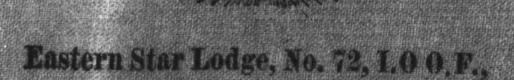
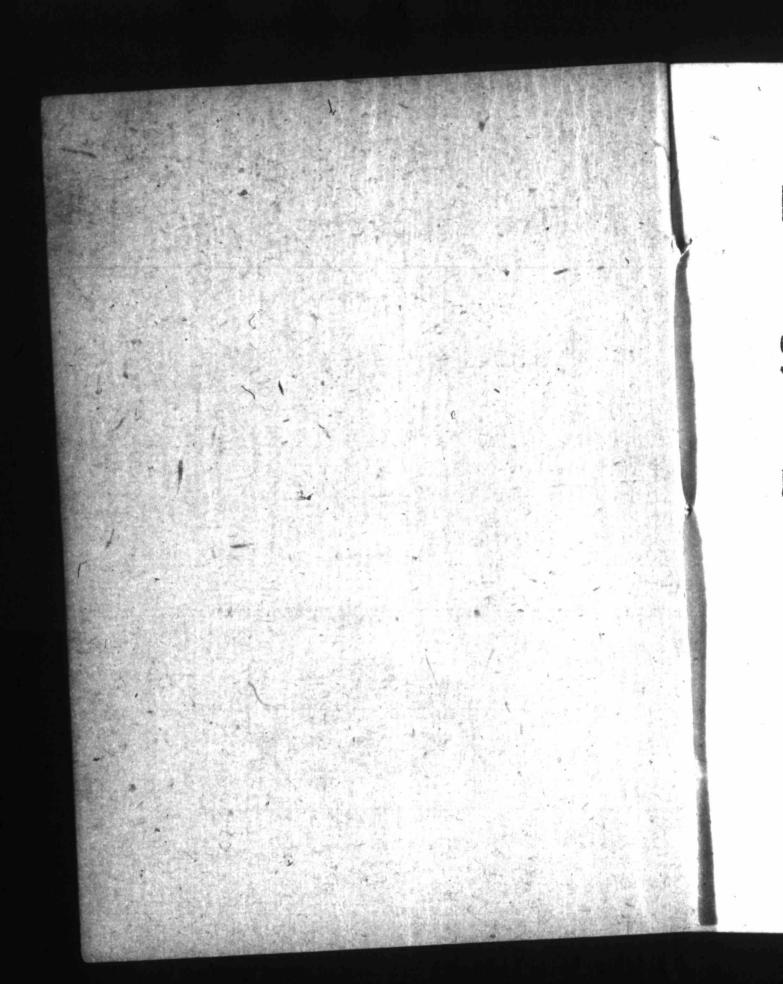
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PREFACE.

ODD-FELLOWSHIP having increased so rapidly, and spread its organization from the Atlantic far out on the bosom of the Pacific, within a few years, has naturally attracted the attention of

nearly all classes of the community.

Fifty-five years have scarcely passed since the birth of American Odd-Fellowship and now over three hundred thousand men are among its votaries. It cannot be said that its rapid growth was the result of accident, or in consequence of its novelty; for it was solely because of its adaptation to the wants of mankind. Odd-Fellowship teaches in the most beautiful and forcible manner the all-important lesson of Fraternity—that all men are of

one family, and are therefore brethren.

The great duties of our Order by and through which we aim to improve and exalt the character of members, are five in number: 1st, To visit the sick. 2nd, To relieve the distressed. 3rd, To bury the dead. 4th, To educate the orphan. 5th, To aid the widow. And in obedience to these commands nearly one million of dollars have been expended during the past year for these noble purposes. Yet Odd-Fellowship is not a mere beneficial society, having for its single purpose the relief of its members in the struggles incident to human society. It seeks to improve and elevate the character of man—to imbue him with proper conceptions of his capabilities for good, to enlighten his mind, and to enlarge the sphere of his affections. It therefore commends itself alike to the high, the low, the rich and the poor, as one of the noblest charities the world ever saw.

The principles of Odd-Fellowship are those of humanity and religion, its object is to promote the general good of mankind, and spread abroad the light of morality and knowledge; it not only benefits the common cause of philanthropy, but ensures to its members in the hour of adversity and tribulation, a source of

safety and comfort that none can destroy.

The ties that bind us together are never surrendered; our claims of brotherhood are only dissolved by death—no, not even death can rend them—they descend to the widow and orphan.

The language of our Order is more potent than any strain of eloquence that ever fell upon the ear. A stranger, penniless and friendless, in a foreign land, breathes its tones, and his necessities are relieved. Sickness comes and lays its paralyzing hand upon him, and though no friends and relatives are near, a brother of the "Mystic Tie" administers to his wants, and soothes his distresses. The sick among our own brethren are not left to the cold hand of public charity; they are visited, and their wants provided for out of the funds they themselves have contributed to raise, and which, in times of need, they can honorably claim without the humiliation of sueing for public or individual relief, from which the freeborn mind recoils with disdain, until overwhelmed in insufferable want and misery. We are obliged, if need be, to perform the last solemn office to the remains of a departed brother, and see them consigned with respectful decency to the bosom of our mother earth. To the living our fraternal

solicitude is no less exercised. It is our enjoined duty to watch over the conduct of brethren, even in their common intercourse with men, as well as one with another; and to remonstrate with those who wander from the paths of rectitude, or trespuss on the rules of morality.

It has been said that ours is a secret Order, and that secrecy is disconsonant with innocence. True it is that we are in part a secret society; but is secrecy a crime? The world itself, the universe, the God of eternal truth, are surrounded with an impenetrable veil that no mortal eye ever pierced; and shall it be denied that these exist because their secrets are not revealed at our bidding? Shall we pronounce them evil because their operations are hidden from our view and above our comprehension.

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So far from secrecy being an objection to our Order, we claim it as a recommendation. It is the mystic tie that binds us together in indissoluble brotherhood, prompting us to deeds of brotherly love and benevolence; it comes and entwines itself around our fraternity, like the refreshing yet invisible breeze that a summer noontide fans our burning forehead, invigorating th system with its coolness, and gladdening our hearts with its freshness and purity. In this respect we have the sanction of ages. We challenge any one to point out a single nation of people whose career is sketched on the page of history, among whom there did not exist secret institutions. To go further, there is not an enlightened government now existing on the face of the globe. that does not permit its legislative councils to resolve themselves into secret conclave. Even in our country, under our own Constitution, the legislative bodies can close their doors and sit for days, for weeks, for months, concocting measures of vital importance to the entire population, and should any member of that body dare to reveal its operations he would subject himself to the severest censure, if not to expulsion.

To be initiated as a member of our Order is not, as many suppose, "to take a leap in the dark." The fundamental principles of the Order are before the world; its deeds are not concealed from public scrutiny; while the Constitution and Laws of our society are within the reach of all who wish to examine them. But then, our mysteries within the inner veil of our altars, none except members of the fraternity are permitted to behold; solemn and sublime truths are there inculcated that have never reached the ear of any save those who have proved themselves worthy of the sacred trust. They have remained there for ages, hallowed archives in the sanctuary of our temple—and have never crossed its portal; and there, we hope and pray, they will ever remain, unsullied, inviolate and untarnished.

Our Order is the handmaid of virtue and religion and it must flourish. It calls into life and action the best and holiest feelings of our nature, and success must crown our efforts. Our course is onward, and we may look forward with confidence to a day, not far distant, when our society shall find an abiding place in every village and hamlet in our land, and the smoke of our alters shall go up from a thousand hills.

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PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Officers and Members of Eastern Star Lodge, No. 79, worksing under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, Independent Ordsr of Oddfellows.

I respectfully request admission into this Lodge, and in consideration of such admission I promise and agree that, if elected, I will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Lodge and those of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and that I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection therewith in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement in any event or for any purpose to the civil courts.

Very respectfully yours,

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Preamble.

For the purpose of ensuring, as much as possible uniformity in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows within its jurisdiction, the Grand Lodge of Ontario—the Supreme Tribunal of the Lodges within the limits of the Province of Ontario,—doth hereby ordain the following Articles, as the Constitution of all Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction:

Title and Powers.

1.—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least five Members of the Degree of Truth, and shall be hailed and entitled, Eastern Star Lodge No. 72, I. O. O. F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

MEMBERSHIP.

Admission.

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

jurisdiction of this Lodge at least six months.

3.—Every proposition for membership must be submitted in writing by a Brother of this Lodge, and must state the name of the Applicant, and his residence, age and occupation, supported by a reference to at least one other member of the Lodge.

4. The proposition so made shall be referred to a Committee of three Brothers, two of whom shall be appointed by the N. G., and one by the V. G., who shall report thereon at the next regular meeting, unless excused by a two thirds vote of members present, or the petition be withdrawn by the proposer.

5.—A ballot shall be taken on the proposition, immediately after the presentation of such report; when, if less than three black balls be found, the Candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared.

6.—Any Brother or Ancient Odd-Fellow desirous of joining this Lo ge, must present a Withdrawal Card or dismissal certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member, and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations.

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7.—Every member, on his admission, shall sign a promise to support and abide by the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge and to pay all legal demands against him so long as he shall remain a member.

8.—Any Candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election, must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate.

9.—The rejection of any Candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the City, Town or Village in which such rejection takes place.

10.—No Candidate who has been rejected can be again proposed for membership, until at least, six months after his rejection.

11.—No person shall be admitted to Honorary Membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this and any other Subordinate Lodge of this Order at the same time.

12—No proposition for membership, either by initiation or by card, shall be received or acted upon if the applicant's residence be out of this jurisdiction, (without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which he resides) nor if his residence be nearer to any other Lodge, unless consent of the latte be obtained.

Degrees.

13.—Every Brother, previous to his receiving any of the Three Degrees, shall present a certificate from the P. S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said Degrees, and then shall be balloted for.

14.—If, on such ballot three or more black balls appear, he shall be rejected; otherwise, he shall be considered eligible and shall be admitted to the Degree, or Degrees, applied for. In case of rejection, two weeks' notice in open Lodge must be given, before a ballot can again be had.

15.-No certificate for Degrees shall be granted until after the Candidate shall have paid the fees required therefor.

Withdrawal Cards.

16.—Any Brother in good standing and clear on the books, desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge, or by letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was

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in good standing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Re-Admission.

17.—Should any Brother receiving a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be re-admitted a member, and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as they may think fit.

OFFICERS.

Elective Officers.

18.—The Elective Officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand Vice Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary, and Treasurer; and the Lodge may also provide, by its By-Laws for the election of a Degree Master and a Physician.

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

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

21.—Nominations for the Elective Officers shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the elections therete, and no Brother shall be nominated who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named, and no nominee shall be allowed to retire after the nominations have been declared closed.

22.—The election of efficers shall take place at the last regular meeting of each term, except in the case of D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve

months as the Lodge by its By-Laws determine.

23.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot, and only members in good standing shall be entitled to a vote.

24.—A majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who shall receive no votes, shall be withdrawn.

Appointed Officers

25.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R., and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

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

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27.—All Brothers appointed as officers must be in good standing, and the W. O. G., and I. G., must have attained the Degree of Truth.

28.—The N G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Degree of Truth belonging to any other Lodge.

Vacancies.

29—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken.

30.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election or appointment as the case may be; in the case of elective officers the election may take place on the second night of nomination; and Brothers so elected or appointed, shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office, provided they complete the term.

Duties and Powers.

31.—The Officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties, and be invested with such powers as are prescribed by the Charge-Books and Usages of the Order, the Laws of the Grand Lodge, and the Lodge to which they belong.

32.—This Lodge shall have authority to add thereto, such duties and powers, as may not be inconsistent with the provisions of the preceding Clause.

SESSIONS, TERMS, AND RETURNS.

Sessions.

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

34.—Special Sessions may be called by the N. G., such notice thereof being given as may be required by the By-Laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling

the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting.

35—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present, nor otherwise than according to the Rules of Order, annexed to this Constitution.

36.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as Visitors, provided they give the Pass-Word for the Term, present a proper Card, or are introduced by an Elective Officer of the Grand Lodge, or by any representative to the G. L. U. S., from the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

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

Terms.

38.—The Ferms of this Ledge shall be Semi-Annual or Annual, as provided by its By-Laws, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January, respectively if semi-annual; and on the first regular meeting in January, if annual. Should the D. M., P.S., or Physician, be elected Semi-annually, their Terms shall commence at the first regular meetings in July and January respectively; and, if annually, then at the first regular meeting in January.

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

Returns.

40.—It shall be the duty of the last Past-Officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario, immediately on the expiry of their term of Office, a regular return of the work of such Term, with the result of the Election of Officers, &c., in accordance with such blank form of semi-annual or annual return, as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

41.—Such semi-annual return shall be accompanied by the amount due the Grand Lodge; the same being 25 cents for each unsuspended member on said return.

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

43.—Should this Lodge, or the Officers thereof, fail to make the Returns required by the preceding Clauses, for 12 months, it shall thereby become liable to the forfeiture of its Charter; and it shall be the duty of the last installed Officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master, on requisition from him to that effect, (or to such other Brother as may be appointed, by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master to receive the same,) the Charter books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

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Contributions.

44.—There shall be two regular Funds of this Lodge, to be known respectively as the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, and the General Benefit Fund; and the Lodge may provide, by its By-Laws, for the institution of a Special Fund or Funds for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order; provided always, that in the case of every such Special Fund the receipts and disbursements on account thereof shall be kept altogether distinct from the Regular Funds hereby established.

45.—The Entrance Fee of this Lodge must be paid in every case previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less

than five dollars.

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

47.—The contribution of each member to the regular Benefit Funds of this Lodge, shall be determined by the By-Laws; such portion thereof shall be placed to the credit of the W. & O. Fund as the Lodge may see fit, providing it be not less than one-fifth nor more than one-third, the remainder to be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund

43.—The Lodge shall have the power of exacting such fees for Visiting or Withdrawal Cards, and Dismissal Certificates, except when otherwise provided by the G. L. U. S., (to be applied to the General Fund), and such fines for neglect of duty, &c., (to be applied to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund) as may be determined by the By-Laws.

Disbursements.

49.—Nvery member, qualified as required by the By-Laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation by sickness or disability, not occasioned by druckenness or other immoral conduct on his part, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund, such weekly Sick Benefit as may be fixed by the By-laws; provided always that the Lodge shall not be held to pay such Benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week unless specially so provided by its By-Laws.

50.—In case of the death of a Brother, qualified as required by the By-laws, there shall be paid to his nearest of kin, or other legal representative, from the General Fund, towards defraying the funeral expenses, if any are incurred by the family or legal representatives, such sum as may be fixed by the By-laws of this Lodge, and the Lodge may also provide by its By-laws for the payment of a Funeral Benefit to a duly qualified Brother, on the demise of his wife, to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral.

-51—The Lodge may, by its By-laws, make such provisions as

shall seem meet for the relief of Brothers in a state of pecuniary distress.

52.—The Lodge shall make such dispositions of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, for the relief and benefit of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Brothers of this Lodge, who were in good standing as required by the By-laws at the time of their decease.

Penalties.

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

Trials.

54.—Every Brother charged with any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion, (unless for non-payment of dues,) shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provisions of the clauses following.

55—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall first be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, by one or more Brothers of the Order in

good standing.

56.—Any charge or charges so preferred, shall be referred to a committee of five Members, three of whom shall be a quorum, to be chosen by ballot; which committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Procedure on Trials. In selecting this Committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

57.—Should the decision of the Committee not involve the suspension or expulsion of a member, and should no appeal be made therefrom, it shall be final, without further action from the

Lodge.

58.—Should the Committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a Member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by three or more of their number in their name.

59.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a Member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the Brother under charge shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated Brother be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question.

60.—The Lodge shall have the power, at the meeting appointed for the decision, to vary the penalty to one more or less severe than that contained in the motion submitted by the committee.

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(For the convenience of Lodges the Rules of Procedure on Trials are placed here, though not part of the Constitution.)

RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

1st.—All Charges against members of this Order shall be drawn substantially in the manner prescribed in "Form A," and be sub mitted direct to the Lodge of which the accused is a member, in duplicate, signed by a member of the Order in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow," followed by specification or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence or offences.

2nd.—The Lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, choose by ballot a committee of five, as near as possible from among the peers of the accused, three of whom shall be a quorum to whom the charge shall be referred. In selecting this Committee only one name shall be written upon any ballot, and the first elected shall be the convener thereof.

3rd.—The accused or accuser, or any member of the Lodge acting for either of them, may challenge, for cause, any name appearing on the ballot. The grounds of challenge shall be stated and considered by the L dge, and a majority vote shall be necessary to sustain the objection made.

sary to sustain the objection made.

4th.—The Secretary shall affix the Seal of the Lodge to one copy of the charge and specifications, and certify it substantially according to "Form B" and serve, or cause the same to be served, upon the accused, either personally of by leaving it at his usual place of residence. The Secretary shall also certify, under Seal, the duplicate charge, and deliver it to the Convener of the Committee, with the notice, according to "Form C," of these rules.

5th.—The accused shall, within one week from the receipt by him of the charge and specifications, serve his plea or answer to the same upon the Convener of the Committee, by either or several of the answers shown in "Form E."

6th.—The Convener of the Committee shall, on receipt of the pleas in defence, or at the expiration of the time limited therefor, with reasonable diligence call a meeting of the Committee, to attend which the accuser and accused shall be served with personal notice if they can be found or by leaving the same at their usual place of residence, according to "Form D," at least one week prior to the time affixed for trial.

7th.—At the meeting a Chairman and Secretary shall be appointed, and the trial proceed by examination of the parties and witnesses on their behalf. Either party may amend their proceedings, by leave of the Committee.

8th.—The report of the Committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F." and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to them.

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Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner at the same time. The minutes of the committee should show:—

The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.
 The exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.

III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses. IV. All documentary evidence, marked as exhibits.

9th.—The finding of the Committee shall be entered in the Lodge minutes by the Secretary, who shall forthwith notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to make a copy thereof.

10th.—The Lodge shall take up the report for consideration at the regular meeting to be held two weeks after it has been submitted, and may amend, affirm or reverse the finding of the Committee upon any one or all of the allegations in the charge or their ruling thereon.

11th.—The final decision of the Lodge shall be notified to both parties by the Secretary, immediately.

12th.—Either party may appeal from the decision of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, within three months from the action of the Lodge thereon. The Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of all the proceedings, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges of copying and mailing the same.

FORM A.

Charge and Specifications.

ToLodge No
The Undersigned, a member in good standing of
Lodge No, does hereby charge Brother A. B., of
Lodge No, with conduct unbecoming an Odd
Fellow; the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in
the following specifications, to wit:
1st.—For that he, the said A. B., did, on theday of
189, at the (Specify the offence and circumstances, and con-
tinue with further specifications. Each separate thing in viola-
*tion of law to be under a separate place in the charge.)
Contrary to laws and usages of the order.
Date(Signed) B. B.

FORM B.

Notice of Charge to the Accused.

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FORM C.

Notice to Convener of Committee.

FORM D.

Notice to Accuser or Accused.

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FORM E.

Pleas in Defence.

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by B. B., on the.......day of...... say:—
1st.—That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the

legal jurisdiction of the Lodge. 2nd.—That I am not guilty.

3rd.-Guilty.

4th.—I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offence.

5th. The complaint is frivolous.

FORM F.

Report of Committee on Trial.

[Signed by Committee.]

FORM G.

Declaration of Witness.

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

SECTION II.—Evidence and Witnesses.

1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee of trial shall be—

a. Parol evidence [i. s., testimony of living witnesses before the Committee]

b. Depositions, procured in the manner prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

c. Regularly certified minutes of Lodge.

d. Regularly proved documentary evidence. Hearsay evidence cannot be received. The Committee will determine the admissability of evidence offered, subject to exception by either party. The exceptions so taken shall be noted by the Committee upon its minutes.

2.—Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Od i-Fellows, according to "Form G.," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

3.—Depositions of absent witnesses shall be procured by interrogatories and cross-interrogatories, in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States, subject to objection by either party, to be determined by the Committee.

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5.—Any member of the Order refusing or neglecting to give evidence or produce documentary evidence in his possession, upon the application of the party requiring his testimony, shall then be required by the Committee to give such evidence, and if he still refuses, after being so required by the Committee to give or produce such evidence, he shall be reported to his Lodge, which Lodge shall take such action as they may deem necessary to compel the production of such evidence.

Appeals.

61.—Any Member shall have the right to appeal to the Lodg from the decision of a Committee, given under clause 58; and notice of the meeting appointed for trying the appeal shall be given at least one regular meeting previous.

62.—On the evening appointed, the Committee shall present to the Lodge, in writing, the grounds on which their decisions was founded, and the parties interested shall have the privilege of being heard before the Lodge; and the decision shall then be confirmed, annulled or modified, as a majority of the members present shall determine.

63.—Any member interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within three months from the date of the final action of the Lodge on the matter to be appealed against; and the Lodge shall be required to provide the appellant with a copy of all the proceedings in the case, regularly certified, upon receiving the costs and charges for copying and mailing the same; which charges shall be refunded to the appellant in the event of his appeal being sustained.

64. In case of charge and trial where the penalty is fixed as suspension or expulsion, the accused may immediately, on or before the time of making his appeal to the GrandLodge, file an application for an arrest of judgment with the Secretary of his Loage, and send a copy thereof to the Grand Master (which application the Grand Master may refuse, and at the same time the accused shall pay all dues and demands against him to that date; and thereupon his status in the Lodge shall not be affected by reason of such trial and conviction, while such appeal is pending, unless, after filing such application, he shall fail to perfect his appeal in the time provided, or the Grand Master shall refuse the application. Then, in such case, the judgement of the Lodge shall be enforced in the same manner as in cases where the arrest of judgment has been applied for. Such Member shall not be entitled to a visiting or withdrawal card or dismissal certificate during such agrest of judgment.

Re-Instatement.

65.—When any Brother, suspended for a definite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be re-instated before the expiration of his suspension, his case shall be referred to a Committee of five Brothers, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting; and if a majority of the members then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for re-instatement, and, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, may be re-instated.

66.—No Brother shall be re-instated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues that may have accrued since then, except in cases of suspension

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67.--No Brother who has been legally expelled, or who has ceased to be a member for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges, and those possessing dismissal certificates, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped, and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of initiation.

68.—Any Brother suspended for non-payment of dues, may at any time prior to six months thereafter, become re-instated in his Lodge upon payment of the amount due by him at the date of his suspension, together with such sum as may have accrued since that time. Any Brother so suspended for six months, shall

cease to be a member.

REGALIA AND JEWELS.

Regalia.

69.—The regalia of the Order shall be as follows, to wit:—Collars of Subordinate Lodges shall be white, trimmed with the emblematical color of the degree intended to be represented, namely:-First Degree (Degree of Friendship) Pink, Second Degree (Degree of Brotherly Love) Blue, Third Degree (Degree of Truth) Scarlet, Initiatory Initiatory Degree, (plain white collar. Rosettes appropriate colors can be worn on the collars. Among those who have attained the Royal Purple Degree, rosettes composed of black, yellow and purple, may be worn on the collar either in connection with the other colors or as a separate rosette. The Noble Grand shall wear a scarlet collar; Vice Grand, blue collar; Secretary, green collar; Treasurer, green collar; each of them trimmed with white or silver. Supporters of Noble Grand, scarlet sashes; of the Vice Grand, blue sashes; Warden and Conductor, black sashes; Scene Supporters, white sashes; Chaplain, white sush; Outside Guardian, red sash; Inside Guardian, red sash.

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70.—The jewel of a P. G. is a five-pointed star; of Noble Grand. crossed gavels; of Vice Grand, hour glass; of Secretary, cross peus; of Treasurer, crossed keys; of Warden, crossed axes; of Conductor, crossed wands; of Guardian, crossed swords; Supporters of the N. G., a wand having branching arms connected with three links, and encompassing a gavel; Supporters of the V. G., a wand arranged same as that of the Supporters of the N. G., encompassing an hour glass; Scene Supporter, arranged in same manner, encompassing a burning torch; Chaplain, arranged in same manner, encompassing a bible; all to be of white metal. Past Grands, having the Royal Purple Degree, may have trimmings of yellow.

Funeral Regalia.

71.—Funeral Regalia consists of a black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the wearer has attained, to be worn on the left breast, with a sprig of evergreen above, and such jewel or jewels as the Brother may be entitled to wear, suspended below. But the Lodge may wear the ordinary regalia at funerals, either in connection with, or as a substitute for this simple regalia, by obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master or D. D. G. M.

72.—The ordinary mourning badge to be worn in memory of a deceased Brother, is a strip of black crape passed through one button hole of the left lappel of the coat, tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree the wearer has attained.

To be worn for one month.

73.—Past Officers and Members of the Encampment Degrees, and all other members of the Order, WHEN VISITING Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, are entitled to wear the regalia and jewels pertaining to highest degrees they have taken.

BY-LAWS, ETC.

By-Laws.

74.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, repeal, alter or amend from time to time such By-Laws and Resolutions as may be deemed expedient; provided they do not in anywise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the prin-

ciples or customs of the Order.

75.—All such By-laws shall be immediately forwarded, in duplicate, to the Grand Secretary, Authenticated by the Seal of the Lodge, and the signature of its N. G., and Secretary; one copy to be retained by the Grand Lodge, and the other to be returned to the Lodge, certified as approved, or otherwise, as the case may be, and no such By-laws shall be operative until approved by the Grand Lodge, or in its recess, by its Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

Amendments.

76.—This Constitution, or any part thereof, shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and then only by a two-third vote of the representatives present and voting.

RULES OF ORDER.

RULE I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.
RULE II.—The order of procedure after opening shall be as fol-

lows:

1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.

2.—The reading by the Secretary of the Minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

3.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by

Absentees from previous meetings.

4.—The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Visiting Committed, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.

5 —The nomination or election of Officers, on the evening desig-

nated for such nomination or election.

6.—The receiving and consideration of reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.

7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.

8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their re-

ference to Committees on Character.

9.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By Laws.

10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special

Committees, in the order of seniority.

11.—The Reading and consideration of Accounts and other

communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare, being first; Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former meetings; and secondly, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

RULE III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Pre-

siding Officer, or the Lodge.

RULE IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officers, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1.—To adjourn;

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6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

RULE V.—The previous question shall be put from the chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor its sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present and shall always be put in the words following: - "Shall the question be now put !" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such

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call for the previous question may have been made.

RULE VI. -If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

Rule VII.—Any member may require the livision of a question,

when the sense will admit of it.

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

Rule IX.—The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on

the call of any member, duly seconded

Rule X.—After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members, having voted in the majority, may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof; but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule XI.—Any question decided by the Ledge shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing Rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

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

the Presiding Officer.

Rule XIII.—Any Brother intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one Brother rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule XIV.—The Presiding Officer, or any member, may call a Brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so called to order shall not proceed, until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order, unless it be to make necessary explanation, or appeal from the decision of the Chair. Rule XV.—In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation:—"N. G., I would respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge," and the Lodge shall, after such explanation from the Presiding Officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—"Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the Chair?"

XVI.—Any Brother who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must apologize to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the Presiding Officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the Presiding Officer.

Rule XVII.—The Presiding Officer of the Lodge may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

Rule XVIII.—Brothers, not members of this Lodge, may address the Lodge, on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

XIX.—No Brother shall retire while the Lodge is open, without

the permission of the Presiding Officer.

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

Rule XXI.—These Rules or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled (except in the case provided for by Rule XX.,) by action of the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

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1. Every proposition for membership shall be read in open Lodge on the two meeting nights, immediately preceding that on which the ballot for the same is taken; also the Committee on character shall have two weeks to report if required.

2. No application for Membership shall be made known to any person except a Member of this Order, until after the same shall

have been determined favorably by election.

3. Application for Membership shall be in the prescribed form, and shall be accompanied by the sum of Two Dollars, (\$2,) which sum shall be placed to the credit of the Candidate's initiation fee, provided he appear for initiation within thirteen (13) weeks; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund; but in the event of rejection it shall be returned to the Candidate.

4. Every Brother, on his admission to the Lodge, shall sign an agreement to abide by its Constitution and By-laws, and to pay all legal demands against him, so long as he shall remain a Member thereof; and shall give his place of residence to the P. S., and whenever he changes his residence he shall notify the P. S. of such change, or forfeit his claim to the attention of the Visiting

Committee.

5. No Brother shall enter or retire from the Lodge during initia-

tion or Conferring Degrees.

6. In balloting for Members, the ballot box shall be placed in full view of the N. G., and the result having been inspected by the N. G., the Warden shall proceed with it to the chair of the V. G., who, having inspected the same, shall announce whether the ballot is favorable or unfavorable, and the N. G. shall declare the result to the Lodge.

7. The Regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on Tuesday evening of each week, from 1st October to 1st April, at 7.30 o'clock. Special meetings may be called by the N. G., or by the

W. G., or Secretary at the request of five members.

8. Five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, at any Regular or Special Meeting.

9. No business, other than that for which such Meeting may be

specially called, shall be discussed at any such meeting.

10. This Lodge shall hold its regular meetings on the first Tuesday of each month for the purpose of Conferring degrees.

Election of Officers.

11. Before proceeding to open the poll for an Election of Officers, the N. G. shall appoint two Brothers of the Degree of

Truth, in good standing, to be tellers, whose duty it shall be to guard the ballot, to count the votes given, and to make return

thereof to the N. G. and to the Lodge.

12. In balloting for the Elective Officers of the Lodge, and for the delegates to the Grand Lodge, or other Officers, when more than one Candidate is in nomination, the name of the Candidate, for whom the vote is cast, shall be written upon the ballots, and the election shall in other respects be conducted as provided by the Constitution. Every Candidate for an elective office previous to an election, must have attained the Degree of Truth, and must be clear on the books and otherwise in good standing.

Duties of Officers.

13. It shall be the duty of the Jr. P. G. to attend regularly the meetings of the Lodge, to act as sitting P. G. for the term of six months; to deliver the charge of that Office at initiation, or to see that the same be done by a P. G. or N. G.; to register in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name and residence of every widow, and the name, age and residence of every orphan child receiving Benefits from the Funds of the Lodge; to watch over their welfare and interest; to visit them, if residing in this place or within 1½ mile thereof, at least once in each quarter, and oftener if necessary; to report their condition to the Lodge whenever occasion may require; and perform all other duties pertaining to his Office.

14. It shall be the duty of the N. G. to preside in the Lodge; to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-Laws, and proper respect for the Grand Lodge; to see that all the Officers of the Lodge, and Members of Committees, perform their respective duties as enjoined by the respective Charges and Laws. to take care that all fines, not requiring a vote of the Lodge for their imposition, be punctually charged on the books of the P. S.; to exercise a vigilant supervision in regard to all irregularities subjecting Brothers to Fines or other penalties, at the vote of the Lodge; to bring the same before the Lodge whenever known to him without fear or favor, to take charge of the Charter of the Lodge; to have it always in the Lodge while in session; to summon Special Meetings whenever he may consider it necessary, or when requested to do so by any Five Members of the Lodge in good standing; to appoint all Officers and Committees, not otherwise provided for; to fill by appointment all vacancies ogcuring in Committees or in Offices originally filled by his appointment; to examine the ballot box after every ballot for members; to ascertain and announce to the R. S. the result of all ballotings and votes; to give the casting vote in case of a tie on any question except those decided by ballot; to present a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws to each Brother on admission; to ascertain from the P. S. his receipts since last Lodge night, and announce the same to the Lodge; to cause the R. S. to invite Brothers to attend the Funeral of any Brother for whom the Lodge may be chargeable with a Funeral Benefit : to take charge of such Funeral in the absence of competent relatives to receive

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the amount of and regulate the disbursements; to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums voted by the Lodge, or necessary for the payments of any Benefits due under these Laws; to act as chair man of the Visiting Committee, and in absence of an Elective Officer, or other Officer appointed by the N. G., he shall appoint a qualified Brother pro tem., to perform the duties of such Officer; he shall perform all other duties pertaining to his Office by the Constitution, or By-Laws of the Lodge, or by the Charges and Usages of the Order; and shall not make or second any motion, or take part in any debate while in the Chair, except in case of appeal from his decision.

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15. It shall be the duty of the V. G. to assist the N. G., and in his absence to take his chair, except during an initiation, visitation of Grand Officers or other important occasion, when he may cause the same to be done by a P. G.; to appoint his own Supporters, and the Minority of all Committees on Character; to assist in examinations of the ballot at elections for membership; to act as a Member of the Visiting Committee, and whenever the N. G. is absent to act as Chairman thereof; to take special charge of the door under the N. G., and to perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Charges of his Office and the Usages of the

Order.

16. It shall be the duty of the R. S. to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge; to take charge of and keep in safety the Seal of the Lodge; to keep carefully, and in good order, all Books, Papers and other property belonging to his Office, and to deliver the same to his successor in like good order; to fill up all Certificates and Cards granted by the Lodge, to write, and duly dispatch and copy into the letter book all Communications ordered by this Lodge, and to read the same at the next Regular Meeting, under the head of unfinished business; to punctually issue all notices required by order of the N. G. or of the Lodge; to inform all Candidates of their election or rejection, when the proposer of such Candidate declines to do so, but without disclosing any other fact or circumstance connected therewith; to examine the Black Book in reference to all nominations for membership, and acquaint the Committee on Character with the result of such examination; to fill out for the Chairman of such Committee a notice containing the names of the Committee, and also that of the Candidate and referees; to preserve and file all written resolutions, motions, accounts and reports upon which action has been taken by the Lodge; to keep written up in good order, all books placed in his charge, and to carefully preserve all papers left with him; to attest all warrants for moneys ordered to be paid at regular meetings; to advise the P. S. of all votes of the Lodge imposing any assessment, or imposing or remitting any fine; and also all fines otherwise incurred by any Brother: and shall, at the second meeting in each month, enter upon the minutes of the Subordinate Lodge a statement, containing the name of ever; Brother who received Degrees at the last Degree Meeting, and also what Degree or Degrees he then received, and to record the same in a separate book and to perform all such other duties consistent with his office, as may be required of him by the Lodge, or his Charge of Office, for such service he shall be paid at the rate of \$6.00 per

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17. It shall be the duty of the P. S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members; to charge and collect punctually all Dues, Charges, Assessments and Fines; to notify every Brother, by means of a written or printed circular mailed to his address, at least two weeks previous to the close of each quarter, of the amount of his arrears, and the amount of regular dues for the three months in advance; to call the Special attention of every brother owing dues for eleven or seventeen calendar months, as the case may be to the provisions of these Laws in such cases, by means of a written or printed notice, to be mailed to his address; to advise the N. G., from time to time, of the names of all Brothers owing dues for twelve or eighteen calendar months, to the end that such provisions may be punctually carried into effect; to receive all moneys due to the Lodge and pay over the same forthwith to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; to furnish the Lodge at the first meeting in each term with a written statement of all moneys received by him during the past term, to have his books written up for the Finance Committee, within twenty-four hours of the last meeting in each term; to deliver up in good order for his successor all books, papers, and other property pertaining to his Office: to make out at the end of his term for the Grand Lodge a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term, and for such service he shall be paid quarterly, at the rate of \$6.00 per

18. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the P. S. all the moneys of the Lodge, and carefully take charge of, and deal with the same, in such manner as may be required by the By laws of the Lodge, or by any vote of the Lodge, duly passed in conformity therewith; to pay all warrants signed by the N. G. or R. S., but none other; to keep a correct account of all moneys coming into his hands; to advise the P. S. punctually of the state of his books whenever the P. S. may require the levying of an Assessment under these laws: to lay before the Lodge a statement of its receipts and disbursements, at the first regular meeting in each Term; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last regular meeting in each Term; and to deliver up, when legally called upon, all moneys, bonds, papers, books and other property of the Lodge, which may be in his possession or charge, to his successor in office, or to any other Brother or Brothers whom the Lodge may appoint to receive the same. Prior to his installation in Office, the Treasurer shall give to the N. G. or V. G. or the Lodge, as the case may be, a bond with two sureties, to be approved by the Lodge, for the term for which he may serve, subject to such penalties and on such conditions, as from time to time may be prescribed by the Lodge.

19. There shall be three Trustees of this Lodge, who shall, at the second meeting in January in each year, be elected by ballot. The duties of the Trustees shall be to take charge of the Funds

of the Liodge, except such Funds as may be deemed necessary to remain in the hands of the Treasurer, and invest the same, subject to the approval of the Lodge. Each Trustee, before intering upon his term of office, shall give a bond, with two sureties, to the N. G. and V. G., or to the Lodge, as the case may be, to be approved of by the Lodge, for their faithful performance of his duties as such Trustee. All Brothers elected as Trustees must be members of the Degree of Truth at the time of their election

20. It shall be the duty of the Warden to take charge of the Regalia, and other property of the Lodge, except when a keeper is employed for that purpose; to act as Chairman of the Property Committee, and perform such other duties as are prescribed by the Charges of his office.

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21. The Chaplain shall assist in opening and closing the Lodge

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22. Every officer who may be required to state his duties, or to deliverany charge in the Lodge, shall commit his part to memory within four weeks after his installation.

Dismissal of Officers.

23. Any Officer charged with official misconduct may be suspended or dismissed from office, by a vote of two-thirds of the Brothers of the Lodge present, and voting on any motion to that effect; provided always that he has first received a fair trial, according to clause 55-61 of Constitution.

Committees.

24. The N. G., on the night of his installation, shall appoint (subject to the approval of the Lodge) the following Standing Committees, to serve for the current term, viz: A Visiting, a Finance, and a Property Committee.

Visiting Committee.

25. The visiting Committee shall consist of seven members, of whom the N. G. and V. G. shall be two, ex officio.

26. It shall be the duty of each member of this Committee (on the day set apart for him) to visit every sick Brother of this Lodge, after receiving information of his illness (provided he be in this place or within one mile and-a-half thereof,) and to render him such necessary aid as the law provides or the Lodge directs.

27. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of this Committee to make such arrangements that sick Brothers of this Lodge, if within one mile and-a-half of this place, shall be visited at least once each day during their illness, by one or more members of this Committee; to keep a correct roll of the names of the Brothers, in the order in which they were initiated for the use of the Committee (the roll to be furnished by the P. S.;) and when circumstances require, it shall be the duty of each member, on the day set apart for him to visit, to call upon so many of the Brothers, in the order in which their names have been enrolled,

as may be necessary to secure the attendance and services of at

least two Brothers to watch nightly with sick Brothers.

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28. It shall be the duty of each member notified to attend the sick, to inform the N. G. at the same time such notice is given, whether he will attend or not, and when he is unable to attend, except from sickness, he shall be charged \$1, and his place supplied as in case of residents out of the place. Should any member not inform the N. G. of his inability to attend, or neglect to attend after signifying that he would, then the Lodge, on motion can order that he be fined an additional sum of one dollar, as the circumstances of the case may permit; but in no case shall the member so notified be exempted from paying the fine of one dollar, as specified in the foregoing part of this clause (unless he was ill himself.)

29. In case of contagious or infectious diseases, it shall not be incumbent on members of this Committee to visit, personally, or of other Brothers to watch; and if attendance be required, the Committee shall employ a competent nurse, to be paid from the Funds of the Lodge.

Finance Committee.

30. The Finance Committee shall consist of three Members, whose duty it shall be to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them by the Lodge, at or before the Regular Meeting next following; and shall audit the books and accounts of the P. S. & T. at the end of each semi-annual-term, and making a written report thereon; also a report in full of the Financial Affairs of the Lodge at the second Regular Meeting in each Term; and audit the accounts of all Officers or Committees charged with the receipt or expenditure of moneys of the Lodge.

Property Committee.

31. The Property Committee shall consist of three Members including the Warden, who shall be Chairman thereof whose duty it shall be to take charge of all Regalia and other effects of the Ledge, not especially entrusted to particular Officers or other Committees; to procure such articles as may be necessary, or as the Lodge may direct; and to cause all repairs to be made to the Regalia, or other Lodge Property, as to them may seem fit or the Lodge direct; and to make a full, written report of their proceedings, at the last meeting in each Term.

32. This Committee shall, in no case, expend a greater sum in any one term than ten dollars, without the consent of the

Lodge in regular form.

Committees on Character.

33. It shall be the duty of all Committees on Character, to ascertain carefully the age, state of health, profession, habits and character of the Candidate referred to them, and to make a report thereon to the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

Dismissal of Committees.

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34. Any Committee or member or members of Committees failing to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge may be discharged therefrom by a vote of the Lodge to that effect; and every Committee, or Member or Members thereof thus discharged, shall forthwith surrender on demand to that effect, to the N. G., or such Brother or Brothers as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, moneys and other properties of the Lodge which may be in his or their hands.

Admission Fee.

35. Every person admitted to this Lodge by Initiation, shall previous to his admission, pay into its funds a fee according to the following rule:—Age of 21, \$7.00; and 25c. each additional year to the age of 39; age 40 to 50, 50 cents each additional year.

Ancient Oddfellows \(\frac{1}{2}\) rate of admission according to age. By card, 21 to 25 years of age, \(\frac{3}{3}.00\); 25 to 30, \(\frac{5}{4}.00\); 30 to 35, \(\frac{5}{5}.00\); 35 to 40, \(\frac{5}{6}.00\); 40 to 45, \(\frac{5}{7}.00\); 45 to 50, \(\frac{5}{8}.00\).

Quarterly Dues.

36. The regular contributions, payable by every Brother who may be a member of this Lodge, at the time of passing these By-Laws, shall be at the rate of six dollars (#6.00) per year, or one dollar and fifty cents (#1.50) per quarter, payable not later than the 4th regular meeting night of each term.

Other Charges.

37. The charges for Degrees in this Lodge shall be \$2.50 for each Degree. The amount of such charges must be deposited in the hands of the P. S. before any Brother can be balloted for to obtain a Certificate entitling him to receive such Degree, but shall be returned by the P. S. should such Candidate be required.

38. For every Visiting or Withdrawal Card there shall be a charge of 50c.

Funds.

39. There shall be carried to the credit of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund all moneys which, at the time of the passing of these By-laws, may be at the credit of the said Fund; one-fifth part of all quarterly dues; all Fines for the neglect of duty; all donations and bequests which may be made thereto; and all Proposition Fees of accepted Candidates who do not appear for initiation within the required time; and all moneys raised by Assessment in aid thereof. All other moneys accruing to the Ledge, except such as may be provided for any special fund, shall be carried to the account of the General Benefit Fund.

Assessments.

40. Whenever any Benefit or Benefits may become due and

payable, from either of the Funds of this Lodge in the course of any one quarter, if the Books of the Lodge do not show sufficient amount to the credit of such Fund to meet such Benefit, then the P. S. shall forthwith raise in aid of such Fund, by an Assessment to be laid in equal proportions upon all the members of the Lodge, the amount necessary to meet such Benefit or Benefits.

Investments of Funds.

41. Investments of all moneys of the Lodge, which may not be deemed necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer, to meet ordinary disbursements, shall be made in and by the name of the Lodge (if incorporated), otherwise in the name of the trustees of the Lodge, from time to time in such manner and with such security as the Lodge may require; provided always that no part of the funds shall be loaned to any member of the Lodge. All evidences or certificates of such investments shall be kept by the Trustees, and all dividends, interests, or other income accruing therefrom shall be duly demanded and received by them, and the amount thereof paid over forthwith to the P. S. for delivery to the Treasurer.

42. All moneys of the Lodge, not invested as aforesaid, shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer subject to the By-laws and

orders of the Lodge.

43. No motion in any way relating to the investment of the Funds of this Lodge as provided by the By-aws, shall be put to vote at any meeting, whether regular or special, unless two weeks' notice of such motion has been given by the mover; nor shall any motion for the appropriation of money (other than for the general purposes of the Lodge, and for the relief of Members or their families of this or distant Lodges), be put to vote unless two weeks' notice has been given, and a written copy of such motion sent to the address of every member. Nor shall any such motion for the investment or appropriation of money be carried unless two-thirds of the members present vote in its favor.

Sick Benefits.

44. Every Brother who has been a member of this Lodge for the space of six months, and is in good standing, if rendered incapable of following his usual occupation by sickness or disability, not proceeding from drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part, shall receive a benefit during his illness or disability at rates following, that is to say:—If he shall have attained the Degree of Truth, \$3.60 per week; if he shall have attained the Degree of Brotherly Love, \$2.25 per week; if he should have attained the Degree of Friendship, \$1.50 per week; if he should have attained the Initiatory Degree only, 75c. per week; provided always that no Benefit shall be paid for less than one weeks' sickness or disability.

45. In the event of its being necessary under the By-laws for the Lodge to provide and pay for a nurse to attend upon any sick member, he shall receive only one-half of the amount to

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46. Whenever any Benefit shall accrue to the account of a Brother, payment shall be required therefrom of such quarterly dues as may be chargeable to the close of the then current quarter.

47. If the Brother be a non-resident, it shall be necessary that a statement or statements of his case, setting forth the nature of his illness or disability, and the time of its commencement and duration, be transmitted to the N. G. of this Lodge, certified by the N. G. of the Lodge nearest to the place where he may be for the time resident or detained, and under the seal of such Lodge; or, if he be not near any Lodge, by a Justice of the Peace or a Clergyman, or a licensed Physician, and such Brother shall thereupon receive the Benefit provided by the preceding By-laws.

48. No Brother while under charges duly preferred against him on any matter pertaining to his right to Benefits shall be entitled to such Benefits, but if afterwards acquitted in due course, he shall be then forthwith entitled to receive any Benefit or Benefits which but for such charges would have become payable to him while the same were pending.

49. No Brother who is not clear on the books of this Lodge on the fourth regular meeting night in each Term, shall become entitled to any Benefits until six weeks after said arrears shall have been paid in full.

50. No Brother having neglected to pay his dues for such length of time as to be debarred by the rules of this Lodge from drawing benefits while sick, shall be permitted while he continues sick, to come in and pay his dues so as to entitle him to Benefits.

51. No Brother who is not entitled to sick Benefits (by the reason of non-payment of dues), can, during his sickness, by the payment of all arrearages, reinstate himself in this Lodge so as to be entitled to Benefits during that sickness.

Funeral Benefits.

52. On the decease of any Brother in good standing in this Lodge, the sum of \$35 shall be allowed for Funeral Benefit.

53. The wife of any bona file member in good standing shall at the time of such sickness or disability as resulted in or was the cause of death, shall on his death receive from the Funds of this Lodge an amount equal to the sum which her husband had paid into the Funds of the Lodge for initiation fee and dues while continuously a member.

And as to the widews of deceased members, who are receiving annuities, it is enacted that they shall receive such a sum in gross as may be mutually agreed upon by this Lodge and the said widows respectively, and in the event of no such agreement being arrived at, the said widows shall receive during their widowhood such sum by way of special relief from time to time as this Lodge may determine.

54. Should any deceased Brother leave no widow or should his widow afterwards die, then any amount due under the above conditions shall be paid in like manner for the benefit of his or-

phan child or children, if any there be under the age of fifteen years—the interest of ach such child in each such Benefit ceasing as he or she shall attain the age of fifteen, unless in case of any female child or children it be otherwise ordered by the Lodge.

55. Should any widow be guilty of unbecoming conduct, the Lodge may withdraw from such widow the Benefit above set forth, and grant the same to be orphan child or children of the

deceased Brother under the age of fifteen years.

56. Should any widow of a deceased Brother marry again, while any child or children of such Brother shall still be under the age of fifteen years, it shall be pational with the Lodge to grant such Benefit, or any part thereof, to such child or children.

57. No motion affecting the Benefits of any widow or orphan in the manner referred to in the previous three clauses shall be put to vote unless two weeks' notice thereof be given; nor shall such motion be adopted unless two thirds of the members present vote

in its favor.

58. Should the family of a deceased Brother be in need of a protector or guardian, the Lodge shall, to the best of its power, protect and assist them, and endeavor to place them in such a position as to enable them to be useful to themselves and to society.

Relief in Special Cases.

59. Whenever it may become known that any Brother of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress by any sudden and unlooked for dispensation, his case shall be referred to a Special Committee of three Brothers, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report to the Lodge whether any and what sum in their opinion should be granted for relief, and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Brothers present, to grant him any sum not exceeding \$30, and the Brother must be in good standing.

60. If a member of a distant Lodge apply for relief, on the presentation of his Card, his case shall be referred to the N. G., and two or more members who have attained the Degree of Truth, who shall examine him and if satisfied they shall be at liberty to contribute at once a sum not exceeding one dollar. They shall report their action to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, when, if necessary, such further sum may be voted as shall be

deemed proper.

Any member making use of improper means to obtain benefits from this Lodge shall after due trial and conviction thereof, be suspended or expelled as the Lodge may determine.

Fines.

61. Any Officer of the Lodge or Member of Committee neglecting to perform his duty, and failing to give a satisfactory excuse, may be fined such sum as the Lodge may see fit not exceeding \$2.

62. All fines and assessments incurred by brothers, or imposed by the Lodge, shall-be forthwith charged by the P. S. to the ac-

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Suspension and Expulsion.

63. Any Brother, being twelve calendar months in arrears, shall, on due report thereof to the Lodge, be declared by the N. G. to be suspended from membership; unless, on account of any special circumstances, the Lodge see fit by vote, to determine a further term of payment, in no case to exceed three months.

61. Any Brother being eighteen calendar months in arrears shall, on due report to the Lodge, be declared by the N. G. to have crased to be a member, unless, on account of any special circumstances, the Lodge see fit, by vote, to determine a further term of payment, though in no case to exceed six calendar months.

65. Any Brother guilty of improper language or conduct in Lodge; or who shall bring charges against a Brother on evidence which the Lodge shall not regard as sufficient to warrant him in so doing; or who shall knowingly misrepresent the qualifications of a Candidate tor admission; or who shall abuse or attempt to abuse in any way the benevolent intentions of the Order; or who shall be found guilty of fraud in any business transaction, or of other dishonorable conduct, or of habitual drunkenness or immorality, or of any infraction of the law of the land, shall after due trial, be suspended from membership or expelled, as the Lodge may by vote determine.

66. No Brother shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while under suspension from membership, nor until after he shall have paid up all dues to the Lodge charged or chargeable against him, as well as during the term of his suspension as previous thereto.

67. If any Member of this Lodge shall disclose the REJECTION OF A CANDIDATE for initiation or for admisson by Card he shall after due trial, be subject to expulsion or other such punishment as the majority of the Lodge may determine; and whenever such rejection occurs this clause shall be read to the Lodge.

Regalia.

68. All Officers shall wear the Regalia of their respective Offices while present in the Lodge, and all Members may wear the Regalia of the highest Degree they have attained.

Degrees.

69. Application for Degrees shall be made in the Lodge while open in the Degree of Truth, balloting for the same to take place immediately after application.

70. On the rejection of any application for Degrees, the charge obtained for the same shall be at once refunded, or placed to the Brother's credit as he may desire.

This Lodge shall elect annually by ballot a surgeon whose duty it shall be to furnish medicine and medical attendance to every

sick brother of this Lodge who has been a member for six months and is in good standing when called upon by such Brother or visiting Committee, providing such Brother resides in this town or within 14 miles thereof, and for every name upon the quarterly listof members in good standing he shall be paid at the rate of \$1.00 per annum.

Cards.

71. The Lodge may by open vote grant a Visiting Card to any Brother in good standing on his paying up all dues accruing during the perio I for which this Card is desired, including the fee for the Card. Withdrawal Cards shall be balloted for. after the applicant has paid all dues and charges to date, including the fee for the Card; and if a majority of white balls appear shall be granted.

Refreshments.

72. All spirituous, vinous and malt liquors shall be excluded from the Lodge, and ante-rooms, when under the control of this Lodge.

Amendments.

73. No motion to repeal, suspend or amend these By-laws, or any part hereof, shall be put to vote until the same shall have been read in Lodge, at three consecutive Regular Meetings; nor shall the consideration of, or voting upon, any such motion be postponed after such third reading, unless by a majority vote of the Lodge, nor shall such motion be declared to prevail unless, upon the final division thereon, two-thirds of Brothers present and voting shall vote in favor of it.

> FORMS. Form of Appeal. * To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario.

The undersigned, a member of Lodge No. respectfully appears against the action of

of Ontario, in (here state the acts complained Lodge No. of, and the grounds or points, upon which the peal therefrom is taken.) Your appellant respectfully prays of your R. W. Grand body to reserve said action, or grapt such other relief as, in your judgment, you may deem the merits of the case demand.

All of which is respectfully submitted

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No. 2—Report on Application.

To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Members of

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

Your committee to whom the application of for (state whether membership by card or initiation, respectfully report, that we have performed the duty assigned us, and find the candi-

^{*} Should there be more than one offence, then continue specifications 2nd, 3rd. observing that each offence must be the subject of a different specification.

date (worthy or unworthy) and recommend that he be (elected or rejected accordingly.

[If an applicant on card, state the terms on which he is to be received if worthy.]

Yours respectfully, in F., L. and T.

[Signed by Committee]

No. 3.—Certificate for Degrees.

Lodge No.

I. O. O. F., of

a member in good standing in Lodge No. This certifies that and properly qualified, having been duly balloted for, was this evening, elected to receive the the Order. You are therefore hereby requested and authorized to confer the same on him, he having paid, paying you the fees for so doing.

Witness the seal of the Lodge this day of [Lodge Seal.] Secretary. Fees · received and Certificate approved by

Lodge No.

No.4.—Certificate of Standing and Grade in a Subordinate Lodge. * To all whom it may concern, this certifies that is a member Degree, in good standing in Lodge No. I. O. O. F., of

Witness the seal of our Lodge this day of

N. G.

[Seal of Lodge] Attest:

To

Secretary.

No. 5.—Application to be gamitted into an Encampment.

To the C. P., H. P., Officers and Members of Encampment.

No. I. O. Q. F., of Brethren-Having read a copy of your Constitution and By-

laws, I now solicit initiation in the Patriarchal Order, and membership in your Encampment. The accompanying Certificate will show my grade and standing in my age is years, and my occupation If admitted, I promise to obey the laws of My residence is in my age is is that of a the Order and of the Encampment. Enclosed I send the Proposition Fee.

Very respectfully, your brother in $F_{\cdot,i}$ L. and $T_{\cdot,i}$.

Proposed and recommended by Proposition Fee received, and Proposition referrred to

No. 6.—Application for Benefits in Sickness.

To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Brethren of Lodge No.

I. O. O. F., of BRETHREN—On the

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you,) I was prostrated by a severe illness, and disabled from following my occupation until last. I send the certificate of my physician, and the statement of the N. G. of Lodge of this city. I therefore claim benefits for If granted, pay to my wife, whose receipt will be as my own. Fraternally yours, in F., L. & T.,

Physician's Certificate.

(Address as above)
This certifies that I was called to visit Mr.

ally, on the day of and found him prostrated by a (severe) attack of
I have attended him from that to the present time, and know that he was unable to attend to his usual occupation before.

[M D]

Noble Grand's Statements.

(Dated and addressed as above)

Having visited brother during his illness, on the and again on the and being personally acquainted with Dr. as a man of honor and veracity, I have no doubt the above statements are correct, and that Brother is entitled to benefits for so far as disability to labor constitutes such claim.

Fraternally, in F., L. and T.

[N G]

No. 7.—Application for Admission by Card

To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Brethren of Lodge, No. I. O. O. F., of

BRETHREN—Herewith I present my Card of Withdrawal from Lodge No. I. O. D. R., of and respectfully ask to be admitted a member of your Lodge by deposit of the same.

Fraternally yours, in F., L. and T.

Presented and recommended by

Referred to [three brethren] Secretary pro tem.

NB-The application for admission by deposit of Card or Initiation into an Encampment is the same, except the necessary change of address, and name of the body addressed.

No./8.—Dispensation to Confer Degrees.

I, Master of the in the do hereby authorize and empower Lodge, No. of this jurisdiction, to confer the degrees of the Order on a member of said Lodge, dispensing with any further time requisite to qualify him for receiving the same, such being the request of said Lodge, which has paid for this dispensation.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my seal of office, this day of 18

[Seal.]

No. 9-Petition for a warrant of a Subordinate Lodge.

To the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge

The petition of the undersigned, holding Withdrawal Cards from Lodges named opposite to our signatures respectively, and

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legally recognized by your R. W. Body, respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order, to establish a Subordinate Lodge, to be located at in the

Wherefore your Petitioners pray, that a warrant/may duly issue in pursuance of the laws of your R. W. Body.

Dated at this day of

No. 10 Petition for a Warrant of a Subordinate Encampment.

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To the M. W. G. M. and Members of the Grand/Lodge of The petition of the undersigned Patriarchs, holding Withdraw-al Cards, from legal Encampments set opposite our names, (or instructed in the Encampment Degrees, under commission of the Grand Sire,) respectfully represents that it would be consistent with the advantage of the Order to establish a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at in the of

Wherefore, your petitioners pray that a warrant may duly issue in pursuance of the Laws of the R. W. Body.

Dated at this day of

No. 13-Resignation of Membership.

To the N. G., V. G. Officers and brethren of Lodge No. L. O. O. F. of

BRETHREN,—I feel constrained to sever my connections with your (Lodge,) and the Order, and therefore tender this my resignation of membership therein. I consider my pledge of honor as binding out of the Order as in it.

Wishing you prosperity in every good word and work, I remain respectfully yours,

No. 14—Certificate of Resignation.

We certify that being free from all charges in our Lodge and Order, has resigned his membership in the same, and said resignation has been duly accepted. He is therefore no longer a member of our Lodge and Order.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our names and the seal of the Lodge at the date above written. (SEAL) (N.G.)

Attest:

No. 15—Form of Cord presented to Wife or Widow of an Odd-Fellow.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting.

This certifies, that whose name is endorsed on the margin of this Card, in her own proper hand-writing, is the (wife) of our well-beloved Brother who is a member of Lodge No. held at and working under authority of a Charter duly granted by authority of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the We therefore recommend her to your Friendship and Protection wherever she may be, throughout the world, for the space of and no longer.

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge, this day of in the year N. G. (seal.) Secretary.

No. 16 Form of Card for a Daughter of Rebekah.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.
INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This certifies that our well-beloved Sister whose name is endorsed on the margin of this card, in her proper handwriting, has been duly initiated in the degree of Daughter of and is the (wife) of our Brother, Rebekah, a member of Lodge No held at and working under authority of a charter duly granted by authority of the Right We therefore Worthy Grand Lodge of recommend her to your friendship aid and protection, wherever she may throughout the world for the space of and no longer.

In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names and affixed the seal of our Lodge, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and (Seal.) N. G. Attest:

Secretary

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CHARTER MEMBERS.

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	15. JAS. CAMPBELL,	D.	G.	
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	28. W. J. GIBSON,	Ρ.	G	
	29. H. DUNKLHY,	Γ.	G.	
	30. C. E. RAY,	P.	G.	
	81. F. A. POWELL,	P.	G.	
	82. S. CAMPBELL,	P.	G.	
	83. J. WORK,	P.	G.	
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