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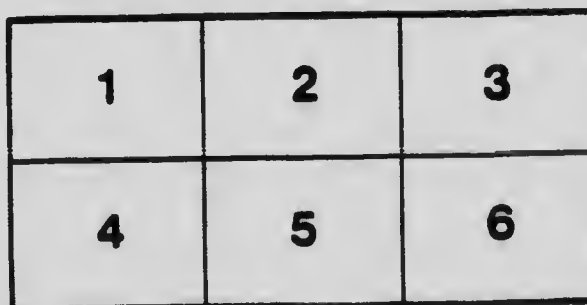
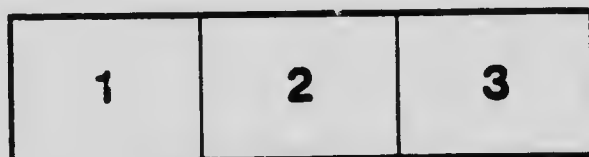
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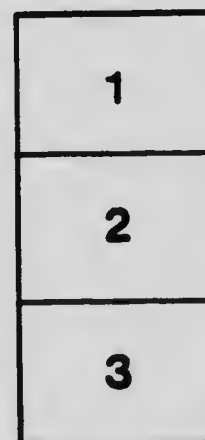
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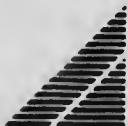
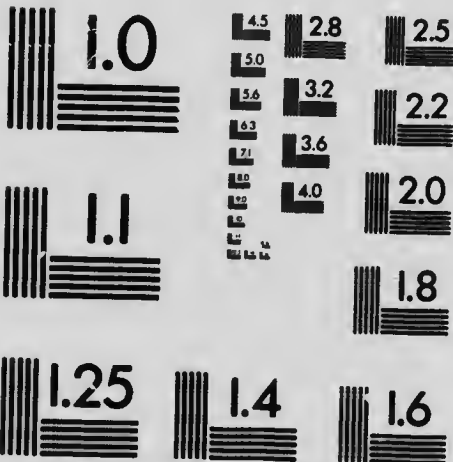
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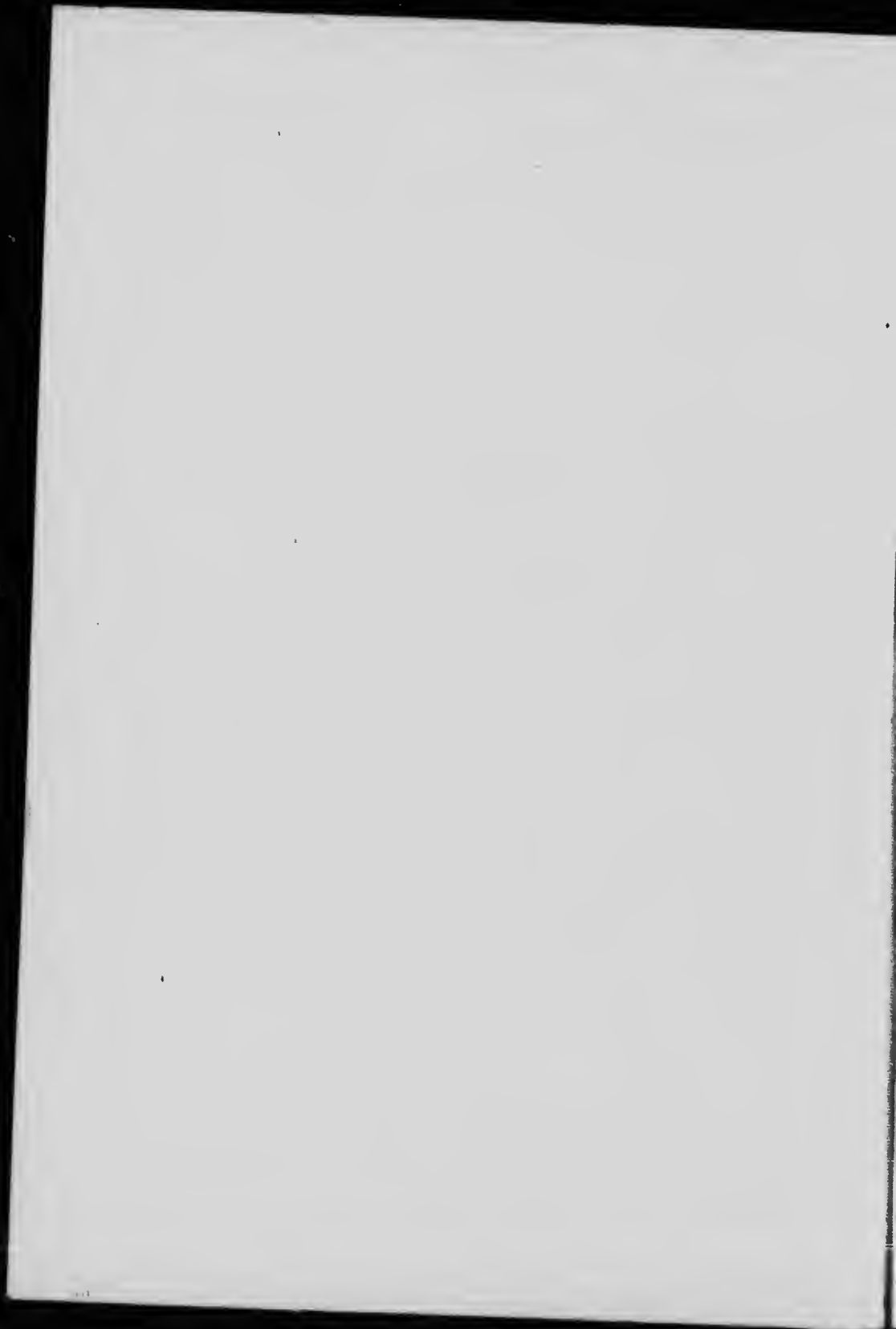


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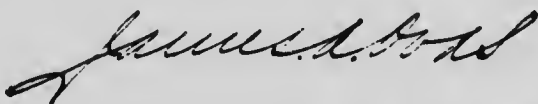


# Grand Lodge of Manitoba

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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 thereof, with all amendments adopted at the Thirty-Sixth Annual Communication of that body, held in the City of Winnipeg on the 14th and 15th days of June, A.L. 5911, A.D. 1911.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto appended my official signature and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Winnipeg, this Sixteenth day of June, A.L. 5911, A.D. 1911.



Grand Secretary.





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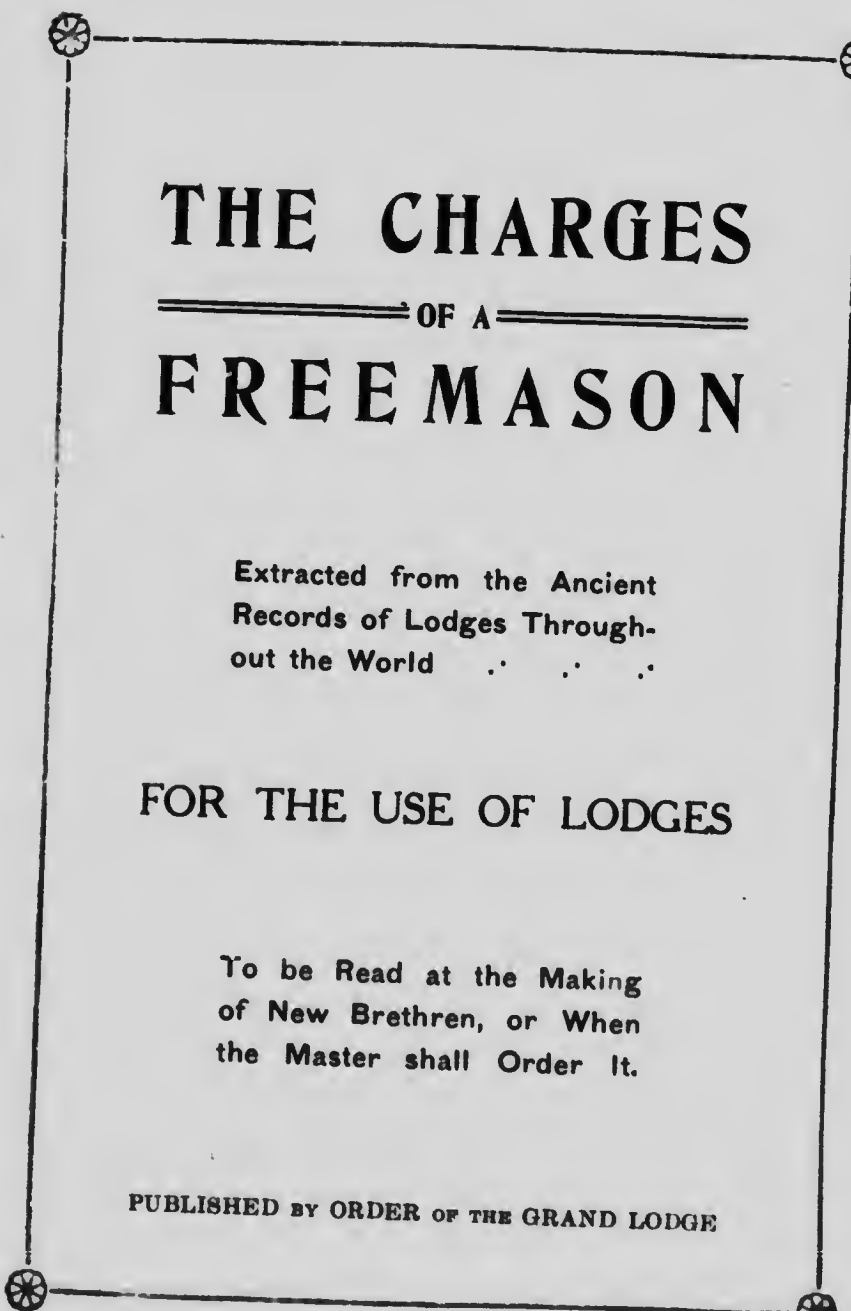
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# THE CHARGES

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# FREEMASON

Extracted from the Ancient  
Records of Lodges Through-  
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FOR THE USE OF LODGES

To be Read at the Making  
of New Brethren, or When  
the Master shall Order It.

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THE GENERAL HEADS  
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**CHARGES OF A FREEMASON**

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# The Charges of a Freemason &c.

## 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 center 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

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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 judgement, 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 acted as warden, nor a grand warden until he has been master of a lodge, nor a grand master 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 rules and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient 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 antient 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

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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 began it.

When the fellow-craftsman 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 laborers 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

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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 antient 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 prudence 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 antient 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 antient 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 put a speedy period to all law suits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with more

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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.

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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.

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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.



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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 last Amended at Its Annual Communication  
in June 1911

THE GRAND LODGE

Title and Seal

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."
2. The following is hereby adopted as the seal of this Grand Lodge:



## Constitution of the Grand Lodge

3. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and members who shall be entitled to precedence, rank and title as follows:—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.  
Past Grand Masters according to seniority.  
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master  
Past Deputy Grand Masters.  
The R.W. District Deputy Grand Masters.  
Past District Deputy Grand Masters.  
The R.W. Grand Senior Warden.  
Past Grand Senior Wardens.  
The R.W. Grand Junior Warden.  
Past Grand Junior Wardens.  
The R.W. Grand Treasurer.  
Past Grand Treasurers.  
The R.W. Grand Secretary.  
Past Grand Secretaries.  
The R.W. Grand Registrar.  
Past Grand Registrars.  
The R.W. Grand Chaplain.  
Past Grand Chaplains.  
The V.W. Grand Senior Deacon.  
Past Grand Senior Deacons.  
The V.W. Grand Junior Deacon.  
Past Grand Junior Deacons.  
The V.W. Grand Director of Ceremonies.  
Past Grand Directors of Ceremonies.  
The V.W. Grand Organist.  
Past Grand Organists.  
The V.W. Grand Stewards.  
Past Grand Stewards.  
The V.W. Grand Pursuivant.  
Past Grand Pursuivants.  
The Grand Tyler (who shall not, by virtue of his office, be entitled to vote in Grand Lodge).

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The Masters, Past Masters and Senior and Junior Wardens of Chartered Lodges in the order of the numbers of their respective Lodge Charters, and all Past Masters who were entitled to vote in Grand Lodge at the opening of the Twenty-second Annual Communication (8th June, 1897).

4. The representatives of three Lodges at the Annual Communication or at Especial Communications, convened on due notice to all the lodges shall be indispensably necessary to open the Grand Lodge or transact business therein, except on occasions of ceremony, when the Grand Master or his representative, with a sufficient number of brethren, may open the Grand Lodge and transact the business for which it is called.

5. No brother shall be entitled to rank as a past grand officer unless, at the time of holding office, he was either Master or Past Master of a Lodge; nor unless he be affiliated as such with some Lodge bearing allegiance to this Grand Lodge.

6. The Grand Lodge may, by a two-thirds vote constitute any brother of eminence and ability, hailing from a foreign jurisdiction and who has rendered service to the Craft an honorary member of Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate, and may by a like vote in recognition of eminence, ability and services rendered, confer upon any of its own members such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate.

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**Sovereignty, Jurisdiction, Power and  
Authority.**

7. The Grand Lodge is the Supreme Masonic Power and Authority in the Province of Manitoba, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government—legislative, executive and judicial—limited only by a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Order, and by the provision of its own constitution and regulations.

8. Its legislative powers extend to every case of legislation not expressly delegated by itself to the Lodges; and the constitution and regulations, which it has an inalienable right to adopt and promulgate at its own convenience, and to alter, amend or repeal at its own pleasure, under the limitations therein imposed, are final and binding upon all Lodges and Masons within its jurisdiction.

9. Its executive powers include the granting of dispensations and charters to establish and perpetuate Lodges within this jurisdiction and in other territory where no Grand Lodge exists; the revocation or suspension thereof; the issuing of special dispensations for all purposes permitted by any of the provisions of this Constitution; and the exercise, generally, of all such authority as may be necessary to carry its own legislation into complete effect.

10. Its judicial powers are of two kinds:

1st. "Original"—The enforcement of discipline upon its own members and upon the

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Lodges under its jurisdiction; and the trials of complaints against any elective officers of the Grand Lodge other than the Grand Master.

- 2nd. "Appellate"—Embracing the revision of all matters of controversy or discipline, proper for Masonic investigation, and over which it has not retained original jurisdiction, and the hearing of appeals instituted as hereinafter provided for.

### Communications.

11. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the second Wednesday of the month of June, in the City of Winnipeg or at such place as shall have been decided on by a majority vote, which vote shall be taken immediately before the election of officers, at the preceeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge. None but members shall be present at these communications, without permission of the Grand Master. No visitor shall speak to any question unless requested to do so by the Grand Master, nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

12. The Grand Master, or in his absence from the jurisdiction, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his like absence, the Grand Wardens may convene and hold Grand Lodges of emergency, whenever the good of the Craft shall in their opinion require it; the particular reason for convening such Grand Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the notice, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

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13. The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in "ample form" when the Grand Master is present; in "due form" when a Past Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master presides; at all other times only "in form," yet with the same authority.

14. The powers of any "pro tempore" presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him.

15. No member of Grand Lodge shall, without the permission of the Grand Master, have the right to attend therein without the clothing distinctive of his rank.

16. No brother below the rank of a Past Grand Master shall assume the Grand Master's chair, though he be entitled in the absence of the Grand Master to rule the Grand Lodge.

**Regulations for the Government of the Grand Lodge During the Time of Business**

17. The Grand Master having taken his seat and opened the Grand Lodge, the following shall be the order of business at the first session of the Annual Communication.

I. Reading and confirming minutes of previous communications.

II. Reading and referring the Grand Master's address.

III. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc., and referring them for action.

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IV. Presenting Reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and referring them to the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

V. Presenting report of the Grand Treasurer and referring it to the Committee on Finance.

VI. Presenting Report of the Grand Secretary and referring it to the Committee on Grand Secretary's Report.

VII. Presenting Report of Librarian and referring it to the Committee on the Grand Lodge Library.

VIII. Presenting Report of the Board of General Purposes.

IX. Presentation of the Reports of the Standing Committees of the Board and dealing therewith in the following order:

- (a) On Jurisprudence.
- (b) On Grievances and Appeals.
- (c) On the Condition of Freemasonry.
- (d) On Foreign Relations and Correspondence.
- (e) On Finance.
- (f) On Benevolence.
- (g) On Charters and New Lodges.
- (h) On Credentials and Reception.

X. Presentation of the Reports of the Spec-



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ial Committees and dealing therewith in the following order:

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

XI. Motions in their order.

XII. Notices of Motion.

XIII. Unfinished Business.

At all other sessions of the Grand Lodge the order of business shall be:

1st. Reading communications, petitions, appeals, etc.,

2nd. Unfinished business from previous session.

3rd. Consideration of reports in the order in which they are presented.

4th. Presentation of reports of Special Committees.

5th. Motions

6th. General business.

The order of business shall be called by the Grand Secretary at each session, and may at any time be suspended or changed by a two-third vote of Grand Lodge and not otherwise.

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18. All matters, except where otherwise provided for, are to be decided by a majority of votes, each Lodge having three votes, each Past Master one vote, each officer of the Grand Lodge (except Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) not otherwise entitled to vote, and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of equality; unless the Grand Lodge, for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master. When any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified by each holding up one of his hands, which uplifted hands the Grand Deacons are to count, unless the number shall be so unequal as to render counting unnecessary; but any five brethren may demand a ballot on any question either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken.

19. All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies and his assistant, and the Grand Stewards who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

20. No brother shall speak twice to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply.

21. Every one who speaks shall rise and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been

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set right he may proceed, if he observe due order and decorum.

22. If any member shall have been twice called to order for transgressing these rules, and shall nevertheless be guilty of a third offence at the same meeting, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave the Grand Lodge for that communication.

23. Whoever shall be so unmasonic as to hiss at a brother, or at what he has said, shall be excluded from the communication, and declared incapable of being a member of the Grand Lodge, until at another time he publicly own his fault and grace be granted.

24. All motions, before being put to the Grand Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary.

25. No money grants shall be made, nor shall any motion be put involving the expenditure of money by Grand Lodge, on the last day of the communication, unless notice shall have been given the session previous.

26. No motion shall be entertained for altering or amending the laws, rules and regulations of this Grand Lodge, or for adding a new law, rule or regulation thereto, without notice in writing, stating the amendment proposed, having been given to the Grand Secretary two months previous to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and a copy of the proposed amendment sent to each Lodge. No alteration or addition to the Constitution shall be made binding unless supported by a two-third vote.

**GRAND OFFICERS**

**Election and Appointment.**

27. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their office for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

28. The Grand Master, or presiding officer at the annual communication shall appoint three or more scrutineers, who, having ascertained the number of votes for the respective candidates shall present their reports to Grand Lodge.

29. The election of the officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the Annual Communication on the second day thereof, at an hour to be named at the previous session by the Grand Master, and those present shall be duly installed or invested and proclaimed in due and ancient form before the close of the Annual Communication.

30. The following officers of Grand Lodge shall be elected:—By nomination to be handed to the Grand Secretary, and if more than one brother be nominated, then by ballot of Grand Lodge, viz. :

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden.

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The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Grand Registrar.

The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain.

By open vote of Grand Lodge:

The Grand Tyler.

31. The District Deputy Grand Master for each District shall be elected by the representatives of the Lodges and Past Masters of such district present at the annual communication, by ballot (the Representatives and the Past Masters voting in the same manner as upon the election of other officers), and if confirmed by the Grand Master, he shall, if present, be regularly installed, and if not present, he shall be installed within one month after the close of the annual communication of Grand Lodge, in one of the Chartered Lodges of the jurisdiction by a Past Master specially commissioned for that purpose. In default of any election being made, or if the brother fails to attend for installation, the Grand Master-elect shall appoint a duly qualified brother as District Deputy Grand Master, who shall, after being installed, have the same rank and privileges as if he had been previously elected.

32. All other officers of Grand Lodge shall be appointed by the Grand Master-elect after his installation.

33. It shall require a majority of votes cast to elect.

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34. No Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Past Master, voting or participating in a vote, in either one of the capacities, shall vote or participate in a vote, in any other of them, nor as Master or Warden of a Lodge; but either of such members may as proxy for a lodge, cast also the vote or votes to which the position entitles him.

35. When a Lodge shall be represented by only two of its proper officers, the officer highest in rank may cast two of its three votes.

36. When a Lodge shall be represented by only one of its officers, or by a representative, such officer or representative may cast all the votes to which it is entitled.

37. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place "pro tempore."

### Their Qualifications

38. No brother shall be qualified to hold any office in this Grand Lodge (except those of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) unless he has been regularly installed as a Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and be at the time of his election or appointment a member of this Grand Lodge.

### GRAND MASTER

#### His Powers and Authority.

39. The Grand Master, during the interval

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between the communications of the Grand Lodge, may exercise all its executive powers, except the granting of charters. By virtue of these, authority is given him, among other things—

1st. To grant dispensations for the formation of new Lodges.

2nd. To grant dispensations for the holding elections of an officer or officers at times other than the regular period.

3rd. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions of rejected applicants for the degrees, within a less period than the time prescribed by this Constitution. Provided the application for such dispensation be made by the Lodge (to which the candidate presented his petition) by an unanimous vote by ballot.

4th. To grant dispensations to receive and act upon the petitions for degrees of persons who may not possess the qualification of residence prescribed. Provided that the consent of the Lodge or Lodges having jurisdiction over the candidate is first obtained.

5th. To grant such other dispensations as may be applied for in accordance with the Constitution.

6th. To convene any Lodge, or preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and compel its conformity with the Constitution.

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7th. To arrest the Charter or dispensation of any Lodge, for good reasons shown, and suspend the operations thereof during his pleasure.

8th. To suspend any officer of any Lodge from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office, for good reasons shown during his pleasure.

9th. To require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting matters appertaining to the duties of his office.

10th. To appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit representatives from them. Provided however, that no brother shall be received and accredited as the representative of more than one Grand Lodge at the same time, and should a representative have failed to attend the Communication of the Grand Lodge for two consecutive years the Grand Master may request that a new appointment be made.

11th. To decide all questions of order and masonic law.

12th. To dedicate masonic halls, to lay corner stones of masonic halls, public buildings and other structures.

13th. To appoint such officers as may be required by this Constitution.

40. The Grand Master shall have authority to preside in any Lodge and to order any of



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his Grand Officers to attend him. His deputy shall be placed on his right hand and the master of the Lodge on his left hand. The Grand Wardens shall also act as Wardens for that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or other Master Masons to act as his Wardens "pro tempore."

41. The Grand Master may send his Grand officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

42. The Grand Master may, through the Grand Secretary, summon any Grand Officer, Lodge or brother to attend him, or any Grand Officer or Committee of the Grand Lodge, and to produce the books of such Grand Officer, the charter, books, papers and accounts of such Lodges or the certificate of such brother.

43. If the summons be not complied with, and no sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons shall be repeated, as a preremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such Grand Officer, Lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceedings reported to the Grand Lodge. All summonses shall have the impress of the Grand Lodge Seal affixed.

44. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master or a District Deputy Grand Master.

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45. In case of the death, absence or inability of the Grand Master, or of a vacancy in his office, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden shall in succession assume his prerogatives, powers and duties for such purposes. And should the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden be absent from any Communication of the Grand Lodge, it shall be ruled by the Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer next in rank, and seniority who may be present, and if no elective Grand Officer or Past Grand Officer be present, by the master of the Senior Lodge represented.

### His Duties

46. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master:

1st. To preside in the Grand Lodge at all its communications.

2nd. To present, at each annual communication a written message therein setting forth all his official acts during the year, exhibiting the general condition of Masonry within the jurisdiction and recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or expedient for the welfare of the craft.

3rd. To constitute all chartered Lodges, either in person or by a duly authorized representative, in accordance with the ancient usages and regulations.

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4th. To exercise a general and careful supervision over the Craft, and to see that the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge are strictly maintained, supported and obeyed.

5th. To discharge all the necessary executive functions of the Grand Lodge when that body is in session.

6th. To cause the ancient landmarks and charges to be observed, and to do and perform the duties of ancient Grand Masters, agreeably to the requirements of Masonry and of this Grand Lodge.

7th. To examine all by-laws of subordinate Lodges and to approve same if found correct. When so approved they shall have full force and effect.

### DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

#### His Powers and Authority

47. The Deputy Grand Master shall have full authority, unless the Grand Master be present, to preside in any Lodge which he may visit, with the District Deputy Grand Master on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. The Grand Wardens if present, shall act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance therein; but if the Grand Wardens be not present then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of

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the Lodge, or any other Master Masons to act as Wardens "pro tempore."

### **His Duties**

48. The duties of the Deputy Grand Master shall be: To assist the Grand Master as he may direct; and, in the cases provided for by the foregoing section, to exercise all the prerogatives and perform all the duties of Grand Master.

### **GRAND WARDENS**

49. The Grand Wardens, when present in Grand Lodge, shall occupy their respective stations, and in the event of the absence of either or both of these Grand Officers then their places shall be supplied by the Senior Past Grand Warden present. If no Past Grand Wardens be present the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Warden for the occasion.

50. The 'Grand Wardens' whenever commanded, shall attend the Grand Master, and shall act as his Wardens while he presides in any particular Lodge.

### **MASONIC DISTRICTS**

51. The Masonic Districts shall be as the Grand Lodge, may from time to time determine, and shall be published in the proceedings of each annual communication.

**DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS****Their Qualifications**

52. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be well skilled in the work of the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry; he shall be a Past Master and member in good standing of some Lodge in the District from which he is appointed, and shall receive a certificate of his appointment signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary.

**Their Duties**

53. Each District Deputy Grand Master shall have power and it shall be his duty:

1st. To visit officially, each Lodge in his District at least once during his term.

2nd. To preside in each Lodge upon the occasion of his official visit, to examine its books and records, and see if they are properly kept; to inform himself of the number of members, and the punctuality and regularity of their attendance; to ascertain the state and condition of the Lodges in all respects; to point out any errors he may ascertain in their conduct and mode of working; and to instruct them in every particular wherein he shall find they may require or desire information and particularly to recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Masonry, and caution in the admission of candidates; to see that returns

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have been regularly forwarded to the Grand Secretary's Office with all fees and dues that may have accrued; and on refusal or neglect on the part of any Lodge to make such return he may suspend the Lodge; and if he discover in his District any Masonic error or evil to endeavor immediately to arrest the same by Masonic means, and, if he judge it expedient, to specially report the same to the Grand Master.

3rd. To take possession of the funds and property of any dormant or extinct Lodge in his District and transfer the same to the Grand Secretary.

4th. To prepare in duplicate on blanks, to be furnished by the Grand Secretary, a statement in tabular form of the condition of each Lodge in his District for the year ending on the 31st day of March, and to transmit such report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of May, to be laid by him before the Grand Master and the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

5th. To prepare in duplicate a report for the year ending on the 30th day of April, on the general condition of Masonry in his District, and of his acts therein, with such particulars as he may deem necessary, including the names and numbers of the Lodges in his District not visited by him, together with the reasons therefor, and to transmit such report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of May, to be by him laid before

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the Grand Master and the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry.

6th. To give or refuse consent for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another within his District.

7th. To perform such other services and executive duties as may be deputed or entrusted to him by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

54. To appoint, if necessary, a District Chaplain and Secretary, during pleasure, but they shall have no rank in Grand Lodge, by virtue of such office.

**Rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master**

55. District Deputy Grand Masters who shall have discharged their duties for one year to the satisfaction of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry, and who shall be specially recommended by it for the honor, may receive the rank of Past District Deputy Grand Master.

**GRAND TREASURER**

56. The Grand Treasurer shall be entrusted with all the moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority

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shall direct, and produce a statement of receipts and disbursements before every regular communication or when called for by the Committee on Finance.

57. The Grand Treasurer shall keep in some regularly chartered bank in the City of Winnipeg, to be selected by the Committee on Finance, all the moneys, notes, bonds, or other securities, that may come into his possession as Grand Treasurer. The account in said bank shall be kept in the name of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, and no payments shall be made unless on warrants drawn by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and countersigned by the Grand Secretary. All cheques shall be signed by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, or by the Acting Chairman of said Committee.

### GRAND SECRETARY

58. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary:

1st. To record all the transactions of the Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each communication under such instructions as may be given by the Grand Lodge.

2nd. To receive, duly file and safely keep



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all papers and documents addressed or belonging to the Grand Lodge, and to present such as may require its action at each communication thereof.

3rd To collect all moneys due to the Grand Lodge, to keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and to pay the same at least monthly into the bank account of the Grand Lodge as provided in section 57, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall forthwith transmit to the Grand Treasurer.

4th. To report at each annual communication, a detailed account of all moneys received by him during the year, with a specific statement of the sources whence they were derived; and to present therewith the receipts of the Bank therefor.

5th. To report at each annual communication all Lodges in arrears to the Grand Lodge or which shall have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of its Constitution and regulations.

6th. To conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge and to submit copies thereof at each annual communication, for its inspection.

7th. To attend the Grand Lodge at all its communications, and the Grand Master when required, with the books and all necessary papers appertaining to his office.

8th. To transmit to each Lodge within his

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jurisdiction, once in every twelve months, a list of all rejections, suspensions and restorations of which he shall have been notified by the several Lodges.

9th. To issue notices of any communications of Grand Lodge to all Grand Officers and to each Lodge.

10th. To issue notices to each Lodge of the granting of a dispensation by the Grand Master for the formation of a new Lodge.

11th. To take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing and other paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge.

12th. To furnish every Grand Officer, elected or appointed, with a certificate of such election or appointment.

13th. To act as Grand Librarian and take charge of the library of the Grand Lodge, under such regulations as it may prescribe.

14th. To report at each annual communication, all unfinished business of the Grand Lodge; and to present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within his province.

15th. To perform all such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the Grand Lodge may direct.

16th. To have the custody of the Seals of the Grand Lodge, and affix the same to all

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charters, warrants, certificates and other documents issued by authority of the Grand Lodge, or by the Grand Master, in conformity with the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

59. He shall execute and fyle in the office of the Grand Master, within fifteen days after his installation, an official bond, by guarantee policy, in such penal sum as shall be approved by the Grand Master, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office as prescribed in this Constitution.

60. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Lodge may direct.

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### **GRAND REGISTRAR**

61. The Grand Registrar may take charge of any District for which there is no District Deputy Grand Master, when instructed to do so by the Grand Master, and he shall thereby be empowered to perform all the functions of a District Deputy Grand Master.

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### **GRAND CHAPLAIN**

62. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend all communications and there to offer up solemn prayer for the occasion.

### OTHER GRAND OFFICERS

63. The Grand Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist, Grand Stewards, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler, shall if possible, attend every communication of the Grand Lodge, and shall perform the duties ordinarily assigned to such officers.

64. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to his other duties, shall have, under the direction of the Grand Secretary, the care, during the session of Grand Lodge, of the clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

65. The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of Grand Lodge, and, with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, shall see that none except those who have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects, qualified to be admitted.

66. Eight Grand Stewards shall be annually appointed for the regulation of grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

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**BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES, ITS  
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**Of Board of General Purposes**

67. The Board of General Purposes shall consist of the Grand Master, the Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary and sixteen others, eight of whom shall be elected by the Grand Lodge each year, and shall hold office for two years from the date of election, and who must be either Masters or Past Masters of private Lodges, and members of Grand Lodge. Retiring members are eligible for re-election.

1st. The Board shall annually, at its first meeting, elect from its members by ballot, the President, Vice-President, and by open vote the Standing Committees on Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, the Condition of Freemasonry, Foreign Relations and Correspondence, Finance, Benevolence, Charters and New Lodges, and Credentials and Reception, for the Masonic year.

2nd. The names of the several brethren intended to be put in nomination as members of the Board are to be delivered in writing to the Grand Secretary on the first day of the assembling of Grand Lodge in annual communication, in order that all names so to be proposed shall be by the Grand Secretary conspicuously posted near the entrance to Grand Lodge, in the ante-room previous to the election, and printed slips shall be provided by the Grand Secretary with the names of the

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brethren so nominated thereon, in time to distribute same to the members of Grand Lodge before the election of officers shall take place.

3rd. If the President, Vice-President, or any other members of the Board die or be removed, the vacancy shall be filled by ballot of the Board at its next meeting. Notice of such election shall be given in the summons issued for the next meeting of the Board.

4th. Should the President and Vice-President be absent from any meeting of the Board, the brother highest in rank and seniority shall preside.

5th. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the first Thursday after the second Wednesday in June of each year, at the place appointed for holding the meeting of Grand Lodge, for the purpose of electing the President, Vice-President, and the several Standing Committees, and for the transaction of other business.

6th. Regular meetings of the Board shall also be held on the third Wednesday in the months of January, April, July and October in each year, at such place as may be designated by the Board at its previous meeting, or in case the place of meeting shall not be designated, then at such place as the President may appoint. Any meeting may be adjourned for further consideration of the business, and may also be convened at other times by the Grand Master or President.

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7th. Five members shall constitute a quorum of the Board, and may proceed to business, except in the decision of Masonic complaints, for which purpose at least seven members must be present. All questions to be decided by a majority vote, the presiding officer, in case of equality, having a second vote.

8th. It shall be the duty of the Board to issue certificates as required by the Act of Incorporation, passed by the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Manitoba, known as 47 Victoria, Cap. 61, entitled "An Act to Incorporate the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."

9th. The Board has authority to hear and determine all subjects of Masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting the Lodges or individual Masons, fine or suspension, according to the laws; and its decisions shall be final, unless an appeal be made to the Grand Lodge. Notice of any such intended appeal shall be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within fourteen days of the receipt by the Lodge, or brother, of the decision of the Board of General Purposes on the case. But should any case be of so flagrant a nature as to require the erasure of a Lodge or the expulsion of a brother, the Board shall make a special report thereon to Grand Lodge.

10th. The Board may summon any Lodge or brother to attend it, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge or the certificate of a brother. If such Lodge or brother do not comply, nor give

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sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued; and in case of contumacy, the Lodge or brother shall be suspended, and the proceedings notified to the Grand Lodge.

11th. When the Board has investigated and decided on any case which in its judgment requires admonition or suspension, the fact alleged as the offence shall be fully stated in the minute, shall be declared proved, the law relating thereto quoted, and the decision recorded and acted upon.

12th. In case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the Board, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

13th. The members of the Board shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any charge or complaint.

14th. The Board shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Lodge, and give orders for any alterations that may be considered desirable.

15th. The Board or any of its committees, may summon the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, or other officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to the Grand Lodge, to attend the Board, or meeting of such committee, when such direc-



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tions shall be given as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

16th. The Board has the direction of everything relating to the buildings and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and may suggest any alterations or improvements.

17th. The Board has likewise the care and regulation of all concerns of the Grand Lodge and, may recommend for its adoption whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the Craft; and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Grand Lodge and the arrangements of its general transctions.

18th. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board unless it be in writing, and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

19th. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge or other Boards or Committees, or any private Lodge or brother shall be made in writing.

20th. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, in preference to other business.

21st. The Standing Committees shall report through the Board to the Grand Lodge.

22nd. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in a minute book by the Grand Secretary.

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23rd. No remuneration shall be given to any of the Board except by special vote of the Grand Lodge.

### **Standing Committees of the Board**

68. The Board shall at the regular meeting on the first Thursday after the second Wednesday in June of each year, select brethren to serve upon each of the Standing Committees (each committee to consist of five members).

69. Each Committee shall at once proceed to elect its chairman for the current year, who shall receive all reports, etc., to be submitted to the Committee, call the members together for consultation at such time and place as to him shall be deemed best, preside at such meetings, and communicate the decisions of the committee to the Board of General Purposes, and when necessary to the officers of Grand Lodge concerned.

70. All vacancies occurring in committees shall be filled by nomination of the Board of General Purposes.

The duties of each committee shall be as follows:

71. "Jurisprudence"—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Jurisprudence to consider and report to the Grand Lodge upon all questions and decisions of Masonic law and usage, and such amendments to the Constitution and Regulations as may be referred to it.

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72. "Grievances and Appeals"—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals to consider and report, with such recommendation as it may deem proper, upon all documents and papers relating to any matter of complaint or grievance appertaining to Masonic discipline and all appeals from the decision of any Lodge, or the Master thereof, and upon all petitions for restoration which may be referred to it. The members of this Committee shall be in Masonic clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any appeal or complaint.

73. "Condition of Freemasonry."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on the Condition of Freemasonry to carefully examine all reports, returns, proceedings, correspondence, etc., referred to it; to consider all matters respecting the craft at home, the doings and reports of the Officers of Grand Lodge and the internal economy of the Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges; to recommend for the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master such brethren as in its opinion, have faithfully discharged their duties as District Deputy Grand Masters.

74. "Foreign Relations and Correspondence."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Relations and Correspondence to examine all the printed or written proceedings or documents emanating from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, and to report at each annual communication whatever it may deem of sufficient importance and interest to the Craft.

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75. "Finance."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance:

1st. To examine into and report upon all matters touching the finances of the Grand Lodge, not otherwise provided for, and to it shall be referred all subjects involving an appropriation of its funds; and without such reference no such appropriation shall be made.

2nd. To examine and compare or cause to be examined or compared, the books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and make separate detailed reports thereon, and submit the same to Grand Lodge before the close of the annual communication, and also to report the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

3rd. To present before the close of each annual communication an estimate of the probable receipts and expenses of the current year (giving each class of expenditure under its proper head) and recommend such amounts as may be necessary for the expense of Grand Lodge.

76. The books of the Grand Lodge shall be closed on the 31st day of March in each year, and the accounts and balance sheets together with a statement of the receipts and expenditures, and funds on hand, and of all property belonging to the Grand Lodge, shall be prepared and audited before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, by two auditors, members of the Grand Lodge, to be appointed by the Grand Master.

77. "Benevolence."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Benevolence to examine and report on all claims made for assistance or relief, and to recommend as to the disposal of the charitable fund of the Grand Lodge; to prepare a record of all benevolent and relief funds in the jurisdiction, provided by or under control of the Grand Lodge; and to submit an annual report thereon to Grand Lodge; and further to consider all matters likely to promote and assist the cause of Masonic benevolence, and the relief of the poor and distressed.

78. "Charters and New Lodges."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges to investigate all cases of forfeited Charters and to examine the minute book, and other records of Lodges under dispensation. No petition for Charters shall be acted upon unless the work and proceedings shall have been found by the Committee to be in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

79. "Credentials and Reception."—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Credentials and Reception:

1st. To cause the necessary preparations to be made for the Communications of the Grand Lodge, as well as for days of festivals, public ceremonies, etc. It shall give orders for all the usual and ordinary articles which may be required for the Communications of the Grand Lodge, but no extraordinary expense of any kind shall be incurred, without the previous sanction of the Grand Lodge.

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2nd. To examine the credentials of all delegates to the Grand Lodge, and provide for the reception and accomodation of visitors; to report such recommendations as it may deem proper for the efficient discharge of its duties; to attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communications for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against the admission of any other than those who are qualified; to see that they wear proper clothing and jewels, that they have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all other respects entitled to admission.

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### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

80. The following Special Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at least ten days previous to each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge:—

1. On Grand Master's Address.
2. On Grand Secretary's Report.
3. On the Grand Lodge Library.
4. On the Fraternal Dead.

81. "Committee on Grand Master's Address." To this committee shall be referred the Address of the Grand Master for comment and distribution.

82. "Committee on the Grand Secretary's

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Report."—To this committee shall be referred the report of the Grand Secretary.

83. "Committee on Grand Lodge Library."  
—This committee shall examine the report of the Grand Librarian and the condition of the library, and shall advance all necessary suggestions for the best interests and furtherance of the library.

84. Other Special Committees may be appointed, and shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

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**FEES**

85. The following shall be the fees payable to the Grand Lodge:

For a dispensation for a New Lodge, twenty-five dollars.

For a Charter, thirty-five dollars.

For a new Charter, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified as beyond the control of the Lodge, ten dollars.

For a Dispensation to confer any degree in less time than one month, ten dollars.

For a Dispensation to initiate a person from without the jurisdiction of the Lodge, five dollars.

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

For a Dispensation for any other public procession, five dollars.

For a Dispensation to hold a special election or installation of officers or an officer of a Lodge, ten dollars.

For a Dispensation for any other purpose not otherwise provided for, ten dollars.

For a Grand Lodge Certificate, two dollars.

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

For a Past Master's Certificate, one dollar.

For a Life Member's Certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, two dollars registration fee.

86. Each Lodge shall pay for every member thereof towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes and undertakings, fifty cents per annum.

87. Each Lodge shall pay in all fees and dues half-yearly to the Grand Secretary with its return, viz.: within one week after June 24th and December 27th of each year.



### CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA

88. No honorary or other jewel shall be worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate Lodge, which shall not appertain to the degrees of Craft Masonry. (Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges may wear the Regalia authorized by their Grand Lodge).

The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft:—

#### Jewels

89. The Grand Master..The compass extended to 45 degrees with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be 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 center.

Past Deputy Grand Master .....The compasses and square only.

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**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, the whole to be placed within a circle, on which the number of the district is to be engraved.

**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 Registrar**.....A scroll

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

**Grand Deacons**.....Dove and olive branch.

**Grand Director of Ceremonies** .....Cross-rods

**Grand Organist** .....A lyre

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

The jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, 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.

The jewel of the Grand Stewards of the Grand Lodge is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven "Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

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

All of the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

**Master of Lodge** .....The square.

**Past Master** .....The square and the diagram of the 47th proposition first book of Euclid engraven on a silver plate pendant within it.

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Senior Warden.....	The level.
Junior Warden.....	The plumb.
Treasurer.....	The keys.
Secretary .....	The cross pens.
Chaplain. ....	A book on a triangle.
Deacons.....	The dove.
Director of Ceremonies.....	The cross rods.
Organist.....	The lyre.
Inner Guard.....	The cross swords.
Stewards .....	The cornucopia.
Tyler .....	The sword.
All of the above jewels to be of silver.	

### Collars

90. Of the Grand Lodge. To be of garter-blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace.
- Of Lodges..... To be of sky-blue ribbon, four inches broad; if silver chain be used it must be placed over the blue ribbon.

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The Grand Stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

All Past Grand Officers, except Past Grand Masters (who are entitled to wear chains), to wear the collars of their late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but smaller jewel in enamel, being worn on the breast.

### Aprons

91. The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edging the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the flap all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

The aprons of the District Deputy Grand Masters to have the emblem of their office in gold embroidery in the centre, and the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered on the edging, one on each side.

### Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge,

**Present and Past....** Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen deep, square at the bot-

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tom, edging of the same color three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with emblem of their office, in gold or blue, in the centre.

### Grand Stewards, President and Past.....

Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels.

### The Masters and Past

#### Masters of Lodges..

To wear in lieu and in place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch, these emblems to be half an inch broad. If

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Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter-blue or gold.

**Entered Apprentice...** A plain white lamb-skin of the same dimensions without ornament, white strings.

**Fellow Craft.....** A plain white lamb-skin similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

**Master Mason .....** The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in the centre of the apron.

Provided that Sections 90 and 91 shall not apply to Lodges that have adopted clothing and insignia, nor to Prince Rupert's Lodge, No 1, which Lodge shall be permitted to adopt

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the clothing and insignia as prescribed in Sections 90 and 91, with the addition of the name and number of the Lodge in a circle, with silver letters on a sky-blue ground, on the fall or flap of the apron instead of the usual rosette.

92. In the Grand Lodge, and on all occasions where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacities, they shall wear the following regalia:

**Grand Master.....**Chain with nine stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

**Deputy Grand Master..**Chain with seven stars over blue collar, gauntlets and apron, all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

**Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens..**Blue collar, gauntlets and apron all bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.

**District Deputy Grand Master.....**Blue collar or chain with five stars, gauntlets and apron, bound and embroidered in gold, and jewel.



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**Grand Treasurer,**

**Grand Secretary,**

**Grand Registrar,**

**Grand Chaplain.....**Blue collar, gaunt-  
lets and apron, all  
bound and embroid-  
ered in gold, and  
jewel.

**Grand Stewards of  
the Year.....**Regulation collar,  
apron and jewel.

**All other Grand  
Officers.....**Blue collar and ap-  
ron, all bound in  
gold, and jewel.

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**MASONIC TRIALS**

Regulations respecting trials for Masonic  
offences and proceedings thereon.

**Jurisdiction**

93. For any offence against the by-laws of  
his Lodge a Mason must be tried by the  
Lodge to which he belongs.

94. For any other Masonic offence a Mason  
may be tried either by the Lodge to which  
he belongs or by the Lodge nearest his place  
of residence.

95. A trial of either Lodge, followed by con-  
viction or acquittal, shall be a bar to any  
other prosecution for the same offence.

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96. All charges of unmasonic conduct shall be made in writing, with particulars specifying with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged and the time and place of its commission, as near as may be practicable, and be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Master Mason in good standing.

97. All charges and particulars shall be filed with the secretary of the Lodge, who shall forthwith notify all the members of the Lodge that such charges have been received against a brother (but shall not state the name of the brother, or the nature of the charges), and that they will be read at the next regular meeting, which shall be held not less than eight days after the charges have been received; and at such meeting the charges shall be read in open Lodge.

98. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose, and continue until completed; and in case the trial be not completed at one meeting it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

### Preliminary Proceedings Notices, Etc.

99. When charges shall be presented and read as provided above, the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether the charges shall be accepted and the accused brother be placed on trial, or the charges be dismissed;

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when decided in the affirmative, the charges cannot be withdrawn, except for cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present; such charges shall not be amended except by a majority vote, of which proposed amendment the accused shall have due notice.

100. Immediately upon the acceptance of charges by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial; and it shall be the duty of the Master to cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charges and particulars and notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. Provided always, that the accused shall be entitled to reasonable time and opportunity to prepare his defence.

101. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to attend in person, or by some brother authorized in writing to act as counsel, after notice has been duly served on him, or if notice cannot be served on him personally by reason of his residence being unknown or beyond the limits of the District in which the Lodge is located, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to him by mail, registered, addressed to him at his last known place of residence, or left at his last known place of residence, or with a grown-up member of his family; and upon proof that the notice has been sent to him, or left for him as above prescribed, the Lodge at the time in such notice specified may proceed without his presence, and conduct the proceedings to a final issue. "Provided," that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of mailing, sending or leaving such notice, and

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any action of the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In such cases the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act as counsel for, or representative of the accused.

### **Trials, Witnesses and Testimony**

102. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons shall be mentally competent, and in good standing in the Fraternity, and may be affiliated or non-affiliated brethren.

103. Every Mason shall give his testimony on his honor as a Mason.

104. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are not Masons shall be any person of sound mind of such religious belief as to feel the obligations of an oath, and they shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. The evidence of such persons must be received with caution when disputed by the accused, and in fact, should be admitted only when their evidence cannot be supplied by a Mason, unless in cases requiring corroborative evidence.

105. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received in any Masonic trial. The status of a Mason under charges is not affected until after conviction.

106. The testimony of witnesses who are Masons, may be taken in open Lodge, or by a Special Committee appointed by the Master. Witnesses who are not Masons, shall be examined only by a Committee appointed for

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the purpose by the Master. In either case the accused and the accuser, in person or by a brother Mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and propound such revelant questions as they may desire.

107. The testimony of any witnesses, unable to attend the Lodge or a Committee may be taken by deposition before a properly authorized person, who must be a Mason authorized for the purpose, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

108. It shall be the duty of the accused and accuser to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons; and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summons for such purposes any resident Mason, whether he be a member of the Lodge or not.

109. When testimony is taken in open Lodge the Lodge shall be opened in the first degree; but the decision as to guilt or innocence, and the question of punishment, shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

110. The Master shall decide all questions arising as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings; and the Secretary, or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master, shall take down in writing all the evidence submitted by both prosecution and defence, and note all objections made by either party; and the rulings of the Master and the record thereof shall be

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filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

111. At the conclusion of the evidence the accused and the accuser in person, or their counsel or representative, may, if they desire, address such revelant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accused and the accuser shall retire from the Lodge. Any member entitled to vote may express his views of the case, and of the law and the facts involved; and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent cause, and the consent of two-thirds of the members present.

112. When a committee is appointed, as before mentioned, it shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, either of whom, if objected to by either of the parties for cause to be fully explained by the objecting party, may be removed by the Master and another appointed.

113. Every such Committee shall convene and select from their number a chairman and secretary; and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accused and accuser, with their respective witnesses.

114. The proceedings of such Committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions so far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above described shall apply to and may be discharged by the chairman and secretary of the Committee.

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115. The Committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interest of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaints before them; "Provided," that every trial begun shall be prosecuted with as much dispatch as the law governing the same, and full justice to the accused and the accuser will permit.

116. When the Committee have concluded their labors they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Lodge; and upon retirement of the accused and the accuser any member of the Lodge present may express his views of the case; and any portion or the whole of the evidence shall be read, as he may require to enable him to come to a decision.

117. A brother against whom charges have been preferred, may deny or admit any portion or the whole of the charges and specifications.

118. In case an accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence, and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary; but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

119. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or Committee for any purpose other than giving testimony during any proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master, or by the Lodge or by a Committee, when the proceedings are before a Committee.

### Judgement

120. Upon conclusion of a trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately, and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot, and it shall require a vote of a majority to sustain any charge.

121. If any charge shall be sustained, the accused shall there and there be declared guilty, and the Master shall put the question as to whether the accused shall be suspended indefinitely, suspended for a definite time, or reprimanded. Each of these questions shall be put separately, in the above order, if necessary and shall be decided by a majority of the members present; and every member present shall be required to vote by ballot. The Lodge may also by a like ballot recommend to the Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled.

122. When any Mason after due trial shall be found guilty of unmasonic conduct, punishment shall follow, which shall be proportionate to the offence.

123. When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge, he shall be notified of such action by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother shall have been acquitted, he shall be notified of the same by the Master in open Lodge, as well as by the Secretary in writing.



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**Punishment**

124. The Masonic punishment which shall be inflicted by chartered Lodges for unmasonic conduct after due trial and conviction, shall be in the discretion of the Lodge, either indefinite suspension, definite suspension or reprimand.

125. Suspension for any offence subjects an offender, during such suspension, to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry to the offender and his family.

126. Suspension shall require the vote of a majority of the members present, and the penalty and the period of suspension may be voted upon together or separately. "Provided," that no definite suspension shall be voted for a longer time than three years nor for a less time than three months.

127. Reprimand shall be the least Masonic punishment, and shall only be inflicted after due trial and conviction, and when voted by a majority of the members present; and reprimand shall be administered in open Lodge by the Master.

**Appeals**

128. Any Mason who has been subjected to any of the foregoing proceedings of a Lodge, or against whom charges have been presented, or his accuser or any member of the Lodge, has the right to appeal from any verdict or sentence, therein in his case rendered or ad-

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judged, and from any vote or decision of a Lodge upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge.

129. All appeals from any such verdict or sentence of a Lodge shall be made in writing, and contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of the Lodge appealed from, and the grounds upon which they are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Secretary thirty days prior to the next succeeding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, if possible.

130. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from notice of his intention within twenty-one days after receiving notice of its action or decision; and the Secretary of such Lodge, under the direction of the Master, shall at least ten days before the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, produce to the Grand Secretary, and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case. "Provided," the terms herein specified shall intervene between such decisions and the Annual Communication aforesaid; if not, then such time shall apply to the next succeeding Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, or may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess of the Grand Lodge.

131. Whenever an appeal shall be taken from any Lodge, the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may, upon investigation—

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1st. Dismiss the appeal, approve the proceedings, or affirm the decision appealed from; or

2nd. Modify or change a decision, or sentence, or inflict penalty where the constituent Lodge has failed to do so; or

3rd. Set aside the proceedings of the Lodge for informality, and remand the case for further proceedings; or

4th. Give such directions as may seem reasonable and proper.

132. An appeal may also be taken to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district, for any irregularity in the trial, or any infringement of the rights of the accused, but not on questions of fact.

133. On such appeal the District Deputy Grand Master may either dismiss the appeal or set aside the proceedings and order a new trial.

134. In all cases of appeal, the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy Grand Master to investigate the case and report with his opinion thereon.

135. The District Deputy Grand Master may hear and determine any subject of Masonic complaint on being specially authorized to do so by the Grand Lodge.

136. The decision or sentence of the District Deputy Grand Master shall in all cases be subject to appeal to the Grand Master.

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137. Whenever the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Master, on a review of trial or other proceedings of a Lodge resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgement of said proceedings, or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial, no amendment shall be made to the original charges, unless the accused have due and timely notice thereof.

138. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the Lodge is situated, all suspensions as they severally occur.

139. It is provided that as the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member in the Fraternity it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the Craft. Any Lodge, or brother, therefore, who may be aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.

### Restorations and Reinstatements

140. A suspended Mason may be restored by

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the Grand Lodge or by the Lodge which suspended him.

141. A suspended Mason (for unmasonic conduct) seeking restoration, shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of a Lodge, and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon.

142. The secretary of the Lodge shall notify all members of the Lodge of such petition, at least one week before the meeting at which the question of restoration is to be voted upon.

143. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot; and it shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members present for its adoption.

144. If the Lodge has ceased to exist, the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

145. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation; and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership, and all the rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

146. In all cases of restoration by the Grand Lodge, the restored brother resumes the status of non-affiliated brother.

147. In all cases of restoration by a private Lodge, the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

**Masters and Lodges**

148. A Worshipful Master may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term, for any unmasonic conduct (except for official misconduct, or a violation of his official obligations.) All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

149. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges or between a Lodge and its Master, or charges be preferred, or an informal complaint be made, the same may be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall forward the same to the Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may proceed in person, or appoint a commission of not more than seven, and not less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with, if consistent, the District Deputy Grand Master as chairman, to investigate such charges or complaint; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master; and such commission shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master, as will enable him to make a final decision.

150. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any rights or privileges of membership.

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### Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues

151. A Lodge shall have power to enact By-Laws requiring and regulating the payment of Lodge dues and providing a penalty for non-payment thereof, which penalty shall be suspension; but such penalty shall not be inflicted except for the non-payment of at least one year's dues, nor until the brother shall have been duly summoned one month previous to pay said dues.

152. In case no proviseion has been made in the By-Lays of a Lodge for notice to, and procedure against a member for non-payment of dues, the following procedure shall be adopted: "In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months after the expiration of the Masonic year in which the same became due, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to read out the name of such member in default, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid shall be sent to such member; such summons shall be deemed duly served if mailed to him, registered, or delivered to the last known address of such member. Should the brother in default fail to appear at the appointed time, or appearing, fail to pay his dues, or fail to give the Lodge a satisfactory reason for his delinquency, and procure to be granted by a vote of the Lodge a further specified time for such payment, then the Worshipful Master shall formally declare him suspended from the privileges of Masonry;

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but payment of dues at the appointed time, or such other specified time shall discontinue further proceedings.

153. When a Mason is suspended for non-payment of dues in this or any other jurisdiction, he is during such suspension deprived of all the privileges of Masonry in this jurisdiction.

154. If within one year from the date of suspension the delinquent brother shall pay the amount due at the date of the suspension, the Master shall without a vote of the Lodge, declare him re-instated, which fact shall be entered on the records and entitle him to full membership in the Lodge.

155. If such payment is not made within one year from the date of suspension he can only be reinstated by a majority vote of the Lodge upon a petition therefor. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the Lodge and must not be acted upon before the next regular meeting thereafter, notice of such petition having been inserted in the notice calling such meeting. On petition there need be no recommendation nor committee of investigation appointed.

156. If such dues are paid with a view to restoration and restoration is refused by a vote of the Lodge, the money so paid shall be refunded.

157. All petitions for restoration must be accompanied by amount of dues in arrears at date of suspension, or such sum as the Lodge may by resolution decide to adopt.



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158. A Mason under suspension is not entitled to receive Masonic charity or Masonic burial.

159. No Lodge or Grand Lodge dues shall accrue against a Mason during his term of suspension.

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## **LODGES**

### **Composition and Organization**

160. The precedence of Lodges is derived from the number of their Charter, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privileges unless it has been regularly constituted and registered on the register of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba.

161. The officers of a Lodge are the Master and his two Wardens, two Deacons and Tyler; to which for the better regulation of the private concerns of the Lodge are to be added a Treasurer and Secretary. A Chaplain, Director of Ceremonies, Organist, Inner Guard and Stewards may also be added, and shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed.

### **Powers**

162. The powers and duties of a Lodge are

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such as are prescribed in its dispensation or charter, by the constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, and by the general regulations of Masonry; and they are defined as follows:

1st. "Executive."—In the direction and performance of its work, as prescribed by the Grand Lodge, under the control of the Master; and in all other matters in aid of the Master, who is the primary executive authority of the Lodge.

2nd. "Legislative."—Including all matters of legislation, relative to its internal concerns, which shall not be in violation of the general regulations of Masonry, the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, or its own particular by-laws.

3rd. "Judicial."—Embracing the exercise of discipline over its own members (except the Master) and all other Masons within its jurisdiction, and the settlement of controversies between them, subject always to a revision by the Grand Lodge on appeal.

163. Every Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The by-laws must be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master, and, when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in a like manner be submitted; and no law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

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164. If any brother behave in such manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be twice formally admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished according to the by-laws of that particular Lodge, or the case may be reported to higher Masonic authority.

### Duties

165. The by-laws of the Lodge shall be fairly written or printed in a book, and shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his mastership. Every brother shall also sign them when he becomes a member of the Lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall, at all reasonable times, have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the members.

166. The Master of every Lodge is to cause the ancient charges and regulations of the Grand Lodge relating to private Lodges, and the by-laws of his Lodge, to be read in open Lodge once every year.

167. Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which the members attending at each meeting shall sign their names "before entering the Lodge," and a similar book for visitors, who are in like manner to enter their names, Masonic rank and the name of their mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

168. All minutes, lists and books of account,

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belonging to a Lodge must be produced by the Master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

169. Each Lodge shall provide the several books required to be kept by the Secretary, which shall be prepared in accordance with forms to be provided.

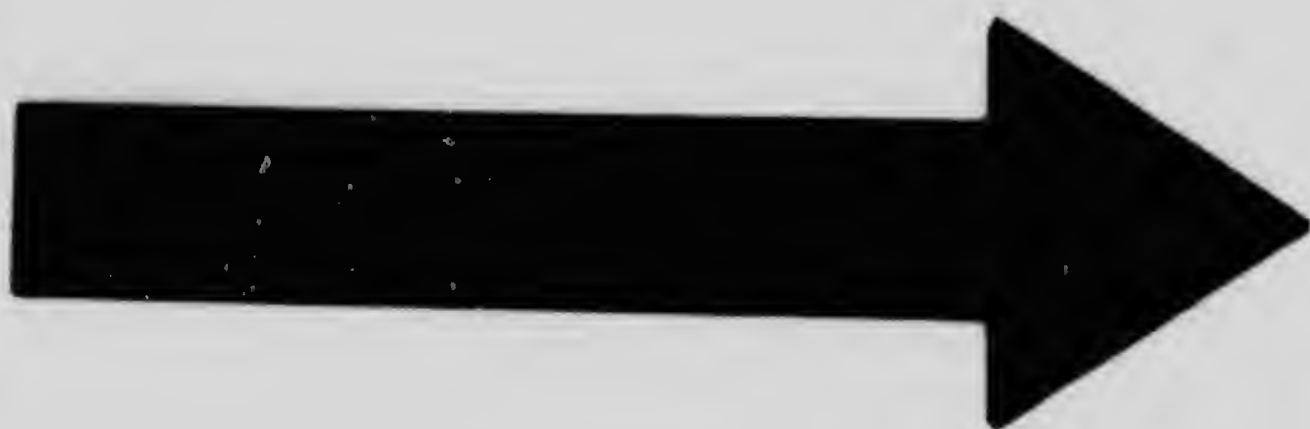
170. Returns—1st. Each Lodge shall make returns semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, on the blanks furnished by him, according to the instructions accompanying the same.

2nd. Returns shall include a list of officers, an alphabetical list of Past Masters, Master Masons, Fellow Crafts, and Entered Apprentices, and all work done during the previous half-year, with the changes in membership.

3rd. Duplicate Returns ("written in ink") shall be made, one copy to be retained and preserved by the Secretary of the Lodge, and the other copy, together with all fees, dues and other indebtedness to Grand Lodge, to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before January 15th and July 15th in each year.

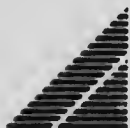
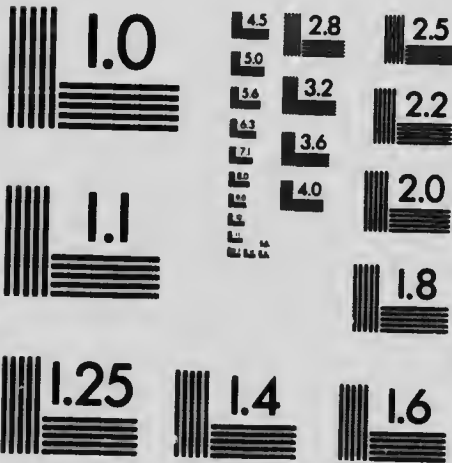
171. Every Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, read in open Lodge at the regular meeting following their receipt, which communication shall be noted in the minutes of the Lodge.

172. Each Lodge may by its by-laws provide that a member one year in arrears of dues shall have no right to vote or hold office in it.



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173. All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among Freemasons, some members of every Lodge should be deputed to visit the other Lodges as often as may be convenient.

174. As no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity, unless his name be duly registered, every Lodge must therefore be particularly careful to register the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also to make a return of its members.

175. To prevent injury to individuals, by their being excluded the privileges of Masonry, through the neglect of their Lodges in not registering their names, any brother so circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof that he has paid the full fees of his Lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the Craft. But the offending Lodge shall be reported to the Grand Lodge, and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make proper return, and detaining moneys which are the property of the Grand Lodge, and which had been paid to the Lodge for specific appropriation.

176. No jewels other than those specified for the present or past officers of Lodges, or for present or past officers of the Grand Lodge, except such honorary and other jewels as shall appertain to or be consistent with the

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degrees of Craft Masonry, shall be worn in a subordinate Lodge when tyled.

177. No Lodge shall recognize any body, purporting to be a Masonic Lodge, which shall be held within the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge, without authority from such Grand Lodge; nor shall any Lodge, or any member thereof, admit to hold any Masonic intercourse with a member of any such body.

178. No Lodge shall recognize as a Mason any person who, being at the time a resident of this province, has received, or claims to have received the degrees of Masonry from any source beyond the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, without the proper permission, until the Lodge nearest his place of residence shall have received him as a member. The proper permission, above mentioned, may only be given by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, and in the manner necessary for an election to receive the degrees.

179. No Lodge, or officer or member of a Lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate of recommendation, to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

### Meetings

180. The regular days of meeting of the Lodge shall be specified in its by-laws.

181. A Lodge of emergency may, at any



time, be called, giving seven days' notice, by the authority of the Master, or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in his absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. A Lodge of emergency for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother, may be called at any time without the ordinary seven days' notice by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, by the Senior Warden, or, in his absence by the Junior Warden, but not without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the notice, and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at such meeting. No Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

182. No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting from that named in its dispensation or charter, unless notice shall have been given at a regular meeting that a resolution of such removal will be offered at the succeeding one, nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present at such succeeding regular meeting; nor shall such removal then take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by the Grand Lodge, Grand Master, or (if from one place to another within his district), the District Deputy Grand Master.

183. All the business of the Lodge must be conducted in the third degree.

**Election, Appointment and Installation of  
Officers**

184. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the regular meeting next preceeding the anniversary of St John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist; and a majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed on the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist or St. John the Baptist, or at any other time by dispensation of the Grand Master, and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.

185. In case any Lodge shall fail to hold such election at the time above named, upon good cause being shown therefor the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to hold such election at another time; and in case a vacancy shall at any time occur in either of the offices of Master or Warden in any Lodge, upon the proper representation of the necessity therefor, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for an election to fill such vacancy. But, in either of these cases, such dispensations shall be issued only on the application of the Lodge, setting forth the reasons therefor, to be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a regular meeting, and to be properly certified by the Secretary; and of the special election which may thus be ordered, the members shall have due notice.

186. Every member in good standing shall

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be eligible to any office in t. . Lodge, except that of Master, for which only a brother who has been elected and installed as Warden of a Lodge shall be eligible, except by dispensation of the Grand Master; provided that a brother who has not served as Warden may be nominated as Worshipful Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

187. The Deacons and such other subordinate officers as the by-laws of each Lodge may designate, shall be appointed by the Master after his installation; and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable after their appointment. The Tyler shall be elected at the annual meeting by open vote.

188. No brother can hold two or more offices in the same Lodge at one and the same time.

189. All preferment among Masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only; therefore no brother shall be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office merely on account of seniority or rank. No Master-elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed. It is necessary, previous to the installation of the Master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge, setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master; and on the confirmation of that elec-

tion, at the following regular meeting of the Lodge, the installation of the Master will follow.

**Powers and Duties of the Master**

190. The Master is responsible that a book, or books, be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the Christian names in full and the surnames of the members of the Lodge and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their admission or initiation, passing and raising; their ages, as nearly as possible, at that time, and their title, profession, or trade; and also dates of death, suspensions, withdrawals and restorations; together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

191. Every Master, before being placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old established usages and customs and to preserve the land-marks of the Craft, and most strictly enforce them within his own Lodge and give evidence of his proficiency.

192. The Master of a Lodge is enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as he conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Freemasons.

193. The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts, when required by any lawful authority.

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194. The Master shall have power—

1st. To congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it proper.

2nd. To issue, or cause to be issued, all summonses or notices which may be required.

3rd. To discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge.

4th. To perform all such other acts, by ancient usages proper to his office, as shall not be in contravention of any provision of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

195. It shall be his duty—

1st. To preside at all meetings of his Lodge.

2nd. To confer all degrees in strict accordance with the ritual which has been, or may hereafter be, ordained by the Grand Lodge.

3rd. To give the lectures appertaining to each degree, at the time it is conferred, in accordance with such ritual.

4th. To examine the record of proceedings at each meeting of his Lodge, when fairly transcribed by the Secretary, and if found correct, subscribe his approval thereof.

5th. To superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge, and see that their respective duties are properly discharged.

6th. To carefully guard against any infraction, by the members of his Lodge, of its own

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by-laws, of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or the general regulations of Masonry.

7th. To see that the proper officers collect and truly keep the moneys of the Lodge; to see that the furniture and other valuables are not wasted, damaged or lost; and in the event that the Charter of the Lodge should ever be forfeited or surrendered, to preserve these things, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

196. A Past Master of any other Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master, and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

197. In all cases of a tie vote, by ballot, or otherwise, the Master, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

198. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed by this Constitution upon the Master of a Lodge, he shall be subject to deprivation of office, suspension or expulsion.

199. The Master of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, the Grand Lodge or any committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and produce the Charter, minutes and books of the Lodge, under penalty of suspension, which shall be reported to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

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200. Any officer of a Lodge, except the Master, can be removed from office for a cause which appears to the Lodge to be sufficient; if the Master, however, be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and in either case another must be elected or appointed.

### Powers and Duties of Wardens

201. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the performance of his duties, and to discharge all of those duties which ancient usage has assigned to their respective stations.

202. In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden (and in his absence also, the Junior Warden) shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of Master, except conferring degrees. Should the Master and Wardens be absent, the immediate Past Master, or if he be not present the next immediate Past Master of the Lodge present shall take the chair.

203. If the Master should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, shall act as Master in summoning the Lodge until the next election of officers.

204. The Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined

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to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the Craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among Freemasons.

205. The Wardens of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, the Grand Lodge, or any committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; and produce the Charter, minutes and books of the Lodge, under penalty of suspension, which shall be reported to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

### **Duties of the Treasurer**

206. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer—

1st. To receive and safely keep all moneys or property of every kind which shall be placed in his hands by order of the Lodge.

2nd. To disburse or transfer the same or any part thereof, upon the order of the Master, duly attested by the Secretary.

3rd. To keep a book or books wherein a correct account of his receipts and disbursements shall be exhibited.

4th. To present a statement of the finances of the Lodge whenever required, and submit a yearly report at the annual meeting



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5th. To perform such other duties, appertaining to his office, as the by-laws may require or the Lodge may at any time direct.

**Duties of the Secretary**

207. It shall be the duty of the Secretary—

1st. To record all the proceedings at each meeting, which it is proper should be written, under the direction of the Master, in a rough minute book to be kept for that purpose; and to submit such record, or a synopsis of such record, to the Lodge at that meeting for approval or correction.

2nd. To transcribe, in accordance with the form in this Constitution, such proceedings from the rough minute book to the minute book, after they shall thus have been approved or corrected; and when thus transcribed and confirmed, at the next regular meeting, present them to the Master, for his signature.

3rd. To prepare and transmit a copy of such record, or any part thereof, to the Grand Lodge, or Grand Secretary, when required.

4th. To collect and receive all moneys due to the Lodge, and pay them over without delay to the Treasurer.

5th. To keep the seal of the Lodge, and to affix the same, with his attestation, to all papers issued under its authority or in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

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6th. To transmit to the Grand Secretary, immediately after each election and installation in the Lodge, a certificate thereof in the form prescribed.

7th. To transmit to the Grand Secretary the semi-annual report require in such form as shall be provided.

8th. To report to the Grand Secretary, immediately after their occurrence, all rejections, suspensions and restorations, in the forms provided.

9th. To transmit copies of all Lodge notices and summonses to the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master (in whose district the Lodge is located) and the Grand Secretary.

10th. To notify all sister Lodges in the district of the rejection of candidates for initiation in accordance with section 230.

208. He shall keep the following books of the Lodge, in such forms as may be provided—

1st. A minute book, in which he shall record all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be written, in accordance with the form in this Constitution, after the same shall have been approved as required by section 207 subsection 2.

2nd. A book of by-laws, for the signature of the members in the order of their admission.

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in which he shall see that each member at once signs his name in full.

3rd. A register, in which he shall record the full name or names of all belonging to the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising or affiliation; the name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated were last previously members; the age and occupation of each when received; and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death, or restoration.

4th. A black book, in which he shall record the full names of those rejected, expelled, suspended or restored by any of the Lodges, so far as he shall receive the proper notice thereof.

5th. An attendance register, to be kept in the Tyler's room, in which members and visitors shall record their names and the names, numbers and locations of their respective Lodges, before entering the Lodge.

209. He shall also keep such account books as may be necessary to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the receipts of the Secretary, and his payments to the Treasurer; and shall preserve the book of Constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge, which may from time to time be published, with all the printed proceedings thereof, as promulgated by its order; together with a duplicate copy of semi-annual returns sent to the Grand Secretary.

**Duties of Other Officers**

210. The Deacons, Tyler and other appointed officers, shall perform such duties, consonant with the usages of the Craft and appertaining to their respective offices, as may be required by the by-laws or directed by the Master.

211. The Tyler may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the Lodge.

212. If any Tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

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**LODGE JURISDICTION**

213. No Lodge shall receive and act upon the petition of any applicant for initiation whose residence may be nearer some other Lodge under this jurisdiction than the one to which application is made, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, and the consent, by resolution in writing of such nearest Lodge, or in the case of a city or town, all Lodges having jurisdiction; nor shall any Lodge act upon the petition of any such applicant who

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upon the petition of any such applicant who has been rejected within one year of such rejection unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master, nor shall any petition be received from any person who has not resided one year within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and six months within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which application is made, or produces a certificate of character from the nearest Lodge to the place of his previous residence; and such petition for initiation shall include the averment of the applicant that he has never before petitioned a Lodge; or if he has he shall give the name and location of said Lodge, and state what action was had on said petition, and when it occurred.

214. In cities or towns, where more than one Lodge exists, each Lodge shall have concurrent jurisdiction.

215. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is nearer the jurisdiction of another Lodge, without a dispensation from the Grand Master, and with the consent, by a resolution, of that Lodge, which shall be signified in writing except in a town or city where there is more than one Lodge, in which case each Lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. The jurisdiction extends in every direction half way to the nearest Lodge by the ordinary way of travel.

216. No dispensation shall be issued to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition for degrees of a person who has not the required

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qualification of residence unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge by an unanimous vote by ballot, and should such dispensation be issued, the petition shall take the usual course of reference and ballot in the Lodge.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### **How Acquired**

217. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired—

1st. By having regularly received the degree of Entered Apprentice therein.

2nd. By having been duly elected for affiliation therewith.

3rd. By having been named in a dispensation for a new Lodge as one of the petitioners therefor.

4th. By the consolidation into one Lodge of two or more Lodges, of one of which he was a member.

218. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge, unless the laws relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with.

#### **How Terminated**

219. Membership in a Lodge can only be terminated—

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1st. By the dissolution of a Lodge.

2nd. By the consolidation of the Lodge with another Lodge or other Lodges.

3rd. By voluntary withdrawal therefrom after proper notice given.

4th. By death, suspension or expulsion.

220. A member of a Lodge in good standing and whose dues are paid may withdraw at any time by making an application for such withdrawal at a regular meeting, and he shall receive a certificate of the fact of such withdrawal. Membership in the Lodge shall terminate upon the granting of a dimit. No commendary certificate shall be given a brother so withdrawing except by special vote of the majority of the members of the Lodge then present.

221. The application for a dimit shall be made by a written petition signed by the applicant.

222. All Masons who were members in good standing of a Lodge at the date of the surrender of its charter and whose dues shall have been paid, or remitted in whole or in part by the Committee on Finance upon the recommendation of the Grand Master, are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary a certificate of that fact, which certificate shall have the same effect as the regular dimit issued by an existing Lodge.

### The Qualifications of Membership

223. Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our ancient and honorable fraternity from admitting members and receiving candidates without due notice being given or inquiry being made into their characters and qualifications; and also, from the passing and raising of Masons without due instruction in the respective degrees; it is determined that in future, a violation or neglect of any of the following laws shall subject the offending Lodge to erasure, because no emergency can be allowed as a justification.

224. No person under the age of twenty-one years shall be made a Mason in any Lodge, except by dispensation of the Grand Master, as thereinbefore provided; nor shall any dispensation suspend the operations of the law requiring seven days' notice or committee of enquiry, or the ballot. Every candidate must be free-born, and at the time of his initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or more of them.

225. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small or unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member, nor even as a visitor, into any regular Lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other Masonic privileges, until he make due submission and obtain grace.



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226. If any member shall be under suspension from his Lodge or shall withdraw himself from it without having complied with its by-laws and the general regulations of the Craft, he shall not be eligible for admission to any other Lodge. Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign, or whenever at a future time he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate of his standing; and such certificate is to be produced at any other Lodge of which he is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

227. No Lodge shall make a Mason or admit a member without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the Craft on these occasions.

### Petitions for and Conferring of Degrees

228. All petitions for the Degrees of Masonry shall be in writing, signed by the applicant with name in full,\* and shall be in the form prescribed by this Constitution, and shall give the following information:—

1—Where born.

2—Age.

3—Occupation.

4—Residence.

5—Where he has resided for the year last past.

\*Any individual who cannot write is consequently ineligible to be admitted into the Craft.

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6—Whether he has presented his petition to any other Lodge.

7—If so, what Lodge or Lodges.

229. The petition must be recommended by two members of the Lodge, and be presented at a regular meeting, accompanied with the fee required by the by-laws; be referred to a committee of three members to be appointed by the Worshipful Master; and lie over at least one month, and if necessary for a longer period until said committee has made the necessary inquiry into the character of the candidate, and shall report thereon, unless otherwise provided for in this Constitution.

After the committee has reported to the Lodge in his favor, upon the reception of such report he may be balloted for, and if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of Masonry in such Lodge; but should the report be unfavorable, he shall be considered a rejected candidate.

230. The name in full, age, occupation, and residence of the candidate, together with the names of the brethren who recommended him, shall be sent to all the members in the notice for the next regular meeting, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. A copy of such notice shall also be sent to the Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary.

231. When more than one Lodge may be at work in the same district in this jurisdiction it shall be the duty of each one of such Lodges

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to communicate at once to her sister Lodges in the district the names in full and occupations of all persons whose petitions for initiation may be rejected at any meeting.

232. A person shall not be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of, a Lodge, if, on the ballot, two black balls appear against him. Some Lodges wish for no such indulgence, but require the unanimous consent of the members present; the by-laws of each Lodge must, therefore, guide them in this respect, but if there be two black balls, such person cannot, on any pretence, be admitted.

233. Every candidate, on his initiation, and every member on his affiliation, shall solemnly promise to submit to the Constitution, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the Craft; he must sign the by-laws of the Lodge on his initiation or affiliation, a copy of which, together with a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, shall then be presented to him.

234. If a Mason shall have been elected to receive the three degrees, and shall have received the first degree or the first and second degrees in one Lodge, he may, at the request of such Lodge, and on its behalf and without additional fees, receive the remaining degrees or degree in another Lodge. No petition, reference or ballot shall be necessary in the last named Lodge as the work will be done for the first of which he will be deemed a member. But in no case shall the degree of Entered Apprentice be conferred by one Lodge at the request of another.

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235. A Lodge shall not confer the Entered Apprentice degree on more than five candidates at any one meeting; nor shall it confer more than one degree upon any one candidate at any one meeting.

236. A Lodge shall not advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree before at least one month has elapsed since the conferring on him of the previous degree, except by the dispensation of the Grand Master, nor until, upon a strict examination in open Lodge, he shall have given satisfactory evidence that he is entirely proficient and well qualified in that or those which he has already taken, and no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be advanced to a higher degree in any Lodge other than that in which he shall have received those or either of those degrees, unless by the official consent of such Lodge, if it then be in existence.

### **Petitions for Affiliation**

237. Petitions for affiliation shall be in the form prescribed by this Constitution; be signed by the petitioners, with names in full, and be accompanied by the dimit or certificate of standing of the petitioner. In case the Lodge in which he was formerly a member shall not be in existence, or will not grant a dimit until he has become affiliated, then he must produce a certificate setting forth these facts, with proper evidence to verify them, or in case he is an honorary or life member, then a certificate from the Lodge stating the fact. If a brother has made reasonable efforts to obtain

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a certificate from the Lodge of which he is, or was formerly a member, and has failed, the Grand Master, upon the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which the brother resides may, after thorough investigation, authorize the Lodge nearest which the brother resides to act upon his petition for affiliation.

238. When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact, and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his dues paid, or remitted in whole or in part, as provided in Section 222.

239. If the petitioner be a Mason suspended for non-payment of dues from a Lodge since extinct, his application to the Grand Secretary for a certificate shall be accompanied by the amount of his delinquent dues, and upon presentation of a certificate from the Grand Secretary that his dues have been paid, or remitted in whole or in part, as provided in section 222, he shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge.

240. The petition for affiliation shall give the following information:—

1—Where born.

2—Age.

3—Occupation.

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4—Residence.

5—Name and number of Lodge in which raised.

6—Town or Province, state or country in which Lodge meets.

### The Petition

241. It must be recommended by two members of the Lodge, and shall be presented at a regular meeting and be referred to a committee of three members to be appointed by the Worshipful Master, and lie over at least one month, and if necessary for a longer period until such committee shall make the necessary enquiries into the character of the petitioner, and shall report thereon. After the committee has reported to the Lodge in his favor, upon the reception of such report he may be balloted for, but should the report be unfavorable, he shall be considered rejected.

242. The name in full, age, occupation, and residence of the applicant, the names of the brethren recommending him, and the name, number, and location of the Lodge of which he is or has been a member shall be sent to all the members in the notice for the next regular meeting.

243. A brother rejected for affiliation may renew his application at any regular meeting to the same or any other Lodge in the jurisdiction.

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244. A Lodge shall not admit a member without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the Craft on these occasions.

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**HONORARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

245. A brother who may have rendered any service to the Craft in general, or to any particular Lodge may, after due notice to each member, by a ballot of the Lodge, be elected an honorary member of such Lodge. The Lodge must include honorary members in its returns to Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

246. Private Lodges may, by by-law, admit their members to life membership on such terms as such Lodges may determine; provided that the Lodge shall pay into the hands of the Grand Secretary the sum of five dollars, which payment shall exempt the Lodge from the payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

247. Upon such life member withdrawing from the Lodge, of which he originally became a life member, and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account nor in case he becomes a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor to Grand Lodge.

248. Life and honorary members shall be

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entitled to all the privileges of, and shall be amenable to discipline in the same manner as ordinary members.

### BALLOTING

249. Every member of a Lodge, when present, shall unless excused by the Worshipful Master, be required to vote by ballot upon all petitions for affiliation or for degrees of Masonry.

250. If a brother shall violate the secrecy of the ballot on candidates for initiation or membership, by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware of how a brother voted and mention it to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence suspension.

251. If the report of the committee be unfavorable, a ballot shall not be had, but the Master shall, upon the reception of such report, declare the candidate rejected. If the report be favorable, upon the reception of such report, a ballot may be had, and it shall require two or more black balls to reject, unless the by-laws of the Lodge provide that one black ball shall reject. If the ballot be not favorable, the Master, without declaring the result may at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be the last; but in no case after



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one ballot has been had, shall any discussion be permitted in the Lodge before the second ballot is had, nor shall the second ballot be postponed to another meeting of the Lodge. If a committee finds a candidate disqualified on account of insufficient residence, or physical disability, and find no other objection to him, they shall make a special report thereon; in which case the Master shall direct the withdrawal of the application without further action, and such direction shall be entered upon the record.

252. A dispensation shall not be issued to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition of a rejected applicant, within less than twelve months after the date of such rejection, unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge, by a unanimous vote by ballot.

253. A Lodge shall not have more than one ballot for the three degrees.

### OBJECTIONS

254. If at any time, before the initiation of a candidate, objection be made by any member, or if, after his initiation, but before being passed or after passing, before being raised objection to his advancement be made by any member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall, at the next regular meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of such re-

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port, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Lodge may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made, but subject to the provisions of Section 236.

255. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Worshipful Master to the Lodge, but objections to such decisions may be laid before the Grand Master, and by him determined, subject to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

## FEES AND DUES

256. A Lodge shall not confer the three degrees for a less fee than twenty-five dollars. Provided, however, that if a dimitted brother applicant has already received the first degree, or the first and second degrees in another Lodge, the fee to accompany his application for the remaining degrees or degree, shall be such proportion of the fee for all degrees as the by-laws of the Lodge may prescribe. But a candidate shall not be initiated unless the fees in full provided by the by-laws of the Lodge are paid. The foregoing is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated, provided that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the Grand Master be first obtained.

257. The Master is to see that all moneys

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received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in every year, by a committee appointed by the Lodge.

258. Every candidate initiated into a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation, and is then liable for the regular Lodge dues.

259. By a vote of the Lodge the dues of any member may be remitted.

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### **VISITORS**

260. A visitor shall not be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally vouched for, or after due examination by two or more well skilled brethren present; nor if there be in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge, nor until he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, the name of his mother Lodge or the Lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose; and during his continuance in the Lodge, he shall be subject to the by-laws of the Lodge. The Master of the Lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

261. The attention of the brethren is particularly called to the exercise of the greatest caution in vouching for brethren.

**LODGES OF INSTRUCTION**

262. A general Lodge of Instruction shall not be held, unless under the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge, or by the special license or authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodges of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge.

263. Notices of the times and places of meeting of the Lodges of Instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

264. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a record of all the brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such record shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, or the Lodge granting the sanction.

265. If a Lodge that has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction to be held under its warrant, shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

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**NON-AFFILIATED MASONS**

266. It is the duty of every Master Mason to

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be a member of some Lodge, and every non-affiliated Mason, who having resided six months within this jurisdiction shall refuse or neglect to make application for membership to some Lodge therein, shall not be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund or to any of the rights, privileges or benefits of the Craft nor to Masonic burial, nor to take part in any Masonic ceremony, public or private, nor to be entitled to any Masonic privilege whatever, nor can he be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides more than twice during his secession from the Craft.

### LODGES U.D.

267. A Lodge can only be formed by authority of a dispensation from the Grand Master, or of a Charter from the Grand Lodge; and a Charter shall not be granted to any Lodge until it shall have worked at least four months under a dispensation, and shall have exhibited to the Grand Lodge satisfactory evidence of its Masonic capability.

268. Upon the petition of seven or more Master Masons being presented to the Grand Master, he may grant them a dispensation to open and hold a Lodge at the place therein named, with power to make Masons and receive members by affiliation; and he shall therein appoint the Master and Wardens of the new Lodge. In no case shall such dispensation be issued unless the petition be accompanied by a recommendation from the nearest

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chartered Lodge (if from a town or city where more than one Lodge exists, then from one of such Lodges) setting forth that the petitioners are all Master Masons in good standing, that the establishment of the new Lodge is of manifest propriety and will conduce to the good of the Craft, and that a safe and suitable Lodge room will be provided therefor; nor unless the petition shall be accompanied by a dimit or certificate of standing, of each petitioner, from the Lodge of which he was last a member, and by a certificate from the District Deputy Grand Master, declaring that the Master and Wardens proposed in such petition are fully competent properly to confer the three degrees of Masonry.

269. Such dispensation shall terminate upon the first day of the month in which the next succeeding annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held; and shall then be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the by-laws, book of records, and returns of the new Lodge to that date.

270. Upon the return of a dispensation of a new Lodge as above, with a petition for a Charter, if an examination of its work and proceedings shall prove satisfactory, and it shall produce a certificate, as required in section No. 268, that the Master and Wardens proposed are fully competent to confer the three degrees of Masonry, the Grand Lodge may order the issue of a charter to such Lodge, and assign it such name (but such name shall not be the name of a living person) and number on the register as shall be deemed proper; and such

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Lodge shall be duly constituted within sixty days thereafter. If the examination be not satisfactory or such certificate or showing be not produced, the petition may be totally refused, or the continuance of the dispensation, until the next annual communication may be ordered; but no such continuance shall be granted a second time.

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**REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE  
AND PROXIES**

271. Should the Worshipful Master or Wardens be unable to attend any communication of Grand Lodge, such Lodge by its vote, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under its seal may delegate any Master, or Past Master, entitled to vote in Grand Lodge, to represent their Lodge; but no proxy shall be valid unless the name of the brother so delegated shall have been written in the proxy previous to its being signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary of the Lodge; no brother can represent as proxy more than one Lodge

272. Should any Lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge for more than one year, the Masters, Wardens or other representatives of such Lodge shall not be permitted to attend any communication of the Grand Lodge as representatives until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

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273. A brother shall not be permitted to attend the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master or Warden, until his name as such shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary's office.

274. The majority of the members of a Lodge, when congregated have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master and Wardens or other representatives, before the communication of Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

275. Each Lodge may provide in such manner as it may deem proper, for the payment of its officers or representatives in attending the communication of the Grand Lodge.

276. No Lodge until chartered and duly constituted, shall be entitled to representation in the Grand Lodge; but a Lodge under dispensation may send delegates thereto, who may be admitted to seats, and be permitted to speak but shall have no vote.

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## DISSOLUTION OF LODGES

277. As every chartered Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a charter; if, therefore, the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the Constitution or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the



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members; provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the Charter ceases and becomes extinct.

278. A Lodge shall not be erased or its Charter declared forfeited, until the Master, or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been warned in writing, of its offence, and shall have been summoned to answer to the complaint made against it.

279. If the Charter of a Lodge be sold or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the Grand Master, such Charter shall be forfeited and the Lodge erased.

280. A Lodge may be dissolved—

1st. By the voluntary surrender of its Charter, when such surrender shall have been accepted by the Grand Lodge; or—

2nd. By the revocation of its Charter by the Grand Lodge.

281. The Charter of a Lodge may be surrendered if notice be given at a regular meeting that a resolution to that effect be presented at the next succeeding one, and if, at such succeeding meeting three-fourths at least of the members present are in favor of such resolution; but no such act of surrender shall be considered final until it shall have been approved and accepted by the Grand Lodge. No such resolution, however, shall be considered unless the same shall have been inserted in the

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notice, and the notice regularly sent to each member of the Lodge.

282. The Charter of a Lodge may be forfeited—

1st. By disobedience to any provision of the Constitution or regulations of the Grand Lodge.

2nd. By disregard of the lawful authority of the Grand Master.

3rd. By violation or neglect of the ancient and recognized usages of the Craft.

4th. By receiving applicants known to be unworthy, or refusing or neglecting to discipline unworthy members.

5th. By failure to meet during a period of twelve successive months.

283. No Charter shall be forfeited unless charges against the Lodge shall have been presented to and investigated in the Grand Lodge, of which the Lodge accused shall have due notice; though the same may be arrested until the next annual communication, either by the Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master, upon satisfactory reasons therefor being shown.

284. The forfeiture or arrest of the Charter of a Lodge involves the suspension of all its members from the rights and privileges of Masonry, except those who may be specially declared exempt from such effect.

285. The surrender or forfeiture of the Charter of a Lodge, when declared by the Grand Lodge, shall be conclusive upon the Lodge and its members, and all the authority granted by such Charter, together with all the records, funds, jewels, furniture, dues and property of such Lodge of every kind shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

### **CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES**

286. Should any two Lodges by resolution passed by a three-fourths majority of each Lodge, express a wish to amalgamate, the Grand Lodge may sanction such amalgamation upon petition by such Lodges, and on such terms as may have been agreed upon by the said Lodges, or as Grand Lodge itself may determine. "Provided," however, that no resolution having in view any amalgamation shall be proposed, except at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and after one month's notice thereof has been given, and the resolution itself placed upon the summons and addressed to each member of the Lodge.

287. The consolidated Lodge may bear the name and number of one of the Lodges composing it, in which case it may retain the Charter and seal of that Lodge; or it may bear the name of one and the number of the other Lodge, or it may be called by another name and retain the number of one of the component Lodges, and shall in either of such latter cases receive a new Charter, and pro-

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vide a new seal; or it may have an endorsement of the authorization of the amalgamation by the Grand Lodge made upon the Charter of one of the component Lodges.

### **LODGE SEAL**

288. All documents or papers of every kind whatsoever, emanating from a chartered Lodge or from its Master or Secretary in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of its seal, or be considered null and of no effect.

289. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary whenever changed.

### **LODGE PROPERTY**

290. The jewels and furniture of every Lodge belong to, and are the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren of said Lodge.

### **CERTIFICATES**

291. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein a Grand Lodge certificate to be paid for by the Lodge.

292. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered on the books of the Grand

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Lodge as having been made a Master Mason, for which certificate the Lodge shall pay two dollars. Each Lodge therefore, when it makes a return of the Masons whom it has initiated, passed and raised, shall, in addition to the registration fee and half-yearly dues, make a remittance of the money for the certificates.

293. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Worshipful Master or the Secretary of the Lodge.

294. A brother shall not receive a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of Masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than one month from his having received a previous degree, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master.

295. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the dates on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

296. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can, on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

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297. A Lodge shall not grant a private Lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a Grand Lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specially addressed to the Grand Secretary and except also such certificate as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its committees, or issued to a member on retirement from a Lodge for the purpose of evidence of standing. Nor shall a Lodge, under any pretence, make a charge for a private Lodge certificate.

### PUBLIC PROCESSIONS

298. A public procession shall not on any pretence be allowed, without the permission of the Grand Master, except a Masonic funeral, the urgency of which will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with him. Such proceeding shall be immediately reported by the Master of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary.

299. If a brother shall attend as a Mason clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the Craft, at any public procession or at any public meeting, except a Masonic funeral, without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a Lodge, and also be excluded the benefit of the general charity. And if any Lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine thereon.

**MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

300. Any Lodge which has been established by Charter from this Grand Lodge, in any territory in which a Grand Lodge did not then exist, and which does not take part in the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within said territory, shall thereby forfeit said Charter and all the rights and privileges appertaining thereto, unless within one year after the lawful establishment of a Grand Lodge within such territory, the said Lodge shall become of obedience to the Grand Lodge of the territory within which it is situated.

301. A Lodge or Mason shall not hold Masonic communication with any Lodge which has been declared illegal by the Grand Lodge, or with any person who has received degrees in, or is a member of such a Lodge.

302. A Mason shall not hold any Masonic intercourse with an expelled or suspended Mason, with an illegal Lodge, with any person who has received degrees therein, or is a member thereof, nor with any Mason not acknowledged as such by the Grand Lodge.

303. A brother shall not presume to print, or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Master. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing, or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge by the authority of the Master, or the proceed-

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ings of any festival or public meeting at which persons not Masons are permitted to be present.

304. The majority of members present at any Lodge duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in a minute book of his Lodge, a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the Craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority; and then only by permission of the Worshipful Master.

305. For the neglect or violation of any duty imposed upon a Lodge in this Constitution, its Charter may be suspended or forfeited; and for the neglect or violation of any duty herein imposed upon a Secretary, his Lodge shall be held responsible.

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## OF DEFINITIONS

306. The words and terms used in this Constitution shall bear the construction which is given them in the following definitions:—

307. Grand Master.—This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Grand Master.



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308. Master. —This title applies only to him who has been elected and installed as Master.

309. Past Master.—This title applies only to one who has been regularly elected or named in a charter and installed, and has served a term as Master of a Chartered Lodge.

310. Representative.—The representative of a Lodge within this jurisdiction is one who, in the event that neither the Master nor either of the Wardens can be present at the Grand Lodge, has been duly elected by the Lodge at a regular meeting, or at a special meeting called for that purpose, to represent it at the next Communication.

311. Vacancy.—Vacancies in office, either in a Lodge or in the Grand Lodge, may occur by death, deprivation, removal from the jurisdiction, resignation, suspension or expulsion.

312. Jurisdiction.—The jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons within the territorial limits of the Province of Manitoba, and all Lodges and their members, without this jurisdiction acting under its authority.

The jurisdiction of a Lodge includes all its own members wherever residing, and all Masons residing nearer to its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge within this jurisdiction, except in towns or cities where more than one Lodge exists, in which case each of such Lodges has separate jurisdiction over its own members, and concurrent jurisdiction over all Masons not members of one of such Lodges who reside in such town or

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city, or nearer thereto than to any other place where a Lodge exists.

313. Regulation.—By a regulation of the Grand Lodge is meant any resolution, edict, law or ordinance of any kind whatever, other than the Constitution, which it may adopt.

314. Suspensions.—The suspension of a Lodge is an arrest of its Charter and a temporary prohibition to assemble or work as a legal Lodge, until again authorized so to do by competent authority; and the act suspends all its members except those especially exempted from its effect.

The suspension of a Master of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office, and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he is restored by competent authority.

The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges, as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall be legally restored in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

315. Expulsion.—The expulsion of a Mason is the highest penalty known to the Masonic law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Craft and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he is restored by the Grand Lodge.

316. Notification.—A notification or notice is a call issued by the Secretary, by order of the Lodge or Master, or by other competent authority as hereinbefore provided, to attend

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for some specific purpose at the time and place therein indicated, or to perform some specific duty therein set forth; and it is the duty of every Mason to comply with its direction if he can, without great inconvenience do so.

317. **Summons.**—A summons is an imperative order, issued by the Master, or by other competent authority, as hereinbefore provided, to appear at such time and place as may therein be designated. The obligation to obey it is absolute, and the penalty for disobedience may be, after due trial, expulsion, unless it shall be shown that such disobedience was unavoidable or was occasioned by some pressing necessity. It shall either be written or printed, and shall, when practicable, be personally served upon the brother to be notified, by the Tyler or some other Mason properly deputed for that purpose. If this cannot conveniently be done, it shall be mailed, registered, post-paid, addressed to him at his last known place, or left at his last known place of residence, or with a grown-up member of his family and this shall be deemed due and sufficient service.

318. **Regular Meeting.**—The regular meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each month at which business may be done, with the exceptions specified in the Constitution. It shall be designated as such in the by-laws of each Lodge, and no emergency meeting shall ever be considered as a part of any such regular meeting.

319. The word month, whenever it occurs in this Constitution, shall be held to mean lunar month.

## AMENDMENTS

320. The Grand Lodge shall have full power and authority to make such amendments, alterations and additions to this Constitution at any communication, as it shall think proper and expedient for the benefit of the Craft under the regulations hereinbefore provided.

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## PRAYERS

### Invocation—First Degree

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endow him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this our Masonic art, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honor and glory of Thy holy name—"So mote it be."

### Invocation—Second Degree

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Thy name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts—"So mote it be."

**Invocation—Third Degree**

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we, the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy Holy Name, the continual dew of Thy blessing; more especially we beseech Thee, to impart Thy Grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason; endue him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not; but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever.—“So mote it be.”

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**CHARGES****Charge to Newly-Initiated Candidate**

As you have now passed through the ceremony of your initiation, allow me to congratulate you on being admitted a member of our ancient and honorable society. Ancient, as having subsisted from time immemorial, and honorable because by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honorable who are strictly obedient to its precepts. Indeed

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no institution can boast a more solid foundation than that on which Freemasonry rests—"the practice of every social and moral virtue;" and to so high an eminence has its credit been advanced, that in every age monarchs themselves have been promoters of the art; have not thought it derogatory from their dignity to exchange the sceptre for the gavel; have patronized our mysteries and joined our assemblies. As a Mason, I would first recommend to your most serious contemplation the volume of the sacred law, charging you to consider it the unerring standard of truth and justice, and to regulate your actions by the divine precepts which it contains. Therein you will be taught the important duties you owe to God, to your neighbour and to yourself. To God, by never mentioning His name but with that awe and reverence which are due from the creature to the creator, by imploring His aid on all your lawful undertakings, and by looking up to Him in every emergency for comfort and support; to your neighbour by acting with him on the square, by rendering him every kind office which justice or mercy may require, by relieving his distresses, by soothing his afflictions, and by doing to him, as in similar cases, you would wish he should do unto you; and to yourself, by such a prudent and well regulated course of discipline as may best conduce to the preservation of your corporeal and mental faculties in their fullest energies; thereby enabling you to exert those talents wherewith God has blest you, as well to His glory as to the welfare of your fellow creatures.

As a citizen of the world, I am next to en-

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join you to be exemplary in the discharge of your civil duties by never proposing, or at all countenancing, any act that may have a tendency to subvert the peace and good order of society; by paying due obedience to the laws of any state which may for a time become the place of your residence or afford you its protection; and, above all, by never losing sight of the allegiance due to the sovereign of your native land, ever remembering that nature has implanted in your breast a sacred and indissoluble attachment to that country from which you derived your birth and infant nurturing.

As an individual I am further to recommend the practice of every domestic as well as public virtue. Let prudence direct you; temperance chasten you; fortitude support you; and justice be the guide of all your actions, and be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendor those truly Masonic ornaments "benevolence and charity."

Still, however, as a Mason there are other excellencies of character to which your attention may be peculiarly and forcibly directed; among the foremost of these are "secrecy, fidelity and obedience."

"Secrecy" may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which might inadvertently lead you so to do.

### Charge to Newly Initiated Candidate 137

Your "fidelity" must be exemplified by a strict observance of the Constitution of the fraternity; by adhering to the ancient landmarks of the order; by never attempting to extort, or otherwise unduly obtain the secrets of a superior degree, and by refraining to recommend any one to a participation of our secrets, unless you have strong ground to believe that, by a similar fidelity, he will ultimately reflect honor on our choice.

So must your "obedience" be proved by a close conformity to all our laws and regulations, by prompt attention to all signs and summonses; by modest and correct demeanor whilst in the Lodge; by abstaining from every topic of religious or political discussion; by ready acquiescence in all votes and resolutions duly passed by the brethren, and by perfect submission to the Master and his Wardens whilst acting in the discharge of their respective duties.

And, as a last general recommendation, let me exhort you to dedicate yourself to such pursuits as may enable you to retain respect in your rank in life, be useful to mankind, and an ornament to the society of which you have been this day admitted a member; to devote your leisure hours more especially to the study of such of the liberal arts and sciences as may lie within the compass of your attainment, and without neglecting the ordinary duties of your station, to consider yourself called upon to make daily advancement in Masonic knowledge.

From the very commendable attention which



### 138 Charge to Newly Passed Candidate

you appear to have given to this charge, I am led to hope that you will duly appreciate the excellence of Freemasonry, and imprint indelibly on your mind the sacred duties of "truth, of honor and of virtue."

#### Charge to the Newly Passed Candidate

Brother,—Being advanced to the second degree of Masonry, we congratulate you on your preferment. The internal and not the external qualifications of a man are what Masonry regards. As you increase in knowledge, so you will consequently improve in social intercourse. It is unnecessary for me to recapitulate the duties, which, as a Mason, you are bound to discharge, or to enlarge on the necessity of a strict adherence to them, as your own experience must have established their value. It may be sufficient to observe, that as your past behaviour and regular deportment have merited the honor which we have conferred, in your new character it is expected that you will not only conform to the principles of the order but steadily persevere in the practice of every virtue. The study of the liberal arts, that valuable branch of education which tends so effectually to polish and adorn the mind, is earnestly recommended to your consideration—especially geometry, which is established as a basis of our art. Geometry or Masonry, originally synonymous terms, is of a divine or moral nature enriched with the most useful knowledge, so that while it proves the wonderful properties of nature, it demonstrates the more important truths of morality.

### Charge to Newly Passed Candidate 139

As the solemnity of our ceremonies requires a serious deportment, you are to be particularly attentive to your behaviour at our regular assemblies. You are to preserve our ancient usages and customs sacred and inviolable and induce others, by your example, to hold them in due veneration.

The laws and regulations of the order you are strenuously to support and maintain. You are not to palliate or aggravate the offences of the brethren, but in the decision of every trespass against our rules judge with candor, admonish with firmness and reprehend with mercy.

As a Craftsman, in our private assemblies, you may offer your sentiments and opinions on such subjects as are regularly introduced in the lecture, under the superintendence of an experienced Master who will guard the landmark! against encroachment. By this privilege you may improve your intellectual powers; qualify yourself to become a useful member of society; and like a skilful Craftsman, strive to excel in what is good and great.

You are to encourage industry and reward merit, supply the want and relieve the necessity of brethren and fellows to the utmost of your power and ability and on no account wrong them or see them wronged, but apprise them of approaching danger, and view their interest as inseparable from your own.

Such is the nature of your engagements as a Craftsman; and these duties you are now bound, by the most sacred ties, to observe.

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### Charge to the Newly Raised Candidate

Brother.—Your zeal for the institution of Freemasonry, the progress you have already made, and your conformity to our general regulations, have pointed you out as a fit object of esteem and favor. In the character of a Master Mason, you are henceforth authorized to correct the errors and irregularities of your younger brethren, and guard them against a breach of fidelity. To improve the morals and correct the manners of men in society ought to be your constant care. You are to inculcate universal benevolence, and by the regularity of your own behaviour, afford the best example for the conduct of others. The ancient landmarks of the order you are to preserve sacred and inviolable and never suffer an infringement of our customs, or a deviation from established usages.

Duty, honor and gratitude now bind you to your trust; let no motive, therefore, ever make you swerve from your duty, but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that celebrated artist, whom you have once represented. Endeavor, in a word, to convince the world that merit has been your title to our privileges, and that on you our favors have not been undeservedly bestowed.

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## THE GRAND HONORS

The Grand Honors are as follows :

"Nine" for Grand Master and for Past Grand Masters.

"Seven" for Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and Past District Deputy Grand Masters.

"Five" for all other elected Grand Officers, and elected Past Grand Officers, and

"Three" for all other distinguished brethren.

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## APPENDIX

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### FORMS

The following forms are prescribed as necessary to be followed:—

(1)

#### Petition For Initiation

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Members of.....Lodge, No....., G.R.M., A.F. & A.M.:—

The undersigned respectfully represents that,

unbiased by friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary motives, he freely and voluntarily offers himself as a candidate for the mysteries of Ancient, Freemasonry; that he is prompted to solicit this privilege by a favorable opinion preconceived of the Institution, a desire for knowledge, and a sincere wish to be serviceable to his fellow creatures; that he is free by birth; that he has resided within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba one year or more, and at the place below named six months or more, next preceeding the date hereof; that he has not been rejected by any Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons; and that he promises if found worthy, to conform to all the ancient usages and regulations of the Fraternity.

He was born at.....; date.....; his age is .....years; he resides at.....; his occupation is.....; he has resided for the year last past at.....; he has..... presented his petition to another Lodge, viz.:

Dated at.....this.....day of.....A.I.

(Signature)\*.....

We are personally acquainted with the above named petitioner, and from our confidence in his integrity, do cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry.

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\*A person who cannot write is therefore ineligible.

(2)

**Petition For Affiliation**

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and members of.....Lodge, No....., G.R.M., A.F. & A.M.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he is a Mason in good standing, as by the accompanying certificate will appear, and that he now desires, if found worthy, to become a member of your Lodge, and promises to abide by the laws of your Lodge and the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

He was born at.....; his age is..... years; his occupation is.....; he resides at.....; he was raised in.....Lodge, No....., located at.....

Dated at.....this.....day of.....A.D. 19... A.L. 59...

We, the undersigned, are personally acquainted with the above named brother and cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for membership in our Lodge.....

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In all cases where the petition for Affiliation is rejected, the Dimit or Certificate of Standing accompanying it must be returned to the Petitioner; if the Candidate be elected, such Dimit or Certificate of Standing must be cancelled and filed by the Secretary of the Lodge.

(3)

Dimit

.....Lodge, No....

Under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of  
Manitoba.

To all Ancient Free and Accepted  
Masons, greeting:

The Worshipful Master and War-  
dens of.....Lodge, No..., A.  
F. & A.M., working under a charter  
from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba,  
do hereby certify that Bro.....  
(who has written his name in the  
margin of this certificate), is a Mas-  
ter Mason in good standing; and is  
hereby, at his own request; discharg-  
ed from membership in our said  
Lodge.

In testimony whereof, we have  
hereunto subscribed our names,  
and caused the seal of our said  
Lodge to be affixed at.....  
this.....day of....., A.D.  
19..., A.L. 59...

Signature.....

(Seal)

.....W.M.

.....Secretary.

(4)

**Forms for Recording Lodge Minutes****Regular Meetings**

A regular meeting of.....Lodge, No...  
 G.R.M., was held in the Masonic Hall,.....  
 on.....evening, A.D. 19..., A.L. 59...

**Present**

W. Bro.....Worshipful Master  
 Bro.....Senior Warden  
 Bro. ....Junior Warden  
 Bro. ....Treasurer  
 Bro. ....Secretary  
 Bro. ....Chaplain  
 Bro. ....Senior Deacon  
 Bro. ....Junior Deacon  
 Bro. ....Director of Ceremonies  
 Bro. ....Steward  
 Bro. ....Steward  
 Bro. ....Inner Guard  
 Bro. ....Tyler

Members and Visitors as per register.

**Opening Lodge**

The Lodge was opened in the.....de-  
 gree (York rite, in the degree in which  
 work is done, and severally in first, second and  
 third degree, Canadian rite (if the W.M. is  
 absent, add by Bro..... the W.M. being  
 absent) at .....p.m.



**Minutes Confirmed**

The minutes of the last regular meeting, held on....., and emergent meeting held on... ..were read and confirmed.

**Reports of Committees on Petitions**

The committees on the petitions of W.T.L. and H.E.W. for initiation, and Bros. F.L.P. and A.E.D. for affiliation, reported favorably.

The committee on the petition of L.J.M. reported unfavorably.

The committee on the petition of J.M.D. for initiation made a special report thereon, stating that the petitioner was disqualified on account of insufficient residence, but it could find no other objection to him.

It was moved by Bro. J. G., seconded by Bro. H. S., and adopted,—That the reports of the committees on the petitions of W.T.L. and H.E.W. for initiation, and Bros. F.L.P. and A.E.D. for affiliation be received.

The W.M. therefore declared L.J.M. a rejected candidate, and directed the withdrawal of the petition of J.M.D. for initiation, and instructed the Secretary to notify the brethren accordingly, and return the fee of \$..... accompanying the petition.

**Reports, General**

The committee appointed to take into con-

sideration (here state the subject) submitted its report, which was, on the motion of Bro. J.M., seconded by Bro. A.P., received and adopted.

### **Proposals of Candidates for Initiation**

The petition of J.M.C. for initiation, recommended by Bros. R.C.B. and S.A.O., and accompanied by the fee, \$....., was read.

It was moved by Bro. J.S., seconded by Bro. J.M., and adopted,—That the petition of J.M.C. be received, placed on the minutes and referred to a committee.

The petition of M.S.J. for initiation, recommended by Bros. C.P. and J.O.A., and accompanied by the fee of \$....., was read, representing that he had been rejected in..... Lodge, No....., at Toronto, Ont.

It was moved by Bro. M.J., seconded by Bro. J.S. and adopted,—That the petition of M.S.J. be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee; and that the Secretary be instructed to communicate with..... Lodge, No....., regarding the character and standing of the petitioner; the result of the enquiry to be reported to the proper committee.

### **Proposals of Candidates for Affiliation**

The petition of Bro. H.D.A. for affiliation, recommended by Bros. S.W.G. and J.G., accompanied by a dimit (or certificate of standing) from..... Lodge, No....., located at ..... was read.

It was moved by Bro. D.H.M., seconded by Bro. A.E.M., and adopted,—That the petition of Bro. H.D.A. be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee.

### **Appointment of Committees on Petitions**

The W.M. appointed the following committees to make the necessary enquiries regarding the character and standing of the several petitioners, viz.:

On the petitions of J.M.C. and M.S.J. for initiation, Bros. L.S., T.W.L. and R.W.E. On the petition of Bro. H.D.A. for affiliation, Bros. J.A.P., A.G.A. and A.L.Y.

### **Appointment of General Committees**

The same form, only insert the specific business.

### **Ballot**

The W.M. ordered the ballot to be passed for W.T.L., a candidate for initiation and being found favorable he was declared elected.

The ballot was passed for H.E.W., a candidate for initiation, and being found unfavorable, the candidate was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to the rejected candidate the fee of \$....., which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro. F.L.P., a candidate for affiliation, and being found unfavorable, he was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to Bro. F.L.P. the certificate of standing, which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro. A.E.D., a candidate for affiliation, and being found favorable, he was declared elected.

The Secretary was instructed to cancel the dimit fyled by Bro. A.E.D.

### **Communications**

The following communications were read, viz.:

From the Grand Secretary, dated July 20, 19..., calling the attention of the Lodge to the fact that the returns for the half year ending 24th June, 19..., have not been received, and stating that the Grand Master would enforce sections.....of the Constitution.

The W.M. instructed the Secretary to forward the returns for the half year ending 24th June, 19..., together with all fees and dues required by the Constitution, and at the same time explain that the delay in forwarding same was caused by the unavoidable absence from home of the W.M. and Secretary.

Communications were read from Lisgar Lodge, No. 2, dated....., 19..., notifying this Lodge of the suspension for non-payment of dues of Bros.E.C., J.H. and W.D.J., and of the rejection of Bros. M.P. and S.D.N., candidates for initiation, and Bro. J.B., candidate for affiliation.

The communications were received, and the names ordered to be entered in the black book.

### Payment of Accounts

On motion of Bro. H.H.M., seconded by Bro. A.D.M., the following accounts were passed, and warrants for their payment ordered to be issued when duly certified:—

### General Business

It was moved by Bro. T.W.L., seconded by Bro. A.A.A., and adopted,—That the Secretary be instructed to procure fifty copies of the Constitution, one Secretary's ledger (printed headings), and one black book, and that a cheque in favor of the Grand Secretary, for the sum of \$....., be issued for same.

It was moved by Bro. W.M.T., seconded by Bro. H.S.P. and adopted,—That the Secretary be instructed to have suitably bound, Volume IV. of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the years.....to....., inclusive.

It was moved by Bro. M.J., seconded by Bro. A.M., that the Secretary be instructed to notify .....Lodge, No..... that this Lodge consents to its receiving and acting upon the petition of W.R., who resides in the jurisdiction of this Lodge, but who was formerly a resident of....., where the said Lodge is located.

The motion was put and declared lost.

A communication was read from Bro. H.J.G.

stating that he had received a notice from the Secretary to appear at this meeting, and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. He expressed his regret that owing to sickness he had been unable to work, and requested the Lodge to grant him an extension of three months.

It was moved by Bro. G.S.W., seconded by Bro. R.A., and adopted.—That Bro. H.J.G. be granted an extension of three months for the payment of his dues.

### **Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues**

The Secretary reported that he had notified Bros. C.A.M., F.W., W.A.C., and H.J.G., by registered letter, to appear at this meeting and show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Bros. C.A.M., F.W. and W.A.C., not having appeared, and having failed to give a satisfactory reason for their delinquency, the W.M. formally declared them suspended.

### **Notice to Delinquent Members**

The Secretary reported that Bros. M.A.F., F.H.Y. and P.S.H., were over one year in arrears for dues. The W.M. therefore instructed him to summons the brethren to appear at the next regular meeting to show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues.

### **Election of Officers**

The Secretary read the names of brethren entitled to hold office and vote in the Lodge

(no brother one year or over in arrears being entitled to vote or hold office.)

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The W.M. appointed Bros.....to be scrutineers of the ballot, and the following were declared to be duly elected, namely: (Here insert the names and offices.)

### Candidates in Waiting

W.T.L. and A.E.Y., candidates for initiation were reported as in waiting.

The Lodge was opened in the first degree at.....pm.

### Objection to Candidates

Bro. J E D. objected to the initiation of A.E. Y., one of the candidates in waiting.

The W.M. appointed Bros..... a committee with power to enquire into the cause of objection and report at the next regular meeting.

### Board of Trial

The W.M. appointed Bros..... a board of trial to put the necessary questions to W. T.L., a candidate for initiation. (If more than one, give names in full, and say "candidates.")

The board of trial having reported to the W.M. that the candidate had answered the necessary questions, and the candidate having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) initiated into the first degree of Free Masonry.

### Passing

Bro. (or Bros.).....a candidate (or candidates) for advancement, were examined in open Lodge as to their proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was opened in the second degree at.....p.m.

Bro. G.H.H. objected to the advancement of Bro. A.E.M.

The W.M. appointed Bros..... a committee, with power to enquire into the cause of the objection, and report at the next regular meeting.

No objection being made, Bro. (or Bros.)... .., having been found worthy of advancement, and having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) passed to the second or Fellow-Craft degree.

### Raising

Bro. (or Bros.)....., a candidate (or candidates) for further advancement, was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

The Lodge was then opened in the third degree at.....p.m.

No objection being made, and Bro. (or Bros.) having been found well skilled, he was (or they were severally) raised to the third or sublime degree of Master Mason.



**Calling from Labor to Refreshment**

The Lodge was called from labor to refreshment at..... o'clock.

**Calling from Refreshment to Labor**

The Lodge resumed labor at.....o'clock.  
The Secretary reported the following receipts since the last regular meeting( including this meeting):

W.T.L., initiation fee, \$.....; W.E.S., dues, \$.....; W.S.S., dues, \$.....; A.P., dues, .....

**Closing the Lodge**

The rough minutes of the meeting were then submitted for approval and correction.

The Lodge was closed in harmony in the .....degree( or severally in the first, second and third degrees) at..... p.m.

Confirmed in open Lodge (give date) A.L. 59..., A.D. 19....

..... W.M. .... Secretary.

(6)

**At Installation of Officers**

A meeting of.....Lodge, No.....G.R.M., was held in the Masonic Hall.....on..... evening, A.L. 59..., A.D. 19....

(Give names of those present as in Form No. 4.)

The Lodge was opened in the third (or severally in the first, second and third) degrees at.....p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting, held on....., so far as the same relates to the election of officers, were read and confirmed.

The Lodge was lowered to the second degree at.....(state the hour.)

Bro....., the Worshipful Master-elect, was then presented to the installing Master, and having answered the necessary questions, and having given his consent to the antient charges and regulations, he was obligated in due form.

The Lodge was then raised to the third degree at.....(state the hour.)

The new W.M. was installed and proclaimed in the third degree, and saluted by the brethren in due form.

The Lodge was lowered to the second degree at.....o'clock.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the second time and saluted in due form.

The Lodge was lowered to the first degree at.....o'clock.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the third time, and saluted with the customary honors.

The Lodge resumed labor in the third degree at.....o'clock. The following officers were then installed and invested. (Here insert the names and offices.)

(Here may follow the appointment of trustees, auditors or committees.)

The Lodge was then closed severally in the third, second and first degrees at.....p.m.

..... W.M. .... Secretary.

(7)

### Proxy

This is to certify that at a regular meeting of.....Lodge, No...., held on the..... day of....., A.L. 59...., A.D. 19...., Brother.....was delegated to represent the said Lodge at the annual communication of Grand Lodge, to be held at.....on the .....day of.....A.L. 59...., A.D. 19...., and there to perform any and all acts which could be done by the duly qualified officers of the Lodge, were they personally present, and acting on behalf of the Lodge, promising to ratify and confirm all that the said delegate may lawfully do under such authority.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Lodge at.....this.....day of.....A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....,

(Seal) ..... W.M.  
..... Secretary.

(8)

**Certificate of Election, Appointment and  
Installation of Officers**

.....Lodge, No...., A.F. & A.M.  
.....A.L. 59..., A.D. 19...,  
To the Right Worshipful  
Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of  
Manitoba.—

I hereby certify that, at the regular meeting  
of this Lodge, held on the day above written,  
the following officers were duly elected for the  
ensuing Masonic year, viz.:

Bro.	.....	Master
Bro.	.....	Senior Warden
Bro.	.....	Junior Warden
Bro.	.....	Treasurer
Bro.	.....	Secretary
Bro.	.....	Tyler

That, on the.....day of.....A.L. 59...,  
A.D. 19..., the following officers were duly  
appointed to serve for the ensuing Masonic  
year viz.:

Bro.	.....	Chaplain
Bro.	.....	Senior Deacon
Bro.	.....	Junior Deacon
Bro.	.....	*Director of Ceremonies
Bro.	.....	Organist
Bro.	.....	Inner Guard
Bro.	.....	Steward
Bro.	.....	Steward

And that on the.....day of.....A.L. 59...,  
A.D. 19..., the said officers were duly installed  
and invested by (here give the name and Ma-  
sonic title of the installing officer.)

(Seal) Given under my hand and the seal  
of the Lodge on the day last above  
written.

.....Secretary

\_\_\_\_\_  
\*The Constitution does not make the appointment of  
these officers obligatory, but permits the by-laws of  
Lodges to authorize it.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(9)

### Form of Charge

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and  
Brethren of .....Lodge, No...

Brother.....is hereby charged with im-  
moral and unmasonic conduct in the matters  
following:—

First specification—That the said.....on the  
.....day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19...,  
in the public street, at....., was in a state  
of intoxication from the use of strong and  
spiruous liquors, in violation of his duty as  
a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of  
the Craft.

Second specification—That the said.....on  
the..... day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19...,  
at said....., and at divers other times

and places between that time and the date of these charges, was intoxicated by strong and spirituous liquor, although admonished therefor by the Master and Wardens of this Lodge, in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

It is therefore demanded that the said..... be tried for the said offences according to Masonic law and usage.

. Dated the... ..day of....., A.L. 59...,  
A.D. 19....

A new specification should be added for each separate statement of facts constituting a Masonic offence. The specifications should be stated as they are expected to be proved, with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, briefly and distinctly. A few forms are given, but it is obviously impossible to prepare a form for each case that may occur; it is hoped, as no technicality is required, the forms given may suggest the form in other cases.

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(10)

### For Slander

That the said.....did, on the.....day of  
.....A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., at.....in  
the presence and hearing of.....and others,  
use the following slanderous words of and  
concerning (here insert the name of the per-  
son or Lodge slandered), (then set out the  
words as near as possible).

**Forms**

(11)

**For Cheating**

That the said.....on the.....day of  
 ....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., at.....  
 did wrong, cheat and defraud (here insert the  
 name of the person or Lodge defrauded,) by  
 (here insert a description of the method of  
 cheating used).

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(12)

**For Threatening to Injure the Lodge by  
Blackballing Candidates**

That the said.....on the.....day of  
 ....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., at.....  
 did threaten to impede the work of the Lodge  
 by an improper use of the black-ball, in the  
 following language (here insert the language  
 used as perfectly as possible).

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(13)

**Form of Notice to the Accused when Testi-  
mony is Taken in Lodge**

To Bro. ....

You are hereby notified that at a regular  
 meeting of.....Lodge, No. ...., A.F. &  
 A.M., G.R. of Manitoba, held at.....on  
 the.....day of.....19..., charges were  
 preferred against you for unmasonic conduct,

a true copy of which is hereto annexed, and which said charge or charges were accepted by a majority vote of the Lodge, and you were ordered to be placed on trial.

You are further notified that a meeting of the said Lodge will be held in the.....at the.....of.....on the.....day of .....at.....o'clock...p.m., for the trial of the said charge (or charges).

And you are further notified to appear at said time, in person, or by some brother authorized in writing to act as your counsel, and make defence to said charge (or charges).

Given under my hand and the seal of the said .....Lodge, No...., ..at...this.... day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19....

By order of the Worshipful Master,  
(Seal of the Lodge).

.....Secretary

(14)

### Certificate of Personal Service

I hereby certify that on the.....day of...  
...A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., I gave to the within  
named.....(or left at the residence of  
the said.....or with a grown-up mem-  
ber of his family), a notice of which the with-  
in is a duplicate, with an attested copy of the  
charge annexed.



Dated at.....this.....day of.....  
 A.L. 59..., A.D. 19....  
 .....

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 (15)

### Certificate of Service by Mail

I hereby certify that on the....day of.....  
 A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., I mailed a notice, of  
 which the within is a duplicate, with an at-  
 tested copy of the charge annexed, to Bro.  
 .....at.....in the Province (or District,  
 State or Country), that being his last known  
 post office address, in a registered letter, the  
 receipt for which letter from an official or em-  
 ployee of the post office is hereunto annexed.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....  
 A.L. 59..., A.D. 19....  
 .....

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 (16)

### Form of Notice to the Accused when Testi- mony is Taken by a Committee

To Bro.....

Take notice that in the matter of the com-  
 plaint preferred against you in.....Lodge,  
 No....., by Bro....., the Worshipful  
 Master has appointed Bros..... a com-  
 mittee to take the testimony of witnesses, Ma-  
 sons or non-Masons, at which time both ac-

cuser and accused, in person or by a brother Master Mason, as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present.

Given under my hand and the seal of.....  
Lodge, No....., G.R.M., at.....this.....  
day of....., A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....

By order of the Worshipful Master.  
(Seal)

.....Secretary

The Secretary should keep a duplicate copy of the notice to the accused, which should be attached to the original complaint and specifications,, and upon which he should make a return of the time and manner of service.

(17)

### Form of Return of Service of Notice to the Accused

I certify that on the.....day of.....  
A.L. 59...., A.D. 19...., (I gave the within  
named.....in hand) a notice, of which  
the above is a true copy.  
Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59....,  
A.D. 19....

.....Secretary  
.....Lodge, No....

In place of the clause in parenthesis may be the following as the truth may be.

(I deposited in the post office at.....  
enclosed in an envelope, securely sealed, and  
directed as follows (give the direction on the  
letter as sent), "If not called for within ten

days, return to....." The postage was paid thereon, and the letter was registered, and has (not) been returned to me.)

The Secretary should send a similar notice to the accused.

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(18)

### Form of Summons to Mason as Witness

To Bro.....

You are hereby summoned and required to attend an emergent meeting (or a meeting of the committee) of.....Lodge, No....., to be held at the Lodge room, on.....the day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., at .....o'clock p.m. and there to testify what you know relative to a charge preferred by Brother..... against Brother.....

Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19....

By order of the Worshipful Master

.....Secretary

(Seal)

.....Lodge, No....

The person serving the summons should make upon a copy of it a return of the time and mode of service.

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### Form of Return of Service, of Summons of Witness

I certify that on the.....day of.....  
A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., I gave to the within-  
named .....in hand, a summons, of  
which the above is a true copy.

..... Secretary.

If the service was made in any other mode, as by  
registered letter, etc., the returns should state the exact  
mode of service.

Should occasion arise for taking the deposition of  
a witness the Master should issue a commission to some  
Master Mason to take such deposition.

(20)

### Form of Commission to Take Deposition

To.....

You are hereby authorized to take the de-  
position in writing of.....of what  
he knows relating to a charge and specifica-  
tions made to.....Lodge, No....., by  
Brother..... against Brother.....,  
you will give reasonable notice in writing to  
both parties, of the time, and place appointed  
by you for taking such deposition; the depo-  
nent will testify upon his honor; both parties  
may be present with their counsel, and put  
such questions as they may please and are  
relevant. If any question be proposed to the

propriety or relevancy of which objection is made you will write the question at length as asked; you will then write the objection, after which you will propose the question to the deponent, and write his answer, in the exact words used by him as near as possible. The deposition being completed, you will read the same to the deponent, and after he has signed it, you will securely seal the same, together with this commission and your return of your doings therein, in an envelope in his presence, and return the same to.....Lodge, No...  
 Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59...,  
 A.D. 19....

By order of the Worshipful Master.

.....Secretary

.....Lodge, No....

(Seal)

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### Notice to Parties of Taking Deposition

To Brother..... and Brother.....

Take notice that on the.....day of.....  
 A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., at....., in.....at  
 ....o'clock in the.....noon, by virtue of a  
 commission sent to me from Worshipful Mas-  
 ter of.....Lodge, No....., I shall take  
 the deposition of.....what he knows  
 relating to a charge and specification made to  
 .....Lodge, No....., by Brother....  
 .....against Brother.....

Dated the.....day of.....A.L. 59...,  
A.D. 19....

.....  
Appointed to take such Deposition.

A return of the service should be made as in other cases.

No particular form is necessary in the deposition, the only object being to give, so far as practicable, the language and manner of the witness. If objection is made to any question as leading or irrelevant, or for any other cause, the question, the objection and the answer should each be written, that the Lodge may judge of the propriety of the question and answer. If any objection is made to the person appointed to take the deposition, or to any other part of the proceedings, it should be made and noted in the return to the commission. The commencement of the deposition may be as follows:

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### Form of Commencement of Deposition

I....., of....., on my honor (as a Mason) declare and say, etc.,etc.

To be signed by party giving evidence.

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(23)

### Form of Return of Commission to Take a Deposition

Pursuant to the annexed commission, on the.....day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19...,

I notified both the parties, in writing, that on the.....day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., at.....in.....at.....o'clock, in the.... noon, I should take the deposition of the said .....and at the same time and place the appended deposition was given, the parties being present and putting such questions as they pleased. After such deposition had been reduced to writing, it was by me read to said deponent, who afterwards signed the same.

(The accused objected to the caption, because the notice given him was too short to enable him to get his counsel present).

Dated the.....day of.....,A.L. 59..., A.D. 19....

.....  
Appointed to take such Deposition.

If either party was not present, the return should show who was present and who was absent.

If any other objection is made to the deposition, or any part of it, the person appointed to take it will not attempt to judge of the validity of the objection, but will return it, with such facts as may be necessary to the proper understanding of it, to the Lodge for their judgment. He should place the commission, copy of notice to the parties, return of service thereon, and the deposition in an envelope, securely seal the same, and direct it as follows:

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**Form of Direction on Sealed Envelope Containing Deposition and Other Papers**

To.....Lodge, No....., of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:—

Enclosed is the deposition and accompanying papers of....., taken to be used in the matter of the charge of Brother..... against Brother....., now pending in said Lodge. Taken and sealed up by me, in the presence of the deponent, this..... day of....., A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....

Appointed to take such Deposition.

If any papers are produced, they should be marked with letters or numbers, and referred to thereby in the deposition, and then attached to it

On the day appointed, the W. Master having opened a meeting of the Lodge in the third degree, the complaint, specifications, notices to the accused, and reply, if any, are read. If any objection exists to the regularity of any of the proceedings, it should then be made, when the Lodge will proceed to determine it. There being none or having been overruled, the evidence is then presented. If any objection be made to any part of the evidence, the Lodge will by vote determine upon it. The evidence having all been presented, the counsel or the parties will be permitted to make such remarks, pertinent to the case, as they may wish, when the parties with their counsel will retire, and the Lodge will then proceed to determine the question of the guilt and the nature of the punishment.

(25)

### Notice to Committee Appointed to Take Evidence

To Brothers.....of.....Lodge, No. ...., A.F. & A.M.  
Take notice that the Worshipful Master of .....Lodge, No...., A.F. & A.M., has appointed you a committee to take evidence in



the matter of certain charges preferred in said Lodge, on the.....day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., by Brother..... against Brother..... and you are hereby directed to proceed to take all the evidence pertaining to the said charges, and to report the same in writing, with your proceedings, to the said Lodge, with all convenient speed.

Dated the.....day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D. 19....

By order of the Worshipful Master.

(Seal)

.....Secretary

.....Lodge, No....

(26)

### Form of Record of Special Meeting for the Purpose of Masonic Trial

A.....meeting of.....Lodge, No.... G.R.M., A.F. & A.M., was held at..... on.....the.....day of.....A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., at.....o'clock, p.m.

Present: W.....Master, etc.

(The full Christian and surname, with the initials at least of all middle names, of all officers and members should appear.)

The Lodge was opened in the third degree of Masonry.

This meeting was called for the special purpose of considering the charge and specifications made by Brother..... against Brother.....

The complaint, specifications, notices, returns, answer of the accused, and reply (if any) were read, and the committee having reported the evidence, it was presented and read to the Lodge, and parties by their counsel, having been heard, then retired with their counsel.

The question "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" was then determined by ballot, each member of the Lodge present voting, and upon examination the vote was declared by the Worshipful Master to stand as follows: For guilty,....., for not guilty,..... A majority not having voted guilty, the Lodge adjudged against conviction.

A majority having voted guilty, a second ballot was taken to determine the sentence, on which the members present voted for "indefinite suspension," "definite suspension," "reprimand," or a recommendation to the Grand Lodge that the offender be expelled, and upon examination the largest number of votes cast was for.....

If "expulsion" be the sentence adjudged, the judgement shall be reported to the Grand Lodge for decision.

If "reprimand" be the sentence, Bro..... was then introduced, when the Worshipful

Master proceeded to administer the reprimand in open Lodge.

There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in harmony until the next regular meeting.

Confirmed.....Secretary  
19...., ..... A.L. 59...., A.D.  
..... W. Master

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### Form of Record of Evidence, Etc., Before Committee

At a special meeting of the committee of...  
.....Lodge, No....., held at..... on the  
.....day of....., A.L. 59...., A.D. 19....,  
for the purpose of taking evidence in the mat-  
ter of the charges and specifications made by  
Brother.....against Brother....  
....., the charges and specifications  
were first read.

The notices to the accused and the accuser to appear before the committee with the returns to the same, were then read as follows: (Here copy the notices and returns.)

The answer and reply, if any, were read.

Brother.....requested that.....  
not a Mason might be admitted to assist him  
as his counsel, which was refused by the  
Lodge, it being contrary to the Constitution  
to admit as counsel any person not a Mason.

Brother.....then requested Brother  
.....to assist him as counsel, who  
consented to do so.

Brother.....then objected to the  
second specification as not being sufficiently  
definite and certain, which was over-ruled by  
the committee.

Brother.....was then called as a  
witness by the accuser in support of said charges,  
and testified as a Master Mason as follows: I reside in....., am a member  
of.....Lodge, No....., in good standing. I am well acquainted with Brother.....  
.....I saw him on.....street, in  
.....on the.....day of.....A.L.  
59..., A.D. 19..., I was on the opposite side  
of the street, he appeared to be much intoxicated.....

Objection was made to witness testifying  
as to the appearance of the accused, saying  
that he should state what the accused did, and  
how he acted; not stating his appearance as  
being, but stating his conclusion from what  
he saw; but the objection was over-ruled.

I saw him five or ten minutes; he reeled as  
he walked, etc. (as the facts may be).

On cross examination he further testified:  
I knew that Brother.....had been sick  
for several days. Am a physician; do not  
think Brother.....'s reeling and staggering  
while walking was the result of weakness,  
caused by his sickness. Can conceive  
of a man being so weak from sickness long

continued, as to reel like a man intoxicated. Am certain this could not have been the case with Brother.....Have none but the kindest feelings towards Brother.....May have said he was drinking too much of late, etc.

Mr.....was then called as a witness by the complainant, and testified on his honor as follows: (Here give the testimony as in the case of the first witness).

On cross-examination Mr.....further testified, etc. (Here give the cross-examination).

The accused then offered the deposition of Brother.....

Objection was further made because the notice given the accused was too short to enable him to get his counsel present, which appearing to be the fact the deposition was rejected.

The evidence on the part of the accuser here closed.

Brother.....on behalf of Brother.....then offered the affidavit of Mr.....to which the accuser objected, on the grounds that Mr.....should be produced for cross-examination, and the affidavit was rejected by the committee.

Mr.....was then called as a witness, and the accused then consented that the affidavit might be read, which was read accordingly, and is annexed, marked (B).

On cross-examination Mr.....further testified, etc.

The evidence was then closed.

.....  
 .....  
 .....

Committee.

These minutes are thus given in a somewhat extended form, because they present a convenient way of calling attention to certain facts and proceedings in the course of a trial. Thus the statement of objections by either party, and the grounds of them, and the decision of the Committee thereon, both of which should always be stated; that a person not a Mason was not permitted to act as counsel; that the accused had or had not counsel; that the first witness testified in his character as a Master Mason; that the testimony is taken down as near as practicable in the words of the witness, etc.; that an affidavit taken without the knowledge of the other party was not admitted, etc.

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### Form of Notice of Conviction

To.....

Take notice that at a.....meeting of....  
 .....Lodge, No....., held at.....on the  
 .....day of....., A.L. 59..., A.D.  
 19..., upon consideration of the charges and  
 specifications made by Brother.....  
 against you, it was adjudged and determined  
 by the Lodge that you are guilty of the offence  
 specified in said charge and specifications and  
 that you be..... (or be suspended) or

your expulsion by Grand Lodge recommended  
from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.  
By order of the Worshipful Master.

(Seal) .....Secretary  
.....Lodge, No....

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### Form of Report to Grand Master

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the  
Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free  
and Accepted Masons:

The following are true copies of all the  
papers and proceedings in and by.....  
Lodge, No..... in the matter of the charge  
made by Brother.....against Brother  
..... (Here copy everything).

(Seal) .....W. Master  
Attest: .....Lodge, No....  
.....Secretary.

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### Form of Return to Grand Lodge

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Man-  
itoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:  
The following are true copies of all the  
papers and proceedings in and by.....

Lodge, No.....in the matter of the charge  
made by Brother.....against Brother  
..... (Here copy everything as before).

.....W. Master

(Seal)

Attest: .....Lodge, No...

.....Secretary

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### Form of Appeal

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons:

The undersigned.....hereby appeals to you from the decision of.....Lodge, No.. in the matter of certain charges and specifications preferred in said Lodge, against this appellant, by Brother....., whereby this appellant was convicted of the said charge and specifications, and sentence of suspension or expulsion passed against him, and he specifies the following as the grounds of his appeal, namely:

1. That the charges and specifications do not contain any Masonic offence.
2. That the charges and specifications are vague, uncertain and insufficient.
3. That the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the conviction.
4. That the penalty is disproportionate to the offence.
5. That the Lodge erred in refusing to ad-



mit the declaration of. ....(any other special or general grounds of appeal may be stated).

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

Dated at.....this day of.....A.L. 59...,  
A.D. 19...

.....

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### Form of Notice of Appeal

To.....

Take notice that I have taken an appeal from the decision of.....Lodge, No....., in the matter of the charges and specifications made by you against me, and that I shall prosecute the same at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, on the.....day of .....A.L. 59..., A.D. 19...

.....

This notice should be served as other notices, and a return made, which the appellant should submit with the appeal to the Grand Lodge.

The appeal by the complainant, and notice, should be like the above, with the necessary alterations, which can easily be made.

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### Form of Petition for Restoration

To the W.M., Officers and members of.....  
Lodge, No....., G.R.M., of Ancient Free  
and Accepted Masons:

The undersigned.....respectfully represents that he was formerly a member of said Lodge. That on or about the.....day of.....A.L. 59..., A.D. 19..., he was tried for unmasonic conduct upon charges preferred against him in said Lodge; that upon due conviction of said charges, the Lodge passed sentence of suspension against him, and he was subsequently expelled by Grand Lodge, which sentence is now in full force and effect.

That he is desirous of being restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, and he hereby solemnly promises on his honor that, if such restoration shall be granted him, he will ever yield a cheerful obedience to the laws, rules and customs of the fraternity.

Wherefore he respectfully prays the said Lodge to recommend to the Grand Lodge that he be restored to his Masonic rights and membership as aforesaid.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Dated this.....day of.....,A.L. 59...,  
A.D. 19...

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Recommended by

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Petitions for dispensation to form a new Lodge may be obtained, when required, from the Grand Secretary.



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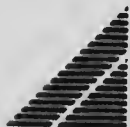
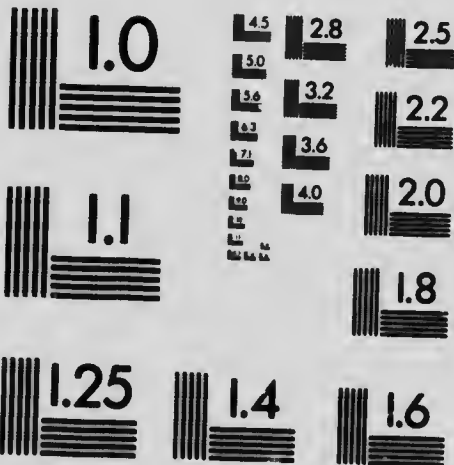
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