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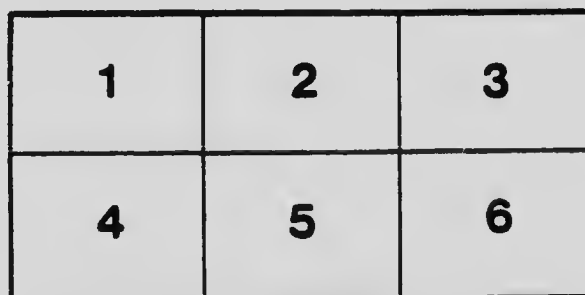
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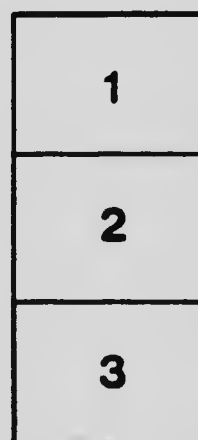
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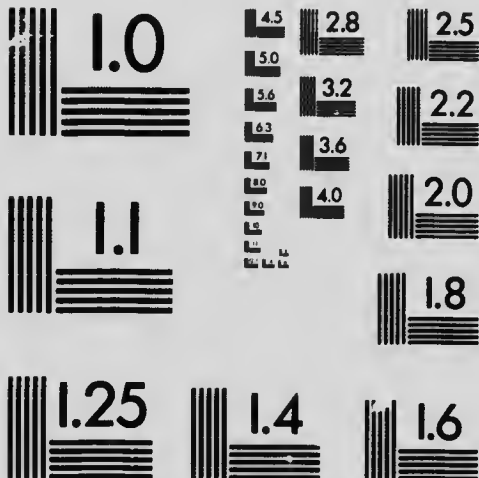
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1913 - 1914

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1915 - 1916

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 BRO. J. A. BRIGHTMAN.....J.S.
 BRO. C. B. ADAIROrganist
W. BRO. W. R. G. HIGGINS.....Trustee
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PAST MASTERS

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No. 523

A. F. & A. M., G. R. C.

PREAMBLE

FOR the purpose of securing order and regularity, and with the view of promoting Harmony and Decorum, the Brethren of the Royal Arthur Lodge, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, No. 523, on the Register of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, do enact the following by-laws.

I.

TITLE AND WARRANT

1. This Lodge shall be known as Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523 G. R. C.

2. The Warrant of this Lodge is a Charter, granted on the 21st day of July, A. L. 5915, A. D. 1915, by the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Canada.

II.

DUTY TO GRAND LODGE

This Lodge doth fully acknowledge the supremacy of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario, and will at all

times pay respect and render obedience to its Laws, Rules Orders, and Regulations.

III.

MEETINGS

Regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be held at 8 P.M. on the first Monday of every month except July and August, and on the festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, or on the day following either of these which may fall on a Sunday.

Emergent Meetings may be held as provided for by the Book of Constitution.

IV.

OFFICERS

The officers of this lodge shall be respectfully elected or appointed annually at the regular meeting in November and shall hold office for one year or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

The ELECTIVE OFFICERS of this Lodge shall be the Worshipful Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary and the Tyler and shall be elected by written ballot. There shall also be elected by open vote two Auditors, an Examining Board and a Trustee to represent the Lodge on the Masonic Hall Trust.

The APPOINTED OFFICERS of this Lodge shall be—The Senior Deacon, the Junior Deacon, the Inner Guard, the Director of Ceremonies, the Organist, the Senior Steward and the Junior Steward, who shall be annually appointed by the Master on the night of his installation.

V

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

On the First Monday in December in each year the Officers both elected and appointed shall be installed and invested, the election of the Worshipful Master being first confirmed.

VI.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

WORSHIPFUL MASTER:—

The duties of the Worshipful Master are not fixed by by-law, but are such as he agreed to on his installation.

SENIOR WARDEN:—

Beyond the regular duties appertaining to his office the Senior Warden shall see to the safe and proper keeping of the jewels and other property of the Lodge. He shall, immediately after his investiture, make and keep an inventory of same, and hand a copy thereof to his successor in office, and a copy to the Secretary to be entered in the minute book.

JUNIOR WARDEN:—

The Junior Warden with the assistance of the Stewards shall, under the authority of the Worshipful Master, make the necessary arrangements for refreshments on all occasions, and he shall be, ex officio, chief of the Stewards. It shall also be the duty of the Wardens to instruct candidates for advancement.

THE CHAPLAIN:—

The duties of the Chaplain speak for themselves. It is desirable that he should be punctual and regular in his attendance.

THE TREASURER:—

The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all monies belonging to the Lodge and shall deposit the same forthwith in some chartered Bank in the City of Peterborough, approved of by the Lodge, such accounts to be opened under the name of "Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523 A.F. & A.M." All monies paid out of said account shall be by cheque signed by the Treasurer and he shall discharge all accounts for ordinary expenses, duly certified by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary. He shall keep books in which his receipts and disbursements shall be regularly entered. He shall annually submit all accounts and vouchers to the Auditors at least one week previous to the First Monday in December, and shall transfer the balance in his hands to his successor in office on that day, unless the Lodge shall then otherwise direct. The Lodge shall require bonds of a Guarantee Company from him for the faithful discharge of his duty. The cost of said bonds shall be paid by the Lodge.

THE SECRETARY:—

The Secretary shall keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the Lodge, and preserve in proper order all papers and documents relating thereto. He shall keep a correct register of the members and their respective accounts with the Lodge. He shall sign all authorized Certificates, affix the Lodge Seal thereto, issue all necessary notices and summonses for meetings, etc., counter-sign all orders and charges of the Worshipful Master, and prepare all returns required by the Grand Lodge. He shall notify the first named brother of every committee, of his appointment, the names of his associates and the nature of the Committee's duties. He shall collect all moneys and pay same to the Treasurer, but shall

transfer the amount to him without deduction before the next Regular Meeting, and shall generally discharge all other duties appertaining to the office of a Secretary.

DEACONS:—

The Deacons shall attend the Worshipful Master and Wardens in opening the Lodge and take such part in the ceremonies as the Worshipful Master may direct. They shall also assist the Wardens in instructing the candidates for advancement.

DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES:—

The Director of Ceremonies shall see that the Lodge is properly prepared, and that all brethren appear in the clothing prescribed by the Book of Constitution; and, to the best of his ability, place every brother according to his rank when in Lodge or at refreshment. He shall act as marshal on all public occasions.

STEWARDS:—

The Stewards shall, under the directions of the Senior Warden, see to the safe and careful keeping of the jewels, paraphernalia, and furniture of the Lodge, and, under the Junior Warden, shall have the arrangement and ordering of refreshments.

ORGANIST:—

The Organist shall punctually attend all meetings and take such part in the ceremonies as the Worshipful Master may direct.

THE INNER GUARD:—

The Inner Guard shall attend each meeting punctually at the hour named in the summons, to guard the interior of the Lodge, and give directions to the Tyler.

THE TYLER:—

The Tyler shall diligently watch the exterior of the Lodge; see that all candidates for admission are properly prepared; that all brethren register their names, and are properly clothed; that the furniture and ornaments are kept in good order, and perform such other duties as the Lodge and its officers may direct.

AUDITORS:—

It shall be the duty of the Auditors to audit the Books and Accounts of the Lodge and present a written report of such audit to the Lodge on the day appointed for the installation of officers and prior to such installation, and at such other times as the Lodge may direct.

TRUSTEE:—

It shall be the duty of the Trustee elected to represent the Lodge on the Masonic Hall Trust to attend all meetings of the Board, obey all instructions given him by the Lodge, see that all furniture, jewels, and other property of the Lodge are properly insured, and to perform such other duties as may devolve upon him under the provisions of the Masonic Hall Agreement.

VII.

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON CHARITY:—

On the day of his installation, the Worshipful Master shall appoint three Brethren a Committee on Charity, who shall represent the Lodge on the Local Board of Relief, and all applications for relief shall be referred to the Local Board.

VISITING COMMITTEE:—

On the same day, the Worshipful Master shall appoint

a Committee consisting of five Members to visit the sick and distressed Members during the ensuing year.

COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES:—

1. The Committee of General Purposes shall consist of all the Past Masters, Officers, and Members of the Lodge in good standing. They shall meet on the First Wednesday prior to each regular meeting of the Lodge, or whenever summoned by the Worshipful Master. All applications for membership shall be first passed upon by the Committee of General Purposes, and, if passed upon favorably, shall be reported at the first regular meeting of the Lodge by the Worshipful Master or Secretary. This Committee shall have full power to enquire into and report upon all matters relative to the Lodge.

VIII.

MEMBERSHIP

All applications for membership shall first be submitted (by the Member recommending a Candidate) to the Committee of General Purposes, and if passed upon favorably by the Committee, such candidate for Membership shall make Application in accordance with the form as prescribed by the Constitution and shall be proposed and seconded at a Regular Meeting. The Application, when accepted, shall be referred by the Worshipful Master to a Committee on Character for their consideration, and if favorably reported on, a ballot shall be taken at the next Regular Meeting (except in cases of emergency provided for in the Constitution).

If a Candidate does not present himself for initiation within six months after his acceptance, another petition and ballot shall be required before he can be initiated.

An Applicant for affiliation must produce a certifi-

cate of good standing in the Lodge from which he hails, and he shall become a Member on being accepted by the Lodge, paying the fees and signing the by-laws.

When a Proposition for Membership or Initiation has been regularly received by the Lodge it cannot be withdrawn.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:—

Any Member who has rendered important services to this Lodge, or to the Craft in general, may become an Honorary Member of this Lodge, after he has been regularly proposed and seconded at one Regular Meeting, and his name been inserted in the summons for the next Regular Meeting at which he must be elected by a unanimous ballot. Such Honorary Member shall be exempt from all fees and dues. He shall be entitled to speak and vote upon all questions and may hold any office to which he may be elected or appointed.

LIFE MEMBERS:—

Any Member, after having paid his dues in full and having been a Master Mason of this Lodge, in good standing for twenty consecutive years, may, on making Application therefor, become a Life Member of this Lodge, free from all further dues, on the payment of ten dollars—five dollars of which sum shall be paid to Grand Lodge, to the satisfaction of Grand Lodge Dues.

The Charter Members of this Lodge having contributed the funds necessary to form the Lodge, any Chartered Member having paid his dues in full and having been a Master Mason of this Lodge for ten years may, on Application therefor become a Life Member of this Lodge, free from all dues, on payment of Ten Dollars.

Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges of

ordinary members, and shall be amendable to the same discipline.

IX.

BALLOT

A Ballot containing one or more black balls shall reject a Candidate for Initiation or Affiliation. In the event of an Adverse Ballot on any Application for Membership, the Worshipful Master may order a second ballot if he has not already declared the ballot.

If a Candidate is rejected, either by the unfavorable report of the Committee on Character, or by adverse ballot, it shall be the duty of the Secretary to give notice thereof forthwith to the Master of Lodges having concurrent jurisdiction.

If a Candidate does not come forward for initiation within six months after his acceptance another petition and ballot shall be required.

X.

FEES AND DUES

The Fee upon initiation shall be Fifty Dollars and shall be payable in advance. This Fee shall be in payment of the three degrees of Craft Masonry, the Grand Lodge Fees for Registration and Certificate, and a Master Mason's Apron to be furnished by the Lodge as soon as the Member is entitled to wear the same.

The Fee for a Joining Member shall be Five Dollars, a Joining Member from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the Province of Ontario requiring a Grand Lodge Certificate, shall pay an additional sum of Two Dollars.

THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION of each Member residing within the City of Peterborough, or within a

distance of five miles therefrom shall be Five Dollars, beyond that distance, one half of the City Member's fee shall be exacted. If the subscription be paid half-yearly, three dollars each half-year shall be exacted from City Members.

Every Members who shall pay his yearly subscription on or before the First day of March, shall be furnished at the expense of the Lodge a Certificate of good standing.

XI.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

Should any Member allow his dues to fall in arrear for one year, his name shall be read out in open Lodge by the Secretary, and a special notification, with a copy of this By-law, shall be sent to him. If such arrears have not been paid before the next Regular Meeting, then such defaulting member shall be summoned to show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. Should any member present offer such excuse as the Lodge may deem sufficient, the defaulting member may be allowed to remain in good standing for one month beyond which time the indulgence cannot be extended.

XII.

EXPENDITURES, &c.

No part of the funds of the Lodge shall be expended except for necessary working expenses or for the ordinary demands of the Board of Relief unless such expenditure is approved at a meeting of the Lodge by a majority of the members present after a Notice of Motion given and inserted in the summons for the consideration of the Lodge at the said Regular Meeting. Nor shall any of the furniture, jewels, paraphernalia, or other property of the Lodge be sold, alienated, or in any way disposed of,

unless authority to do so has been given at a Regular Meeting by the approbation of at least two-thirds of the members present; nor unless the summons calling such Regular Meeting has contained a notice of motion for the proposed sale, alienation or disposal.

XIII.

PROPERTY, &C.

The Worshipful Master and Wardens for the time being, in whom, at all times, the property of the Lodge is vested, shall be responsible for the books, papers, jewels, paraphernalia and furniture of every kind belonging to the Lodge.

Such books, papers; &c., shall be annually examined previous to the installation of the Officers elect and an inventory of them shall be kept in the minute book of the Lodge.

The property of the Lodge shall be insured by the Trustee for such a sum as the Lodge shall direct.

XIV.

WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS

Any Member desiring to withdraw from the Lodge, shall at a Regular Meeting, either personally or in writing, notify the Lodge to that effect, and, if his dues are all paid and he is otherwise in good standing, he shall be furnished, under the Seal of the Lodge, with a Certificate of his retirement.

XV.

SCRUTINEERS

The Worshipful Master shall, on the occasion of the election of officers, appoint three brethren to be Scrutineers of the ballot; they shall examine the ballots and

report the number of votes cast, when the Master shall declare the brother having the majority of all votes cast duly elected.

XVI.

VISITORS

A Visitor shall not be entitled to speak to any question except on invitation of the Worshipful Master nor shall he under any circumstances be allowed to vote. While in the Lodge, he shall be subject to its By-laws.

XVII.

ALTERATION OF BY-LAWS

No Alteration shall be made in these By-laws, unless upon notice given at a Regular Meeting, which notice shall be entered on the Minutes, and inserted, in the summons for the meeting at which the proposed alteration shall come up for discussion.

If, at this meeting, a resolution to make the proposed alterations is regularly moved and seconded, and is approved by two-thirds of the members present, it shall become valid when sanctioned by the Grand Master.

XVIII.

SIGNING BY-LAWS

These By-laws, when entered in a Book, shall be signed by the Worshipful Master and the Secretary, and shall have the Seal of the Lodge affixed.

Every Member shall also sign them as a declaration of his submission thereto. He shall receive one copy free of expense, but should he require a second copy, he shall pay therefor the sum of fifty cents towards the General Funds of the Lodge.

XIX.

SECRECY ENJOINED

No Member shall disclose or make known, by any means whatever, out of the Lodge, any of the private proceedings, decisions, or business of any kind transacted within the same, to any person not a member of the Craft.

Brethren are enjoined to consider the Masonic Summonses as strictly private. On no account should they allow them to be publicly exposed or carelessly made use of.

No Member shall, in open Lodge, either at labor or refreshment, make use of any profane, irreverent or improper expressions or sentiments or introduce any conversation or remark tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political or religious subjects, under the penalty of being censured or excluded from membership.

XX.

UNMASONIC CONDUCT

The Constitution clearly defines the law which should at all times characterize the conduct of Free Masons towards each other. The brethren are enjoined to familiarize themselves with their duty in this respect, so as to render themselves faithful and obedient to the moral and social principles of the Craft, that harmony and good behaviour may at all times continue to exist among the members.

XXI.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The business of the Lodge shall be conducted in the following order:—

1. Reading the Minutes of the last Regular Meeting and of subsequent Emergent Meetings, if any.
2. Reading of Correspondence.
3. Reports of Committees.
4. Payment of Accounts.
5. Receiving Petitions.
6. Ballot.
7. Business on the Summons.
8. General.

Passed at a Regular Meeting of Royal Arthur Lodge No. 523, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., on the First day of November, A. L. 5915, A. D. 1915.

Signed H. R. H. KENNER,
Worshipful Master



Signed W. H. WALKEY,
Secretary

Approved at Havelock, this Twentieth day of November,
A. L., 5915, A. D. 1915.

Signed H. T. ANDREWS,
D. D. G. M. Otonabee
District No. 20.

Approved at Ottawa
Dec. 2nd, 1915.

Signed S. A. LUKE,
G. M.

BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH

ROYAL ARTHUR LODGE

In the month of November, 1913, the idea came to the minds of several Brethren that it would be well to institute a lodge in the City of Peterborough whereby unattached Masons could become affiliated and interested once more in Craft work. The matter of the institution of a Lodge for such purposes was taken up with the Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother W. D. McPherson, K.C., M.P.P., who was quite in sympathy with the movement and who granted a dispensation.

The name, Royal Arthur Lodge, was chosen in honour of Most Worshipful Brother H. R. H. Duke of Connaught, Governor General of Canada.

The Lodge was instituted on the 25th day of June 1914 by R. W. Bro. B. W. Squire D. D. G. M. of the Otonabee District No. 20. The institution of the Lodge was largely attended by the brethren of the District.

At the regular communication of Grand Lodge in 1915 Royal Arthur Lodge was granted its warrant as No. 523.

On October 4th 1915 the lodge was constituted and consecrated the ceremony being under the direction of R. W. Bro. T. H. Andrews, D. D. G. M. Otonabee District No. 20. He was assisted by many Grand Lodge officers.

Royal Arthur Lodge came into existence under the most happy auspices and the aim of its promoters has been fully justified by the present strength of its members and its future welfare seems to be assured.



R.W. BRO. B. W. SQUIRE, D.D.G.M.

OTONABEE DISTRICT NO. 20

1914 - 1915



R.W. BRO. H. T. ANDREWS, D.D.G.M.

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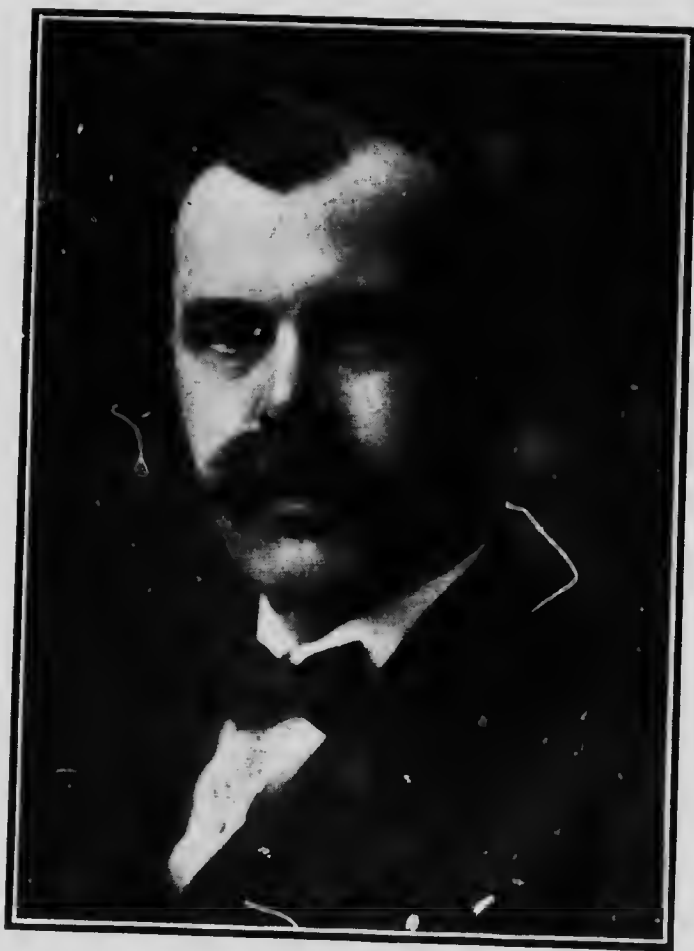
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 BRO. K. G. LECH..... Tyler

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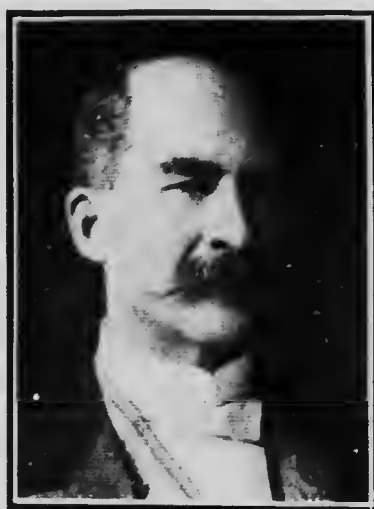
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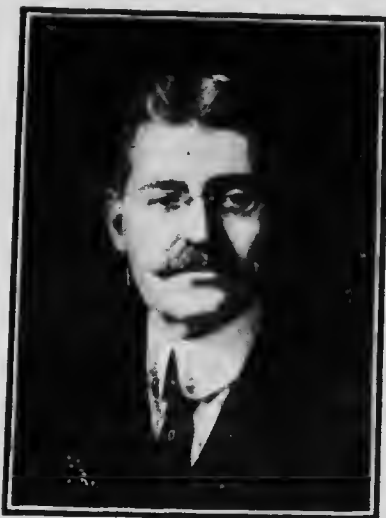
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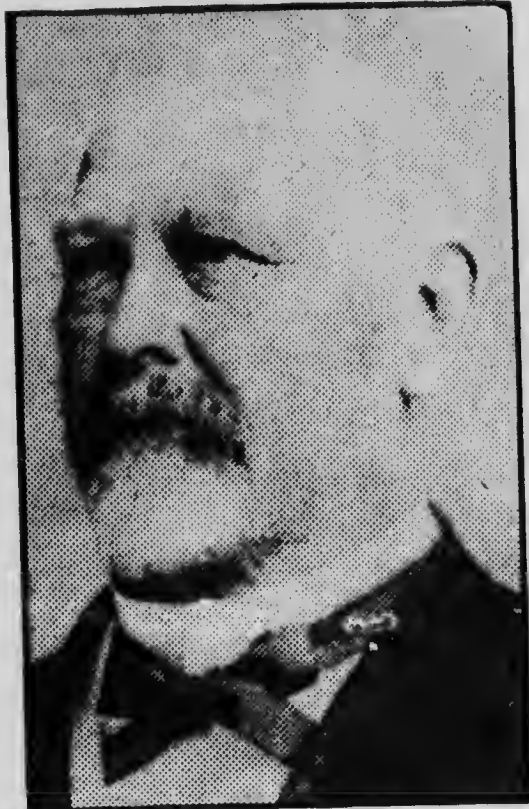


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NOTES ON THE BALLOT

In balloting on a petition, every member present is expected to vote; nor can he be excused from the discharge of this important duty, except by the unanimous consent of his Brethren.

All members must therefore come up to the performance of this trust with firmness, candor, and a full determination to do right—to allow no personal timidity to forbid the deposit of a black ball, if the applicant is unworthy, and no illiberal prejudice to prevent the deposition of a white ball, if the character and qualifications of the candidate are unobjectionable.

The great object of the ballot is to secure the independence of the voter, and for this purpose its secrecy should be inviolate.

No member can be called to an account for the ballot he deposited.

No member should find fault or complain of the result of the ballot, for by so doing he declares that he did not cast an adverse ballot for the applicant; and should all members who voted with white balls thus complain, or find fault, the Brother having cast the adverse ballot would be exposed, and the security of the ballot destroyed.

No member has the privilege of demanding a second ballot to be passed for a candidate; but should it occur that a member has unintentionally committed a mistake at the ballot box by depositing his ballot wrongly, then it shall be the duty of such member to report the mistake to the Master at once. The Master alone has the prero-

gative of deciding whether or not sufficient grounds exist for ordering a second ballot to be passed.

When an applicant has been rejected, he is to be notified by the Secretary, and the matter should remain a profound secret between the members of the fraternity and the applicant.

It is a gross Masonic offence for any member to make public the action of the Lodge in rejecting an applicant.

VISITOR'S TEST

I,, do hereby^d and hereon solemnly and sincerely..... that I have been regularly initiated, passed, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, in a just an legally constituted Lodge of such: that I do not stand suspended or expelled, and know of no reason why I should not hold Masonic communication with my Brethren.

VOUCHING

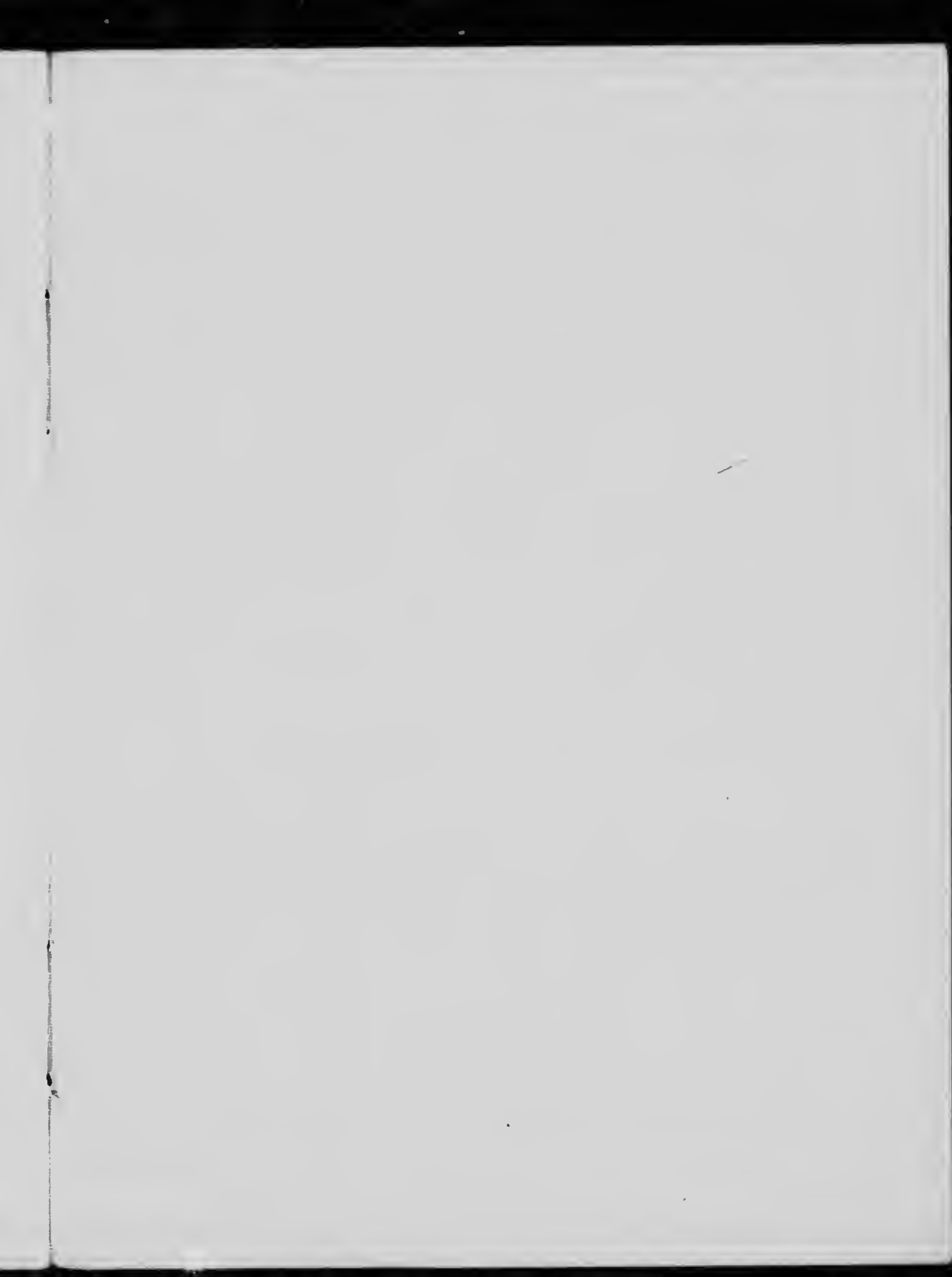
No Brother should vouch for any visitor unless he knows to a certainty that he is a Mason. He should know this not from a casual conversation, or a loose and careless enquiry, but from due trial, strict examination, or sure information. He should be able to say: "I know this man to be a..... ..Mason, because I have subjected him to a strict examination; and you may

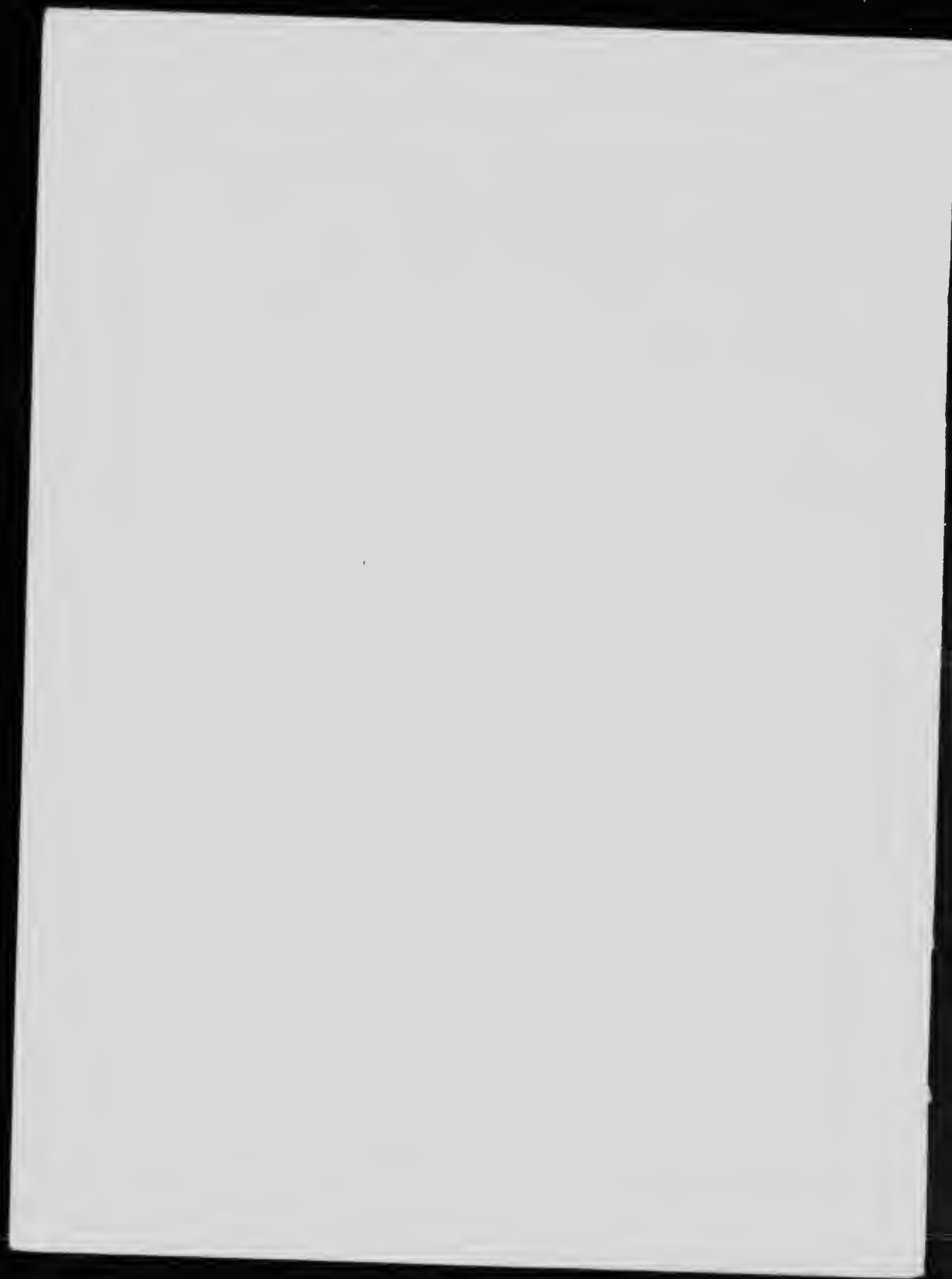
safely recognize him as such"; or, "I know him to be, etc., etc., because I have sat with him in a just and legally constituted Lodge of..... Masons"; or, "I know him to be, etc., etc., because I have sure information, given me, for the purpose of vouching for him."

No one should vouch for another on a written introduction, or written communication of any kind, as such a document might pass into the hands of an imposter.

The above suggestions should never be departed from; the fear of offending a visitor should never deter an Examining Committee from saying to him, "I am not satisfied," or, "I do not recognize you." The Mason who is so unmindful of his obligations as to have forgotten the instruction he has received, should pay the penalty of his carelessness. It is better that ninety and nine true men should be turned away from the door of a Lodge, than that one cowan should be admitted.







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