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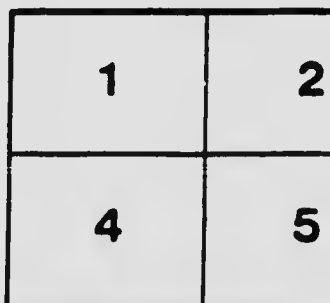
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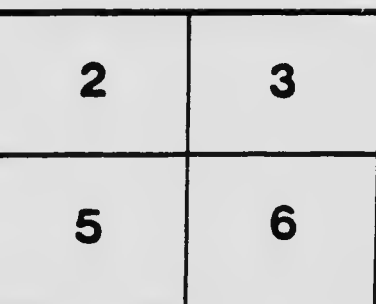
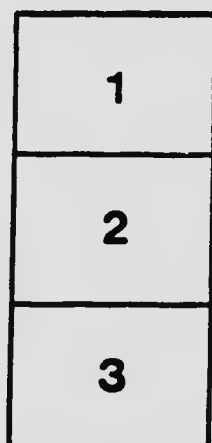
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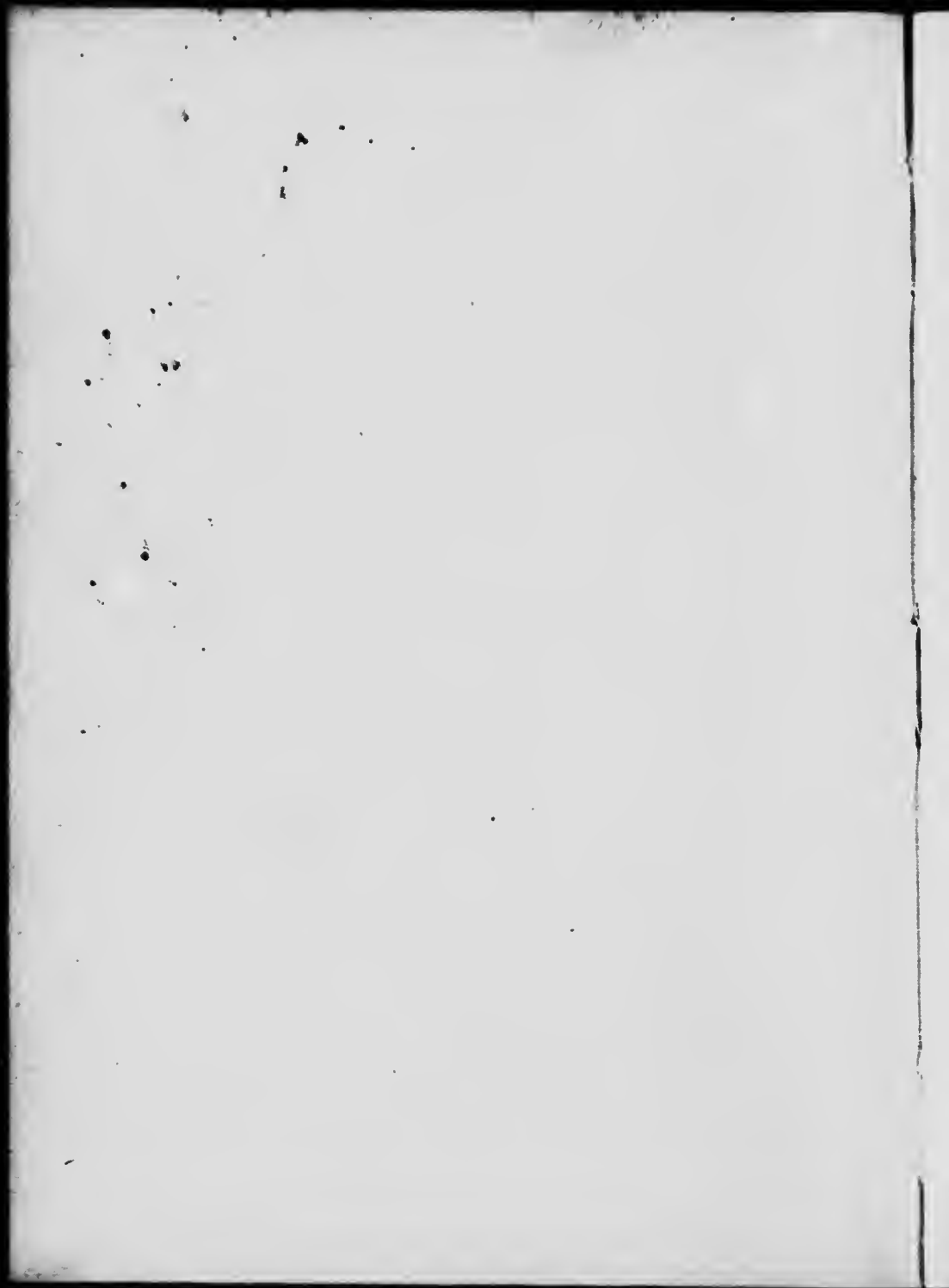
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**CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND  
RULES OF ORDER**

of

**Esther Rebekah Lodge**

**No. 20**

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



**Instituted at Fernie, B.C.**

**April 5th, 1907.**

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

*WE HEREBY CERTIFY That our well-beloved.....*

*.....is a member of*

**ESTHER REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 20.**

*under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia,*

*having been admitted by.....on the.....*

*day of.....19....*

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We grant.....this Certificate and recommend.....to the friendship of all Brothers and Sisters of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.*

.....*Sec.*

.....*N.G.*



**CONSTITUTION**  
of  
**ESTHER REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 20, I.O.O.F**  
**Fernie, British Columbia.**

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**ARTICLE I.**

Section I. This Lodge shall consist of at least five members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings to be hailed and entitled Esther Rebekah Lodge, No. 20 of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender its charter or dissolve so long as five members in good standing object thereto.

**ARTICLE II.**

**Object and Purposes.**

The objects and purposes of this Lodge are:

1st. To visit and care for the sick, relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, and in every way to assist their own members and Subordinate and Sister Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows. who are in trouble, sickness or want.

2nd. To aid in the establishment and maintenance of Homes for aged and indigent Odd Fellows and their wives, and for the widows of deceased

Odd Fellows; and Homes for the care, education, and support of orphans of deceased Odd Fellows, and of deceased sisters of the Rebekah Degree.

3rd. To cultivate and extend the social and fraternal relations of life among Lodges and the families of Odd Fellows.

### ARTICLE III.

Section I. The persons specified herein may become members of this Lodge upon proper application.

1. All persons who have received the Degree of Rebekah.

2. All Odd Fellows in good standing and their wives, daughters, sisters, and mothers, also the daughters, sisters and mothers of deceased Odd Fellows who at the time of their death were members of our Order in good standing."

3. All unmarried white women who have attained the age of eighteen years.

All the foregoing must be free white persons, of good moral character, and believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe. Provided, that the applicant is a resident of the Province of British Columbia. The name of any person qualified as above offered for membership, with his or her age, residence and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant, with the names of two persons as refer-

ences attached, and entered upon the record. If the applicant be an Odd Fellow, or the relative of an Odd Fellow, the application must be accompanied by a certificate of such Odd Fellow's good standing in his Subordinate Lodge, under its seal, and signed by its Secretary. Such proposition shall be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next regular meeting (unless further time be granted), when the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if no more than two black balls shall appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if more than two appear, the candidate shall be deemed rejected. Should black balls appear, the Lodge may by a majority vote, immediately retake the ballot, in order to verify the fact that black balls were, or were not, cast in error, but the Noble Grand nor Vice Grand shall not be required to state the number of black balls cast. Should the candidate be elected, he or she shall become a member on signing the Constitution and paying the dues provided by the By-Laws. Applicants for membership by deposit of card (such card having been issued by a regularly constituted Rebekah Lodge), may be admitted in the same manner as provided for the admission of other members. Provided, that no certificate from a Subordinate Lodge, for a sister applying for membership by deposit of card, is necessary.

Sec. 2. No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can be had, unless all the brothers and sisters who may have cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot; provided such reconsideration be had within four regular meeting nights next succeeding such rejection and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballots and if the balls cast be in favor of it the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over until the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he or she shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected; and in no case shall a reconsideration be had, except upon a voluntary motion of all those who cast black balls; and never more than one motion for a reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed. A favorable balloting can be reconsidered at any meeting prior to the admission of the candidate, provided, a majority of the members present agree thereto.

Sec. 3. This Lodge shall confer the Degree of Rebekah only on such persons who apply for and are duly elected to membership therein.

Sec. 4. Candidates rejected in this Lodge may renew their application for membership therein at

the expiration of six months after such rejection.

Sec. 5. An Official Certificate may be used to accompany a petition for membership by a member of a Lodge in another jurisdiction.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### Power and Privileged.

Section I. This Lodge shall possess the powers and enjoy the privileges following:

Clause 1. To confer the Degree of Rebekah on properly qualified applicants as hereinbefore specified.

Clause 2. To elect and appoint its own officers in the manner prescribed by this Constitution and the By-Laws of the Lodge.

Clause 3. To hold regular and special meetings as provided by the By-Laws.

Clause 4. To fix and establish Initiation Fees and Dues, to be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually, as the By-laws may provide; and to provide by By-Laws, when those in arrears for dues for one year may be suspended for non-payment thereof.

Clause 5. To pay and disburse from the funds of the Lodge, from time to time, as a majority of the members present shall by vote determine, for any of the declared purposes of this Degree as set

Clause 6. To establish such By-Laws and Rules of Order, not inconsistent, herewith, or with the rules, usages and general regulations of the Order, as it may deem proper; subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

Clause 7. To grant Withdrawal Cards to members who are clear of the books, and on receipt of the price of the card. Members may apply in person, or by letter, for such cards. Should objection be offered for cause the Lodge may suspend issue of the card until an investigation is held. Visiting Cards shall be granted upon application in open Lodge, or they may be issued by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary to members in good standing upon application in writing, but in either case the dues of the applicant must be paid up to the end of the time for which the card is granted, which time shall not exceed one year from date of the card.

A member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues shall be granted on application a Dismissal Certificate on the payment of one dollar without first applying for reinstatement. No ballot is required in granting a Dismissal Certificate.

Clause 8. To try charges preferred against members for the violation of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Lodge, or the general rules, regulations and usages of the Order, as provided in the following sections:

Sec. 2. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of Order of this Lodge, or the penal laws of the land, shall be fined, reprimanded, suspended, or expelled, as the By-Laws may direct, or the Lodge determine.

Sec. 3. All members shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion. Members shall not be put upon trial, unless charges duly specifying the offence, so as to fully apprise them of the nature thereof, and to enable them to prepare for their defence, shall be submitted to the Lodge, in writing, and signed by a member of the Order, and a copy thereof under seal of the Lodge, be served upon them.

Sec. 4. Such charges shall be referred to a committee of five members, who shall, without unnecessary delay, summon the parties and try the case. They shall keep full minutes of the evidence and of their proceedings, and report the same to the Lodge, with their verdict. A witness, if a member of the Order, shall give evidence on the honor of an Odd Fellow; if not a member of the Order, then on oath or affirmation, and the proceedings must state that such obligation or oath was administered. No testimony shall be taken without notice, or opportunity for cross-examination by the opposing party. Upon the report being made, notice thereof shall forthwith be given by the Secre-

tary to the party, against whom the verdict is rendered, and he or she shall have two weeks in which to file exceptions. If no exceptions are filed within two weeks, the Lodge shall proceed to pronounce judgment upon the verdict and affix the penalty. An appeal from the judgment of the Lodge may be taken at any time within two weeks thereafter, to the Grand Lodge; and if no such appeal is taken, the judgment of the lodge shall be final. When a bill of exception to the report of the committee is filed, as above provided, the Lodge may determine upon its merits, and either sustain the report of the committee, or refer the same back to the same or another committee, or grant a new trial. If the Lodge deems the exceptions not well taken, it shall proceed to pronounce its judgment and affix the penalty.

Sec. 5. If the accused refuse or neglect to stand trial, when duly summoned, the committee shall report him or her guilty of contempt of the Lodge, which report shall be conclusive, and the punishment shall be expulsion.

Sec. 6. If a specific penalty for an offence be provided in the Constitution or By-Laws, the Noble Grand shall enforce it. If none be so provided, the Lodge shall decide by paper ballot whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension or reprimand and fine. During the ballot, the accused shall withdraw from the Lodge-room. The ballot shall be



first taken on expulsion, and if it shall appear that two-thirds of the ballots are cast for expulsion, such shall be the penalty. If two-thirds of the ballots are not cast for expulsion, then the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for suspension, and if two-thirds of the ballots are cast for suspension, suspension shall be the penalty, and the Lodge shall proceed to fix the duration of such suspensions, which shall not exceed one year. If neither expulsion nor suspension is determined as the penalty as above provided, then the penalty shall be reprimand fine, or both, to be determined by a majority ballot; if fine is determined upon, then the Lodge shall fix the amount, not exceeding ten dollars; if reprimand is decided upon, then the accused shall be reprimanded in open Lodge by the acting Noble Grand. No ballot held under this section shall be reconsidered. All fines imposed under this section shall be charged to the member's account, and considered, in determining his or her standing in the Lodge, as dues; and when the fine thus imposed, added to the dues, brings him or her under the penalty provided in the By-Laws, he or she shall be notified, and allowed the usual time to make payment. In all cases, as above, if membership ceases, the member, prior to reinstatement, shall pay the whole amount of such fine and dues.

Sec. 7. When a member shall be subject to the penalty of reprimand, he or she shall be summon-

ed to attend at some regular meeting, to be fixed by the Noble Grand, to be reprimanded from the chair of the Noble Grand; and until he or she so attend and be reprimanded, shall be suspended from all benefits and privileged of membership.

Sec. 8. An expelled member can be reinstated only after a proposition, reference, and election by ballot, as in the case of a newly proposed member, permission having first been obtained from the Grand Master. A member suspended for any cause, may be reinstated on the removal of the cause or the expiration of the term for which he or she was suspended, without action of the Lodge, and the Noble Grand shall declare in open Lodge his or her being reinstated.

Sec. 9. Any member intending to appeal from action of the Lodge, either on a decision of law, or where charges have been preferred, shall file with the Secretary a motion of appeal and the ground thereof, upon which the Secretary shall forthwith send the notice or a true copy of the same, together with a certified copy of all charges, reports, evidence, and proceedings of the Lodge relating to the case to the Grand Secretary, to be presented to the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge.

## ARTICLE V.

### OFFICERS.

Section I. The elective officers in this Lodge

shall consist of a Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary and Treasurer, and if so provided in the By-Laws, a Financial Secretary. Provided, that no member shall hold any two of said offices at the same time, except that of Secretary and Financial Secretary. The Lodge may also elect Trustees to have charge of its funds.

Sec. 2. The appointed officers shall consist of a Warden, Conductor, Outside Guardian, Inside Guardian, Right and Left Supporters of Noble Grand, and a Chaplain who shall be appointed by the Noble Grand, and Right and Left Supporters of Vice Grand, who shall be appointed by the Vice Grand.

Sec. 3. Any member of the Lodge in good standing shall be eligible to any office in the Lodge, provided that no member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand unless he or she shall have served a term in the office of Vice-Grand in a Rebekah Lodge. To be eligible to the office of Vice-Grand a member must have served a term in some elective or appointed office in a Rebekah Lodge other than Trustee.

Sec. 4. All officers shall hold their offices for six months, except the Financial Secretary and Trustees, who shall hold office as provided in the By-Laws.

Sec. 5. All officers shall be clear of all pecuni-

ary charges on the books at the time of installation.

Sec. 6. Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Sec. 7 Officers shall be elected at the first regular meeting in June and December of each year, and be installed at the first regular meeting in January and July of each year, provided the installing officer be present; if absent the Lodge may, by vote, defer it until the next regular meeting, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master.

Sec. 8. Any officer being absent from the Lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the next meeting after a resolution therefor has been offered in the Lodge.

Sec. 9. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the Lodge by nomination and election at the next regular meeting after nomination, and until so filled, the N. G. shall appoint a member to the office pro tem.

Sec. 10. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office, and as specified by this Constitution and the By-laws of the Lodge.

Sec. 11. The N. G., or member acting as such shall appoint the majority, and the V. G., or member acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates and charges.

## ARTICLE. VI.

### Funds and Property.

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

Sec. 2 This Lodge may set aside 5 per cent. of its receipts for dues to form a Contingent Fund, and may also make provision for a Nurse Fund for sisters only.

## ARTICLE VII.

Section I. All terms shall commence on the first day of January and July in each year, and

end on the day on which the succeeding one commences.

### ARTICLE VIII.

#### Returns.

Section I. It shall be the duty of the officers for the term about expiring on 31st Dezember of each year to prepare for the Grand Lodge and deliver to the Installing Officer a regular report of the work of the year ending as aforesaid in accordance with the blanks furnished by the Grand Lodge and authenticated by their signatures and the seal of the Lodge. And no Lodge shall be entitled to have its officers installed, or to receive the Passwords, until these returns are completed and delivered to the Installing Officer.

Sec. 2. Should this Lodge fail to make any of its returns as required by the preceding Section for one year, it shall thereby forfeit its Charter and become extinct. And it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master or his Deputy the Charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the Lodge.

### ARTICLE IX.

#### BY-LAWS.

Section I. This Lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-laws, Rules and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient; provided that they do not in anywise contravene this Con-

stitution, or the Constitutions, By-Laws, or Regulations of the Grand Lodge of the Province of British Columbia, or of the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. The By-Laws of this Lodge shall be in force from the time of their approval by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge, and manuscript copies of such By-Laws before being printed, and copies of all alterations and amendments shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, in duplicate, to be submitted to the Committee on Laws of Subordinates; one copy shall be retained on file in the Grand Secretary's office, and the other returned to the Lodge with the decision of the Committee noted thereon.

## ARTICLE X

### AMENDMENTS OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution shall not be altered, amended, suspended, or annulled except on motion made in the Grand Lodge at a regular session, and carried by a two-thirds vote.

**BY-LAWS**  
of  
**ESTHER REBEKAH LODGE, NO. 20, I.O.O.F**  
**Fernie, British Columbia.**

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**ARTICLE I**

Sec. 1. This Lodge shall be constituted by not less than five members, irrespective of sex, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled **EASTER REBEKAH LODGE NO. 20** of the province of British Columbia.

Sec. 2. The stated meetings of this lodge shall be held on the first and the third Thursday of each month. The hour for opening shall be 8 o'clock.

Sec. 3. Special meetings may be called by the Noble Grand on the written request of five members in good standing, or by vote of the lodge at any ordinary meeting, and in either case the recording secretary shall notify all the members as she or he may be directed. No business shall be transacted at special meetings other than that for which such meetings may be called.

**ARTICLE II.**

**OBJECTS AND PURPOSES.**

Sec. 1. The objects and purposes of this Lodge are: First to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, and in every way to assist subordinate and sister



Rebekah Lodges in kindly ministrations to the families of Odd Fellows who are in trouble or want; second, to cultivate and extend their social and fraternal relations of life among the Lodges and families of Odd Fellows.

### ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. Applications for membership shall not be received unless accompanied by the requisite fees, and in case of an Odd Fellow, wife, daughter, sister or mother of an Odd Fellow, a certificate from the Lodge to which the applicant belongs. Should the applicants be rejected the fee shall be returned.

The Secretary shall be instructed to inform all the Rebekah Lodges in the province of the name of any person who has been black-balled in the Lodge.

Applicants for membership may be admitted on the night of election, but not after eight weeks therefrom, unless the Lodge deems it expedient, when they may be, by a vote of two-thirds of qualified voters.

Sec. 2. The report of the investigating committee upon applications for membership shall be made at the next regular meeting after the appointment, unless further time be granted and shall be signed by at least two of the committee. The

Lodge may proceed to vote and if less than three black balls appear the applicant shall be declared elected.

Sec. 3. Members shall sign the constitution and By-Laws when admitted, thereby pledging themselves to support, maintain and abide by the same and pay promptly all demands when due. They shall notify the secretary of any change of residence within three weeks thereafter; notify the Lodge or some of its officers of the sickness of any of its members at the first regular meeting after knowing the fact; visit the sick and disabled; attend funerals of deceased members; serve on committees when appointed; and perform other duties enjoined upon them in accordance with the usages of the order.

Sec. 4. When a member wishes a withdrawal card from the Lodge, he or she shall signify this desire in person, or by letter, when if clear on the books, he or she shall be entitled to a withdrawal card upon paying twenty-five cents for the same.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### TERMS OF ADMISSION.

Sec. 1. The fee for membership in this Lodge shall be as follows:

For Brothers .....	\$3.00
of the Order.	
For Sisters .....	2.00
Admission by withdrawal card .....	Free

For issue of a withdrawal card ..... .25

For issue of a dismissal certificate ..... 1.00

Sec. 2. Dues. The regular dues payable by every member shall be \$3.00 per year for brothers and \$2.00 per year for sisters payable quarterly on the first meeting night in January, April, July and October.

Sec. 3 Reinstatements. The fee for reinstatement after being dropped for non-payment of dues shall not be less than one year's dues. The fee for reinstatement after expulsion shall be \$3.00.

#### ARTICLE V.

Sec. 1. When ballots are taken the ballot box shall be placed in full view of the noble grand; all members shall vote, without exception; they shall advance singly and deposit their ballot which shall be duly inspected by the Noble Grand and Vice Grand and the result declared to the Lodge; members in voting shall not cross between the chair of the Noble Grand and the ballot box.

Sec. 2. The elective officers shall be voted on separately and must receive a majority of all votes cast to entitle them to election.

Sec. 3. At all elections for officers the recording secretary shall provide blank ballots for the use of the members. It shall be the duty of the warden to distribute a set of ballots to each member entitled to vote. Members over 26 weeks in

arrears shall not be entitled to vote. Members shall write name of the members they are voting for, and shall advance singly and deposit their ballots. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to appoint two tellers, who, with the warden, shall canvass the votes given and declare the result to the Noble Grand, by whom it shall be announced to the Lodge.

Sec. 4. All vacancies, whether by resignation or otherwise, may be filled by the Lodge by nomination or otherwise, at the next regular meeting after nominating, and until so filled the Noble Grand shall appoint a member to the office pro tem. The officer elected to fill vacancies shall serve the remainder of the term and shall be entitled to all the honors of the office.

## ARTICLE VI.

### OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

Sec. 1. Noble Grand. It shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to preside in the Lodge and enforce a due observance of the constitution and By-Laws, and a proper respect for the authority of the Grand Lodge and its edicts, and to see that all officers of the Lodge and members of committees perform their respective duties as enjoined by the several charges and these By-Laws; appoint all committees not otherwise provided for; inspect and

to the Lodge; have charge of the charter, which must always be in the Lodge Room while in session; draw upon the treasurer for all monies that have been voted by the Lodge; receive from the officers the books of charges, and see that they are deposited in the archives of the Lodge previous to leaving the room, and perform such other duties as appertain to the office of Noble Grand; the Noble Grand shall not be entitled to vote except at the election of officers, or balloting for candidates, or when the members are equally divided on other questions when he or she shall give the casting vote, except in cases of appeal from his or her decision; nor make or second any motion, or take part in any debate while in the chair; the Noble Grand shall be chairman of the visiting committee and ex-officio of all other committees.

#### VICE GRAND.

Sec. The Vice Grand shall assist the Noble Grand in presiding in the Lodge, have special charge of the door under the Noble Grand; appoint his or her own supporters, also the minority of all committees on character, and in the absence of the Noble Grand shall preside and perform all other duties required by charges and usages of the Order.

#### RECORDING SECRETARY.

Sec. 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of the

Lodge; write all communications; fill up all certificates; issue all summonses or notices required; draw all warrants on the Treasurer for monies voted by the Lodge at its regular meetings; shall have and safely keep the seal; notify every applicant for membership who has been elected during the week succeeding such election, and request his or her attendance at the next regular meeting; shall make out at the end of the term, for the Grand Lodge, a full return of the business of the Lodge during the term, and perform such other duties appertaining to the office as may be required, and deliver up to his or her successor all books, papers and other property belonging to the office; if the Lodge fails to elect a financial Secretary the Recording Secretary shall perform the duties of the Financial Secretary as enumerated in the next section.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Sec. 4. The Financial Secretary shall keep a just and true account between the Lodge and its members; receive all monies due the Lodge and pay the same immediately to the Treasurer, taking a receipt for same. When members have refused or neglected to pay their dues for the space of eleven months, they shall be notified in writing of the state of his or her account, and if after one month the account still remains unsettled, shall report the

same to the Lodge; shall keep a ledger, cash and receipt book; have the former regularly posted at the end of each term; shall give the Noble Grand previous to and on the night of election of officers a list of members who are entitled to vote, and shall at the end of the term of office deliver to his or her successor in office all books, papers and other property belonging to the office.

#### TREASURER.

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds and property not otherwise provided for; shall keep a regular account of all monies received and expended; shall disburse money only on receipt of warrants signed by the Noble Grand and Recording Secretary, attested with the seal of the Lodge; shall close all accounts at the end of the term, and make a full report thereof; shall deliver to his or her successor in office, whomsoever the Lodge may appoint all books, papers, monies, or other property pertaining to the office, in accordance with the usages of the Order.

The Treasurer shall, prior to his or her installation, execute to the Trustees of this Lodge a bond in the sum of \$500.00, or such other sum as the Lodge shall from time to time require, in a Guarantee Security Company doing business in the Province of British Columbia, and the cost of such bond shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Lodge.

## ARTICLE VII.

## STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sec. 1. The Noble Grand on the night of installation shall appoint, subject to the approval and confirmation of the Lodge, the following committees to serve for the current year viz: A Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee and Property Committee.

Sec. 2. The Visiting Committee shall consist of the Noble Grand, Vice Grand and five sister of the Lodge of whom the Noble Grand shall be chairman. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to make such arrangement that the sick members of the Lodge, if within the city limits, shall be visited, at least once in each day by one or more members of the Committee on the day set apart for him or her; Sunday, N.G.; Monday V.G.; Tuesday, Warden; Wednesday, L.S.N.G.; Thursday, Treasurer; Friday R.S.V.G.; Saturday, L.S.V.G., after having received notice of their illness, and render such aid and assistance as the laws provide or the Lodge may direct. In case of contagious or infectious diseases, it shall not be compulsory to visit. Should any of the Committee be unable to visit on account of sickness, absence from the city, or other disability, they shall, upon receiving notice, send word to the Chairman, who may select some other member, either of the com-



mittee or of the Lodge. The Noble Grand shall have the power to call upon any member of the Lodge to serve on the Visiting Committee if in his or her discretion it is necessary.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Sec. 3. The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, and it shall be their duty to examine all accounts referred to them by the Lodge and make a written report thereon at the next regular meeting; they shall audit the books of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer at the close of each term and make a written report of the financial affairs of the Lodge at the first regular meeting in each term. In their absence the Noble Grand may appoint a temporary committee to transact any business that may arise and require immediate action.

### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Sec. 4 The Property Committee shall consist of three members. Their duty shall be to take charge of the regalia and other effects of the Lodge not especially intrusted to particular officers or committees; procure such articles as the Lodge may direct; cause all repairs to be made to the paraphernalia or other property of the Lodge as to them may seem fit, or the Lodge may direct, and make a full written report of their proceedings at the last

regular meeting in each term, accompanied by the inventory of the property belonging to the Lodge.

#### COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of all Committees on character to ascertain carefully the age, state of health, profession, habits and character of the candidates referred to them, and to make a written report thereon to the Lodge at the next regular meeting.

#### DISMISSAL OF COMMITTEES.

Sec. 6. Any Committee, or member or members of Committees, failing to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge, may be discharged therefrom on a vote of the Lodge, and every committee or member thereof, thus discharged shall forthwith surrender, on demand to that effect, to the Noble Grand or such other member or members of the Lodge as the Lodge may appoint, all books papers, monies or other property of the Lodge in their possession.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### PENALTIES.

Sec. 1. Any member who is over twenty-six weeks in arrears shall not be entitled to the term pass-word or be privileged to vote or speak in the Lodge.

Sec. 2. If any member makes public any busi-

ness which should be confined to the Lodge he or she shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled as the Lodge may determine.

Sec. 3. Any member guilty of improper conduct in or out of the Lodge, or who shall wilfully calumniate the character of any Brother or Sister of this Lodge, knowing the same to be false or otherwise, shall be subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion.

#### ENTRY OR RETIREMENT AND REGALIA.

Sec. 1. No member shall enter or retire during the conferring of the Degree.

All officers shall wear the regalia of their respective offices while present in the Lodge.

#### AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 1. No motion to repeal, amend or add to these By-laws or any part thereof shall be put to the vote unless the same shall have been read at a regular meeting, and lie on the table until the next regular meeting, nor shall such motion be declared to prevail unless two-thirds of the members present and voting shall vote in favor of it; whenever it is necessary to change these By-laws to conform to the Laws of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia or Sovereign Grand Lodge, such change may be made without previous notice.

Approved 25th July, 1907.

FRED DAVEY,  
ROBT. LIVINGSTONE,  
R. W. FAWCETT

Committee on Laws of Subordinates.

**RULES OF ORDER**  
of  
**ESTHER REBEKAH LODGE NO. 20, I.O.O.F**  
**Fernie, British Columbia**

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**RULES OF ORDER.**

Rule 1. As soon as the presiding officer shall have taken the chair the officers and members present shall take their respective stations, and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule 2. The order of procedure after opening shall be as follows:

- (1) Calling the roll of officers.
- (2) Reading by the Secretary of the minutes of the last Lodge night.
- (3) The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other members who may have to report the fact of any member being sick or in distress
- (4) The receiving and consideration of reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.
- (5) The initiation of candidates for membership.
- (6) The receiving of propositions for membership and their reference to Committees on Character.
- (7) The reading and consideration of accounts

and other communications in the hands of the Secretary.

(8.) The receiving and consideration of any reports of officers or standing committees which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-laws.

(9) The receiving and consideration of any reports of special committees, in order of their seniority.

(10) The nomination or election of officers on the evening designated for such nomination or election.

(11) Good and Welfare; being, first, unfinished business, in order of priority at previous meetings; secondly, new business.

(12) The closing of the Lodge.

Rule 3. Any member offering a motion must do so in writing if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary or the presiding officer of the Lodge.

Rule 4. No question shall be put by the presiding officer 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.
2. To lay on the table
3. To put the previous question.
4. To postpone
5. To refer, or
6. To amend.

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

Rule 5. The previous question shall be put from the chair only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of members of the Lodge present, shall then always be put in the words following: "Shall the question be now put?" which shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

Rule 6. 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 the 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 the vote during the remainder of the current term the question so pending as aforesaid.

Rule 7 Any member may require a division on a question when the sense will admit of it.

Rule 8. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or numbers and longest or least time proposed.

Rule 9. The yeas and nays shall be taken and

recorded on the call of any member duly seconded.

Rule 10. 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 reconsideration thereof, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule 11. Any question decided by the Lodge shall not again be brought before it otherwise than by reconsideration, as provided in the foregoing rules, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding, and such notice shall not be received during the time in which the question has been decided.

Rule 12. Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the presiding officer.

Rule 13. Any member intending to speak on any question shall rise and respectfully address the presiding officer, confining discussion to the question and avoiding personalities; and should more than one member rise to speak at the same time the presiding officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule 14. The presiding officer or any member may call a member to order while speaking, and in such case the debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the member so called to order shall not pro-



ceed 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 15. 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: "Noble Grand, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the chair, to the Lodge." The Lodge shall, after such explanation from 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?" After other business is taken up, it is too late to appeal.

Rule 16. Any member 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 to do so 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 17. 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 18. Brothers and Sisters not members of this Lodge may, at any time require all members

present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from doing so.

Rule 19. No member shall retire while the Lodge is open without the permission of the presiding officer.

Rule 20. Any member may excuse himself or herself from serving on a committee if at the time of his or her appointment he or she is a member of two committees. No member can be appointed on a committee when absent from the Lodge.

Rule 21. The first member named on a committee shall act as chairman until another is chosen by the committee. The mover of a resolution referred to a special committee is usually the first named thereon.

Rule 22. No committee can be finally discharged until all the debts contracted by it shall have been paid.

Rule 28 A motion to suspend or alter the order of procedure as contained in Rule 11, for the remainder of the 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 shall at any time be put to the vote.

Rule 24. These rules, or any part thereof shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled; except in case provided for in Rule 23, by action of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

(Signed) O. N. ROSS, P. G.

THOS BECK, P. G.

THOS. W. BELL.

Committee.



