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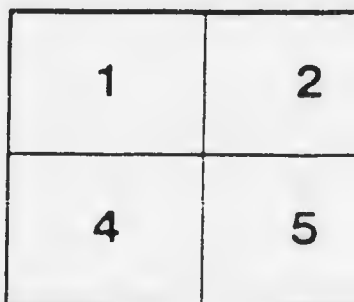
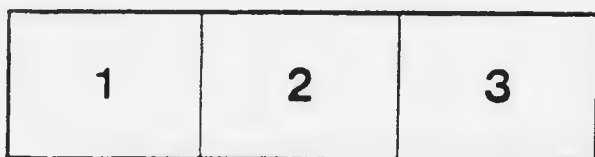
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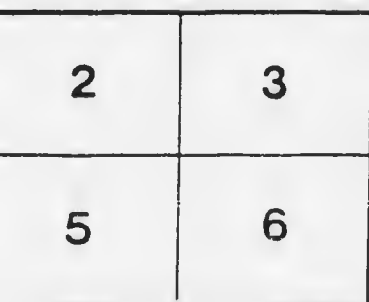
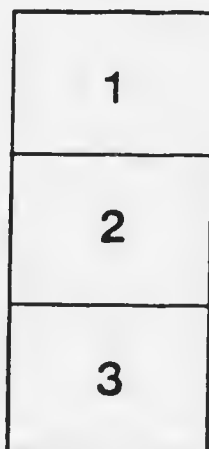
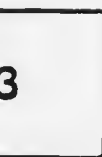
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**Constitution, By-Laws and  
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Mount Fernie Lodge**

**No. 47,**

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

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

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**FERNIE, B.C.  
Instituted February 24th, 1902.**

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CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP  
MOUNT FERNIE LODGE, NO. 47,

I. O. O. F.

*Fernie, B. C.,*

*This is to Certify that Bro. ....  
was duly admitted a member of this Lodge by  
..... on the ..... day of .....  
in the year of our Lord One Thousand.....*

*Noble Grand*

*Recording Secy.*



# CONSTITUTION

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## PREAMBLE.

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

## ARTICLE I.—Name, etc.

Section 1. This Lodge shall consist of at least five members of the Third Degree, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, to be hailed and entitled (Mount Fernie Lodge, No. 47) Independent Order of Odd Fellows, holding a legal and unreclaimed charter, granted or sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the Province of British Columbia. It cannot voluntarily surrender its charter, or dissolve, so long as five brothers in good standing object thereto.

## ARTICLE II.—Of Membership.

Section 1. All candidates for ini-

tiation must be free white males, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of sound health, of good moral character and industrious habits, having some known reputable means of support, and believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, and is not a saloonkeeper, bartender or professional gambler, and be proposed in the lodge nearest his residence, except that lodge grant permission for his joining another lodge; Provided, that application for membership may be made to any lodge nearest the residence of the applicant, in the same district. A person may be admitted to and lodge in the city or village in which he resides; but all candidates for initiation must reside in this jurisdiction, except such candidates as may apply from any other Province, State or Territory, where there is no Grand Lodge or District Deputy Grand Sire located, or permission be first obtained from the officers of the jurisdiction in which the candidate resides.

Sec. 2. All candidates for membership by deposit of card, or certificate of dismissal, or as Ancient Odd Fellows, whose cards or certificates of dismissal have been granted more than twelve months, shall deposit

their cards or certificates with their propositions, or furnish satisfactory evidence that such card or certificate has been lost. In the case of the application of a brother who, within six months previous to such application, has been a member of a lodge which has merged into or united with this lodge, the vote necessary to receive shall be a majority vote.

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

Sec. 4. A non-affiliated Odd Fellow who has been regularly initiated in the order, and who at the time of making application for reinstatement to membership shall be over 50 years of age, may be admitted to membership in this lodge as a non-beneficial member, upon such terms as the by-laws may prescribe, by presenting a petition as required under Section 1, Article III, for proposals for membership by initiation,

which shall be disposed of according to said section.

The membership of a brother admitted by deposit of card, or as a non-affiliate, shall date from the time of his signing the Constitution and By-Laws of the lodge he joins.

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

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

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

### ARTICLE III.

#### Of Propositions for Membership.

Section 1. The name of a person offered for membership, with his age, residence and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant with the names of two persons as references attached and entered upon the records; and forthwith be referred to committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting (unless extraordinary circumstances pre-

vent) when the candidate may be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be deemed rejected.

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

Sec. 3. If it is alleged that an error has been made in depositing a



black ball at the balloting for a candidate for membership, the lodge may immediately thereafter take a second ballot in order to verify the alleged error.

Sec. 4. Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-Laws of this lodge on his admission thereto.

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### Of Fees, Dues and Benefits.

Section 1. The fees of this lodge shall not be less than \$10 for initiation; \$5 admission by card; \$10 for an Ancient Odd Fellow; \$3 each for First and Second Degree, and \$4 for the Third Degree to the lodge

fund, and such amount of dues to the lodge fund as shall be determined by the By-Laws, which shall in no case be less than \$12 per year, in addition to which, the lodge may, by its By-Laws provide for a Widows' Orphans' and Education Fund, and Nurse and Funeral Tax, and for extraordinary assessments for lodge purposes. Lodges may make provisions in their By-Laws to set aside 5 per cent of their receipts from dues to form a contingent fund to be used for the legitimate objects of the order.

Sec. 2. Every member qualified, as required by the By-Laws of his lodge shall, in case of being disabled by sickness or bodily accident (not occasioned by drunkenness of other immoral conduct on his part) from following any occupation or otherwise earning a livelihood, be entitled to and may receive such weekly benefits as may be fixed by By-Laws, from the funds of the lodge; provided always, that such benefits shall not exceed the rate of \$10 per week for each dollar of monthly contribution, and provided always that no lodge shall pay the above rate of benefits for a longer period than six months continuous sickness, after which time it shall not exceed the sum of \$7.50 for each dollar of

monthly contribution, and further that after the expiration of twelve months continuous sickness no lodge shall pay greater benefits than at the rate of \$5 per week for each dollar of monthly contribution. For members not having the Scarlet Degree the benefits shall not exceed the rate of \$6 per week for the first six months, \$4.50 per week for the next six months, and after which \$3 per week during term of sickness, for each dollar of monthly contribution. No lodge shall pay less than \$2 per week as sick benefits for the first twelve months continuous sickness, nor after that period shall sick benefits be reduced to less than \$1 per week.

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

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

months shall have elapsed from the date of his restoration and he falls sick, he shall be entitled to receive full benefits.

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

Sec. 4. When any member's account shows an indebtedness of thirteen weeks' dues, the brother shall not be entitled to benefits, and the secretary shall notify the brother of the fact without delay.

Sec. 5. In case of the death of a member, qualified as required by the By-Laws of his lodge, there shall be allowed from the lodge not less than \$30 to defray the expenses of the burial, to be paid by the Noble Grand on account of the funeral. In the absence of competent relations, the N. G. shall take charge of the funeral, and render an account of the disbursements.

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

Sec. 7. Lodges may provide by By-Law to employ a physician to attend members in good standing when sick, and pay a stipulated sum

per annum for such services out of the funds.

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

#### ARTICLE 5.—Of Degrees.

Section 1. A member who has been in membership one week, may make application for election to any or all of the three subordinate degrees, which application shall be accompanied with the amount required therefor, and be presented to the lodge, when open in that order of business, when the lodge shall ballot upon the application, and if not more than two black ballots be cast he shall be declared elected; if he be rejected no application shall be again received from him within three months thereafter. The lodge may ballot for the three degrees at one time when under the Order of Business or under the Order of New Business, but shall not confer more than one degree on a member at the same meeting, except in case of emergency when by a two-thirds vote of all the members present, the three degrees

may be conferred on the same evening.

Each lodge shall confer the degree on its members except in case of absence from the city, in which case the brother shall be furnished with a certificate under seal, signed by the N. G., and attested by the Secretary, authorizing another lodge to confer the same, providing the same is done without charge.

Sec. 2. All business, other than conferring the degrees, shall be conducted in the Third Degree.

#### ARTICLE VI.—Of Officers.

Section 1. The elective officers of this lodge shall consist of a N. G., V. G. Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each, and the lodge may elect a Permanent Secretary for the same time, or for one year, to take charge of the accounts between the lodge and its members.

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

Sec. 3. No member shall be installed as N.G. unless he has served a

term as V. G., or the last of a term to fill a vacancy; nor as V. G. unless he has served a term in an inferior office, other than Trustee. Service in office whether elected or appointed, is qualifying in any other lodge as well as in this lodge, providing a brother has a certificate to that effect under seal of a lodge in good standing; Provided that any Third Degree member may be elected if all qualified brothers refuse to serve, and a dispensation being granted by the Grand Master, previous to election.

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

Sec. 5. Nominations for elective officers shall be made only on the two meetings immediately preceding that of the regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

Sec. 6. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in May and November of each year, and be installed at the first regular meeting in the new term; Provided the installing officer be present; if absent the lodge may, by vote, defer, it for

one week, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master. A member shall be elected to fill any vacant office at the time, except the Recording Secretary, who may act as Permanent Secretary.

Sec. 7. Any officer absenting himself from the lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officers, 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. 8. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the lodge, by nomination and election, at the next regular meeting after nomination and until so filled the N. G. shall appoint a member to the office pro tem.

Sec. 9. The duty of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office and as specified in this Constitution and the By-Laws of the lodge.

Sec. 10. The N. G., or officer acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the V. G. or officer acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates.

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gular meeting in May, in each year, shall elect one representative to the Grand Lodge for its members of 50 or under; also one representative for every 50 members over and above first said number of 50 members in good standing, as shown by its report on the 31st day of December of the previous year. Each lodge shall at the same time elect one alternate for each representative elected, and in case a representative shall be unable to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, then the alternate receiving the highest number of votes may attend in his place and have all the powers and privileges of a representative.

### ARTICLE VII.

#### Of Penalties and Trials.

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

been announced in open lodge at two regular meetings; and provided, further that no person shall cease to be a member, under this section, whilst charges are pending against him; Provided that in case of absence of a brother at a distance of 50 miles from his lodge, two months' additional time shall be allowed him to pay his indebtedness.

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

has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues and has been reinstated shall not be entitled to benefits for six months from the date of reinstatement.

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

Clause 4. A member after being suspended in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues for the space of five years, wishing to join a lodge in this jurisdiction shall be entitled to receive, and the lodge shall grant him, upon proper application, a dismissal certificate upon receipt of \$1.00.

Clause 5. A member suspended from membership in this jurisdiction for non-payment of dues, wishing to regain membership in another jurisdiction, shall upon proper application, be entitled to receive from the lodge from which he was so suspended, a dismissal certificate upon payment to the said lodge of \$1.00.

Clause 6. In all cases when a

member has been suspended for non-payment of dues, and his lodge has refused to reinstate him, he shall upon a proper application, be entitled to receive, and the lodge shall grant a dismissal certificate, upon the receipt thereof of \$1.00.

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

Clause 8. The certificates named in this section shall be only those provided by the Grand Secretary of the Sovereign Grand Lodge. All applications for Withdrawal Cards or Dismissal Certificates must be made in writing over the signature of the brother applying for the same.

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

following code of procedure.

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

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

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

#### CODE OF PROCEDURE.

Section 1—Rule 1. All charges against members of the Order in this jurisdiction made pursuant to the provisions of Article VII, of this Constitution shall be drawn in the manner prescribed in Form 1, Section 5, of this Code; and be signed by a member in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow," followed by a specification or specifications, stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence; and each offence shall be the subject of a separate specification.

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

Rule 3. The lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, if the accused member be present, proceed to the choice, by ballot, of a Committee of Trial, consisting of five who must, if possible, have the same or a higher degree than that obtained by the accused. Any member nominated as one of the Committee of Trial may be challenged for cause by the accuser, accused, or any member of the lodge, in which case the lodge shall proceed to the election of the members against whom no challenge has been made. The grounds of challenge or challenges shall then be stated, when the vote shall be taken and if two-thirds of those voting shall vote in favor of the challenged brother, he shall be declared elected. Should such brother fail to be elected new nominations must be made and proceedings had until the committee is filled. Should the accused brother be absent the choice of the committee shall be postponed for two weeks, and the Secretary of the lodge shall notify the absent brother of the fact

that charges have been preferred against him, and of the time when the committee is to be appointed; and should the brother fail to appear at the time aforesaid, he shall be deemed to have waived his right of challenge and the lodge shall proceed to the choice of the Committee as herein provided.

Rule 4. The Secretary shall make a copy of the charge and specifications, affix thereto the seal of the lodge, and certify it substantially according to Form 2, Section 5, of the Code, and serve or cause the same to be served upon the accused. He shall also certify under seal, the original charge and specifications; and deliver the same to the first named member of the committee according to Form 3, Section 5, of the Code, and shall notify each member thereof of his appointment, according to Form 4, Section 5.

Rule 5. The first named member of said committee shall, within one week after receiving notice of his appointment, call a meeting of the committee for organization, when a chairman and secretary shall be elected; and a suitable time and place be appointed for an adjourned meeting which shall not be held in less than two weeks, at which the accuser and accused shall be notified to

appear and proceed with the trial. The notice shall be in accordance with Form 5, Section 5, of this code and must be served upon the parties personally if they can be found otherwise by leaving the same at their last known place of residence if in the town or city where the lodge is located, at least one week prior to the time of the trial. If the accused resides out of town, the notice shall be directed to his last known place of residence and left at the postoffice and if the brother so notified shall not appear at the time specified, or offer satisfactory reasons therefor, the committee shall proceed as if he were present, or they may report by resolution, to expel the member so refusing to appear for contempt of the lodge.

Rule 6. At the time specified for the trial, the accuser and accused being present and answering, the charge and specifications shall be read, and the accused be required to make answer to each specification contained in the charge. Should the accused object to a specification on the ground of indefiniteness, the accuser shall have leave to amend, provided such amendment be made immediately, the accused may then plead to each specification either of the following answer:



1. That the alleged offence is not within the legal jurisdiction of the lodge.

2. That the complaint contained in specifications is frivolous.

3. Admit the facts and justify the alleged offense.

4. Guilty.

5. Not guilty.

Rule 7. The report of the committee shall state the findings on each specification and on the charge according to Form 6, Section 5, of this Code, and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, ruling and decisions, together with the evidence taken during the trial, and a resolution or resolutions for adoption by the lodge, which shall be submitted to the lodge within one month after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it shall be drawn and presented in a similar manner.

Rule 8. The report of the committee shall be received and entered in full in the records, without discussion, and laid over for action at the second regular session thereafter. The Secretary shall immediately transmit to the accuser and accused a copy of the report or reports, and also notify them of the time when the same will be acted upon, in the

manner prescribed in Rule 5. At the time fixed upon to consider the report the lodge may proceed to consider and determine the matter whether the accused brother be present or not and in all cases involving the suspension or expulsion of a member, it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the members present to adopt the resolution, the vote to be taken by ball or paper ballot, and the lodge shall be fully competent while such motion is under consideration, to vary the penalty from the original motion. Either party may object to any of the ruling and decisions of the committee when the lodge shall take up the report for consideration.

Rule 9. At the regular meeting of the lodge two weeks after the report of the committee, the case shall be taken up; the findings, rulings and resolution of the committee read and considered, and all testimony, if any, bearing thereon; and the lodge shall, by vote adopt or reject the resolutions which may be submitted by the committee subject to the provisions of Rule 8.

Rule 10. When the lodge shall have taken final action as aforesaid, the secretary, shall at once give notice thereof, under seal, to the party against whom the decision is render-

ed, by delivering the same to him personally, or by leaving it at his last known place of residence, or forwarding to him by mail, from which decision he may appeal to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia within two weeks after the service of such notice, by filing with the Secretary a written notice of such appeal and the ground thereof, according to Form 7, Section 5, of the Code, and also by serving a notice of appeal upon the Grand Secretary, according to Form 8, Section 5.

#### Rules Governing Committees.

Section 2. Rule 1. Three members of a Committee of Trial shall constitute a quorum and be competent to proceed with the preliminary trial. All questions requiring a decision of the committee shall be determined by a majority of those present.

Rule 2. When the accuser or accused shall notify the Chairman of the Committee of Trial in writing that he requires the presence of a member of the Order as a witness, the chairman shall endorse such notice stating the time and place of such meeting, and transmit it to the Noble Grand of the lodge of which such witness is a member, who shall immediately cause the member (or

members) named, to be summoned to attend as a witness according to Form 9, Section 5, of the Code.

Rule 3. The committee shall keep correct minutes of the proceedings which must show:

1. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.
2. The charges and specifications and answers or pleas of the accused.
3. All points raised and the decisions thereon.
4. The exceptions taken by either party.
5. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witness.
6. Documentary evidence distinctly marked.
7. Decisions of the committee upon each specification and charge.

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

#### Evidence and Witnesses.

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

exceptions so taken shall be entered by the committee upon its minutes.

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

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

Rule 4. Members of the Order shall qualify under their obligations as Odd Fellows, according to Form 12, Section 5, of the Code; witnesses, not members, shall be qualified by some civil officer authorized to administer oaths.

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

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

Rule 7. After the evidence for the accused shall have been put in, the prosecution may introduce testimony

in rebuttal of the witness for the defence, but for no other purpose.

#### Appeals.

Section 4.—Rule 1. All appeals from Subordinate Lodges, or their members shall be presented within twenty days from the action of the lodge appealed from, with all papers properly certified, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and no appeal will be considered unless such course is taken.

Rule 2. The lodge shall, within twenty days after reception of a notice of appeal to the Grand Lodge through its Secretary deliver to the Grand Secretary, under seal, a certified copy of the charge, minutes of the Committee of Trial, and also the records of the lodge relating to the subject matter of the appeal and the original testimony taken at the trial, according to Form 10 Section 5, of the Code.

Rule 3. Should the lodge fail to make the above returns, the Grand Secretary shall notify the lodge of such failure, and direct the returns to be made within ten days from the receipt of the notice according to Form 11, Section 5, of the Code, and in default be made, he shall report to the lodge to the Grand Master as insubordinate.

Rule 4. The Grand Secretary shall

at the time required by law present the appeal, together with all the papers in the case received by him, to the Chairman of the Committee on Appeals of the Grand Lodge.

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

Section 5.—Form 1.

Charge and Specifications.

.....1.....

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

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

Specification First — The above name ..... in violation of the laws of the Order, did on or about the ..... day of .....1...  
(here state the offence, place and other circumstances, and continue with specifications second, etc., as provided in Rule 1, Section 1)

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) .....

Form 2.

Notice to the Accused.

.....Lodge, No. ....I.O.O.F.  
.....1.....

Brother .....

Enclosed in this notice I transmit a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by ..... of ..... Lodge, No. .... The same were referred to a Committee of Trial, consisting of (give names). The officers of said committee will notify you of the time and place to appear for answer.

Fraternally,

(Seal) .....Secretary

Form 3.

Notice of Temporary Chairman of Committee to Try Charges.

.....Lodge, No. .... I.O.O.F.  
.....1.....

Brother .....

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

Fraternally,

(Seal) ..... Secretary



Form 4.

Notice to Members of Committee.  
.....Lodge, No. .... I.O.O.F.

Brother .....

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

Fraternally,

(Seal) ..... Secretary.

Form 5.

Notice to Accuser and Accused to Attend Meeting of Committee.

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

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Brother .....

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

Fraternally,

..... Chairman

..... Secretary

## Form 6.

Report of Committee of Trial

.....1.....  
To ..... Lodge, No. .... I.O.O.F.

The undersigned, (a majority or minority), of the committee to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by .....against ..... respectfully report: That after hearing the parties they and (state finding on each specification and the charge, as required by Rule 7, Section 1.) The minutes of the doings of the committee, a copy of the evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial, are herewith placed in the custody of the Secretary of the lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed by the Sommittee.)

## Form 7.

Notice of Appeal to the Grand Lodge  
of British Columbia

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

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

Fraternally,

(Signed) .....

Form 8.

Appeal to the Grand Lodge of British Columbia.

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

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

Fraternally,

(Signature and residence) .....

Form 9.

Notice to Attend as Witness.

Lodge, N. .... I.O.O.F.

.....1.....

Brother .....

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

Fraternally,

(Seal) .....Secretary.

Form 10.

Certificate Accompanying Return to Lodge Under Rule 1, Section 4.

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

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

Enclosed you will receive the re-  
turn of this lodge in the matter of  
the appeal of ..... to your  
Grand Body, required by Rule 1,  
Section 4. I hereby certify that the  
same embraces correct copies of all  
the minutes and papers relating to  
the case, in my possession, or in pos-  
session of the lodge, and also the  
original testimony taken at the  
trial.

(Seal) ..... Secretary

Form 11.

Notice of Grand Secretary to Lodge,  
Under Rule 3, Section 4.

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

To ..... Lodge, N. .... I.O.O.F.

On the ..... day of ..... I  
received from ..... an ap-  
peal from the action of your lodge  
in the matter of (state cause of ap-  
peal.) The papers relating to the  
appeal not having been transmitted  
to me within the time specified by  
law, you are hereby notified to for-  
ward the same to me within ten  
days of the receipt of this note.  
Should I not receive them, it will  
be my unpleasant duty to proceed

under Rule 3, Section 4, of the Code.  
Fraternally,  
.....Grand Secretary.

Obligation to Witnesses to be Administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

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

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

Sec. 7. This lodge shall have a book, in which shall be entered the names of all persons rejected, suspended or expelled by this, or any other lodge, of which they may have received due notice, with the date and cause of such suspension or expulsion.

ARTICLE VIII.

Funds and Property.

Section 1. The funds and property of this lodge shall be held exclusive-

ly as a Trust Fund to be devoted to no other purpose than the charitable uses of the I.O.O.F., and expenditures legitimately made for lodge purposes, and of the advancement of the interests of the lodge or 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, or of proceeds of any sales of such property, shall ever be divided among the members; and in case of a surrender or forfeiture of the lodge Charter, all the funds and property of the lodge of whatsoever kind, shall be immediately surrendered and delivered up to the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction or to officers or agents properly authorized to receive them.

#### ARTICLE IX.—Offences.

Section 1. No member of this lodge shall be concerned in organizing or visiting any illegal, spurious, expelled, extinct or suspended lodge of Odd Fellows; nor paint on his sign any emblem of the Order, or otherwise exhibit any upon the same or have any printed or engraved upon his business card, nor expose any in a public place as a sign; no member of this lodge shall receive or put any motion from the chair of

of the N.G., unless he be a present or past N.G. or V.G.

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

#### ARTICLE X.

##### Terms and Returns.

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

Sec. 2. The officers for the term about expiring shall prepare and deliver to the officer who shall install their successors on the form provided by the Grand Lodge for that purpose, the result of the elections, and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those initiated, admitted by card, and as Ancient Odd Fellows; those suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, and of those reinstated and deceased; the number of degrees conferred; the whole number in membership, and the amount of receipts,

accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 3. In addition to the above, the officers for the term expiring on the first meeting in January shall annually make to the Grand Lodge, on the form furnished, a full return of the members of the lodge (except such as are more than one year in arrears or have been expelled) ranked according to the degrees attained, and a statement of the number of members relieved in the past year; the number of widowed families relieved; the number of members buried; the number of sisters buried; the amount of money applied to each of these purposes; the amount paid for the education of orphans; the amount paid for current expenses; the total value of the assets of the lodge, together with the property report required by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

Sec. 4. Should this lodge fail to make any of its returns as required by the two preceding sections, for one year, it shall thereby forfeit its charter and become extinct; and it shall be the duty of the G.M. or D. D.G.M., to withhold the A.T.P.W. and semi-annual P.W., until such returns are made, and the amount due to the Grand Lodge paid. And it shall be the duty of the last install-



ed officers to transmit or surrender to the Grand Master or his Deputy, the charter, books, papers, furniture and funds of the lodge.

#### ARTICLE XI.—Of Cards.

Section 1. Withdrawal cards may be granted to members who are clear of the books, according to law, by a majority vote by ballot of the members present when application is made. Should the lodge refuse to card, the applicant, on tendering a written resignation of membership, and paying all dues, shall be entitled to receive from the Seceratry a certificate under the seal of the Lodge, to that effect; and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of good standing at the time of such resignation.

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

## ARTICLE XII.

## Interpretation and Amendments.

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

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

## ARTICLE XIII.—Of By-Laws.

Section 1. This lodge may make, alter or rescind such By-Laws, Rules and Resolutions, from time to time, as may be deemed expedient; Provided that they do not in any wise contravene this Constitution or the 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 are in force from the time of their approval by the Committee on Laws of Subordinates, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge; and the manuscript copy of such By-Laws, and amendments thereto, shall, before being printed, be transmitted to the Grand Secretary in duplicate to be submitted to the Committee on

## CONSTITUTION

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Laws of Subordinates for their approval. One copy shall be retained by the Grand Lodge and the other returned to the lodge certified as approval or otherwise.

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# BY-LAWS

Of Mt. Fernie Lodge, No. 47,

I. O. O. F.

## ARTICLE I. Meetings.

Section 1. The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on Wednesday evenings of each week at 8 o'clock.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Noble Grand either at his discretion or at the request of five members of the Degree of Truth in good standing or by vote of the Lodge, and in either case the Recording Secretary shall notify the members. No business shall be transacted at special meetings other than that for which such meeting may be called.

Sec. 3. At all meetings five members including one qualified to preside shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

## ARTICLE II.—Membership.

Section 1. Applications for membership in this lodge must be made

in conformity with Art. 2. Sec. 1 to 6 inclusive of the Constitution.

Sec. 2. Propositions for membership in this lodge must be made in conformity with Art. 3, Sec. 1 to 7 inclusive of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE III.—Degrees.

Degrees shall be balloted for as prescribed in Art. 5. Sec. 1 and 2 of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE IV.—Election of Officers.

Election of officers shall be as prescribed in Art. 6, Sec. 1 to 11 of the Constitution.

#### ARTICLE V.—Appointed Officers.

Appointments shall be made by the Noble Grand immediately after installation.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### Duties of the Noble Grand.

The N. G. shall preside at all meetings, preserve order and decorum and may enforce the same by a fine of not less than one or not more than five dollars; but his decisions upon all questions shall be subject to appeal. He shall strictly enforce the provisions of the Constitutions and By-Laws; see that all officers of the lodge and members of committees perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the usages of the order and by the Constitution

and By-Laws; enforce all fines and penalties imposed by the Constitution and By-Laws, or by a vote of the lodge, and appoint the majority of all committees not otherwise provided for. On the night of the installation he shall appoint, subject to the approval of the lodge, the following standing committees, viz.: Finance and room committees. He shall give the casting vote on all questions before the lodge, except in the election of officers and candidates where he shall be entitled to vote; inspect and announce the result of all balloting and other voting; have charge of the Charter, which he must always have in the lodge while in session; sign all drafts on the Treasurer for such sums which may have been ordered by the lodge; and perform all other duties appertaining to his office. He shall not make or second any motion or resolution, or take part in any debate while in the chair. Previous to closing the lodge he shall ascertain from the F. S. the amount of the receipts of the evening and from the Treasurer if he has received the same.

#### ARTICLE VII.

Duties of the Vice-Grand.

The V. G. shall assist the N.G. in

presiding over the lodge; appoint his own supporters and minority of all committees on investigation; have special charge of the door; preside instead of the N.G. in his absence and perform all the duties required by the laws and usages of the order and by the Constitution and By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of the Recording Secretary.

The R. S. shall keep correct minutes of all meetings; fill up all certificates granted by the lodge; write and issue all communications, summonses and notices required; notify all candidates of their election and attest all drafts for monies ordered to be paid at a regular meeting. He shall endorse upon all petitions for membership the name of the applicant and the names of the members of the committee of investigation to which the application is referred and forthwith hand the same to the chairman of said committee. He alone shall have, safely keep and use (when required) the seal of the lodge. He shall have authority to give without the vote of the lodge (provided the brother be clear on the books and otherwise qualified) the certificate required to enable the brother to join an encampment. He

shall at the end of the term make out for the Grand Lodge a full report of the work of the lodge during the term and shall enter it on the minutes. He shall enter on the minutes the name, age, occupation and residence of all candidates stating whether they join by initiation, deposit of card, or as Ancient or non-affiliating Odd Fellows. He shall enter a brief statement of the contents of all communications, petitions and memorials upon the records and shall enter in full upon the records all communications from the Grand Lodge and reports of Finance and special committees. Shall perform such other duties as are required of him by the lodge and by the usages of the order and shall deliver to his successor all books and papers pertaining to his office.

#### ARTICLE IX.

Duties of the Financial Secretary.

The F. S. shall regularly attend each meeting, aid the R.S. in the discharge of his duties, keep faithful and just account between the Lodge and its members, receive all monies due the lodge and pay the same at the close of each meeting to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefore. He shall one week after the expiration of each quarter end-



ing April 1st, July 1st, October 1st and January 1st notify each member who is indebted to the lodge in the sum of three dollars or more, and in the event of any brothers neglecting or refusing to pay the same when duly notified, he shall report to the lodge. He shall have a ledger, cash and receipt books and a roster and shall post his ledger every quarter. He shall keep a list of the members elected to degrees with the date of election and the name of the degree. He shall fill up all cards and endorse all cards of visitors, and at the close of the term shall assist the R. S. in making up the regular returns for the Grand Lodge. He shall render an exact account of the state of his books and furnish lists of the names of brethren who have ceased to be members and of those entitled to vote at the regular election of officers which shall be in possession of the Noble Grand to be examined by him as their names are called. He shall attend the audit of the books of the lodge and furnish the finance committee with all necessary information. He shall prepare a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the lodge for each half year ending with the last regular meeting in June and December and a statement of the total value of the lodge

funds and of the number and ages of the members a duplicate of which signed by the Finance Committee shall be posted in the ante room of the Lodge.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### Duties of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall, prior to his installation, execute to the trustees of the lodge a bond in the penal sum of five hundred dollars, or such sum as the lodge shall from time to time require, from some reliable security company, the fee of which shall be paid by the lodge for the faithful performance of his duties. The bond of the treasurer when approved shall be entered in full upon the records. He shall receive all monies of the lodge and deposit the same in any chartered bank at Fernie, B.C., to the account of the treasurer of Mount Fernie Lodge No. 47, I.O.O.F. He shall keep correct account of all sums received or paid out. He shall pay all orders voted by the lodge and signed by the N. G. and attested by the R.S. under seal of the lodge. He shall at the first meeting of each month place on the R.S.'s desk the bank book for inspection; also a quarterly report showing the amount of all receipts and expenditures and balance on

hand. He shall when requested by the N.G. give a statement in writing of the aggregate amount of funds on hand. He shall deliver to his successor in office all the books, papers, funds and other property belonging to the lodge.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### Duties of Junior Past Grand.

It shall be the duty of the Junior P.G. to attend and act in the capacity of P.G. and perform all other duties appertaining to his office.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### Duties of the Warden.

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

## ARTICLE XIII.

## Duties of the Outside Guardian.

The O.G. in addition to his duties of guardian shall under direction of the warden carefully place and replace the regalia, clean and light the room and perform such other labor as may be necessary to keep the room in proper order for the meetings of the lodge. As a compensation for the discharge of these duties he shall receive such salary as the lodge shall from time to time determine.

## ARTICLE XIV.

## Duties of the Trustees.

Three trustees shall be elected by ballot. The brother receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for three years and the next highest two years and the third highest one year; and one trustee shall be elected annually at the last meeting in December for the term of three years. All vacancies on the board of trustees shall be filled in regular manner for the unexpired term. It shall be their duty to invest at interest such sums of money and in such manner as the lodge may direct, to collect the interest and rents at intervals not to exceed three months and pay the same to

the lodge; to call in the loans or use the securities whenever the lodge may require them so to do. The evidence of any debt shall be deposited in some fireproof safe in the city and shall be exhibited in open lodge at the regular meeting next following the election of officers or when the N.G. or five members of the Degree of Truth call for the same. The trustees shall be required to give a bond for the faithful performance of their duty whenever the property of their lodge shall be deemed of such protection in such amount as the lodge may determine. Should any orphans or children of Odd Fellows of this lodge be left in poverty without a guardian it shall be the duty of the trustees to endeavor to place them in a position where they may procure a livelihood and at the same time be preserved from vice. Should the widow of an Odd Fellow be left in indigent circumstances it shall be the duty of the trustees to make inquiries into her situation and report to the lodge what assistance she may need. Either or all of the trustees may for non-performance of duty or improper conduct be removed from office if two thirds of the members present vote for such removal; provided that no removal can take place unless a resolution to that

effect shall have been offered and laid over for one week. When a trustee is removed he shall deliver to the N. G. all lodge property in his possession.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### Duties of Visiting Committees.

The Visiting Committee shall consist of seven members of whom the N.G., V.G. and Treasurer shall be three and the N.G. shall be chairman thereof. It shall be the duty of this committee to visit every sick brother of this lodge within twenty-four hours after receiving information of his illness, provided he is within lodge limits. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of this Committee to make such arrangements that sick brothers of this lodge within the limits shall be visited at least once each day during their illness by one or more of the members of the Committee; to keep a correct roll of the names and residences of all the brothers of the lodge for the use of the Committee and whenever circumstances may require it call upon as many of the brothers in order as they stand upon the roll as may be necessary to secure the attendance and services of two brothers nightly to watch any sick brother. In case of contagious

or infectious diseases it shall not be incumbent upon the members of the Committee to visit personally the sick brother and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon brothers as above, the majority of the Committee may order a nurse to be paid out of the General Fund.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

##### Duties of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee shall consist of three members of the Degree of Truth. It shall be their duty to examine all claims against the lodge and all accounts that may be referred to them and report thereon in writing over their own proper signatures; also to inspect and audit the accounts of the F.S., Treas., Trustees and all other officers or committees that may be charged with the receipt or expenditure of the funds of the lodge and to report in writing on the same at the first regular meeting in each term or whenever required by the lodge.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

##### Duties of the Room Committee.

The Room Committee shall consist of two members of the Degree of Truth and the Warden and it shall be their duty to see that the lodge room and its ante-chambers are in

proper order. At the end of each term they shall make an inventory of all property belonging to the lodge estimating the value of the same and showing what was received from their predecessors and all alterations and additions during the term reported upon and this report shall be referred to the Finance Committee.

#### ARTICLE XVIII.

##### Discharge for Neglect of Duty.

Any Committee or members of Committee failing to discharge their duties to the satisfaction of the lodge may be discharged from the Committee for such neglect by a vote of the lodge to that effect.

#### ARTICLE XIX.— Fees.

Section 1. Every person admitted into this lodge shall pay an entrance fee previous to his initiation according to the following rates: For the age of 25 years and under \$10; 25 to 30, \$12; 30 to 35, \$14; 35 to 40, \$16; 40 to 45, \$20. For each additional year over 45 \$2 per year shall be paid.

Ancient Odd Fellows previous to admission by dismissal certificate shall pay the same as initiates of the same age.



Every brother admitted by deposit of c.ard from any other lodge of this order shall be admitted free of charge.

Sec. 2. The regular contributions payable by every member of this lodge shall be at the rate of \$12 per year or \$3 per quarter payable on or before the last regular meeting of each quarter. Every member failing to pay his dues for the previous quarter on or before the above mentioned dates shall not be considered in good standing.

Sec. 3. No brother shall be entitled to benefits for sickness commencing while owing more than 13 weeks' dues.

Sec. 4. The charge of Degrees in this Lodge shall be as follows: For the Degree of Friendship, \$5; for the Degree of Brotherly Love, \$5; and for the Degree of Truth, \$5.

Sec. 5. For every Withdrawal Card there shall be charged the price of same to the Lodge.

#### ARTICLE XX.—Funds.

Section 1. There shall be four regular funds of this lodge, viz., the General Fund, the Widows and Orphans' Fund, the Contingent Fund and the Sick Nursing Fund.

Sec. 2. The General Fund shall consist of all receipts from Initia-

tions and Degrees, and from all Quarterly Dues, all fines from neglect of duty, all proceeds from the sale of supplies and all donations, all grants which may be made thereto; except a portion of the Quarterly Dues which is provided by these By-Laws to be set aside for the Widows and Orphans' Fund and the Contingent Fund.

Sec. 3. The Widows' and Orphans' Fund shall consist of 10 per cent of all the Quarterly Dues, all donations, bequests which may be made thereto, and proposition fees of candidates who do not appear for initiation within the required time and all monies raised in aid thereof.

Sec. 4. The Contingent Fund shall be raised and sustained by a semi-annual appropriation of 5 per cent. of the amount received on account of Quarterly Dues and all other grants which may be made thereto, provided that such grants not be made from any other funds of the lodge.

Sec. 5. The Sick Nursing Fund shall be raised and maintained by an assessment on each and every member of the Lodge of \$1 to start the fund, and assessments thereafter as the fund requires.

## ARTICLE XXI.— Benefits.

Section 1. Every brother who has been a member of this lodge for the space of one month provided he has received the Degree of Truth and is in good standing shall be deemed a beneficiary member.

Sec. 2. Every beneficiary member in good standing if rendered incapable of following his usual or other attainable occupation by sickness or disability not proceeding from drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part, shall receive a benefit from the funds of the lodge during such illness or disability at the rate of \$6 per week for the first six months' illness and \$3 per week for the remaining part of such illness or disability; provided always that no benefits shall be paid for less than one week's sickness or disability.

Sec. 3. If a brother shall be a non-resident it shall be necessary that a statement of his case, setting forth the nature of his sickness or disability and the time of its duration, be transmitted to his lodge by the lodge nearest the place where he may then reside and under the seal of the lodge, or, if he be not near any lodge of this Order, then by a clergyman or licensed physician, and such brother shall then receive

the benefits provided by these By-Laws.

Sec. 4. On the decease of any brother in good standing in this lodge there shall be paid a funeral benefit of \$75, and on the decease of the wife of any brother of the Degree of Truth in good standing in this lodge, there shall be paid the sum of \$25, to assist in defraying the funeral expenses.

Sec. 5. The widow of any deceased member of this lodge in good standing at the time of his death, he having attained the Degree of Truth, shall receive from the Widows and Orphans' Fund the sum of \$60 per annum during widowhood, payable quarterly. Should the deceased brother leave no widow, or should his widow afterwards die, the said sum shall be paid in like manner for the benefit of the orphan children, if there be any, under the age of 15 years.

Sec. 6. Should any widow be guilty of any unbecoming conduct which would bring discredit upon the memory of her deceased husband, the lodge may withdraw from such widow the benefits above set forth and grant the same to the orphan children, if any there be, under the age of 15 years, and upon the marriage of any widow while receiving benefits

from this Fund, it shall be optional with the lodge to grant the above-mentioned benefits to her children, but 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.

Sec. 7. No motion affecting the benefits of any widow or orphan children referred to in the previous sections shall be put to a vote until the same has been read at two regular meetings, when, if a majority vote is in favor of the motion, it shall be adopted.

#### ARTICLE XXII.

##### Relief in Special Cases.

Section 1. Whenever it may become known that any brother of this lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress by any unlooked for dispensation, his case shall be referred to a committee of three brothers whose duty shall be to examine into the same and report to the lodge what sum, in their opinion shall be granted for immediate relief, when it shall be competent for this lodge, by a vote of not less than two third of the members present, to grant any sum not exceeding \$6.

Sec. 2. 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 other brothers of the Degree of Truth, who shall examine him, and if satisfied as to the necessity of the case they shall be at liberty to contribute a sum not exceeding \$7, which shall be endorsed on his card. They shall report their action to the lodge, when, if thought necessary, such further sum may be voted as the case may demand, but not to exceed the sum of \$20 in all.

#### ARTICLE XXIII.

##### Conduct in Lodge.

No smoking shall be allowed in the lodge, and no liquid refreshments, other than water, shall be allowed in the lodge or ante room thereto belonging.

C. P. Higgins, N. G.  
John Williams, Rec. Sec.

Approved Aug. 19th, 1902.

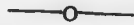
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John R. McEwing,  
Committee on By-Laws.

## 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 the procedure after opening shall be as follows:

1. Calling of 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 brothers, who may have to report the fact of any brother 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 and conferring degrees.
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 pursuant of the By-Laws.

9. The receiving and consideration of 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 former meetings; secondly, new business.

12. The closing of the lodge.

Rule III. Any member offering a motion must do so in writing if a request to that effect is made by the Secretary to the presiding officer of the lodge.

Rule IV. 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 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 after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of members of the lodge present, and 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 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 the vote the questions 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 foresaid.

Rule VII. Any member may require a division on 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 reconsideration thereof, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule XI. Any question decided by the lodge shall not again be brought before it otherwise than by reconsideration, as provided by 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 XII. Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but no oftener, unless by permission of the presiding officer.

Rule XIII. Any brother intending to speak on any 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 any such point of order unless it be 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: "Noble Grand, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the chair to the lodge." 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?" After other business is taken up, it is too late to appeal.

Rule 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 to do so by the presiding officer, and shall not speak again on the pending

question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted to do so 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.

Rule XIX. No brother shall retire while the lodge is open without the permission of the presiding officer.

Rule XX. Any brother may excuse himself from serving on a committee if at the time of his appointment he is a member of two other committees. No brother can be appointed on a committee when absent from the lodge.

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

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

Rule XXIII. A motion to suspend or alter the order of the procedure, as contained in Rule XI, for the re-

mairder 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 vote.

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

## OUR DUTY TO

Mount Fernie Lodge, No. 47.

Each member can and should propose at least one friend during the year. Please regard this as a duty you owe to the Order and Mount Fernie Lodge, No. 47, and make good use of the following blanks for that purpose.

TO MOUNT FERNIE LODGE, NO. 47, I. O. O. F.

Having formed a favorable opinion of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, I respectfully request admission into your lodge by ..... and in consideration of such admission I promise and agree, if elected, I will conform to the Constitution and By-Laws of your lodge and those of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, and I will seek my remedy for all rights on account of said membership or connection there with in the tribunals of the Order only, without resorting for their enforcement in any event, or for any purpose, in civil courts.

My age is ..... yrs. Occupation ..... Residence .....

My name is .....  
I refer as to my character . . . . .  
Fernie, B. C. ....

I offer the application to the lodge and recommend the applicant to favorable consideration

..... Proposer.





## AMENDMENTS.



The following blank pages are inserted for the purpose of filling in any amendments to the foregoing By-Laws, or any new legislation that may be enacted. Members are requested to make the necessary corrections as they occur.









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