend a communication of Grand Lodge. While participation in the proceedings shall be confined to the membership as defined in sections 2 and 3 the Grand Lodge may invite any visitor to address it.

16. The Grand Master shall preside at all communications of Grand Lodge at which he is present.

In his absence the Deputy Grand Master shall officiate in that capacity. If the Deputy Grand Master be also absent the Junior Past Grand Master present shall preside. Every member in attendance shall wear the clothing and insignia indicative of his rank.

17. The Grand Secretary shall keep a record of the attendance of representatives from other Grand Lodges. If a representative shall have failed to attend two consecutive annual communications without furnishing satisfactory explanation in writing to the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall recommend that his appointment be rescinded. He shall nominate a new representative and recommend his appointment.

18. After the annual communication has been opened the order of business shall be as follows:

- (a) Reading and confirming minutes of last annual and subsequent emergent communications.
- (b) Receiving representatives of other Grand Lodges.
- (c) Address of the Grand Master.
- (d) Reading petitions, appeals and other correspondence.
- (e) Report of the Grand Secretary.
- (f) Report of the Grand Treasurer.
- (g) Introducing proposed amendments to the Constitution.
- (h) Address of the Grand Chaplain.

(i) Report of the Board of General Purposes, including the reports of its Standing Committees.

(j) Nomination of elective officers other than members of Board of General Purposes. (See Sections 24 and 39).

(k) Presenting reports of Special Committees, as follows:

- (a) On the Grand Master's Address.
- (b) On the Grand Secretary's Report.
- (c) On the Fraternal Dead.

(l) Presenting report of Auditor.

(m) Unfinished business.

(n) General business.

(o) Selection of place for the holding of the next annual communication.

(p) Election of officers and members of Board of General Purposes.

(q) Installation and Investiture of Officers.

19. A majority vote of the members present shall be required to pass a motion or resolution at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. A two-thirds vote shall be necessary to overrule a decision of the Grand Master or Presiding Officer. The Grand Deacons and the Grand Stewards shall count the votes, unless in the opinion of the Presiding Officer counting is unnecessary. In the case of a tie vote the motion or resolution shall be declared lost. At the request of five members present a ballot instead of an open vote shall be taken.

20. Every Past Master who is present and who is qualified under section 2 shall be entitled to one vote. Every Lodge that is represented shall be entitled to three votes, of which the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden shall cast one each. When it is represented by only two of these officers the higher in rank may cast two of the three votes. When only one is present he may cast the three votes. If all three officers are absent the votes may be cast only by a Past Master of the Lodge, acting as a proxy, after he has presented a certificate from the Lodge according to a form to be furnished by the Grand Secretary.

21. The Grand Lodge may refer any subject to the determination of the Grand Master or the Board.

22. All members shall remain seated during the transaction of business, except:

- (a) The member who is speaking.
- (b) Members entering or leaving the room.
- (c) Grand Officers whose duties require them to move from one part of the room to another.

23. A speaker shall address himself to the Presiding Officer only; he may continue to speak for not more than ten minutes, except by permission of the Presiding Officer. No one shall speak twice to the same motion, unless invited by the Presiding Officer to answer a question or give an explanation; this shall

not prevent the mover from exercising his right to close the discussion. No one shall interrupt a speaker, except that the Presiding Officer may call him to order, on his own initiative or at the request of a member. After a point of order has been decided the speaker may proceed. A written copy of any motion presented to Grand Lodge shall be handed to the Grand Secretary before it is discussed. Every motion involving an expenditure from the General Fund shall be referred to the Committee on Finance for a report before being discussed.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

24. The following Officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected by ballot at the annual communication: The Grand Master; the Deputy Grand Master; the Grand Senior Warden, the Grand Junior Warden; the Grand Treasurer; the Grand Secretary and the Grand Chaplain. They must be nominated in writing, and the nominations must be delivered to the Grand Secretary before or during Order of Business (j). When that Order of Business is closed the Grand Secretary shall announce the nominations.

25. The Presiding Officer shall appoint three or more scrutineers. They shall examine the ballots cast for the respective candidates and announce the results. If the name of only one member shall have been submitted in nomination for an office, the Presiding

Officer shall declare him elected. When a ballot is taken a majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to elect.

26. The Past Masters and the representatives of the Lodge from a district, who are present at the annual communication, shall choose by ballot a District Deputy Grand Master. The voting powers of Past Masters and representatives shall be the same as in Grand Lodge. The member chosen shall be declared elected when the choice is confirmed by the Grand Master-elect. If a choice be not confirmed, or the member chosen decline to act, the Grand Master shall ask that another choice be made.

27. All the other officers of the Grand Lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master-elect. He shall announce the appointments previous to his installation. They shall be invested after the installation of the elective officers.

28. All officers of Grand Lodge must hold the rank of Past Master and be members of this Grand Lodge.

29. Should any office in the Grand Lodge become vacant the Grand Master may appoint a qualified member to fill the vacancy.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF GRAND MASTER

30. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master:
(a) To preside at all communications of the Grand Lodge, as indicated in Section 16.

(b) To present at the annual communication a written message reviewing the general condition of Freemasonry within the jurisdiction, enumerating all rulings and important official acts during the year, and recommending the legislation he may deem necessary or expedient for the continued welfare of the Craft.

(c) To constitute newly-chartered Lodges.

(d) To exercise a general supervision over the Craft in this jurisdiction.

(e) To examine new or revised by-laws of Lodges, and approve them if he finds them correct.

31. The powers of the Grand Master, between annual communications of the Grand Lodge, shall include the following:

(a) To grant dispensations: (1) to establish a new Lodge; (2) to hold elections for the filling of vacant offices in Lodges; (3) to authorize Lodges to receive and act upon petitions for initiation from persons who do not possess the residence qualifications prescribed by this constitution, (See Section 128); (4) to authorize Lodges to receive and act upon new petitions from rejected applicants for initiation, without regard to the time limit prescribed by this Constitution (See Section 141); (5) to confer a degree on a candidate in less than four weeks from the time he received the preceding degree, and to waive proof of proficiency; (6) for any other procedure by a Lodge

that is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

(b) To arrest the charter or dispensation of any Lodge, and thereby suspend its activities during his pleasure.

(c) To suspend from office any Grand Officer or District Deputy Grand Master, or any officer of a Lodge, or to restore him after suspension.

(d) To require any Grand Officer to attend him for the purpose of making a report regarding his official position, and to produce any documents or correspondence in his possession that may relate to the business of the Grand Lodge.

(e) To appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit representatives from those Grand Lodges.

(f) To decide all questions of Masonic Law submitted to him.

(g) To call a meeting of a Lodge for a special purpose.

(h) To preside in a Lodge and direct its proceedings.

(i) To summon the Master of a Lodge to attend him or any other Grand Officer or a Committee of the Board, and to require the production of the charter, books, papers or accounts of the Lodge.

(j) To send a Grand Officer to visit a Lodge and make a report.

(k) To pass in review the record or activities of a Lodge.

(l) To officiate at all ceremonies.

(m) To require any Grand Officer to attend him on his official visits.

(n) To permit the "healing" of a candidate irregularly conducted through the ceremony of a degree.

(o) To call a special meeting of the Board.

(p) To exercise all other privileges and prerogatives that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

32. The Grand Master may be consulted officially on a subject relating to the Craft, but only through the Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master.

DUTIES OF OTHER ELECTED OFFICERS

33. The Deputy Grand Master, in case of the death, illness, resignation or absence from the jurisdiction of the Grand Master, shall assume the duties and be vested with the prerogatives and powers of the Grand Master.

34. The Grand Senior Warden, and in his absence the Grand Junior Warden, in case of the death, illness, resignation or absence from the jurisdiction of the Deputy Grand Master, shall assume the

duties and be vested with the prerogatives and powers of the Deputy Grand Master.

35. The Grand Wardens, when they accompany the Grand Master on his official visits, shall act as his Wardens while he presides in a Lodge.

36. A District Deputy Grand Master must be a Past Master in good standing of a Lodge in the district from which he is chosen. He must be able to satisfy the Grand Master that he is familiar with the management of a Lodge, proficient in the work of the degrees, and competent to interpret the provisions of this Constitution and the regulations of Grand Lodge.

37. The duties of the District Deputy Grand Master shall be:

(a) To visit officially every Lodge in his district at least once in his term.

(b) To preside in a Lodge on the occasion of his official visit, to ascertain its condition, to examine its books and records, to give instruction and advice to the Master, officers and members.

(c) To draw particular attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Masonry.

(d) To assure himself that the Secretary of every Lodge in the district forwards promptly to the Grand Secretary's office the official returns, together with all fees due to the Grand Lodge.

(e) To take possession of the funds and property of any dormant Lodge in the district, and transfer them to the Grand Lodge.

(f) To make interim reports on November 1 and February 1 to the Grand Secretary, for the information of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, reviewing the work of the Lodges in the district and enumerating any particular subjects that in his opinion require the attention of the Committee.

(g) To prepare in duplicate on forms furnished by the Grand Secretary a tabular statement showing the condition of the Lodges in the district for the year ending December 27, and to transmit it to the Grand Secretary on or before April 30.

(h) To prepare in duplicate a report for the year ending April 30 on the general condition of Freemasonry in the district, with a summary of his official acts, and to transmit it to the Grand Secretary on or before May 15; to read this report at the District Meeting held during the Annual Communication.

(i) To receive and transmit to the Grand Secretary any petition for a dispensation to establish a new Lodge, or for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another in the district. With this application he shall send a recommendation based on enquiries he has made.

(j) To appoint a district chaplain and a district secretary.

(k) To undertake any other responsibility that may be entrusted to him by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

38. The Grand Chaplain shall conduct the devotional ceremonies at the communications of the Grand Lodge. He shall also prepare an address on a Masonic topic, for delivery at the annual communication.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

39. The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Masters shall be members of the Board of General Purposes by virtue of their respective offices. Eight of the sixteen elected members provided for in Section 9 shall be chosen by ballot at the annual communication of Grand Lodge, to hold office for two years. If a vacancy occur among the elected members the Grand Lodge shall choose a member to hold office for the remainder of the term. The election of any member of the Board as a District Deputy Grand Master shall not affect his position as an elected member.

40. The Board may choose honorary members, who may take part in the discussion of questions brought before it, and vote, but may not serve on standing committees. The appointment of an honorary

member, to be permanent, must be confirmed by the Grand Lodge. Every honorary member must have given at least ten years' service to the Board, previous to his appointment.

41. Nominations for the Board must be in writing, and must be delivered to the Grand Secretary not later than twelve o'clock noon on the first day of the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. A list of the nominations shall be posted at the entrance to the Grand Lodge hall within two hours after the time for receiving them has elapsed.

42. The Deputy Grand Master shall be President of the Board. He shall fix the time for the first meeting, and shall announce it at the conclusion of the election of officers. At this meeting the Board shall elect by ballot a Vice-President. It shall also elect a nominating committee of five, for the purpose of choosing the members of the various standing committees. This nominating committee shall submit its report at the following meeting of the Board.

43. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held in Winnipeg on the third Friday of June, September, November, February and April. A special meeting may be called at any time by the Grand Master, the President, or in their absence from Winnipeg, by the Vice-President. Written notice of all meetings, giving an outline of the business to be transacted, shall be sent to every member by the Grand Secretary at least

six days in advance. Special meetings of the Board during the annual communication of the Grand Lodge may be announced by the Grand Secretary without regard to the six days' written notice. Seven members shall constitute a quorum.

44. The Board shall order the issue of certificates as required by the Act of Incorporation passed by the Legislature of Manitoba, known as 47 Victoria, cap. 61, entitled "An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

45. The Board shall hear and give judgment on charges of infraction of the provisions of the Constitution and on charges against Lodges. It shall have power to enforce its judgments, but an appeal may be taken to Grand Lodge. Notice of appeal must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within thirty days after notification of the judgment has been sent to the Lodge or member charged. If the enforcement of the judgment shall have necessitated the arresting of the charter or dispensation of the Lodge the Board shall report all the circumstances to Grand Lodge.

46. The Board may summon the Master of any Lodge to attend it or any of its committees, and may order the production of the charter or dispensation, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If the summons or order be disobeyed the Board

may recommend to the Grand Master that the charter or dispensation be arrested.

47. If a charge is laid against any member of the Board or against the Lodge to which he belongs he shall withdraw while the evidence is being considered and the judgment prepared.

48. The Board or any committee acting under its direction shall have power to inspect all books, papers, documents or accounts of the Grand Lodge, and for this purpose may summon any Grand Officer to appear before it.

49. The Board shall have power to order any change in the system of accounting or in the keeping of records in the Grand Secretary's office. It may on request remit to any Lodge the fee paid on account of the issue of a dispensation.

50. The Board shall control the furniture and regalia of Grand Lodge.

51. The Board shall make a recommendation to the Grand Master on every petition for a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge, and to the Grand Lodge on every petition for a charter.

52. Forms of petition for initiation or affiliation in Lodges, as well as all forms for use by Grand Lodge or any of its officers, shall be prescribed by the Board.

53. The Board shall have power to invest the funds of Grand Lodge in first mortgages on improved real estate in the Province of Manitoba or in Canadian securities in the form of Dominion, Provincial or municipal bonds, debentures or stocks.

54. The Board shall have control of all real property belonging to Grand Lodge. It shall have the power to sell or lease any of the property on terms that it may consider suitable.

55. The Board may give permission to a Lodge or group of Lodges in a district for the establishment of an employment bureau and may encourage it by a monetary grant or other assistance.

56. The Board may consider and make recommendations on any subject concerning the welfare of the Craft, including the regulation or government of Grand Lodge.

57. The Board shall submit to the annual communication of Grand Lodge a written report, giving a summary of the business transacted and the decisions reached by it during the year.

58. The Grand Lodge, after considering the report of the Board, may rescind or amend any of the decisions.

59. All communications and recommendations submitted to or sent by the Board must be in writing.

60. All matters referred to the Board by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge shall take precedence in the order of business at its meetings.

STANDING COMMITTEES

61. The standing Committees of the Board shall be:

- (a) Credentials and Reception.
- (b) Jurisprudence and Appeals.
- (c) Condition of Freemasonry.
- (d) Foreign Relations and Correspondence.
- (e) Investments.
- (f) Finance.
- (g) Benevolence.
- (h) Masonic Research and Education.

62. The duties of the various Committees shall be as follows:

(a) Credentials and Reception.

To arrange accommodation for all Communications of Grand Lodge.

To provide facilities for and to supervise the registration of all members attending Grand Lodge.

To examine credentials and present a report to Grand Lodge.

To arrange for the examination and reception of visitors.

To make arrangements for any entertainment provided by the Board for the members of Grand Lodge.

(b) Jurisprudence and Appeals.

To keep a record of all rulings made by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge or the Board.

To consider and report upon proposed amendments to the constitution or regulations of Grand Lodge.

To review the rulings of the Grand Master before they are submitted to Grand Lodge.

To review the evidence in connection with recommendations for expulsion.

To consider and report upon appeals from decisions of any Lodge or its Master, and upon petitions for restoration after expulsion.

(c) Condition of Freemasonry.

To make a close study of the condition of Freemasonry in this jurisdiction and for this purpose to secure the co-operation of the Grand Officers, (particularly the District Deputy Grand Masters,) and the Masters of Lodges; to make recommendations to any of these Officers with the object of assisting or encouraging Lodges.

To review the Annual Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters, paying particular attention to any important or unusual circumstances.

To recommend any District Deputy Grand Master, who has faithfully discharged his duty, for the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master.

To investigate and report when: (1) A Lodge becomes dormant. (2) A Lodge asks permission to surrender its Charter. (3) A Lodge charter is arrested.

To investigate the condition of a Lodge under dispensation and make a recommendation regarding the issue of a charter.

(d) Foreign Relations and Correspondence.

To review the printed or written proceedings or documents forwarded from Grand Lodges holding fraternal relations with this Grand Lodge.

To inquire into and report upon the advisability of establishing fraternal intercourse or relationship with other Grand Masonic bodies not recognized by this Grand Lodge.

(e) Investments.

To invest the moneys at the credit of the Benevolent Fund in any of the securities authorized by this constitution.

To supervise the collection by the Grand Secretary of moneys due to the Benevolent Fund on its investments.

To manage all other investments of Grand Lodge.

To repair, lease or sell, with the approval of the Board, any property that may come into the possession of Grand Lodge in connection with its investments.

(f) Finance.

1. To supervise all matters relating to the General Fund of Grand Lodge.

2. To present to the Board of General Purposes before every Annual Communication, an estimate of the receipts and expenditures on account of the General Fund for the following year.

(g) Benevolence.

To administer the moneys at the credit of the Relief Fund of Grand Lodge, as provided in subsection (b) of Section (10) of this Constitution, or any other moneys placed at its disposal by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

(h) Masonic Research and Education.

To keep an historical record of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

To arrange for the preparation and distribution of essays of Masonic interest; to control the Library of Grand Lodge; to supervise the publication and distribution of the Annual Report of Grand Lodge; to prepare, for immediate publication in the press, a suitable report of the proceedings of each session of the Annual Communication.

63. Every committee of the Board shall hold a meeting on the third Friday in June in every year for organization, including the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

64. The Board shall appoint a member to fill a vacancy on a committee.

65. The committees shall act under the general supervision of the Board and shall make detailed reports to it at the September and February meetings. They shall make special reports at any time, at the request of the Board.

66. Every committee shall send to the Grand Secretary, not later than June 1, a report covering its work for the year. This report shall be submitted to a committee consisting of the President, Vice-President, the chairmen of the respective committees and the Grand Secretary, to be used in the preparation of the annual report of the Board. The draft as prepared by this committee shall be considered by the Board before the annual communication of the Grand Lodge.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

67. The Board shall appoint the following Special Committees.

(a) **On Grand Master's Address.**

This Committee shall review the address of the Grand Master, and make a report to Grand Lodge.

(b) **On Grand Secretary's Report.**

This Committee shall review the report of the Grand Secretary, and make a report to Grand Lodge.

(c) **On Fraternal Dead.**

This Committee shall report to Grand Lodge the losses sustained by the Craft through the death of members during the year.

DUTIES OF GRAND TREASURER

68. The Grand Treasurer shall countersign all cheques issued on the order of any committee authorized by this constitution to disburse Grand Lodge

funds. He shall have the custody of the bond furnished by the Grand Secretary. He shall be a member, ex officio, of the Investments Committee.

DUTIES OF GRAND SECRETARY

69. The duties of the Grand Secretary shall be:

(a) To attend the communications of Grand Lodge, to make a record of the proceedings and preserve it in suitable books; to prepare and submit to the Committee on Masonic Research and Education for its approval a summary of these proceedings.

(b) To distribute printed copies of the proceedings as follows: One to every officer of Grand Lodge; one to every member of the Board of General Purposes, other than officers of Grand Lodge; two to every lodge in the jurisdiction; two to every Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge maintains fraternal relations.

(c) To conduct the correspondence of Grand Lodge and, when required, to submit it and all documents relating to it for consideration by the Board of General Purposes or any of its committees.

(d) To act as Secretary of the Board and record its proceedings.

(e) To file all correspondence and documents belonging to Grand Lodge in a form convenient for reference.

(f) To collect all moneys due to Grand Lodge and to deposit them at least weekly in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, at the credit of an account in a chartered bank selected by the Board.

(g) To issue and sign cheques on the bank account of Grand Lodge, on warrants from the chairman of any committee of the Board authorized to disburse the funds of Grand Lodge.

(h) To affix the seal to all Grand Lodge documents.

(i) To summon the members to attend the communications of Grand Lodge.

(j) To present at the annual communication: (1) a statement in detail showing all moneys received and disbursed by him during the year; (2) a statement in detail of the indebtedness of Lodges to the Grand Lodge; (3) a summary of the membership of the Lodges; (4) a list of the members of lodges who have been suspended or restored; (5) a list of the dispensations granted by the Grand Master; (6) a list of charters issued or surrendered; (7) a list of Lodge by-laws and amendments approved; (8) a list of Grand Representatives appointed; (9) all items of unfinished business from the previous annual communication. Copies of these statements shall be presented to the Board at least ten days before the annual communication.

(k) To report to the Committee on the condition of Freemasonry any instance of the neglect or refusal

on the part of a Lodge to comply with the provisions of this constitution.

(l) To notify every Lodge of the granting of a dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge.

(m) To provide the officers of Grand Lodge with certificates of their election or appointment.

(n) To have the custody of the Grand Lodge seal, jewels, regalia, furniture and supplies.

(o) To act as the Grand Librarian, under the direction of the Committee on Masonic Research and Education.

(p) To do any other work assigned to him by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, the Board, or any committee of the Board.

(q) To furnish to the Grand Treasurer, within fifteen days after the annual communication, a bond satisfactory to the Board.

(r) To keep books of account, in which shall be shown all moneys received by and payments made for Grand Lodge, together with all sums due to or owing by Grand Lodge. The cash book shall have separate debit and credit columns for the Benevolent Fund, the Relief Fund and the General Fund, and shall show at all times the standing of these funds.

(s) To keep, in a form prescribed by the Board of General Purposes, a register showing the names and Masonic records of all members of Lodges in the jurisdiction.

(t) To prepare and issue all charters, dispensations, certificates, commissions and other documents ordered by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master or the Board.

70 The account books of Grand Lodge shall be closed on March 31. They shall be audited by a qualified accountant to be engaged by the Board. He shall prepare a report for the Board, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge at the annual communication.

DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS

71. The Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist and Grand Stewards shall attend all communications of Grand Lodge and shall perform the duties prescribed for them by the Grand Master and by this Constitution.

72. The Grand Pursuivant shall have charge of the entrance to the Grand Lodge hall, and shall admit members vouched for by the Grand Tyler.

73. The Grand Tyler shall preserve order outside the entrance to the Grand Lodge hall. He shall satisfy himself that members seeking admission are properly qualified, and shall announce their names to the Grand Pursuivant. He shall perform any other duties assigned to him by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

74. The salaries of the Grand Secretary and his office staff and of the Auditor shall constitute a charge upon the General Fund of the Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE FEES

75. The fees payable to Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

For a dispensation to form a Lodge, twenty-five dollars.

For a Charter, thirty-five dollars.

For a new Charter to replace one lost, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to waive the time limitation, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to initiate a candidate residing outside the jurisdiction of the Lodge, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to attend Divine Service in Masonic clothing, one dollar.

For a dispensation to appear in any other public procession, five dollars.

For a dispensation to hold a special election or installation, five dollars.

For a dispensation for any other purpose, ten dollars.

For a Master Mason's Certificate, two dollars.

For a Grand Lodge Certificate to replace one lost or cancelled, one dollar.

For a Past Master's Certificate, one dollar.

On account of a Life Membership in a Lodge, ten dollars.

For a Life Member's Certificate, one dollar.

For the registration of a member by initiation, two dollars.

For every member not a Life Member, seventy-five cents per annum, in half-yearly instalments for the General Fund; twenty-five cents per annum, in half-yearly instalments for the Benevolent Fund. These assessments shall be based on the Lodge membership on June 24 and December 27. They must be paid to the Grand Secretary within three weeks from these dates.

INSIGNIA AND CLOTHING

76. The insignia and clothing to be worn by officers and members of Grand Lodge and of Lodges, shall be as follows:

Jewels

- Grand Master** The compasses extended to an angle of 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points; within this a gold plate on which is represented an eye irradiated, within a triangle also irradiated.
- Past Grand Master** A similar jewel without the gold plate.
- Deputy Grand Master** The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

Past Deputy Grand

Master.....The compasses and square united.

Grand Senior Warden.....The level.

Grand Junior Warden.....The plumb.

District Deputy Grand

Master.....The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre, surrounded by a circle on which is engraved the number of the district.

Past District Deputy

Grand Master.....The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.

Grand Treasurer.....A chased key.

Grand Secretary.....Crossed pens with a tie.

Grand Chaplain.....A book on a triangle.

Grand Deacons.....A dove and olive branch.

Grand Director of

Ceremonies.....Two rods crossed.

Grand Organist.....A lyre.

Grand Pursuivant Arms of the Grand Lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist and Grand Pursuivant are to be within a circle with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

Grand Stewards A cornucopia within the compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, surrounded by a circle on which is engraved "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons".

Grand Tyler A sword in a circle on which is engraved "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons".

These jewels shall be of gold or gilt.

Master of Lodge The square.

Past Master	The square with a silver plate pendant on which is engraved the diagram of the 47th proposition of the first book of Euclid.
Senior Warden	A level.
Junior Warden	A plumb.
Treasurer	Two keys crossed.
Secretary	Two pens crossed.
Chaplain	A book on a triangle.
Deacon	A dove.
Director of Ceremonies	Two rods crossed.
Organist	A lyre.
Inner Guard	Two swords crossed.
Stewards	A cornucopia.
Tyler	A sword.

These jewels shall be of silver.

Collars

Grand Master	Chain with nine stars over garter blue silk.
Deputy Grand Master	Chain with seven stars over garter blue silk.

Grand Steward Crimson silk four inches wide bound with silver lace.

Other Grand Officers Garter blue ribbon four inches wide bound with silver lace.

Aprons

Aprons shall be of lambskin, with distinctive ornamentation as follows:

Grand Master Embroidered in gold with a fringe of gold bullion; in the centre the blazing sun, on the edging the pomegranate and the lotus, and at each corner and on the flap the seven-
ed wheat.

Deputy Grand Master Embroidered in gold with the emblem of office in the centre and the pomegranate and the lotus on the edging.

District Deputy Grand

- Master**..... Embroidered in gold with the emblem of office in the centre and with the acacia and seven-eared wheat on the edging on either side.
- Grand Stewards**..... Border of crimson silk, edged with silver braid and silver fringe, emblem of office in silver in the centre.
- Other Grand Officers**..... Border of blue silk, edging with gold braid and gold fringe, emblem of office in gold or blue in the centre.
- Past Grand Officers**..... Lambskin, sixteen inches in width by fourteen inches in depth, with a flap in the form of a square; the upper border to be faced with garter blue silk, one inch wide, and the others with garter blue silk, three inches wide; embroidered in the centre, in gold silk, with the emblem of rank.

- Master or Past Master of Lodge**.....Border of sky blue silk with silver tassels, near each lower corner and on the flap a T-square of silver.
- Officers of Lodges**.....Border of sky blue silk and silver tassels; a sky blue rosette near each lower corner and on the flap; the emblem of office in the centre.
- Master Mason**.....Border of sky blue silk and silver tassels, a sky blue rosette near each lower corner and on the flap. An officer of a Lodge may have the emblem of his office in the centre of his apron.
- Fellow Craft**.....Lambskin with a sky blue rosette near each lower corner.
- Entered Apprentice**.....Plain lambskin.

77. If any Lodge shall have adopted a special style of regalia previous to June, 1910, it may continue to use it, but any changes must be in conformity with these provisions.

78. When attending a communication of the Grand Lodge or making a visit to a Lodge in his official capacity, an officer of the Grand Lodge shall wear the jewel, collar, and apron of his office.

79. A Past Grand Officer may wear the collar and apron of his rank.

80. The insignia and clothing specified by this Constitution shall be worn only at meetings of Lodges or at other gatherings authorized by the Grand Lodge.

FORMATION OF A LODGE

81. A petition to the Grand Master, from seven or more Master Masons in good standing, for a dispensation shall be required for the formation of a Lodge. Every petitioner must be a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, but this provision shall not apply when there is no other Lodge in the city, town or village at which the meetings of the proposed Lodge will be held. The form of petition shall be prescribed by the Board, and furnished by the Grand Secretary. The petition must be accompanied by the certificates of standing or dimits of the petitioners.

82. The petitioners shall apply for a certificate of endorsation from the Lodge nearest to the place where it is proposed to form the new Lodge. Where two or more Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction the application may be made to any one of them, but notice of it must be sent to all the others.

83. A Lodge may grant the application for endorsation only after it has passed a resolution to that effect. If any of the petitioners are unaffiliated with Lodges in this jurisdiction, it shall investigate their character and fitness in the same way as in the case of petitioners for affiliation. It may adopt that procedure with regard to all the petitioners, if it chooses to do so.

84. The Lodge giving endorsation shall complete the certificate of consent attached to the form of petition. This endorsation shall be necessary before the petition can succeed. A certificate of approval from the District Deputy Grand Master shall also be required, following an investigation by him under the provisions of Section 37 (i).

85. The Grand Secretary, after receiving the petition, shall refer it to the Board for consideration. A recommendation from the Board shall be required before the Grand Master gives his decision. The Grand Master may grant or reject the petition.

86. The duties and powers of a Lodge under dispensation shall be similar to those of a chartered

Lodge. The By-laws for its use shall be prescribed by the Board.

87. A petition for a charter from a Lodge under dispensation shall contain evidence, satisfactory to the Board, that it has been working for at least four months. It shall be sent to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of June for consideration at the annual communication of Grand Lodge. It must be accompanied by the dispensation, By-laws, and books of record of the Lodge.

88. If a Lodge under dispensation does not forward to the Grand Secretary for consideration at the annual communication a petition for a charter, the dispensation, unless it is arrested by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, shall continue in effect until the first day of June in the following year.

89. After receiving from the Board a report on a petition for a charter the Grand Lodge may order it to be issued. The name and number of the Lodge shall be designated in the charter. The Grand Lodge may decline to grant the petition and order the Lodge to continue under dispensation for a further period of twelve months. It may refuse the petition, cancel the dispensation and order the Lodge to be dissolved.

90. In the event of a charter being granted, the Lodge must be constituted within sixty days.

In the event of a dispensation being continued for twelve months, no further continuance shall be granted.

91. A Lodge must have been regularly constituted and registered on the register of the Grand Lodge before it can be recognized. It may continue its activities, unless its charter or dispensation be surrendered, arrested or revoked, as long as it has seven or more members in good standing who are Master Masons.

92. A Lodge takes precedence according to the serial number given to it on its Charter.

93. A Lodge shall not recognize any body in this jurisdiction purporting to be a Craft Lodge that does not hold a charter or dispensation from the Grand Lodge. Its members shall not visit that body or hold Masonic intercourse with any of its members.

94. A Lodge shall recognize as Masons only those persons who have been initiated in a Lodge holding a charter or dispensation from the Grand Lodge or from a Grand Lodge in fraternal relationship with it.

95. The Officers of a Lodge are the Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Senior Deacon, the Junior Deacon, the Inner Guard and the Tyler. A Chaplain, a Director of Ceremonies, an Organist and Stewards may be added.

POWERS OF A LODGE

96. The powers of a Lodge are derived from its Charter or Dispensation, from this Constitution, and from the regulations of Grand Lodge. They may be defined broadly as follows:

(a) To conduct its work and transact its business, under the control and direction of the Master, the primary executive authority; to conduct any other work under dispensation from the Grand Master.

(b) To pass by-laws for its own government and to enact any other measure relating to its affairs. All by-laws must be consistent with this constitution and the regulations of Grand Lodge.

(c) To enforce discipline upon its members, and upon any other Masons residing in its jurisdiction, subject in all cases to appeal to the Board or to Grand Lodge.

97. The By-Laws of a Lodge must be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master, and when approved a copy must be filed with the Grand Secretary. All amendments and additions to By-laws must be submitted and filed in the same manner.

98. The duties of a Lodge are as follows:

(a) To provide an official Seal.

(b) To have its By-Laws written or printed in a book. Every member, at the time of his initiation or affiliation, must affix his signature to them, as a declaration of his willingness to obey them.

(c) To provide every new member with a copy of its By-laws and a copy of this Constitution.

(d) To provide a register, which must be signed at every meeting by all members and visitors in attendance before they enter the Lodge.

(e) To provide the books and forms prescribed by Grand Lodge.

(f) To make a return to the Grand Secretary within three weeks after June 24 and December 27, on forms supplied for that purpose; to file a copy of this return with its records.

(g) To remit with each return all moneys owing by it to Grand Lodge.

(h) To provide in its by-laws for the appointment of two or more Master Masons as auditors. They shall make an annual audit of the books and submit a report to the Lodge. An elected officer of a Lodge is ineligible for the position of auditor.

MEETINGS

99. The day and hour of the regular meetings of a Lodge shall be stated in its By-laws.

100. Emergent meetings may be held only for the conferring of degrees or for any other ceremonial purpose.

101. Written or printed notices of each meeting containing a statement of the business to be transacted shall be mailed or delivered to all members.

at least seven days before the date of meeting, except in the case of funeral emergent meetings. The attendance of at least seven members shall be necessary for the transaction of business or the conferring of degrees.

102. A meeting shall not be adjourned to another day.

103. Business shall be transacted in the Master Mason's degree.

104. A notice bearing the name of a petitioner must be enclosed in a sealed envelope.

105. All meetings of a Lodge shall be held at the place designated in its charter or dispensation. A change shall not be made except by resolution of which one month's notice shall have been given. This resolution must be presented at a regular meeting, and be supported by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present. The proposed change must be approved by the District Deputy Grand Master and by the Board, before it can become effective.

ELECTION, APPOINTMENT AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

106. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of a Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot, at the regular meeting immediately preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. A

Tyler shall be elected by open vote. A majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect.

107. These officers shall be installed on the night of election or at a meeting held for that purpose, prior to the next regular meeting of the Lodge. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

108. All the other officers shall be appointed by the Master after he has been elected, unless the By-laws of the Lodge require the election of any of them by ballot. A member may not hold more than one office at the same time. The appointed officers shall be invested at the meeting at which the elected officers are installed.

109. If a Lodge shall have failed to elect its officers at the regular meeting immediately preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or if a vacancy occur in the office of Master or either of the Wardens, the Lodge may apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation to hold an election. The application for this dispensation must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting. The intention to hold an election under this dispensation must be stated in the summons calling the meeting.

110. A member must have been regularly elected and installed as a Warden to be eligible for election

to the office of Master, except in the case of a Lodge under dispensation. Any member in good standing who has the rank of Master Mason shall be eligible for any office except that of Master.

DUTY OF MASTER

111. It shall be the duty of a Master:

(a) To control and direct the activities of the Lodge and its officers.

(b) To convoke the Lodge and preside at its meetings.

(c) To confer or arrange with a Past Master to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason.

(d) To require that the provisions of this Constitution, the regulations of Grand Lodge and the By-laws of the Lodge be observed.

(e) To have the custody of the Charter, books, documents, papers, furniture and Regalia of the Lodge, and to produce them on the order of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master, the Board or any of its Committees.

DUTIES OF WARDENS

112. The Wardens shall assist the Master in conducting the affairs of the Lodge.

113. If the Master be absent the Senior Warden or in his absence the Junior Warden shall have the powers and perform the duties of the Master, except in the conferring of degrees.

114. If the Master and both Wardens be absent a Past Master shall preside.

115. If the Master die, be removed from office or become incapable of discharging his duties, the Senior Warden or in his absence the Junior Warden shall convoke the Lodge until the next installation of officers.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

116. The Treasurer shall countersign all cheques of the Lodge issued by order of the Master. He shall perform any other duties that may be assigned to him by the Bylaws of the Lodge. He shall have the custody of the Bond furnished by the Secretary.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

117. It shall be the duty of the Secretary:

(a) To issue, under the direction of the Master, the summons for each meeting. It shall be prepared under the direction of the Master, and shall contain a summary of the business that is to come before the meeting. Notices of motion must be set forth in full. The summons shall be sent to all members of the Lodge, the Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary.

(b) To attend the meetings of the Lodge and make a record of its proceedings.

(c) To conduct the correspondence of the Lodge and file copies in a form convenient for reference.

(d) To collect all moneys due the Lodge and deposit them at least once a month to the credit of an account, in the name of the Lodge, in a Chartered Bank selected by it.

(e) To issue a receipt to a member upon payment of his dues, on a form prescribed by the Board.

(f) To issue and sign cheques on the order of the Master, in payment of accounts passed by the Lodge.

(g) To have the custody of the official seal; and to send an impression of it to the Grand Secretary.

(h) To notify by letter every petitioner for membership of the acceptance, withdrawal, or rejection of his petition.

(i) To transmit the half-yearly return to the Grand Secretary in the form prescribed.

(j) To transmit to the Grand Secretary immediately after the election and installation of officers a certificate in the form prescribed.

(k) To notify promptly the Grand Secretary and all Lodges in the District of any rejections, suspensions or restorations.

(l) To produce any books, papers or documents of the Lodge when required.

(m) To furnish, if required by the Lodge, an approved guarantee bond.

(n) To affix the seal of the Lodge to the By-laws and all other Lodge documents.

118. He shall keep, in the form prescribed by the Board, the following books:

(a) A Minute Book, in which he shall record the proceedings of the Lodge.

(b) A Book of By-laws in which he shall secure the signature of every member at the time of admission.

(c) An Historical Register in the form prescribed by the Board.

(d) A Book in which he shall record the full names of all members who have been suspended, expelled or restored, and of all persons whose applications have been rejected. He shall also record there the names of all persons whose applications have been withdrawn and shall state briefly the reasons.

(e) An Attendance Register.

(f) All necessary books of account.

119. The duties of the other officers of the Lodge shall be defined by the By-laws.

120. Any Officer of a Lodge, except the Master, may be dismissed from office at any regular meeting for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the members present; notice of a resolution to this effect must have been stated in the summons for the meeting. He may be re-instated, after notice, at any subsequent regular meeting by a resolution supported by two-thirds of the members present.

121. Every official communication from the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Master or the Board or any of its Committees shall be read in Lodge and noted in the Minutes.

LODGE JURISDICTION

122. The territorial jurisdiction of Lodges in the City of Winnipeg shall be exclusive within the limits of that municipality. It shall extend into any neighboring municipality, as long as no lodge exists there, to a point half-way between the city limits and the nearest lodge in that direction.

The territorial jurisdiction of a Lodge outside the City of Winnipeg shall extend to lines drawn half-way between its meeting place and those of the nearest lodges in all directions.

In cities and towns where there are two or more Lodges their jurisdiction shall be concurrent.

LODGE MEMBERSHIP

123. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired: (a) By having been regularly initiated; or (b) By having been elected for affiliation or honorary membership; or (c) In the case of a new Lodge, by having been named in the dispensation.

124. A Lodge shall grant a dimit or a Certificate of Standing in the form prescribed by the Board to a member making written application for it, if his

dues are fully paid and no charges have been preferred against him. The application must be read in the Lodge before the dimit or certificate is granted. No fee shall be charged for a dimit or certificate of standing.

125. A member of a Lodge whose charter or dispensation is surrendered, arrested or revoked, may apply to the Grand Secretary for a certificate of his standing at the time of the surrender, arrest or revocation.

126. A member who was in arrears at the time of the surrender, arrest or revocation of a charter or dispensation must pay his arrears to the Grand Secretary when making application for a certificate of standing, but it shall be the duty of the Board to consider the merits of the application and to approve or reject it. A certificate issued under these circumstances shall have the same effect as a dimit issued by a Lodge.

127. Membership in a Lodge can be terminated only through the surrender, arrest or revocation of the charter or dispensation, by obtaining a dimit, or by death, suspension or expulsion.

128. A petitioner to a Lodge for the degrees of Masonry must be a male person at least 21 years of age, of sound judgment and strict morals. He must be able to read and write the English language, and must have resided in the Province of Manitoba

for twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge for six months.

129. He shall present to a Lodge a petition, to which he shall have signed his full name, on a form prescribed by the Board. The petition must be endorsed in writing by two members of the Lodge who are Master Masons, and must be presented at a regular meeting.

130. If the petition is received by the Lodge it shall be referred to a special Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three or more members, who are Master Masons, to be appointed by the Master. The names of these members shall be inscribed on the petition, but shall not be communicated to the Lodge. The members who endorse the petition, or those who are mentioned as references, shall be ineligible to act on the Committee dealing with it.

131. A period of at least one month from the time the petition is received shall elapse before the Lodge acts upon the report of the Committee. In communities where two or more Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction, the period shall be at least two months. Each of the Lodges having this concurrent jurisdiction shall, within ten days of the receipt of a petition for membership, notify all the others.

132. The Master, instead of calling on the Committee for a report, may order the petition to be returned, if a majority of the Committee has not al-

ready filed with the Secretary an unfavorable report on it. A notation of the return of the petition shall be made in the minutes.

133. If the Committee fails to make a report in three months, the Master may appoint a new one.

134. In addition to any other investigations it may make, the Committee must satisfy itself that a petitioner for the degrees of Masonry:

- (a) Is of good moral character.
- (b) Is able to read and write the English language.
- (c) Is in financial circumstances that give reasonable assurance of his being able to continue membership without inconvenience to those who may be dependent upon him.
- (d) Is at least twenty-one years of age.
- (e) Has not been rejected by a Lodge during the twelve months immediately preceding the date of his petition.
- (f) Has resided in the Province of Manitoba for twelve months, and within the jurisdiction of the Lodge for six months immediately preceding the date of the petition.
- (g) Has not been engaged in Lodge work which he knew or should have known to be of a clandestine or irregular nature.

135. If the Committee finds that a petitioner possesses all the qualifications enumerated in Section 134, but that he is maimed, it shall make a report to that

effect. The Lodge shall then determine by open vote whether a ballot shall be taken. The decision to ballot must be unanimous. In the event of an unfavorable decision the Master shall order the petition to be returned. If the ballot is favorable the Lodge may confer the degrees.

136. In the case of a petitioner who cannot comply with the residence qualifications, the Lodge must obtain a waiver of jurisdiction and a report on the character of the petitioner from a Lodge in the community where he last resided. If the waiver be obtained and the report be favorable the Lodge before balloting shall ask the Grand Master to grant a dispensation. If the waiver be refused, the petition shall be returned to the applicant. If the report be unfavorable the petition shall be declared rejected.

137. A Lodge at the request of another Lodge may by a unanimous vote of its members waive jurisdiction over a petitioner for initiation.

138. Where Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction a waiver must be obtained from all of them.

139. After this procedure has been followed the Lodge to which the petition has been presented must obtain a dispensation from the Grand Master before acting upon it.

140. If a Lodge ascertain it has not been called upon to grant the necessary waiver of jurisdiction over a candidate initiated in another Lodge, it may

require the Lodge at fault to transmit to it the amount of the initiation fee. The Lodge at fault shall forthwith transmit this fee and shall request the Grand Master to issue a certificate establishing the regularity of the procedure.

141. In the case of a petitioner whose application for degrees has been rejected during the preceding twelve months, the Lodge must obtain from the Grand Master a dispensation authorizing it to receive and act upon the petition. The resolution asking for this dispensation shall have been passed by a unanimous vote of the members.

142. If the Grand Master declines to issue a dispensation enabling a Lodge to act upon a petition that does not comply with the provisions of this Constitution, the petition shall be returned to the applicant together with any fee that may have accompanied it.

143. The summons for the meeting, at which there is to be a ballot on any petition shall state the name in full, age and occupation and business and residence addresses of the petitioner, together with the names of the members who recommend him.

144. If the Lodge receive an unfavorable report from a majority of the investigating committee, the Master shall declare the petition rejected. If it receive a favorable report from a majority of the committee the petition shall be balloted on.

145. All members present shall vote. If the ballot is favorable the Master shall declare that the petitioner has been elected to receive the degrees. If it is unfavorable he shall declare that the petition has been rejected.

146. If the Master finds a ballot unfavorable he may, without announcing the result, order a second ballot to be cast at once. Not more than two ballots may be taken, and there shall be no discussion regarding the second one.

147. A ballot is unfavorable if it contains two or more black balls. If the By-laws of a Lodge require a unanimous vote one black ball shall be sufficient to make a ballot unfavorable.

148. Any member who violates the secrecy of the ballot shall be liable, in the first instance, to severe Masonic censure, and in the second instance to suspension for unmasonic conduct.

149. A petitioner for degrees whose application has been accepted may be initiated within twelve months, but only in the Lodge that has accepted his application. If he fails to attend for this purpose within the period of twelve months a new petition shall be required.

150. At the time of his initiation he shall sign the By-laws of the Lodge, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution, shall be presented to him.

151. After a Lodge has conferred the Master Mason's degree on one of its members he shall be entitled to a Master Mason's certificate from the Grand Lodge. The Lodge shall make application for this certificate, and pay the necessary fee, when it sends its next succeeding half-yearly returns to the Grand Secretary. The Master or Secretary shall require the member to sign his name in the margin of the certificate before it is delivered to him.

152. A Lodge may apply at any time to the Grand Secretary for a Master Mason's certificate on behalf of a member on whom it has conferred that degree. The application shall be accompanied by particulars of the dates on which the degrees were conferred on him, and by the necessary fee.

153. A petitioner for affiliation must be a Master Mason. He shall present a petition, to which he shall have signed his full name, on a form prescribed by the Board. He must attach to it a certificate of good standing from the Lodge to which he belongs, or a dimit. The petition must be endorsed in writing by two members of the Lodge who are Master Masons and must be presented at a regular meeting.

154. When the petition is received by the Lodge it shall be referred to a Special Committee of Inquiry, which, in addition to any other investigation it may make, shall satisfy itself that the petitioner:

- (a) Is of good moral character.

(b) Is able to read and write the English language.

(c) Is in financial circumstances that give reasonable assurance of his being able to continue membership without inconvenience to those who may be dependent upon him.

155. The provisions with regard to a petition for the degrees shall be observed in the subsequent procedure, so far as they are applicable to a petition for affiliation.

156. A petitioner whose application for affiliation has been accepted, shall, at the first meeting at which he is present after being elected to membership, sign the By-laws of the Lodge, a copy of which together with a copy of the Constitution, shall then be presented to him.

157. The rejection of a petition for membership shall be noted in a book, kept by the Lodge for that purpose, and shall be recorded in the minutes. Notice of the rejection stating the name in full, occupation, and business and residence addresses of the petitioner shall be sent to all the other Lodges in the district.

158. A petitioner whose application for affiliation has been rejected may present it to any Lodge at a subsequent regular meeting.

159. A Lodge may by ballot confer honorary membership for a fixed period, not exceeding ten years on any Master Mason in good standing.

whose consent has been obtained. A resolution for this purpose must be submitted as a notice of motion and must appear in that form in the summons calling the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The provisions of the Constitution with respect to the ballot for membership shall be observed in dealing with the resolution. If the ballot is unfavorable the only notation to this effect shall be made in the minutes.

160. The returns to Grand Lodge shall include the names of honorary members. The dues payable to Grand Lodge for these members shall be the same as for other members.

161. A Lodge may confer life membership on any of its members who are Master Masons in accordance with the provisions of its By-laws.

162. The certificate of life membership shall be on a form prescribed by the Board.

163. The Lodge shall pay to the General Fund \$5 in commutation of all subsequent Grand Lodge dues, and to the Benevolent Fund \$5, in commutation of all subsequent assessments for that fund, on account of each life membership.

164. A Lodge receiving into membership a life member of another Lodge must pay the same dues and assessments to Grand Lodge on his account as it does for any other member.

165. Life and honorary members shall enjoy the same privileges and be subject to the same measures of discipline as other members.

166. A Master Mason in good standing who is a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction may make application for affiliation to another Lodge. The procedure by the Lodge to which the petition is presented shall be the same as in the case of any other application for affiliation.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO DEGREES

167. An Entered Apprentice may not receive the Fellow Craft degree, nor may a Fellow Craft receive the Master Mason's degree before the expiration of four weeks from the date of his receiving the previous degree. Before he receives the Fellow Craft or Master Mason's degree he shall give satisfactory proof to the Lodge of his proficiency in the degree or degrees already conferred on him. These restrictions may be waived in a special case but only after a dispensation for the purpose has been obtained from the Grand Master.

168. A Lodge may confer the Entered Apprentice degree on not more than five candidates at one meeting.

169. A Lodge may request another Lodge to confer the Fellow Craft degree on an Entered Apprentice or the Master Mason's degree on a Fellow Craft.

The second Lodge shall not require a petition or ballot, but it may require to be satisfied regarding the qualifications of the candidate, and may make an investigation for that purpose. In the event of one of these Lodges being situated outside the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the request shall be transmitted through the office of the Grand Secretary.

170. If the Lodge in which a member has received the Entered Apprentice degree, or the Fellow Craft degree, or both of them, go out of existence, he may make application, through the office of the Grand Secretary, to have the remaining degree or degrees conferred on him by another Lodge.

171. Objection may be made by any member to a petitioner for degrees after his application has been accepted, and before he is initiated. Similarly it may be made before he proceeds to either of the other degrees. This objection shall be referred to a committee for investigation, and its report shall be presented at the next regular meeting, unless an extension of time be given. If the committee or a majority of it, find that the objection is sustained, a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to enable the petitioner to receive the degree or degrees. If he be prevented, by the operation of this section, from receiving the Entered

Apprentice Degree, the Master shall declare his petition rejected and direct that any fees paid by him be refunded. If he has received the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Degree the subsequent procedure shall be that which is prescribed for trials by a Lodge.

LODGE FEES AND DUES

172. A Lodge shall, by By-law, fix the amount payable by the petitioner as a fee for the degrees. In no case shall the amount be less than thirty-five dollars. The whole fee must be paid before the petitioner receives the Entered Apprentice degree.

173. A Lodge shall, by By-law, fix the amount of the annual dues payable by its members. The Lodge may, by resolution at a regular meeting, remit the dues of any member.

174. The dues for the current year of a new member receiving the degrees shall be calculated from the time when the Entered Apprentice Degree is conferred on him; those for a new member by affiliation shall be calculated from the time when his petition is accepted.

VISITORS

175. A Lodge shall require a visitor to produce proof that he is a member in good standing of a Lodge under the jurisdiction of a Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge maintains fraternal relations. It shall require that he be vouched for by a member of the Lodge present at the meeting, or that he pass satisfactorily an examination at the hands of two or more well-skilled members to be appointed by the

Master for that purpose. It shall then require him to write his name, rank, and address, with the name and number of the Lodge from which he hails, in the visitors' register of the Lodge.

176. An objection, raised by a member present, to the admission of a visitor shall debar him from entering the Lodge, unless that objection is overruled by the Master.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

177. A Lodge may, by resolution, ask permission to surrender its charter or dispensation. Notice of this resolution must have been given at a regular meeting, and must appear in the summons for the meeting at which it is proposed to take action. The resolution must be supported by at least three-fourths of the members present when the vote is taken before the Master can declare its adoption. The assent of Grand Lodge shall be required before the surrender of a charter shall be considered final. The assent of the Grand Master shall be sufficient in the case of a dispensation.

178. The charter or dispensation of a Lodge shall lapse when there are less than seven members in good standing who are Master Masons.

179. The Grand Master may arrest the charter of a Lodge after investigating any charges preferred against it. He shall submit a report of his investigations to the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

180. The charges that render a Lodge liable to have its charter arrested or revoked are:

(a) Disobeying any provision of this Constitution or regulation of Grand Lodge.

(b) Disregarding the authority of the Grand Master.

(c) Receiving unworthy applicants.

(d) Refusing or neglecting to enforce discipline upon unworthy members.

(e) Failing to meet during a period of six consecutive months.

(f) Attempting to dispose of the charter by any means other than through the regular channel of surrender to the Grand Lodge.

181. The Grand Lodge may revoke the charter after making an investigation.

182. The charter of a Lodge shall not be arrested or revoked until after the Master, or in his absence, the Wardens, shall have been summoned to answer the charges against it.

183. The action of the Grand Lodge, in approving the surrender or revocation of a charter, shall be final with regard to the Lodge and its members. The authority granted by the charter shall revert to the Grand Lodge. All the property or assets of the Lodge, including the records, funds, jewels, furniture, regalia and unpaid dues, shall then be vested in the Grand Lodge.

AMALGAMATION OF LODGES

184. The sanction of Grand Lodge must be obtained for the amalgamation of two or more Lodges. Each of the Lodges must send to the Grand Lodge a petition based on a resolution passed at a regular meeting. The resolution must contain the terms on which it is proposed to amalgamate, and at least one month's notice of it must have been given. It must be supported by not less than three-fourths of the members present in order to be effective. The Grand Lodge may accept or reject the petition, or may vary the terms of the amalgamation. If the amalgamation goes into effect the new Lodge may take the name and number of either of the old Lodges, and may retain its charter and seal. In that event Grand Lodge shall order that its consent be endorsed on the charter, and that its seal and the signature of the Grand Secretary be attached to the endorsement. The new Lodge may take the name of one and the number of another of the Lodges, or it may take a new name or number or both; in any of these cases a new charter and a new seal shall be required.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS

185. Permission to hold a public procession of Masons must be obtained from the Grand Master. This provision shall not apply in the case of funerals, but these shall be reported to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary of the Lodge.

MASONIC OFFENCES

186. It shall be a Masonic offence:

- (a) To make a declaration of atheism.
- (b) To use contemptuous expressions respecting God or Masonry.
- (c) To disobey or show disrespect for Masonic authority.
- (d) To violate any provision of the Constitution or any regulation of Grand Lodge.
- (e) To violate any of the By-laws of a Lodge.
- (f) To violate any Masonic obligation or declaration.
- (g) To have fraternal relationship with a clandestine Lodge or with any member of a clandestine Lodge.
- (h) To violate the secrecy of the ballot or of any other proceeding in the Lodge.
- (i) To solicit petitions for degrees.
- (j) To inflict wrong or intentional injury on a Mason.
- (k) To alienate the affections of a Mason's wife or family.
- (l) To promote or encourage dissension between a Mason and any member of his family.
- (m) To practise cruelty towards wife or children, or refuse to support them.

- (n) To commit adultery or have lascivious association.
- (o) To commit a crime involving moral turpitude.
- (p) To be a drunkard or a profligate.
- (q) To use a Masonic emblem as a trade-mark, business sign or advertising medium.
- (r) To commit any other offence which has a tendency to bring discredit on the Craft.

JURISDICTION IN MASONIC TRIALS

187. Charges against Lodges shall be tried by the Board.

188. Charges, against a Master, of official misconduct, shall be tried by his Lodge. All other charges against him shall be tried by the Board.

189. If a charge is preferred against a Master he shall vacate his office pending the trial. The Lodge shall appoint a Past Master to act in his stead during the interval.

190. Charges of violation of the Constitution shall be tried by the Board. Charges preferred against a member, of violation of By-laws, shall be tried by his Lodge.

191. All other charges against a member shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest to his place of residence.

PROCEDURE IN TRIALS BY A LODGE

The procedure in connection with the trial of charges by a Lodge shall be as follows:

192. Any committee of a Lodge, or any Mason in good standing, may prefer a charge, in writing. The charge shall specify the name of the member charged, the nature and, if possible, the time and place of the alleged offence. The charge shall be filed with the Secretary. If a period of ten days shall have elapsed between the time when the charge was received by the Secretary and the date of the next regular meeting, its receipt must be noted in the summons calling the meeting. If ten days shall not have elapsed the notation must appear in the summons calling the next regular meeting. The reference in the summons shall not mention the name of the accuser or of the member accused, nor shall it state the nature of the alleged offence.

193. When the Lodge takes up the consideration of the charge it shall decide whether the accused member shall be placed upon his trial.

194. Service of papers on a Mason in connection with a Masonic trial shall be effected in the following manner:

(a) If he is known to reside in the jurisdiction he shall be served personally.

(b) If he is known to reside out of the jurisdiction he shall be served personally or a copy of the paper shall be sent to him by mail, prepaid and registered.

(c) If his residence is unknown a copy of the paper shall be sent by registered mail, addressed to him at his last known place of residence.

195. The Lodge may decide to hear the case, or it may appoint a commission to hear it or any part of it. The commission shall consist of the Junior Warden and two other Master Masons, one of whom must be a Past Master. It shall make a report to the Lodge.

196. The time and place of the trial shall be fixed by the Master. He shall direct the Secretary to cause a copy of the charge showing the date of the trial, to be served on the member accused, and to summon the Masons who are required as witnesses. At least thirty days must elapse between the service on the accused member and the date of the trial.

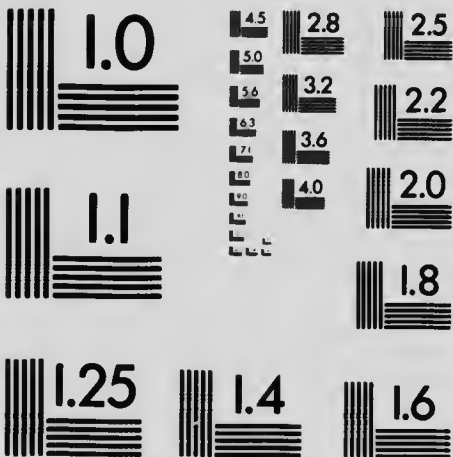
197. The arrangements for the trial shall be in charge of the Junior Warden, subject to the control of the Master who shall preside. It shall be prosecuted as quickly as the circumstances of the case will permit, care being taken that full justice is done to both the accuser and the accused. The hearing may be adjourned from time to time.

198. The Lodge shall be open in the Entered Apprentice degree when it hears testimony. It



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shall be open in the Master Mason's degree when it proceeds to the consideration of its finding and the determination of the punishment.

199. Witnesses who are Masons must be in good standing, and must offer their testimony on their honor as Masons. Witnesses who are not Masons must be pledged to state nothing but the truth.

200. Witnesses who are Masons may be heard by the Lodge or by a commission. Witnesses who are not Masons may be heard only by a commission. Whenever testimony is being offered the accuser and accused may be represented by counsel, who must be Master Masons in good standing. When testimony is to be obtained at a place other than the place of trial, notice shall be given to the accuser and the accused. Certified copies of records from a Court of competent jurisdiction may be accepted as evidence.

201. The Secretary, or another Master Mason appointed for the purpose by the Master, shall record in writing the testimony submitted. The Master shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the testimony and the regularity of the proceedings. He shall be guided in his decisions by the ordinary rules of procedure. All objections and rulings shall be entered in the record. This record shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case entered in the minutes.

202. When the taking of testimony has been concluded the accuser and the accused and their counsel may address the Lodge. The parties and their counsel shall then retire. The Lodge shall proceed to the consideration of its finding, and any member present may express his views on the case. While the Lodge is deliberating no member shall be permitted to withdraw, except for urgent reasons satisfactory to at least two-thirds of the members present.

203. If the accuser fail to appear at the time and place of trial and furnish no satisfactory reason for his absence, the charge shall be dismissed. If the accused fail to appear the Lodge may proceed in his absence and conduct the trial to a final issue. In that event the Master shall appoint a Master Mason to act for him as counsel or representative.

204. The Lodge may decide at any time, by a two-thirds majority vote, to permit the withdrawal of the charge. It may permit, by a two-thirds majority vote, the amendment of the charge, but notice of the amendment must be given to the accuser and accused.

205. If the accused member plead guilty, the plea shall be accepted as proof of the charge and shall render further evidence unnecessary. The Lodge shall in that event be required to vote only on the question of punishment.

206. Visitors shall not be permitted to attend the sittings of the Lodge or commission during the trial except to act as counsel or to give evidence.

207. After the Lodge has concluded its deliberations it shall proceed at once to vote on the guilt or innocence of the accused. If there are two or more charges it must vote on each of them. The Master shall order the Stewards to give a blank ballot paper to every member present. The members shall then write "guilty" or "not guilty" on these ballot papers. The papers will be collected by the Deacons and delivered to three scrutineers, previously appointed by the Master. The scrutineers will examine the ballots. If they are convinced that every member present has voted they will announce to the Master the result of the vote. If they find that one or more members did not vote, they shall without announcing the result, inform the Master, who shall order another ballot to be taken on that charge. A majority of the votes shall decide the issue.

208. If the Lodge decide that the accused is guilty the result shall be declared by the Master. He shall order a ballot to be taken to decide the form of punishment. This punishment may be: (a) suspension for an indefinite period or (b) suspension for a definite period or (c) reprimand. The first of these votes shall be taken on the question of suspension for an indefinite period, and the others, if necessary, in the order in which they are mentioned in this section.

209. Any punishment imposed shall be deemed to cover all the charges on which the accused has been found guilty.

210. If the punishment take the form of indefinite suspension, the Lodge shall, by another ballot, decide whether it will recommend to Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled.

211. Suspension for a definite period shall mean not less than six months and not more than three years. If this form of punishment be imposed the period shall be fixed at the time by the Lodge.

212. If the punishment take the form of reprimand it shall be administered in the Lodge by the Master.

213. The Secretary shall send to the accused and to the Grand Secretary written notification of the result of the trial. If punishment involving suspension has been imposed he shall also notify the District Deputy Grand Master and all the other Lodges in the district.

214. A member may be tried not more than once for the same Masonic offence, except that on appeal a new trial may be ordered.

215. Suspension for a Masonic offence shall deprive the offender, during its continuance, of all rights, privileges and benefits of the Craft.

216. No payment of dues to the Lodge or to the Grand Lodge, shall be required for the period of suspension.

PROCEDURE IN TRIALS BY THE BOARD

The procedure in connection with the trial of charges by the Board shall be as follows:

217. All charges shall be stated in writing, mentioning the name of the Lodge, Master or member accused, with the nature and, if possible, the time and place of the alleged offence. They shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. The Board shall decide whether the accusations warrant a trial. If a trial takes place it shall be conducted under the same regulations regarding service, evidence, argument and judgment as in the case of a trial by a Lodge.

218. The Board may appoint a commission of not less than three and not more than seven of its members to try the case. The Commission shall not give judgment, but shall make a report to the Board. After the Board has considered the report of the Commission it shall give judgment. The votes of a majority of the members present shall decide the issue.

219. When the Board finds that a charge against a Lodge has been proved, its judgment shall take the form of a recommendation to the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master. It may suggest that the charter or dispensation be revoked or arrested, or that the Lodge be censured.

220. When a charge is pending against a Lodge, it shall not attempt to surrender its charter or dispensation.

221. The decision of the Board, on a charge against a Master or a member, shall bind the Lodge to which

he belongs, subject to the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

APPEALS

222. An appeal from the decision of a Lodge may be made to the Board by the accuser or accused or any member of the Lodge. It shall be stated in writing, and shall give the reasons. It shall be signed by the appellant, and shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within 21 days after the decision has been reached. At the same time a copy of it shall be sent to the Lodge. The Grand Secretary shall require the Lodge to produce all the records and papers in connection with the case, for consideration by the Board. The Board shall refer the appeal to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals for a report before taking further action.

223. A recommendation from a Lodge for the expulsion of a member who has been found guilty shall come before the Grand Lodge by way of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals.

224. In hearing the appeal the Board may receive and consider any additional testimony that may be offered. It may dismiss the appeal and confirm the decision reached by the Lodge. It may allow the appeal and set aside the decision of the Lodge.

225. As a result of the appeal the Board may, in cases where the accused has been found guilty by the Lodge, modify the punishment. In cases where he has been acquitted by the Lodge, but found guilty by the Board it may impose punishment. It may order the Lodge to try the case again.

226. An appeal from the decision of the Board may be made to the Grand Lodge. The procedure will be similar to that in an appeal from the decision of a Lodge, but notice must be given to the Grand Secretary at least ten days before the annual communication of Grand Lodge. The decision of the Grand Lodge shall be final.

227. Where the punishment takes the form of suspension, the filing of an appeal shall not relieve the offender of it, pending the decision on the appeal.

228. In the case of an appeal the decision of the Grand Lodge or the Board removing a suspension that has been imposed shall restore the member to all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Craft.

RESTORATION AFTER EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION FOR MASONIC OFFENCE

229. Restoration after expulsion may be made only by the Grand Lodge. The applicant shall file with the Grand Secretary a petition in writing, stating the ground on which he desires the Grand Lodge to take action. The Grand Secretary shall refer

the petition to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Appeals for a report, and shall notify the Board. A recommendation to Grand Lodge shall be made by the Board after it has received the report.

230. The Grand Lodge may grant or dismiss the application for restoration. It may direct that the punishment be changed to suspension for an indefinite period. If it grant the application the petitioner shall have the standing of a non-affiliated Mason, and the Grand Secretary shall issue a certificate to that effect.

231. Restoration after suspension may be made by the Grand Lodge. The applicant shall file with the Grand Secretary, at least ten days before the annual communication a petition in writing, stating the grounds on which he desires the Grand Lodge to take action.

232. Restoration after suspension may be made by the Board. The applicant shall file a petition in writing in the same way as in an application to the Grand Lodge.

233. If restoration after suspension be made by the Grand Lodge or the Board, the petitioner shall have the standing of a non-affiliated Mason, and the Grand Secretary shall issue a certificate to that effect.

234. Restoration after suspension may be made by the Lodge that imposed the punishment. The

applicant shall file a petition in writing with the Secretary. It shall be read at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, and the Master shall direct that the consideration of it be postponed for at least one month. Notification of the petition shall be sent to the members in the summons calling the meeting at which it is to be considered. The vote on the petition shall be taken by means of written ballots, and a two-thirds majority of the members present shall be required to remove the suspension.

SUSPENSION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

235. A Lodge shall enact, in its By-laws, a provision fixing the date on which the annual dues of the members are payable. Any member whose dues for the current year are not paid or remitted at the expiration of twelve months from that date shall be liable to suspension by the Lodge.

236. At the first meeting of the year the Master shall direct the Secretary to announce the name of every member who is liable to suspension under the provisions of the preceding section. The Lodge shall then, by resolution, instruct the Secretary to send him a notice by letter, sealed and registered, asking him to pay his dues or show cause at the next regular meeting why he should not be suspended. If he fail to pay the dues or show cause, satisfactory to the Lodge, at the time appointed, the Master

shall declare him suspended for non-payment of dues. He may at any time within twelve months from the date of his suspension pay the dues to the Secretary, who shall make a report to the Lodge. The Master shall then declare him restored to good standing.

237. Restoration after the expiration of twelve months from the date of suspension may be made only by the Lodge. The procedure shall be the same as is provided in Section 234, except that the petition must be accompanied by the amount of the dues, and a majority vote of the members present shall be sufficient to restore. If restoration is refused, the amount tendered as dues shall be returned to the petitioner.

238. Suspension for non-payment of dues shall involve the loss of all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Craft.

239. No payment of dues to the Lodge or to the Grand Lodge shall be required for the period of suspension.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

240. A Lodge or member of it shall not give a letter of recommendation to a Mason for the purpose of encouraging him to solicit assistance from Lodges or members.


241. If a Mason holding a dimit be found guilty of a Masonic offence, the dimit shall not be recognized by any Lodge in this jurisdiction.

242. Permission to print or publish any of the proceedings of a Lodge must be obtained from the Grand Master. This provision shall not apply to the issue, by authority of the Master, of notices or summons to members.

DEFINITIONS

243. The following general definitions shall apply to words and phrases used in this Constitution:

- (a) Board—Board of General Purposes.
- (b) Charter—Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Lodge to a constituent Lodge that has been constituted.
- (c) Communication—Usually employed to designate a meeting of the Grand Lodge.
- (d) Dispensation—Written authority from the Grand Master.
- (e) Grand Master—The member of Grand Lodge who was elected at the last preceding annual communication to fill that position, and was installed.
- (f) In Good Standing—This qualifying expression is used to designate those who have maintained their membership in Lodges or secured dimits or certificates of standing.



CONSTITUTION OF THE GRAND LODGE



(g) **Lodge**—A body of Masons working together under authority derived from a charter issued by the Grand Lodge, or a dispensation issued by the Grand Master; one of the constituent bodies of the Grand Lodge.

(h) **Master**—The member of a Loc'le who was chosen at the last preceding election of officers to fill that position, and was installed.



(i) **Past Master**—A member who has completed his term of office as Master of a Lodge, but this definition shall not apply to a sitting Master.

(j) **Regular Meeting**—The meeting of a Lodge, at the time specified in its By-laws, for the transaction of general business.

(k) **Regulation**—A resolution of the Grand Lodge, giving direction in regard to particular matters that are dealt with in only a general way by the Constitution.

(l) **Residence**—The principal place of abode.

(m) **Summons**—A written or printed communication from the Secretary of a Lodge, issued for the purpose of notifying the members that a meeting is to be held; a written notice to a member, ordering him to appear before the Grand Lodge, a Grand Officer, the Board or his Lodge.



REPEAL OF FORMER CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS

244. All enactments, rules and regulations adopted by the Grand Lodge for the government of the Craft in this jurisdiction are repealed, and the provisions of this Constitution are substituted in their place.

DECLARATORY PROVISION

245. This Constitution, after being adopted by the Grand Lodge and promulgated by the Grand Secretary, shall continue in effect until it is revised or amended by the Grand Lodge.

AMENDMENTS

246. Sixty days' notice of proposed revision or amendment of this Constitution shall be given to the Grand Secretary. He shall send copies to the members of Grand Lodge and to the Lodges. A two-thirds vote of the members present shall be necessary to change any provision of the Constitution.

PUBLICATION OF AMENDMENTS AND REGULATIONS

247. All amendments to the Constitution adopted by Grand Lodge shall be published in an appendix to the annual reports of the proceedings. Any regulations and rules made by Grand Lodge shall be published in the same way.

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