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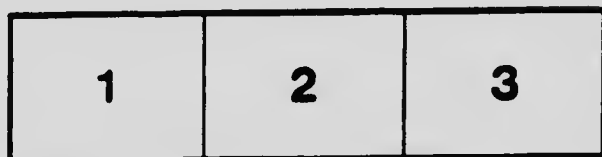
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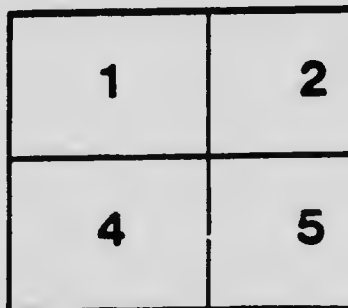
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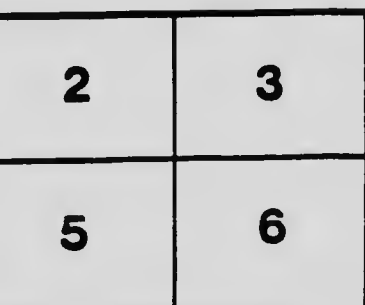
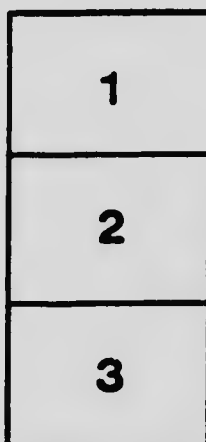
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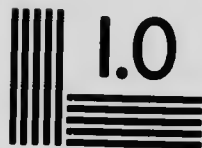
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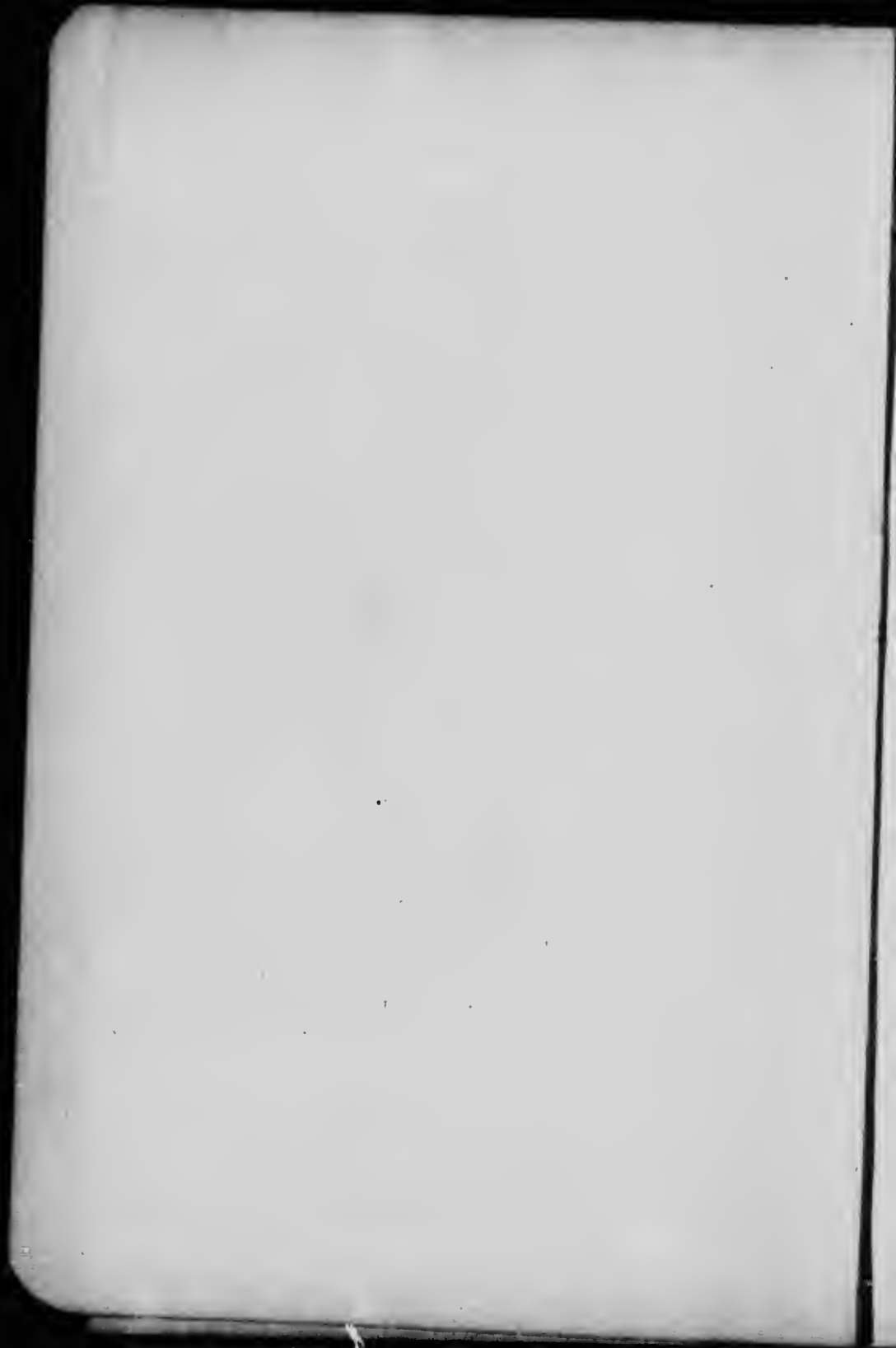


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— OF —

***Selkirk Lodge, No. 12***

**I. O. O. F.**



***Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge  
of British Columbia***

—  
**LOCATED AT REVELSTOKE, B.C.**

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***Instituted March 10th, 1890***

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CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP

Solkirk Lodge, No. 12, I.O.O.F., Revelstoke, B.C.

**This Is To Certify that**

Bro. ....

..... was duly admitted a member of this Lodge

by..... on the.....

day of.....

..... in the year of our Lord, 19.....

Noble Grand.

Recording Secretary.

CONSTITUTION  
*of*  
*Selkirk Lodge, No. 12*  
I. O. O. F.

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**PREAMBLE**

For the purpose of effecting uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors, and benefits of Oddfellowship within this jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia, ordains the following Constitution of Subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction:

**ARTICLE I.**

**Name, etc.**

Sec. 1.—This Lodge shall consist of at least five members of the Third Degree, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, to be hailed and entitled Selkirk Lodge, No. 12, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding a legal and unreclaimed charter, granted or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of the

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Independent Order of Odd Fellows, of the Province of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender its charter, or dissolve, so long as five brothers in good standing object thereto.

## ARTICLE II.

## Of Membership

Sec. 1.—All candidates for initiation must be free white males, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of sound health, of good moral character and industrious habits, having some known reputable means of support, and believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and is not a hotelkeeper licensed to sell intoxicating liquors, a saloon-keeper, a bar-tender or a professional gambler, and be proposed in the Lodge nearest his residence, except that Lodge grant permission for his joining another Lodge; provided that application for membership may be made to any Lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, in the same district. A person may be admitted to any Lodge in the city or village in which he resides; but all candidates for initiation must reside in this jurisdiction, except such candidates as may apply from any other Province, State, or Territories, where there is no Grand Lodge or District Deputy Grand Sire located, or per-

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mission be first obtained from the officers of the jurisdiction in which the candidates reside.

Sec. 2.—All candidates for membership by deposit of card, or certificate of dismissal, or as Ancient Odd Fellows, shall deposit their cards or certificates with their proposition, or furnish satisfactory evidence that such card or certificate has been lost. In the case of the application of a brother who, within six months previous to such application, has been a member of a Lodge which has merged into or united with this Lodge, the vote necessary to receive shall be a majority vote.

Sec. 3.—No suspended or expelled member of the Order can be admitted to membership in this Lodge, except on a dismissal certificate, or on being reinstated, and receiving a withdrawal card from the Lodge which suspended or expelled him, or from the Grand Secretary, as prescribed by law, and this Lodge shall not admit to membership any member of an expelled Lodge without permission of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Sec. 4.—A non-affiliated Odd Fellow who has been regularly initiated in the Order, and has retained membership in the Order for at least five consecutive years, and who at the time of making application for reinstatement

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to membership shall be over 50 years of age, may be admitted to membership of this Lodge as a non-beneficial member, upon such terms as the by-laws may prescribe, by presenting a petition as required under Sec. 1, Article III., for proposals for membership by initiation, which shall be disposed of according to said Section.

Sec. 5.—When an application for membership is received from a person residing nearer to another Lodge than to the one to which the application is made, the Lodge receiving such application shall communicate the fact to the Lodge nearest the residence of such applicant, and shall enquire whether such person is a fit and proper person to be admitted into our Order, and, if in the same district, shall also ask the consent of such Lodge to receive and act upon such application; and it shall take no further action upon such application until an answer is received to such communication. The Lodge receiving such communication shall appoint a committee of three to investigate the character, standing and health of the petitioner, in the same manner as if the application were made directly to such Lodge. Such committee shall report at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, and a certified copy of the report, together with a certified copy of the minutes showing the action of the Lodge upon the re-



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quest for consent to receive and act upon the application (if such consent was necessary) shall be forthwith forwarded to the Lodge in which such application is filed, and said last named Lodge may then proceed upon such application as in other cases, except that, if it be a case where the consent of the other Lodge is necessary, and that consent be refused, the petitioner's money (if any has been paid) shall be returned, and no further action shall be had in the premises.

Sec. 6.—Every applicant for membership must furnish a certificate of good health from a qualified medical practitioner before being balloted for.

Sec. 7.—After a brother has become sixty years of age, and has been a contributing member for twenty-five consecutive years, his name shall not be dropped from the roll by virtue of his being more than one year in arrears for non-payment of dues, but he shall be retained as a non-beneficial member and as such shall be entitled to the pass-word and fellowship of Lodges. Such non-beneficial member shall have all the privileges of active members, except benefits. They cannot be required to pay dues, and Subordinate Lodges shall not be compelled to pay per capita tax on them. Such non-beneficial members may

be reinstated in the manner provided for the reinstatement of dropped members by the Constitution and By-laws of the Lodge.

Sec. 8.—A member of the Order in possession of an Official Certificate or Visiting Card changing his residence from the Territorial Jurisdiction of his Lodge to the Territorial Jurisdiction of another, and desiring to unite with a Lodge at his new place of residence, upon making application for membership, accompanied by his Official Certificate or Visiting Card, showing his dues paid in advance and being elected as provided by local law, upon notice being sent by the Secretary to his Lodge, said Lodge shall, unless charges are pending against him, without ballot and without fee, issue a Transfer Certificate and send the same, at once, to the Secretary sending for the same; and upon receipt of the Transfer Certificate, the member shall be entitled to sign the Constitution and become a member of his new Lodge without the payment of any admission fee; provided, that if a physician's certificate is required he must pay the expense of the same.

The issuing of a Transfer Certificate shall sever membership in the Lodge issuing it; provided that if the member becomes sick or disabled, or should die within four weeks of its

date and before completing his membership by signing the Constitution of his new Lodge, then said Transfer Certificate shall be cancelled and said member shall retain his beneficial standing in his old Lodge the same as though no Transfer Certificate had been issued.

Provided, further, That a brother, desiring to receive the advantage of the preceding proviso, must pay his dues four weeks in advance of the date of his Transfer Certificate.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Of Propositions for Membership

Sec. 1.—The name of a person offered for membership, with his age, residence, and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant, with the names of two persons as references attached, and entered upon the record; and forthwith be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting (unless extraordinary circumstances prevent), when the candidate may be balloted for with ball ballots, and, if no more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be deemed rejected.

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Sec. 2.—No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can be had unless all the Brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot, and never more than one motion for the reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed; and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballots, and, if the balls be cast in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over until the succeeding meeting when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and, if the same be un-animously in favor of the applicant, he shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected. Provided, always, that such reconsideration shall be had within the four meeting nights next succeeding the rejection.

If a person has been irregularly elected through fraud or error (and by the word "irregularly" illegally or fraudulently is meant) a majority of the Lodge can, previous!y to the applicant's initiation, order a new ballot.

In all cases where a candidate for membership has been elected, but subsequent to his election and prior to his initiation the Lodge shall become satisfied that he is unworthy, it shall be competent for the Lodge to annul such

election and declare it void by a majority of two-thirds of the members present, in which case a fresh ballot shall be taken.

Sec. 3.—If it is alleged that an error has been made in depositing black balls at the balloting for a candidate for membership, the Lodge may immediately thereafter take a second ballot in order to verify the alleged error.

Sec. 4.—Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge on his admission thereto.

Sec. 5.—When a candidate for initiation has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to the Grand Secretary, and he cannot be proposed again in any Lodge for the space of one year after such rejection. All other applications for membership may be renewed at any time.

Sec. 6.—A proposition can be withdrawn after being referred to a committee, and before the report of the committee has been read to the Lodge, but not afterwards.

Sec. 7.—If any person shall gain admittance to any Lodge upon a petition containing any false representations, he shall be expelled.

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## ARTICLE IV.

**Of Fees, Dues and Benefits**

Sec. 1.—The fees of this Lodge shall not be less than ten dollars for initiation; five dollars for admission by Withdrawal Card; ten dollars for an Ancient Odd Fellow; or by deposit of a Dismissal Certificate; three dollars each for First and Second Degree, and four dollars for the Third Degree to the Lodge Fund, and such amount of dues to the Lodge Fund as shall be determined by the By-laws, which shall in no case be less than \$12.00 per year, in addition to which the Lodge may, by its By-laws, provide for a Widows', Orphans' and Education Fund, and Nurse and Funeral Tax and for extraordinary assessments for Lodge purposes. Lodges may make provision in their By-laws to set aside five per cent. of their receipts from dues to form a Contingent Fund to be used for the payment of necessary and proper obligations which every Lodge must meet, and for which purpose a Subordinate Lodge under existing laws cannot expend its funds. Lodges may assess their members to meet any assessment levied by the Grand Lodge for the purpose of building, repairing and maintaining Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and Widows of deceased members of the Order and for the care, protection and education of

Orphans of deceased Odd Fellows; or they may pay such assessments from the funds of the Lodge.

Sec. 2.—Every member qualified, as required by the By-laws of his Lodge, shall, in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part), from following any occupation, or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and may receive such weekly benefits as may be fixed by By-law, from the funds of the Lodge: Provided always, that such benefits shall not exceed the rate of ten dollars per week for each dollar of monthly contribution, and provided always, that no Lodge shall continue to pay the above rate of benefits for a longer period than six months' continuous sickness, after which time it shall not exceed the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents for each dollar of monthly contribution; and further, that after the expiration of twelve months' continuous sickness, no Lodge shall pay greater benefits than at the rate of five dollars per week for each dollar of monthly contribution. For members not having the Scarlet Degree, the benefits shall not exceed the rate of six dollars per week for the first six months, four dollars and fifty cents per week for the next six months, and after which three dollars per week during term of sickness, for each dollar

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of monthly contribution. No Lodge shall pay less than two dollars per week as sick benefits for the first twelve months' continuous sickness, nor after that period shall sick benefits be reduced to less than one dollar per week.

Lodges may provide by By-law that no benefits shall be paid to members for the first one week or two weeks' sickness, nor to any but Scarlet Degree members.

In all cases where a sick member has received benefits, and by reason of the recovery of his health ceased to be entitled to benefits, if he fall sick again within six months from the date of his ceasing to receive benefits, such sickness shall be considered as a continuation of his previous sickness, and he shall be placed in the same position as when he ceased to receive benefits, but, if six months shall have elapsed from the date of his restoration, and he fall sick, he shall be entitled to receive full benefits.

Sec. 3.—All fines and assessments of any nature shall at the end of each term (June 30th and December 31st respectively), be charged as dues against a Brother.

Sec. 4.—When any member's account shows an indebtedness of thirteen weeks' dues, the Brother shall not be entitled to benefits, and



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the Secretary shall notify the Brother of the fact without delay.

Sec. 5.—In case of the death of a member, qualified as required by the By-laws of his Lodge, there shall be allowed from the Lodge not less than thirty dollars to defray the expenses of the burial, to be paid by the Noble Grand on account of the funeral. In the absence of competent relation, the Noble Grand shall take charge of the funeral, and render an account of the disbursements.

Sec. 6.—The funeral expenses and sick benefits shall be regulated by the By-laws of the Lodge, and all orders drawn for the above shall be by vote of the Lodge.

Sec. 7.—Lodges may provide by By-law to employ a Physician to attend members in good standing when sick, and pay a stipulated sum per annum for such services out of the funds.

Sec. 8.—Lodges may by By-law fix the time after admission at which a member shall become entitled to benefits, but a member admitted on an unexpired Withdrawal Card shall be entitled to benefits upon his admission to membership after signing the Constitution and By-laws.

Sec. 9.—Any Subordinate Lodge of this jurisdiction may enact a By-law providing that any member of this Lodge residing within a radius of two miles of this Lodge failing to visit his Lodge at least once in every three months may be fined the sum of one dollar for each three months of continuous absence, the same to be charged at the end of each term as dues. Sickness of self or family, or absence from the locality of the Lodge shall be deemed sufficient excuse, and therefore not liable to the fine. Lodges shall furnish a suitable register for members' signatures, which shall be in charge of the O. G.

## ARTICLE V.

### Of Degrees

Sec. 1.—A member who has been in membership one week may make application for election to any or all of the three Subordinate Degrees, which application shall be accompanied with the amount required therefor, and be presented to the Lodge when open in that order of business, when the Lodge shall ballot upon the application; and, if not more than two black balls be cast, he shall be declared elected; if he be rejected, no application shall be again received from him within three months thereafter. The Lodge may ballot for the three

Degrees at one time when under that Order of Business, or under the Order of New Business, but shall not confer more than one Degree on a member at the same meeting, except in the case of emergency, when by a two-thirds vote of the members present the three Degrees may be conferred at the same meeting.

Each Lodge shall confer the Degrees on its members, except in the case of absence from the city, in which case the Brother shall be furnished with a certificate under seal, signed by the Noble Grand, and attested by the Secretary, authorizing another Lodge to confer the same, providing the same is done without charge.

Sec. 2.—All business other than conferring the Degrees shall be conducted in the Third Degree.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Of Officers

Sec. 1.—The elective officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each, and the Lodge may elect a Secretary, Treasurer, and Financial Secretary for the same time, or for one year, to take charge of the accounts between the Lodge and its members.

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Sec. 2.—The appointed officers shall consist of a W., Conductor, O.G., I.G., R.S. to N.G., L.S. to N.G., R.S. to V.G., L.S. to V.G., and R. and L.S.S., who shall each serve a regular term; and the Lodge may also appoint a Chaplain for a regular term.

Sec. 3.—No member shall be installed as Noble Grand unless he has served a term as Vice Grand, or the last of a term to fill the vacancy, nor as Vice Grand unless he has served a term in an inferior office, other than Trustee. Service in office, whether elected or appointed, is qualifying in any other Lodge as well as in this Lodge, providing a Brother has a certificate to that effect under seal of a Lodge in good standing: . Provided, that any Third Degree member may be elected, if all qualified Brothers refuse to serve, and a dispensation being granted by the Grand Master previous to election.

Sec. 4.—All elective officers, Warden, Outside Guardian, and Inside Guardian, shall be clear of all pecuniary charges on the books, and have attained the Third Degree previous to installation, and all elective officers shall be eligible for re-election.

Sec. 5.—Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings im-

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mediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Sec. 6.—Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in May and November of each year, and be installed at the first regular meeting in the new term: Provided, the installing officer be present; if absent, the Lodge may, by vote, defer it for one week, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master. No member shall be elected to fill more than one elective office at the same time, except the Recording Secretary, who may also act as Financial Secretary.

Sec. 7.—Any officer absenting himself from the Lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer, for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the next meeting, after a resolution therefor has been offered to the Lodge.

Sec. 8.—Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the Lodge, by nomination and election, at the next regular meeting after nomination, and, until so filled, the Noble Grand shall appoint a member to the office pro tem.

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Sec. 9.—The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office and as specified by this Constitution and the By-laws of the Lodge.

Sec. 10.—The Noble Grand, or officer acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the Vice Grand, or officer acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates.

Sec. 11.—The Lodge, at the first regular meeting in May in each year, shall elect one Representative to the Grand Lodge for its members of one hundred or under, also one additional Representative if its membership shall amount to one hundred and one or over in good standing, as shown by its report on the 31st day of December of the previous year; no Lodge shall be entitled to more than two Representatives. Each Lodge shall at the same time elect one alternative for each representative elected, and in case a representative shall be unable to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, then the alternative receiving the highest number of votes may attend in his place and have all the powers and privileges of a representative.

Sec. 12.—This Lodge may join with other Lodges located in the same city in organizing a General Relief Committee for the purpose of

visiting and relieving sick sojourning brothers belonging to other Lodges, and paying such benefits as may be authorized by the sick member's Lodge, and may contribute towards the necessary and legitimate expenses of such committee.

Such committee may raise funds to enable it to carry out its work, by any legitimate means, provided that a Dispensation for the same be first obtained from the Grand Master.

All such committees must furnish the Grand Secretary annually with reports of their proceedings, viz., number of brothers relieved, amount paid for relief, amount paid for management expenses, total amount of receipts.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Penalties and Trials

Sec. 1.—Clause 1.—Any member neglecting or refusing to make payment of his dues or demands against him to the Lodge, according to its By-laws, for the space of eleven months, shall be notified by the Lodge in writing of the state of his account; and if after one month his account still remains unsettled, he may be suspended from membership; Provided that no person shall be so suspended until after the fact of his dues being in arrears and unpaid for

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twelve months shall have been announced in open Lodge at two regular meetings; and provided, further, that no person shall cease to be a member, under this section, whilst charges are pending against him; Provided, that in the case of absence of a Brother at a distance of fifty miles from his Lodge, two months' additional time shall be allowed him to pay his indebtedness.

Clause 2.—Any member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues may be reinstated in the Lodge from which he was suspended within one year thereafter by paying the amount of one year's dues, and by receiving a vote of two-thirds of the members present, the vote being taken by ball or paper ballot, a motion to that effect having been laid over one week; but after one year he may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as provided by the By-laws, or such lesser sums as may be fixed by the By-laws of the Lodge to which such application is made; Provided, such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of the said Lodge; and he shall petition the Lodge in writing to be reinstated, which shall be disposed of, in all respects, as provided for in Article III., Section 1, for petitions for membership by initiation. A member who has been suspended from membership for non-payment



of dues and has been reinstated, shall not be entitled to benefits for six months from the date of reinstatement.

Clause 3.—(a). A member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, and who makes application for reinstatement and for a Withdrawal Card for the purpose of uniting with another Lodge in this jurisdiction, may be reinstated and granted a Withdrawal Card at any time within five years from the date of suspension, upon the payment of one year's dues and the usual price of a card.

(b). A member suspended from membership in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues, upon proper application and the payment of one dollar, may, at the discretion of the Lodge by a majority vote of the members present, be granted a Dismissal Certificate to enable him to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction within five years from the date of suspension.

Clause 4.—A member, after being suspended in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues for the space of five years, wishing to join a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be entitled to receive and the Lodge shall grant him, upon proper application, a Dismissal Certificate, upon the receipt of one dollar.

Clause 5.—A member suspended from membership in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction shall, upon proper application, be entitled to receive from the Lodge from which he was so suspended, a Dismissal Certificate, upon the payment to said Lodge of one dollar.

Clause 6.—In all cases when a member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and his Lodge has refused to reinstate him, he shall, upon proper application, be entitled to receive, and the Lodge shall grant a Dismissal Certificate, upon the receipt therefor of one dollar.

Clause 7.—Dismissal Certificates may be received from the holders thereof on application for membership in Subordinate Lodges, in the same manner, and with the same effect as Withdrawal Cards; and applications made on such certificates shall be received and acted on in like manner as upon Withdrawal Cards, but the holders of such certificates shall in no case be allowed to visit thereon.

Clause 8.—The certificates named in this section shall be only those provided by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Lodge. All applications for Withdrawal Cards or Dismissal

Certificates must be made in writing over the signature of the Brother applying for the same.

Sec. 2.—Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against the Constitution, By-laws, or Rules of Order of this Lodge, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, or the Lodge determine. But he shall be entitled to a fair trial in accordance with the following Code of Procedure.

Sec. 3.—No officer shall preside when his trial is taking place in the Lodge.

Sec. 4.—All suspensions (as a means of punishment) must be for a definite period, not exceeding one year. At the end of the term of punishment, the Brother shall return to his rank in the Lodge without further action. A Brother who has been legally expelled shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Master.

Sec. 5.—All trials arising under the provisions of this Article shall be conducted substantially according to the following

### CODE OF PROCEDURE

#### Section I.

Rule 1.—All charges against members of the Order in this jurisdiction made pursuant to the provisions of Article VII. of this Con-

stitution, shall be drawn in the manner prescribed in Form 1, Section V., of this Code, and be signed by a member in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by a specification, or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence; and each offence shall be the subject of a separate specification.

Rule 2.—The charges and specifications shall be presented and read to the Lodge at a regular session, when open in the Order of "New Business," and shall be entered in full on the record.

Rule 3.—The Lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, if the accused Brother be present, proceed to the choice, by ballot, of a Committee of Trial, consisting of five, who must, if possible, have the same or a higher Degree than that attained by the accused. Any member nominated as one of the Committee of Trial may be challenged for cause by the accuser, accused, or any member of the Lodge, in which case the Lodge shall proceed to the election of the members against whom no challenge has been made. The grounds of challenge or challenges shall then be stated, when the vote shall be taken, and, if two-thirds of those voting shall vote in

favor of the challenged Brother, he shall be declared elected. Should such Brother fail to be elected, new nominations must be made and proceedings had until the committee is filled. Should the accused Brother be absent, the choice of the committee shall be postponed for two weeks, and the Secretary of the Lodge shall notify the absent Brother of the fact that charges have been preferred against him, and of the time when the committee is to be appointed; and should the Brother fail to appear at the time aforesaid, he shall be deemed to have waived his right of challenge and the Lodge shall proceed to the choice of the committee as herein provided.

Rule 4.—The Secretary shall make a copy of the charge and specifications, affix thereto the seal of the Lodge, and certify it substantially according to Form 2, Section V., of the Code, and serve, or cause the same to be served upon the accused. He shall also certify under seal the original charge and specifications, and deliver the same to the first named member of the committee, according to Form 3, Section V., of the Code, and shall notify each member thereof of his appointment, according to Form 4, Section V.

Rule 5.—The first named member of said committee shall, within one week after receiv-

ing notice of his appointment, call a meeting of the committee for organization, when a chairman and secretary shall be elected and a suitable time and place be appointed for an adjourned meeting, which shall not be held in less than two weeks, at which the accuser and accused shall be notified to appear and proceed with the trial. The notice shall be in accordance with Form 5, Section V., of this Code, and must be served upon the parties personally, if they can be found, otherwise by leaving the same at their last known place of residence, if in the town or city where the Lodge is located, at least one week prior to the time of trial. If the accused resides out of the town, the notice shall be directed to his last known place of residence and left at the post office, and, if the Brother so notified shall not appear at the time specified, or offer satisfactory reasons therefor, the committee shall proceed as if he were present, or they may report by resolution, to expel the member so refusing to appear for contempt of the Lodge.

Rule 6.—At the time specified for the trial, the accuser and accused being present and answering, the charge and specifications shall be read, and the accused be required to make answer to each specification contained in the charge. Should the accused object to a speci-

lication on the ground of indefiniteness, the accuser shall have leave to amend, provided such amendment be made immediately. The accused may then plead to each specification either of the following answers:

(1). That the alleged offence is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.

(2). That the complaint contained in the specification is frivolous.

(3). Admit the facts stated and justify the alleged offence.

(4). Guilty.

(5). Not guilty.

Rule 7.—The report of the committee shall state the findings on each specification and on the charge, according to Form 6, Section V., of the Code, and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings, and decisions, together with the evidence taken during the trial and a resolution or resolutions for adoption by the Lodge, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within one month after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it shall be drawn and presented in a similar manner.

Rule 8.—The report of the committee shall be received and entered in full in the records, without discussion, and laid over for action at the second regular session thereafter. The Secretary shall immediately transmit to the accuser and accused a copy of the report or reports, and also notify them of the time when the same shall be acted upon, in the manner prescribed in Rule 5. At the time fixed upon to consider the report, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the matter whether the accused Brother be present or not; and in all cases involving the suspension or expulsion of a member, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to adopt the resolution, the vote to be taken by ball or paper ballot, and the Lodge shall be fully competent, while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion. Either party may object to any of the rulings and decisions of the committee, when the Lodge shall take up the report for consideration.

Rule 9.—At the regular meeting of the Lodge two weeks after the report of the committee, the case shall be taken up; the findings, rulings and resolutions of the committee read and considered, and all the testimony, if any, bearing thereon; and the Lodge shall, by vote,



adopt or reject the resolutions which may be submitted by the committee, subject to the provisions of Rule 8.

Rule 10.—When the Lodge shall have taken final action as aforesaid, the Secretary shall at once give notice thereof, under seal, to the party against whom the decision is rendered, by delivering the same to him personally, or by leaving it at his last known place of residence, or forwarding to him by mail, from which decision he may appeal to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia within two weeks after the service of such notice, by filing with the Secretary a written notice of such appeal and the grounds thereof, according to Form 7, Section V. of the Code, and also by serving notice of appeal upon the Grand Secretary, according to Form 8, Section V.

## SECTION II.

### Rules Governing Committees

Rule 1.—Three members of a Committee of Trial shall constitute a quorum and be competent to proceed with the preliminary trial. All questions requiring a decision of the committee shall be determined by a majority of those present.

Rule 2.—When the accuser or accused shall notify the chairman of the Committee of Trial in writing that he requires the presence of a member of the Order as a witness, the chairman shall endorse such notice, stating the time and place of meeting, and transmit it to the Noble Grand of the Lodge of which such witness is a member, who shall immediately cause the member (or members) named to be summoned to attend as a witness, according to Form 9, Section V., of the Code.

Rule 3.—The Committee shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings, which must show:

(1). The date and place of each meeting and the parties present.

(2). The charges and specifications and answers or pleas of the accused.

(3). All points raised and the decisions thereon.

(4). The exceptions taken by either party.

(5). Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witness.

(6). Documentary evidence distinctly marked.

(7). Decisions of the committee upon each specification and charge.

Rule 4.—The report must be signed by at least three members of the committee.

### SECTION III.

#### Evidence and Witnesses

Rule 1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of Trial shall be: 1, Testimony of Witnesses, who shall appear before the Committee; 2, Depositions; 3, Records of Lodge; 4, Documentary evidence, etc. The committee shall determine the admissibility of the evidence offered, subject to exceptions by either party; the exceptions so taken shall be entered by the committee upon its minutes.

Rule 2.—After the direct and cross-examination of a witness has been concluded, the witness shall not be further examined or recalled except to explain evidence given on his original examination, or by consent of the opposing party.

Rule 3.—Extracts from the records of a Lodge shall be authenticated by the Secretary, under seal. No Lodge shall be allowed to challenge its records, or extracts taken therefrom, when duly authenticated.

Rule 4.—Members of the Order shall qualify under their obligations as Odd Fellows, accord-

ing to Form 12, Section V. of the Code; witnesses, not members, shall be qualified by some civil officer authorized to administer oaths.

Rule 5.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., Journal of 1857, pp. 2738, 2774; Journal of 1858, pp. 2909, 2926.

Rule 6.—The attendance of a person as a witness who is not a member of the Order must be procured by the party desiring him.

Rule 7.—After the evidence of the accused shall have been put in, the prosecution may introduce testimony in rebuttal of the witnesses for the defence, but for no other purpose.

## SECTION IV.

### Appeals

Rule 1.—All appeals by Subordinate Lodges or their members shall be presented within twenty days from the action of the Lodge appealed from, with all papers properly certified, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia; and no appeal will be considered unless such course is taken.

Rule 2.—The Lodge shall, within twenty days after the reception of a notice of appeal to the Grand Lodge, through its Secretary, deliver to the Grand Secretary, under seal, a certified copy of the charge, minutes of the Committee of Trial, and also of the records of the Lodge relating to the subject matter of the appeal, and the original testimony taken at the trial, according to Form 10, Section V. of the Code.

Rule 3.—Should the Lodge fail to make the above return, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Lodge of such failure, and direct the return to be made within ten days from the receipt of the notice, according to Form 11, Section V. of the Code, and, if default be made, he shall report the Lodge to the Grand Master as insubordinate.

Rule 4.—The Grand Secretary shall, at the time required by law, present the appeal, together with all the papers in the case received by him, to the chairman of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge.

Rule 5.—When an appeal shall finally be decided by the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall, within one month after such decision, notify the Lodge and the appellant thereof. The record in appeals from a Subordinate Lodge need not be printed.

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## SECTION V.

## Form 1.—Charge and Specifications

.....191.....  
 To.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, a member of.....  
 Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F., does hereby charge  
 Brother..... of said Lodge with  
 Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and the  
 grounds of this charge are more particularly  
 set forth in the following specifications, to wit:

Specification First—The above named.....  
 .....in violation of the laws of the Order,  
 did, on or about the.....day of.....19.....  
 (here state the offence, place and other cir-  
 cumstances, and continue with specification  
 second, etc., as provided in Rule 1, Section 1).

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed).....

## Form 2.—Notice to the Accused

.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.  
 .....191.....

Brother.....

Enclosed in this notice I transmit a copy  
 of charge and specifications preferred against  
 you by ..... of ..... Lodge,

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No..... The same were referred to a Committee of Trial, consisting of (give names). The officers of said committee will notify you of the time and place to appear for answer.

Fraternally,

.....Secretary.

[Seal]



**Form 3.—Notice to Temporary Chairman of Committee to Try Charges**

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

.....191.....

Brother.....

The members named below were this evening appointed a Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by..... against ..... As the temporary chairman of such committee, you will, within one week after receiving this notice, call a meeting of said committee for organization. The committee consists of Brothers (give names).

Fraternally,

.....Secretary.

[Seal]

**Form 4.—Notice to Members of Committee**

.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.  
 .....191.....

Brother.....

You were this evening appointed as one of the Committee of Trial on the charge and specification preferred by.....against..... Brother ..... the temporary chairman of the committee, will notify you of the time and place of the meeting of the committee for organization.

Fraternally,

.....Secretary.

[Seal]

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**Form 5.—Notice to Accuser and Accused to Attend Meeting of Committee**

Brother.....

.....191.....

The Committee of Trial on the charge and specifications preferred by.....against.....will meet (give time and place), to hear and decide the case. You are hereby notified to be present and (sustain or defend) the same.

Fraternally,

.....Chairman.

.....Secretary.



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Form 6.—Report of Committee of Trial

To.....191.....  
Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, a (majority or minority) of the committee to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by..... against ..... respectfully report: That after hearing the parties, they find (state finding on each specification and the charge as required by Rule 7, Section I.) The minutes of the doings of the committee, a copy of the evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial, are herewith placed in the custody of the Secretary of the Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,  
(Signed by Committee).

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Form 7.—Notice of Appeal to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia

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

The undersigned hereby give notice that he appeals to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F., from the action of the Lodge in the matter of charge and specifications preferred by ..... against ..... This appeal is taken on the

ground of (here state the grounds of the appeal).

Fraternally,

(Signed).....

**Form 8.—Appeal to the Grand Lodge of  
British Columbia**

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,

I. O. O. F.:

The undersigned, a member of.....  
Lodge, No....., respectfully appeals to your  
Grand E. by from the action of said Lodge  
(state the action from which the appeal is  
taken and the grounds upon which it rests).  
Your appellant asks that you will reverse said  
action, or grant such other relief as you may  
deem the merits of the case demand.

Fraternally,

(Signature and residence).....

**Form 9.—Notice to Attend as Witness**

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

.....191.....

Brother.....

You are hereby notified to attend as witness  
before the Committee of Trial on the charge  
and specification, preferred by.....  
against ..... (state the time and  
place). By order of the Noble Grand

Fraternally,

[Seal]

.....Secretary.

**Form 10.—Certificate accompanying Return of Lodge under Rule 1, Section IV.**

.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.  
.....191.....

To the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,  
I. O. O. F.:

Enclosed you will receive the return of this Lodge in the matter of the appeal of..... to your Grand Body, required by Rule 1, Sec. IV. I hereby certify that the same embraces correct copies of all the minutes and papers relating to the case, in my possession, or in possession of the Lodge, and also the original testimony taken at the trial.

Fraternally,

[Seal] .....Secretary.

**Form 11.—Notice of Grand Secretary to Lodge under Rule 3, Section IV.**

Grand Lodge of British Columbia, I. O. O. F.,  
Office of the Grand Secretary,

.....191.....

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

On the.....day of.....I received from.....an appeal from the action of your Lodge in matter of (state cause of appeal). The papers relating to the appeal not having been transmitted to me within the time

specified by law, you are hereby notified to forward the same to me within ten days from the receipt of this notice. Should I not receive them, it will be my unpleasant duty to proceed under Rule 3, Sec IV., of the Code.

Fraternally,

.....Grand Secretary.

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**Form 12.—Obligation to Witness to be Administered by the Chairman of the Committee**

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

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Sec. 6.—Notice of the rejection of Candidates for initiation and of the expulsion or suspension of a member, with the cause thereof, except for non-payment of dues, shall be given by the Secretary forthwith, to the Grand Secretary.

Sec. 7.—This Lodge shall have a book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons rejected, suspended, or expelled by this

or any other Lodge, of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of such suspension or expulsion.

**ARTICLE VIII.**

**Funds and Property**

Sec. 1.—The funds and property of this Lodge shall be held exclusively as a Trust Fund, to be devoted to no other purpose than the charitable uses of the I. O. O. F., and expenditures legitimately made for Lodge purposes, and of the advancement of the interests of the Lodge or Order. The funds may be invested from time to time, as the Lodge shall direct, but no part thereof, or of the Lodge property, or of the proceeds of any sales of such property, shall ever be divided among the members; and, in case of a surrender or forfeiture of the Lodge Charter, all the funds and property of the Lodge of whatsoever kind shall be immediately surrendered and delivered up to the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, or to its officers or agents properly authorized to receive them.

**ARTICLE IX.**

**Offences**

Sec. 1.—No member of this Lodge shall be concerned in organizing or visiting any illegal, spurious, expelled, extinct or suspended Lodge

of Odd Fellows, nor paint on his sign any emblem of the Order, or otherwise exhibit any upon the same, or have any printed or engraved upon his business card, nor expose any in a public place as a sign. No member of this Lodge shall receive or put any motion from the chair of the Noble Grand, unless he be a present or past Noble Grand or Vice Grand.

Sec. 2.—This Lodge shall not have a public procession, unless to attend the funeral of a member, or have any public celebration of any kind, or get up any ball or public amusement in the name of the Order, or reinstate an expelled member of this Lodge, without permission of the Grand Master.

## ARTICLE X.

### Terms and Returns

Sec. 1.—All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July, in each year, and end on the day the succeeding one commences.

Sec. 2.—The officers for the term about expiring shall prepare and deliver to the officer who shall install their successors, on the form provided by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, the result of the elections and regular report

of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card, and as an Ancient Odd Fellow; those suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, and of those reinstated and deceased; the number of Degrees conferred; the whole number in membership, and the amount of receipts, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 3.—In addition to the above, the officers for the term expiring on the first meeting in January, shall annually make to the Grand Lodge, on the form furnished, a full return of the members of the Lodge (except such as are more than one year in arrears or have been expelled, ranked according to the Degrees attained, and a statement of the number of members relieved in the past year; the number of widowed families relieved; the number of members buried, the number of sisters buried, the amount of money applied to each of these purposes, the amount paid for the education of orphans; the amount paid for current expenses, and the total value of the assets of the Lodge. A fine of two dollars per month shall be payable by this Lodge to the Grand Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of the terms ending 30th June and 31st December of each year until the returns mentioned in Sections 2 and 3 of this Article are received

by the Grand Secretary, and further, should this Lodge or its officers fail to forward the returns and per capita tax due for the term ending 31st December of any year, so as to reach the Grand Secretary on the 31st March next following, it shall be debarred from representation at the next ensuing session of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 4.—Should this Lodge fail to make any of its returns as required by the two preceding Sections for one year, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master, to withhold the A. T. P. W. and semi-annual P. W., until such returns are made, and the amount due the Grand Lodge paid. And it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, or his Deputy, the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE XI.

### Of Cards

Sec. 1.—Withdrawal Cards may be granted to members who are clear of the books, according to law, by a majority vote, by ballot of the members present when application is made. Should the Lodge refuse to grant the card, the applicant on tendering a written re-



signation of membership, and paying all dues, shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary a certificate under the seal of the Lodge to that effect, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of good standing at the time of such resignation.

Sec. 2.—Visiting Cards may be granted upon application in open Lodge, or they may be issued by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary to members in good standing upon application, in writing, but in either case the dues of the applicant must be paid up to the end of the time for which the card is granted, which time shall not exceed one year from the date of the card, and when the time has expired for which the card is granted, it shall be returned to the Lodge.

## ARTICLE XII.

### Interpretation and Amendment

Sec. 1.—When any doubt arises as to the true meaning of any part of these Articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2.—These Articles, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled, except on motion made in the Grand Lodge, at a regular session, and carried by two-third vote.

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ARTICLE XIII.

Of By-Laws

Sec. 1.—This Lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-laws, Rules and Resolutions, from time to time as may be deemed expedient; Provided, that they do not in any wise contravene this Constitution, or the Constitution, By-laws, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, of the Province of British Columbia, or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2.—The By-laws of this Lodge are in force from the time of their approval by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge; and the manuscript copy of such By-laws, and amendments thereto, shall before being printed, be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, in duplicate, to be transmitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates for their approval. One copy shall be retained by the Grand Lodge and the other returned to the Lodge certified as approved or otherwise.



BY-LAWS of  
*Selkirk Lodge, No. 12*

I. O. O. F

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ARTICLE I.

Meetings

Sec. 1.—The regular meetings of this Lodge for the transaction of general business shall be held on Thursday evening of each week. Special meetings may be called by the Noble Grand, either at his discretion, or at the written request of five Scarlet members in good standing, or by vote of the Lodge, and in either case the members must be notified by the Secretary, or by publication in one or more newspapers. No business shall be transacted at Special Meetings other than that for which such meetings may be called.

Sec. 2.—The hours of meeting shall be 8 o'clock.

Sec. 3.—At all meetings five Scarlet members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE II.

**Duties of Noble Grand**

The N. G. shall preside at all meetings, shall preserve order and decorum, and may enforce the same by fine—not less than three or more than ten dollars—but his decision on all questions shall be subject to appeal. He shall strictly enforce the provisions of the Constitution and By-laws, and see that all Officers of the Lodge and Members of Committees perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the usages of the Order, and by the Constitution and By-laws; and enforce all fines and penalties imposed by the Constitution and By-laws, or by the vote of the Lodge; appoint the majority of all Committees (if not otherwise directed). On the night of his installation he shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Lodge, the following Standing Committees, namely: Finance, Relief and Room Committees. He shall give the casting vote on all questions before the Lodge, except in the election of Officers, when he shall be entitled to vote; inspect and announce the results of all ballotings, or other voting; have charge of Charter, which he must always have in the Lodge; sign all drafts upon the Treasurer for such sums as may be ordered by the Lodge; and perform all other duties appertaining to

his office. He shall not make or second any motion, or resolution, nor take part in any debate while in the chair. Previous to closing the Lodge he shall ascertain from the Financial Secretary the amount of the receipts of the evening, and of the Treasurer if he has received the same.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Duties of the Vice Grand

The V. G. shall assist the N. G. in presiding over the Lodge; appoint his own Supporters and the minority of all Committees on Investigation; have special charge of the door; and, in the absence of the N. G., preside in his stead, and perform all the duties required by the laws and usages of the Order, and by the Constitution and By-laws.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### Duties of the Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall keep correct minutes of all proceedings; fill up all certificates granted by the Lodge; write and issue all communications, summonses and notices required; notify all candidates of their election, and attest all drafts for moneys ordered to be paid at a regular meeting. He shall endorse

upon all petitions for membership the name of the applicant, and Committee of Investigation to whom referred, and forthwith hand a copy of the same to the Chairman of said Committee. He alone shall have and safely keep the seal of the Lodge. He shall have the authority to give without the vote of the Lodge, provided the Brother be clear on the books and otherwise qualified, the required certificate to enable a Brother to join an Encampment. He shall, at the end of the term, make out for the Grand Lodge a full report of the work of the Lodge, during the term, and shall enter it upon the minutes. He shall enter the name, age, occupation and residence of all candidates upon the minutes, stating whether they joined by initiation, deposit of card, or as Ancient or Non-affiliated Odd Fellows. He shall enter a brief statement of all communications, petitions, and memorials upon the record, and shall enter all communications from the Grand Lodge and reports of Finance and Special Committees in full upon the records. He shall notify in writing all members who have been suspended, and keep a copy of letters written by him under the seal of the Lodge. He shall perform all other duties required of him by the Lodge and the usages of the Order, and shall deliver to his successor all books, papers and other property appertain-

ing to his office. He shall fill up all cards and endorse all cards of visitors. He shall receive for his services the sum of sixteen dollars per year.

## ARTICLE V.

### Duties of the Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary shall regularly attend each meeting, aid the Recording Secretary in the discharge of his duties; keep just and faithful accounts between the Lodge and its members; receive all moneys due the Lodge (unless otherwise provided), and pay the same to the Treasurer at the close of each regular session, taking his receipt for the same. When a member becomes thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, he shall be notified. He shall have a ledger, cash and receipt books, keeping the former posted every quarter. He shall keep a list of the members elected to the Degrees, with the date of election, and the name of the Degree. He shall at the close of the term assist the Recording Secretary in making up the regular returns for the Grand Lodge; render an exact account of the state of his books, together with a list of Brothers who have ceased to be members, and of those entitled to vote at the regular election of Officers, which shall be in possession of the N. G., to

be examined by him as their names are called. He shall receive for his services the sum of sixteen dollars per year. He shall also execute a bond for the sum of \$1000.00 to the Lodge.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Duties of Treasurer

The Treasurer shall, prior to his installation, execute to this Lodge a joint and several bond in a penal sum of one thousand dollars, or such sum as the Lodge shall from time to time require, with a guarantee bond to be approved by the Lodge, for the faithful performance of his duties. He shall receive all moneys of the Lodge, and deposit the same in a charter bank at Revelstoke, B. C., in the Savings Bank Department, except a sum at no time to exceed \$500.00, which shall be placed in a current trust account, for the payment of small accounts. He shall pay all orders signed by the N. G., voted by the Lodge, and attested by the Recording Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, and he shall attest all drafts on the Bank. He shall deliver to his successor in office all books, papers, funds and other property belonging to the Lodge, and for his services he shall receive the sum of sixteen dollars per year.



**ARTICLE VII.****Duties of the Jr. P. G.**

It shall be the duty of the Jr. P. G. to attend and act in the capacity of P. G., and perform all duties pertaining to his office.

**ARTICLE VIII.****Duties of the Warden**

The Warden, assisted by the Outside Guardian, shall have charge of the regalia and property of the Lodge, and shall report to the Lodge any injury done to the same. They shall place the regalia for the use of the officers and members at the opening of the Lodge, and at its close carefully collect and replace it. The Warden shall canvass all votes on motions and resolutions. He shall keep a record book of all property belonging to the Lodge, be the messenger of the Lodge during its meetings, and perform such other duties as may be required by the Lodge.

**ARTICLE IX.****Duties of the O. G.**

The O. G., in addition to the duties of his office, shall assist the Warden to carefully place and replace the regalia, and perform such other

duties to keep the room in proper order for the meetings of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE X.

### Duties of the Visiting Committee

Sec. 1.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of the N. G., V. G., Treasurer, Warden, Conductor, R. S. of the N. G., R. S. of the V. G., whose duty it shall be to visit all brethren known to be sick, to render such assistance as each may require and law allows, and to continue to visit them at least once a week, until restored to health, and at every regular meeting of the Lodge, the Lodge shall ask for a verbal report from each member of the Committee. The N. G. and three of the Committee shall at each regular meeting, or at any time during the week (when it may become necessary) appoint a nurse to be paid out of a nurse fund. The visiting days of each member of the Committee shall be: For the N. G., Sunday; the V. G., Monday; Treasurer, Tuesday; Warden, Wednesday; Conductor, Thursday; R. S. of the N. G., Friday; R. S. of the V. G., Saturday.

Sec. 2.—It shall be the duty of the Chairman of this Committee to make such arrangements that sick brethren shall be visited.

least once a day by one member of the Committee. A Brother not being able to perform his duties under this clause, may procure a substitute, but shall be held responsible for the due performance of said duties.

## ARTICLE XI.

### Duties of Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of three members. It shall be their duty to examine all claims against the Lodge, and all accounts which may be referred to them, and report thereon in writing over their own signatures, and at the end of each term to audit the books and accounts of the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, and report in writing on the same at the first regular meeting of each term, or when required by the Lodge.

## ARTICLE XII.

### Duties of Room Committee

The Room Committee shall consist of two members and the Warden, whose duty it shall be to see that the Lodge and its ante-rooms are in proper order. They shall make out an inventory at the end of each term of all the property belonging to the Lodge, estimating the value of the same, showing what was received from their predecessors, and all altera-

tions and additions during the term reported upon, which report shall be referred to the Finance Committee.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### Reports

Reports of Committees must be made in writing and signed by majority thereof.

### ARTICLE XIV.

#### Initiations

A fee of \$10.00 shall accompany each application for membership by initiation in this Lodge. For Initiation \$5.00.

For admission as an Ancient Odd Fellow or by deposit of Dismissal Certificate, a fee of \$10.00 shall be charged.

A member of the Lodge receiving his Withdrawal Card, and wishing to be reinstated again, shall pay the fee of \$10.00

For admission by Transfer Card no charge shall be made, but medical certificate of good health must be given.

### ARTICLE XV.

#### Degrees

No Degree shall be granted to any member who is in arrears for dues or against whom are fines or assessments unpaid, or charges undetermined.

Five Dollars shall be charged for the First Degree. Five Dollars shall be charged for the Second Degree, and Five Dollars shall be charged for the Third Degree. When the ballot is opened all qualified Brothers must vote. If not more than two black balls are deposited, the applicant shall be elected, but if three or more black balls be deposited the applicant shall be declared rejected, and three months must elapse from the time of his rejection before he can again apply.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### Dues

Sec. 1.—Every member who joins the Lodge between the ages of 21 and 29 shall pay into the General Fund \$4.00 per quarter, which must be promptly paid on or before the last regular meeting of each quarter. Every member who joins the Lodge between the ages of 30 to 34 shall pay the sum of \$4.50 per quarter, and between the ages of 35 and 39 shall pay the sum of \$5.00 per quarter, and between the ages of 40 to 44 shall pay the sum of \$5.75 per quarter, and between the ages of 45 and 49 he shall pay the sum of \$6.75 per quarter, and 50 years and over he shall pay the sum of \$8.00 per quarter.

Sec. 2.—That five per cent. of the dues shall be placed to the credit of the Contingent Fund.

Sec. 3.—No member while sick shall be allowed to become in arrears, so as to be debarred from benefits. The Secretary shall deduct from the amount due from weekly benefits a sum sufficient to keep the Brother in good standing, and shall place the same to the Brother's credit on the books of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### Membership

Sec. 1.—All persons admitted as members must be of industrious habits, possessed of some known and honorable means of support, free from all infirmities, which may prevent them from gaining a livelihood for themselves or families, and otherwise qualified in accordance with Article II. of the Constitution. All applications for membership must be accompanied by the recommendation of a Brother of this Lodge in good standing, together with not less than two references and with the amount of the fee, according to Article XIV. of these By-laws; but should an applicant be rejected, his fees shall be returned to him. Should he be elected and not appear for initiation within thirteen weeks thereafter, the fee deposited by

him shall be placed to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and he shall not be admitted without a new application, which must take the usual course. Every person upon being admitted as a member of the Lodge shall sign the Constitution and By-laws, thereby pledging himself to support, maintain, and abide by the same, and to pay promptly all demands against him, as soon as they shall become due. He shall also inform the Financial Secretary of his place of residence, and should he change it he shall immediately give notice to the Financial Secretary of such change.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### Ballots and Elections

Sec. 1.—The Lodge shall at the same time as the regular nomination and election of officers, nominate and elect one or more physicians, whose duties it shall be to examine carefully and minutely all candidates for membership and applications for reinstatement, upon the forms supplied by the Lodge, and report the same to the Secretary before the candidate can be balloted for, and each applicant must pay for his own certificate.

Sec. 2.—When ballots are taken the ballot box must be placed upon the pedestal in front and in full view of the N. G., the members shall advance singly and deposit their ballots, which shall be duly inspected by the V. G. and the N. G., and the result declared to the Lodge.

Sec. 3.—At the election of Officers, the Warden shall (in connection with two scrutineers appointed by the N. G.) receive the votes cast in the ballot box. The majority of all ballots shall be necessary to elect, and the N. G. shall require all members present to vote. They shall count all votes and declare the result to the N. G., by whom it shall be announced to the Lodge. If on the second ballot no candidates shall have received a majority of all ballots cast, a third ballot shall be taken between the two highest candidates on the list.

Sec. 4.—Any members in arrears for thirteen weeks or more shall be disqualified to vote or speak on any subject.

Sec. 5.—A Brother may be nominated whether he is present or not, but he cannot be elected unless he is at the time present or signified his willingness to accept office if elected.



## ARTICLE XIX.

## Benefits

Sec. 1.—A member of the Third Degree not disqualified to receive benefits, who by sickness or accident may be rendered incapable of earning a livelihood, shall receive a sum of three dollars for the first week, and ten dollars per week for the next twenty-five weeks, and seven dollars and fifty cents per week for the next twenty-six weeks, and five dollars per week for the next three years, and one dollar per week thereafter. If a Brother of the Initiatory, First or Second Degree he shall receive three dollars per week for the first week, and six dollars per week for the next twenty-five weeks, and four dollars and fifty cents per week for the next twenty-six weeks, and three dollars per week for the next three years, and one dollar per week thereafter.

If his sickness or inability proceed from intemperance or immoral conduct or be occasioned by constitutional disease or bodily infirmity which existed at the time of his admission and concealed intentionally from the Lodge, he shall not be entitled to receive any benefits, and no Brother shall be entitled to benefits until he shall have been a member of the Lodge six months. Brothers must be sick

seven days to receive benefits. In all cases where a sick member has received any benefits, and by reason of the recovery of his health, ceased to be entitled to benefits, but if he should fall sick again within six months from the date of his ceasing to receive benefits such sickness shall be considered as a continuation of his previous sickness, and he shall be placed in the same position and paid the same benefits as he was then receiving, but when six months shall elapse, after his restoration, if he falls sick he shall receive full benefits.

Sec. 2.—To entitle a member to benefits who is taken sick at a point remote from his Lodge, he must send or cause to be sent to his Lodge a true statement of his case, attested by the N. G. of some Lodge near him if possible, but if there be no Lodge near him, must be stated by the certificate of a Physician, or affidavit taken before a Magistrate, British Consul, or Master of a Vessel.

Sec. 3.—No member who may neglect to pay his dues for the space of thirteen weeks shall be entitled to receive benefits by reason of any payment he may make during his sickness or bodily infirmity.

Sec. 4.—On the death of a Brother entitled to benefits, a sum not exceeding \$100.00 shall

be paid by the Lodge towards defraying his funeral expenses. On the death of a wife of a Brother entitled to benefits, he shall receive \$50.00 to assist him in defraying funeral expenses. On the death of the wife of a Brother who was in good standing at the time of his death, the sum of \$50.00 shall be paid.

Sec. 5.—This Lodge may, if they deem it necessary, engage a Physician to visit any sick member for the purpose of ascertaining the nature, cause and origin of his sickness or affliction, and report the same to the Lodge, the Physician to be accompanied, if possible, by one of the Visiting Committee. Should the sick member refuse to be seen or examined by the visiting Physician, he shall forfeit all claims to benefits for such sickness or affliction, and any member detected imposing or trying to impose on the funds of the Lodge shall be dealt with as the Lodge sees fit.

Sec. 6.—A doctor's certificate must be presented to the Lodge before sick benefits can be paid, excepting when not deemed necessary by the Visiting Committee, and at any other time thereafter the Committee may deem it necessary during the Brother's sickness.

**ARTICLE XX.****Cards**

Visiting and Withdrawal Cards and Dismissal Certificates can be granted only in open Lodge, and by the payment of 25c. for a Visiting Certificate; \$2.50 for a Withdrawal Card; and \$1.00 for a Dismissal Certificate. Transfer Certificates shall be granted free of charge. All dues must be paid to the end of the time for which a card is granted.

**ARTICLE XXI.****Fines and Penalties**

Sec. 1.—No member who is thirteen weeks in arrears shall be entitled to receive the pecuniary benefits of this Lodge.

Sec. 2.—Every member who shall refuse to pay his arrears to the Lodge for the space of eleven months shall be notified by the Financial Secretary, if practicable, and if after four weeks his account still remains unsettled he may be suspended for non-payment of dues.

Sec. 4.—If any member shall disregard the authority of the N. G., by persisting in using improper language, or shall be guilty of improper conduct either in or out of the Lodge, or shall knowingly propose an unworthy candidate for membership, or shall be guilty of

habitual drunkenness, or of any infamous offence against the laws of the land, or feigning sickness with a view to abuse the benevolent intentions of the Order, or shall divulge (except to a member of the Order) the proceedings of this or any other Lodge required by him to be kept secret, or the name of any Brother who opposed the admission of any candidates, or reveal any of the secrets of the Order, shall be fined, expelled or suspended, at the discretion of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE XXII.

### Funds

Benefits due, relief granted or the current expenses of the Lodge may be paid at any regular meeting by majority vote of the members present. But the stocks, investments, securities, and funds of the Lodge shall not be otherwise disposed of, or transferred in whole or in part, unless by a resolution to that effect offered at a regular meeting, when the members must be notified, which shall be acted upon at the next regular meeting, when if two-thirds of all the members present concur therein, it shall be adopted, provided that no motion to loan the funds to members of the Lodge shall be at any time put to the Lodge. All fines for the neglect of duty, all dona-

tions and bequests which may be made thereto, all proposition fees of accepted candidates who shall not appear for the initiation within the required time, and all other money raised in aid thereof, shall be carried to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

### Miscellaneous

Sec. 1.—On the death of a Brother of this Lodge it shall be the duty of the N. G. and other authorized officers to immediately make preparations for the funeral, and as soon as possible summons every member of the Lodge to attend the funeral by advertising in the papers or otherwise, as the case may admit, unless otherwise requested by the nearest relatives of the deceased.

Sec. 2.—No part of these By-laws shall be repealed, amended, suspended, altered or annulled unless a proposition in writing is made at least two regular meetings previous to the time of its being acted upon, when if two-thirds of all the members present vote in favor of such proposition, it shall be adopted.

Sec. 3.—These By-laws and Rules of Order shall take effect from the date of their approval by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates of

the Grand Lodge, and at that time all By-laws enforced prior to the date thereof shall stand repealed, and all resolutions and Rules of Order shall be rescinded.

Approved, 2nd May, 1913.

FRED. DAVEY } Committee  
F. FORNERI } on Laws of  
T. C. HUBBARD } Subordinates



*Order of Business*

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1. Opening.
2. Roll of Officers Called.
3. Reading Minutes of Preceding Meeting.
4. Actions on Official Reports and Bonds.
5. Report of Visiting Committee.
6. Ordering Drafts for Benefits.
7. Brothers Sick to be Reported.
8. Reports of Committees and Candidates Balloted for.
9. Initiation.
10. Recess.
11. Absentees of Previous Meetings Called.
12. Propositions for Membership.
13. Reports of Committees:
  - (1). Finance Committee.
  - (2). Room Committee.
  - (3). Trustees.
  - (4). Special Committees.



14. Unfinished Business of the Minutes.
15. Communications Received and Disposed of:
  - (1). Grand Lodge or Grand Officers.
  - (2). D. D. Grand Master.
  - (3). General Relief Committee.
  - (4). Miscellaneous.
16. Application for Cards.
17. Application for Degrees.
18. Election of Officers.
19. New Business.
20. Good of the Order.

N.B.—Under this head Brothers may express themselves on matters appertaining to the Order without any question being before the Lodge.
21. Permanent Secretary's Report.
22. Closing.



RULES OF ORDER  
*of*  
*Selkirk Lodge, No. 12*  
I. O. O. F.

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Rule 1.—When the N. G. takes the chair, the Officers and Brothers shall take their respective stations, and, at the sound of the gavel, there shall be a general silence, and if there be a Chaplain, then join with him in prayer.

Rule 2.—The N. G. shall preserve order and decorum and pronounce the decisions of the Lodge on all subjects; he shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any Brother, on which appeal no Brother shall speak but once, when the question before the Lodge shall be: "Shall the decision of the N. G. stand the judgment of the Lodge?" which question shall be taken by the V. G. All motions must be put from the N. G.'s chair.

Rule 3.—No question shall be stated unless moved and seconded, nor be open for consideration until stated by the N. G., and, when a

question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be received, unless—1st, To lay upon the table; 2nd, The previous question; 3rd, To postpone to a particular time; 4th, To postpone indefinitely; 5th, To re-commit; 6th, To refer; 7th, To amend; and these shall have preference in the order in which they are here arranged, and the first two shall be decided without debate.

Rule 4.—No motion shall be made by one Brother while another is speaking, and no motion shall be made or seconded without rising and addressing the N. G.

Rule 5.—Any Brother making a motion shall reduce the same to writing at the request of the N. G. or any Brother, in which case it shall not be before the Lodge until it be so written and read from the Secretary's desk.

Rule 6.—No resolution shall be offered to the Lodge except in writing and signed by the Brother offering the same.

Rule 7.—No Brother shall be interrupted while speaking, except to be called to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

Rule 8.—If a Brother, while speaking, shall be called to order, he shall, at the request of the N. G., take his seat until the question of

order is determined, when, if permitted, he may proceed again.

Rule 9.—No Brother shall speak without rising in his place, respectfully addressing the N. G. by his title, and having his name announced by the Chair. Brothers shall confine themselves to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities and indecorous or sarcastic language.

Rule 10.—If two or more Brothers rise to speak at the same time, the N. G. shall decide which is entitled to the floor, and no Brother shall speak more than once on the same subject or question until all who wish to speak may have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without permission of the N. G. Each Brother, while speaking, shall designate the Brother spoken of by his proper rank or title, according to his standing in the Order.

Rule 11.—When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be first taken on the highest sum or number and the longest time proposed.

Rule 12.—Any Brother may call for a division of a question when the sense will admit of it; and any five Brothers calling for the yeas and nays, they shall be ordered by the N. G. and recorded on the minutes.

Rule 13.—Before putting the question, the N. G. shall ask: "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no Brothers rise to speak, he shall rise and put it; and, after he has risen and put the question, no Brother shall be permitted to speak upon it. While the N. G. is addressing the Lodge or putting the question, silence shall be observed in the Lodge room.

Rule 14.—After any question, except one of indefinite postponement has been decided, any two Brothers who voted in the majority may, at the same time or next regular meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof, but no decision of the main question shall be allowed unless reconsidered.

Rule 15.—When a Brother has been called to order for the manifestation of temper or improper feeling, he shall not be allowed to speak again in the Lodge at that meeting, unless by special permission of the Lodge.

Rule 16.—No member shall vote on any question in which he is immediately interested.

Rule 17.—Every Brother present (not in arrears) shall vote, unless for special reason, except in the case specified in the preceding rule, provided this rule does not interfere with the provisions of the By-laws regarding new members, etc.

Rule 18.—In speaking on points of order, the N. G. shall have precedence, but he cannot speak on any other subject, except to state facts within his own knowledge, without previously vacating his own chair and filling it by a qualified Brother.

Rule 19.—No Brother shall retire without leave of the N. G., and, during opening, closing, initiation, recess, or taking yeas and nays, the door shall be kept closed.

Rule 20.—On the call of three members for the previous question, the N. G. shall put the question in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" If the motion is carried, the vote shall first be upon all pending amendments, after which, upon the main question. If decided in the negative, the question shall lay over until next regular meeting.

Rule 21.—Any Brother may excuse himself from serving on a committee if, at the time of his appointment, he be a member of two other committees. No Brother can be appointed on a committee when absent from the Lodge.

Rule 22.—The first Brother named on a committee shall act as chairman until another is chosen by the committee. The mover of

a resolution referred to a special committee is usually the first named thereon.

Rule 23.—No committee shall be finally discharged until all the debts contracted by it shall have been paid.

Rule 24.—A motion to close is always in order after the regular business is gone through, which motion shall be decided without debate.

Rule 25.—These Rules of Order may be altered or amended after one week's notice being given specifying the proposed alterations or amendment, but any one of them or any clause thereof may be suspended for the time being by a vote of two-thirds of all present.



**OPENING PRAYER**

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Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, we invoke Thy blessing upon the members of this Lodge and our entire Brotherhood. May we be ever faithful to the principles of our Beloved Order, so that Benevolence and Charity may be promoted. Bless the widow and orphan, and all in affliction or distress, and relieve their necessities. Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory for ever. Amen.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

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Almighty Father, we pray Thee to bless whatever of good we have accomplished at this time, and forgive what we have done amiss. We now commend ourselves to Thy care and protection. The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord lift up His fatherly countenance upon us and give us peace, now and evermore. Amen.



**NAME, NUMBER, LOCATION AND NIGHT OF  
MEETING OF LODGES IN B. C.**

Number	Name of Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
1	Victoria .....	Victoria .....	F
2	Columbia .....	Do. ....	W
3	Royal City .....	Westminster .....	F
4	Dominion .....	Victoria .....	Th
5	Blk. Diam'd .....	Nanaimo .....	W
6	Harmony .....	Ladysmith .....	M
7	Excelsior .....	Chilliwack .....	Tu
8	Vancouver .....	Vancouver .....	F
9	Tatnai .....	Kamloops .....	M
10	Western Star .....	Vancouver .....	Th
11	Union .....	Cumberland .....	F
12	Selkirk .....	Revelstoke .....	Th
13	Pittitko .....	Merritt .....	Tu
14	Aaron .....	Vancouver .....	W
15	Cloverdale .....	Cloverdale .....	Sa
16	Kootenay .....	Nelson .....	M
17	Duncan .....	Duncan .....	Sa
18	Vernon Valley .....	Vernon .....	W
19	Mt. Pleasant .....	Mt. Pl'sant, Van... ..	Tu
20	Abbotsford .....	Abbotsford .....	W
21	Delta .....	Ladner .....	W
23	Ashcroft .....	Ashcroft .....	W
24	Island .....	Eburne .....	Tu
26	Pacific .....	Vancouver .....	M
27	Amity .....	Westminster .....	M
28	Cheam .....	Agassiz .....	Sa
34	Rocky Mountain .....	Golden .....	W
36	Rossland .....	Rossland .....	M
38	Boundary Valley ...	Greenwood .....	Tu

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Number	Name of Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
39	Silver City .....	Sandon .....	F
40	Slocan .....	Slocan City .....	Th
41	Trout Lake .....	Trout L. City.....	Tu
42	Key City .....	Cranbrook .....	M
43	Enterprise .....	Trail .....	Tu
44	Wildey .....	Moyie .....	Tu
45	Gateway .....	Grand Forks .....	Th
46	Snowshoe .....	Phoenix .....	M
47	Mt. Fernie .....	Fernie .....	W
48	Coronation .....	Armstrong .....	Th
49	Camborne .....	Beaton .....	W
50	Eureka .....	Enderby .....	Tu
51	Penticton .....	Penticton .....	M
52	Princeton .....	Princeton .....	Th
53	Maple Leaf .....	Hosmer .....	Tu
54	Michel .....	Michel .....	F
55	N. Vancouver .....	N. Vancouver .....	Th
56	Mt. Ida .....	Salmon Arm .....	Th
57	Sunshine .....	Kaslo .....	W
58	Okanagan .....	Summerland .....	F
59	Orchard City .....	Kelowna .....	Tu
60	Little Mountain .....	S. Vancouver .....	Th
61	Fairview .....	Vancouver .....	Th
62	Grandview .....	Vancouver .....	F
63	Prince Rupert .....	Prince Rupert .....	Tu
64	Corbin .....	Corbin .....	M
65	Cariboo .....	S. Fort George.....	W
66	Park .....	Central Park .....	W
1a	Dawson .....	Dawson, Y.T. ....	W

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