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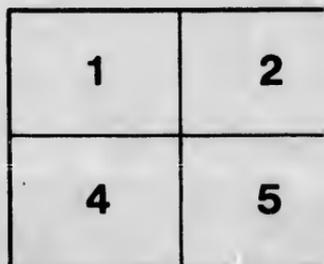
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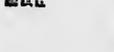
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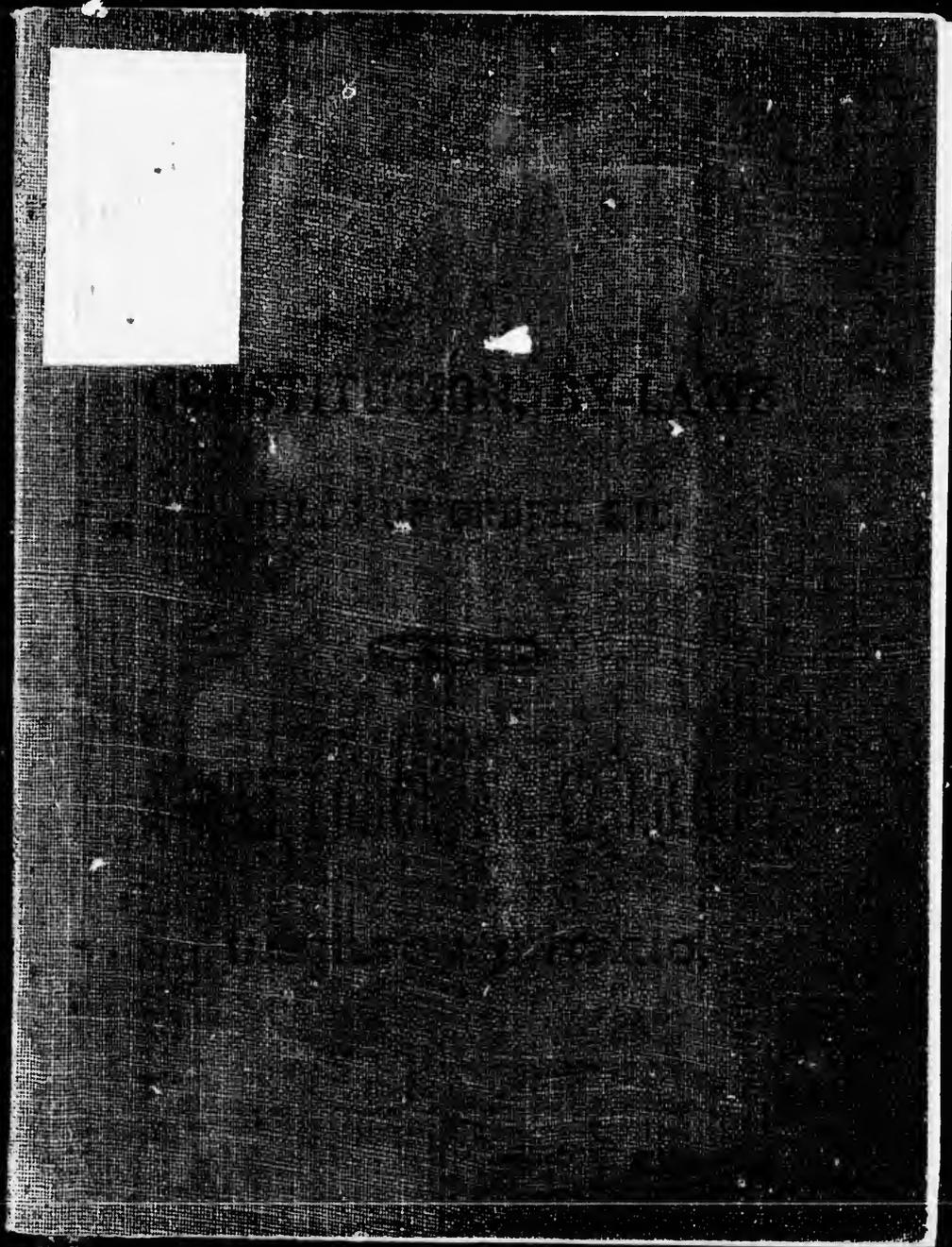
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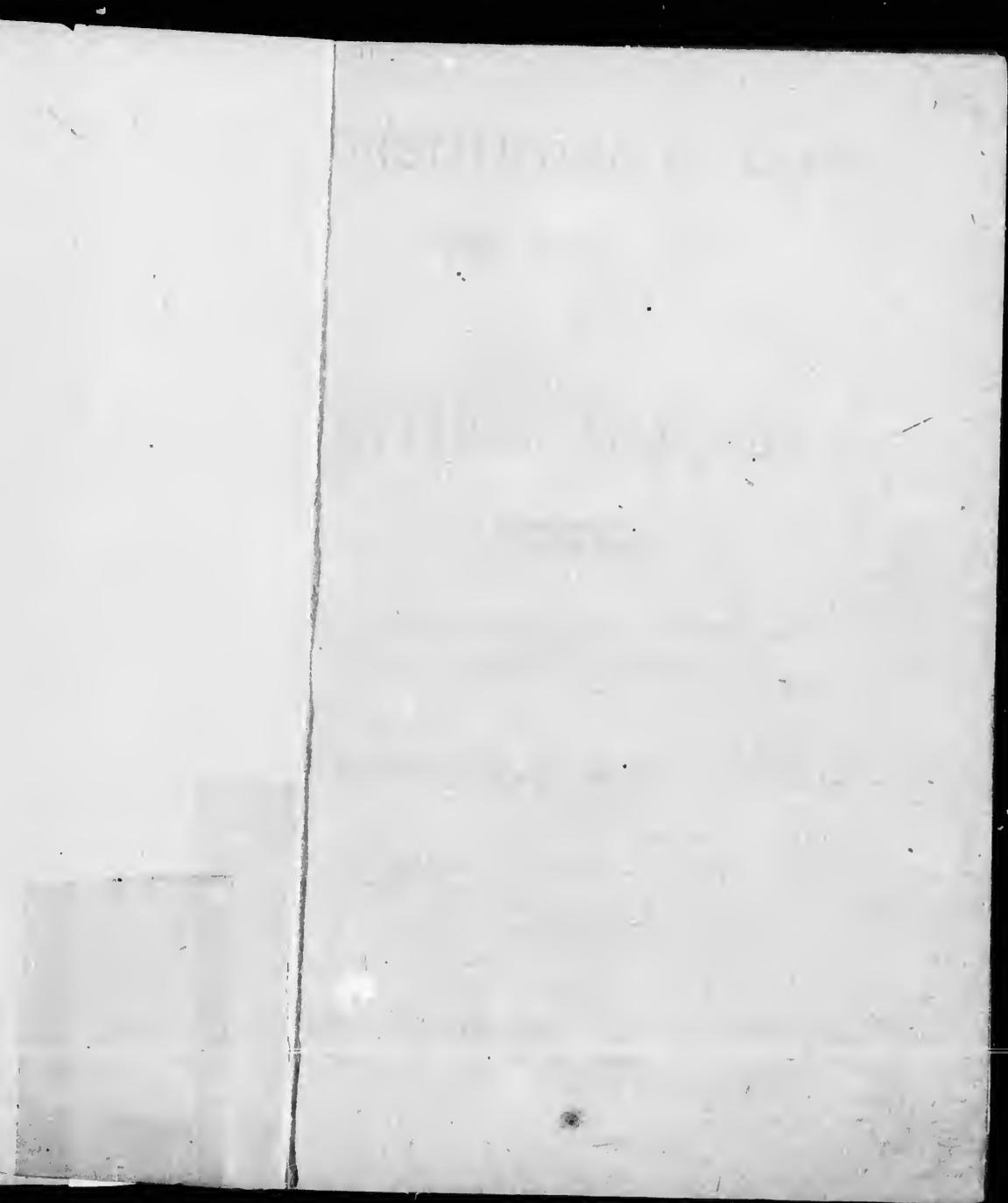
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# CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS,

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## UNITY LODGE, No. 47, I. O. O. F.,



Under the jurisdiction of the Grand  
Lodge of Ontario.

—♦♦♦—  
Instituted at Hamilton, April 3rd, 1867.

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"Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to  
dwell together in unity."

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# Certificate of Membership



Unity Lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., Hamilton, Ontario.

**This is to Certify** that Brother.....  
..... was duly admitted a member of this Lodge, by  
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..... in the year of our Lord One Thousand  
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# FORM OF PROPOSITION.

Brother ....., has much pleasure in submitting for the consideration of this Lodge, the following proposition for membership, which is accompanied by the usual Proposition Fee, \$2.00.

*To the Officers and Members of Unity Lodge,  
No. 47, I. O. O. F.:*

GENTLEMEN :—

Having conceived a favorable opinion of Odd-Fellowship, and read a copy of your Constitution and By-Laws. I ask to be initiated into the Order, and become a member of your Lodge.

*Residence*,.....; *Age*,.....  
*Occupation* .....; and if admitted I promise obedience to the laws and usages of the Order, and of the Lodge.

Very respectfully yours,

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# CONSTITUTION.

AS ADOPTED AT TORONTO, AUGUST 14TH, 1890.

## PREAMBLE.

By the authority vested in it by its Charter, and by the laws and usages of the Order, the Grand Lodge of Ontario, of the Independent Order of Oddfellows, hereby ordains the following as the CONSTITUTION of all Subordinate Lodges working under its immediate jurisdiction :

## TITLES AND POWERS.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Third Degree, or Degree of Truth, and shall be hailed and entitled

UNITY LODGE, No. 47, I.O.O.F., OF HAMILTON, ONT.,  
And shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid Charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

## MEMBERSHIP.

CLAUSE 2.—Candidates for membership, by initiation, in this lodge, must be free, white males, of not less than twenty-one years of age, of good moral character, and in sound health, and resident within the jurisdiction of this Lodge.

CLAUSE 3.—Every application for membership must be submitted in writing in the form provided by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and must be accompanied by a reference to at least two other members of the Lodge, and a certificate of good health from a physician selected by the Lodge, on the form provided by the Grand Lodge.

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

CLAUSE 5.—A ballot shall be taken on the application immediately after the presentation of such report, when, if less than three black balls be found, the candidate shall be accepted; if three or more, he shall be rejected, and so declared; and any proposition fee prepaid by him shall be returned.

CLAUSE 6.—Any Brother or Ancient Oddfellow, desirous of joining this Lodge, must present a Withdrawal Card or Dismissal Certificate from the Lodge of which he was previously a member, and his application shall then be disposed of according to the above regulations, provided that, in 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 by ballot.

CLAUSE 7.—Any candidate requiring admission more than thirteen weeks after his election must be again proposed and balloted for, as in the case of a new candidate.

CLAUSE 8.—The rejection of any candidate for membership shall be immediately intimated to every Subordinate Lodge in the city, town or village in which such rejection takes place.

CLAUSE 9.—No candidate for membership by initiation who has been rejected can again be proposed until at least six months after his rejection.

CLAUSE 10.—No person shall be admitted to honorary membership in this Lodge, nor hold membership in this or any other Subordinate Lodge in this Order at the same time.

CLAUSE 11.—No proposition for membership, either by initiation or card, shall be received or acted upon, if the applicant's residence be out of this jurisdiction (without the consent of the Grand Master of the jurisdiction in which he resides), nor if his residence be nearer to any other Lodge by the nearest traveled route, unless consent of the latter be obtained; and in the event of the violation of this clause, this Lodge shall pay over all fees received from such applicant to the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he resided, and shall also be liable to suspension by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

CLAUSE 12.—This Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges, and the By-laws and Rules of Order made thereunder, and the Constitution and By-laws and Rules of Order of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, shall constitute the contract between the Order and each member thereof; and every member from the time of his initiation or admission by card, and so long as he continues in membership in the Order, shall be bound by every clause and article therein contained, and shall be subject thereto in every particular.

CLAUSE 13.—Every member shall sign the Constitution and By-laws of this Lodge on his admission thereto, but such signature shall not be necessary for the authentication of the aforesaid contract, which contract is complete by the member's initiation or admission by card, such admission by card dating always from the time that he has been accepted by vote of this Lodge; and every member shall be subject to the said laws as aforesaid, although he may not have signed his name thereto.

## DEGREES.

CLAUSE 14.—Every member previous to his receiving any of the degrees shall present a certificate from the P.S. that he is not in arrears to the Lodge, and that he has paid all charges for the said degree, after which he shall be balloted for. Balloting shall be had when the

Lodge is open in the Third Degree, and one ballot shall be taken for all the degrees for which he has applied.

CLAUSE 15.—If, on such ballot, three or more black balls appear, the applicant shall be rejected, otherwise he shall be considered eligible, and shall be admitted to the Degree or Degrees applied for. In case of rejection he shall not be again balloted for to receive the Degrees unless two weeks' notice is given immediately preceding the meeting at which such ballot is taken.

## CARDS.

CLAUSE 16.—Any member in good standing and clear of the books, desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge, or by a letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of such Withdrawal Card. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant therefor may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the member was in good standing at the time of his resignation; provided that, upon the refusal of the Card, the member applying for the same shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 17.—Any member of this Lodge in good standing and free from all charges shall be entitled to a Visiting Card on payment of all dues for the period for which said Card is required, and of a fee not exceeding fifty cents. During recess of the Lodge such Card may be issued by the N.G. and Secretary.

## RE-ADMISSION.

CLAUSE 18.—Should any member receiving a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge apply within twelve

months thereafter to be re-admitted to membership and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the entrance fee, or any portion thereof.

OFFICERS.

ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 19.—The elective officers of this Lodge shall be Noble Grand, Vice-Grand, Recording Secretary, Permanent Secretary and Treasurer.

CLAUSE 20.—No Brother shall be eligible for the office of N.G. until he has served a term as V.G., nor of V.G. until he has served a term in some inferior office, except that of Chaplain, has attained the Third Degree and is in good standing. All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

CLAUSE 21.—Nominations for the elective offices shall be made only at the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the elections thereto, and no nominee shall be balloted for who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named.

CLAUSE 22.—The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term. If for any elective office, or for the office of Representative to the Grand Lodge, only one member shall be in nomination, such member shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot; and only members in good standing shall be entitled to vote.

CLAUSE 23.—A majority of the legal votes cast shall be necessary to election. Should there be no choice of an officer on any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot the name of each candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes, as well as those who shall receive no votes, shall be withdrawn.

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## APPOINTED OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 24.—The appointed officers of this Lodge shall be W., C., O.G., I.G., R.S.N.G., L.S.N.G., R.S.V.G., L.S.V.G., R.S.S. and L.S.S., and the Lodge may at its option add a Chaplain.

CLAUSE 25.—These officers shall be appointed by the N.G., immediately after his installation, except the R.S.V.G. and L.S.V.G., who shall be appointed at the same time by the V.G.

CLAUSE 26.—All members appointed as officers must be in good standing and must have attained to the Third Degree.

CLAUSE 27.—The N.G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O.G. a Brother of the Third Degree belonging to any other Lodge in this jurisdiction.

CLAUSE 28.—This Lodge may at any time elect a Physician, Solicitor, or other officer, required for the operation of the legitimate work of the Lodge, but the person so elected, shall not, as such officer, be subject to any of the laws of the Order relating to membership, qualification, or honors, and may be elected under a by-law, resolution, or in any manner and at any time that the Lodge may decide.

## INSTALLATION.

CLAUSE 29.—The officers of this Lodge shall be installed at the first regular meeting in the term for which they have been elected or appointed, except that the installation of an officer chosen to fill a vacancy may take place on the night of his election or appointment. An officer re-elected or re-appointed must be again installed.

## VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

CLAUSE 30.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by

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vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given at the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is to be taken.

CLAUSE 31.—Any vacancy in office by resignation, death, or otherwise, shall be filled by election or appointment, as the case may be. In the case of elective officers, the election may take place on the second night of nomination; and the members so elected or appointed shall be entitled to the privileges and honors of the office, provided they complete the term.

## DUTIES AND POWERS.

CLAUSE 32.—The officers of this Lodge shall perform such duties and be invested with such powers as are prescribed by the Charge Books and Usages of the Order, the Laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario and of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, and the By-laws and Resolutions of this Lodge.

## SESSIONS, TERMS AND RETURNS.

## SESSIONS.

CLAUSE 33.—This Lodge shall hold its meetings weekly or semi-monthly, on such evening and at such time as may be provided by its By-laws, provided always, that if its terms are semi-monthly, twenty-six nights' service shall constitute the term of office, and if yearly not less than twenty-four.

CLAUSE 34.—Special sessions may be called by the N.G., or in the absence of that officer from the place, by the V.G., such notice therefor being given as may be required by the By-laws of the Lodge. The notice shall contain the particular reason for calling the same, and no business but that expressed in such notice shall be entered upon at such special meeting. It shall be the duty of the N.G. to call a special meeting when requested in writing so to do by not less than five members.

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CLAUSE 35.—Should any regular meeting fall upon any legally established or recognized holiday, the Lodge may, by resolution passed at the preceding regular meeting, omit such meeting; and any business that should by law or resolution be transacted at that time shall be taken up at the regular meeting following.

CLAUSE 36.—No business shall be transacted at any regular or special meeting, unless at least five members of this Lodge be then present, nor otherwise than according to Rules of Order annexed to this Constitution.

CLAUSE 37.—Members of other Lodges may be admitted as visitors, provided they give the password for the term, present a proper card, or are introduced by an elective Grand Officer, or by any Representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of Ontario.

## TERMS.

CLAUSE 38.—The terms of this Lodge shall be semi-annual or annual, as provided by its By-law, and shall commence on the first regular meetings in July and January respectively if semi-annual, and on the first regular meeting in January if annual.

CLAUSE 39.—Every term shall be held to close on the day on which the succeeding one may commence, and at the moment the Lodge opens.

## RETURNS.

CLAUSE 40.—It shall be the duty of the N.G. and P.S. to prepare and forward to the Grand Secretary of Ontario, immediately on the expiry of their term of office, a regular return of the work of such term, with the result of election of officers, etc., in accordance with such blank form of semi-annual or annual return as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct to be used.

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CLAUSE 42.—A fine of two dollars shall be payable by this Lodge for every month that may elapse after the close of any semi-annual term and until the returns required by the preceding clauses are placed in the possession of the Grand Lodge; and a further fine of fifty cents per day for every day that shall elapse after the 25th day of July, until the returns for term preceding are sent to the Grand Secretary.

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

## FUNDS.

### CONTRIBUTIONS.

CLAUSE 44.—There shall be one general fund for the payment of all benefits, charity and expenses of maintenance; but the Lodge may provide, by its By-laws, for the institution of a special fund or funds, for any of the benevolent purposes contemplated by the Order.

CLAUSE 45.—The receipts and disbursements on account of any special fund shall be kept separate and distinct from the general fund, and any money appropriated to a Widows' and Orphans' fund shall be used only for the payment of benefits and relief to the widows and orphans of deceased members of this Lodge. No portion of the regular dues, initiation or degree fees of the Lodge shall be applied to a contingent fund or

special fund provided for amusement or entertainment purposes, or for any purpose other than the payment of benefits, relief and general maintenance.

CLAUSE 46.—The initiation fee of this Lodge must be paid, in every case, previous to the admission of the candidate, and shall not be less than five dollars; and the fees for Degrees shall not be at a less rate than two dollars for each of the three Degrees.

CLAUSE 47.—The contribution of each member to the general fund of this Lodge shall be determined by By-laws, provided it be not less than ten cents per week; and the Lodge may require the same to be paid quarterly in advance.

CLAUSE 48.—The fee for a Withdrawal Card or Visiting Card shall not exceed fifty cents, and may be applied to the general fund or any special fund, as the Lodge may provide by its By-laws.

CLAUSE 49.—Such monies in the possession of the Lodge as may not be required for immediate use may be invested in stock debentures, or securities of the Government of Canada, or of the Province of Ontario, or in securities which are a first charge on lands held in fee simple; but in no case shall they be loaned to members of the Order, nor shall they be loaned to individuals on personal security, or invested in private enterprises of any kind.

CLAUSE 50.—Whenever the available cash assets of this Lodge shall be reduced below an amount equal to ten dollars for each unsuspended member, the Lodge may, either by By-law or by resolution adopted after two weeks' notice, assess its members equally in a sum sufficient to increase the funds to the amount required to make up the deficiency.

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

CLAUSE 51.—Every member, qualified as required by the By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual

or other attainable occupation by sickness or disability (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part) or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support, shall be entitled to receive from the General Fund such weekly sick benefit as may be fixed by the By-laws, provided such weekly benefit shall not exceed one-half the amount of the annual receipts per member, from dues and permanent investments. The Lodge shall not be held to pay such benefit for any term of sickness shorter than one week; but after one week's sickness the Brother shall be entitled to benefits for each additional day or days that he may be ill.

CLAUSE 52.—The Lodge may provide by its By-laws for the reduction of the weekly sick benefit payable to any member after such member has received benefits for twelve months of continuous sickness, and such By-law shall apply to any member who may be receiving benefits at the time of its adoption.

CLAUSE 53.—In case of the death of a member, qualified as required by the By-laws, there shall be paid to his widow, children or other relatives who may at the time of his death have been depending on him for support, a Funeral Benefit, in such sum as may be fixed by the By-laws of this Lodge. In the event of the deceased member leaving no such dependent relative, the said Funeral Benefit, or as much thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied by the Lodge to defraying his funeral expenses—if any are incurred.

CLAUSE 54.—The Lodge may, by its By-laws, make such provisions as shall seem meet for the relief of members in a state of pecuniary distress.

CLAUSE 55.—The Lodge shall make such disposition of its Widows' and Orphans' Fund for the relief and benefit of the widows and orphans of deceased members of this Lodge, who were in good standing as required by

the By-laws at the time of their decease, as it shall see fit, except by annuity.

CLAUSE 56.—The Lodge may, by By-law, fix the time after admission at which a member shall become entitled to benefits, but a member admitted on an unexpired Withdrawal Card shall be entitled to benefits immediately upon his admission to membership.

#### PENALTIES.

CLAUSE 57.—Any member who shall violate any of the laws, principles or practices of the Order, or any part of the Constitution or By-laws of this Lodge, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Lodge determine.

#### TRIALS.

CLAUSE 58.—Every member charged with an offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion (unless for non-payment of dues), shall be entitled to a fair trial, in accordance with the provision of the Constitution, and of the Rules of Procedure on Trials adopted by the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 59.—No member of this Lodge shall be put on trial, unless charges duly specifying his alleged offence shall be first submitted to the Lodge in writing by one or more members of the Order in good standing.

CLAUSE 60.—Any charge or charges so preferred shall be referred to a committee of five members, to be chosen by ballot, three of whom shall be a quorum; which committee shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question, in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Procedure on Trials. In selecting this committee, only one name shall be written upon any ballot.

CLAUSE 61.—Should the report of the Trial Committee

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not recommend the suspension or expulsion of the member under trial, it shall be acted upon by the Lodge on the night it is presented, unless objection is taken by any member, in which case action shall be deferred until the next regular meeting. Should the Lodge adopt the report of the committee, such action shall be final, unless appeal is taken to the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 62.—Should the Committee report in favor of suspending or expelling the member, a motion to that effect shall be submitted to the Lodge by two or more of their members, in their name.

CLAUSE 63.—Any motion for the suspension or expulsion of a member shall be announced at the two regular meetings previous to that on which it is to be decided, which last meeting the member under charge shall be summoned to attend; and at the time so appointed, whether the implicated member be present or not, the Lodge may proceed to consider and determine the question, and may either alter, amend, adopt or reject the motion made on behalf of the Trial Committee.

CLAUSE 64.—Any members interested shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge of Ontario, provided such appeal be forwarded to the Grand Secretary within two months from the date of the action of the Lodge on the matter to be appealed against, said appeal to be prosecuted in the manner prescribed in the By-laws of the Grand Lodge; and no member shall carry the case to any of the Civil Courts until after the same has been adjudicated upon by the Grand Lodge of Ontario, and, on further appeal, by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 65.—When any member suspended for a definite period, for any other cause than non-payment of dues, desires to be reinstated before the expiration of his suspension, or, having been expelled, desires reinstatement, his case shall be referred to a committee of five members, who, after due investigation, shall report at the next regular meeting, and if a majority of the mem-

bers then present shall vote in his favor, he shall thereupon be declared eligible for reinstatement, and, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, may be reinstated.

CLAUSE 66.—No member shall be reinstated until he shall have paid any arrearages against him at the time of his suspension, and all dues and assessments that may have accrued since that date, except in case of a member dropped for non-payment of dues.

CLAUSE 67.—No member who has been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, except members of defunct Lodges and those possessing dismissal certificates, shall be again admitted to membership in any Lodge of this Order without the consent of the Lodge from which he was expelled or dropped; and in no case shall he be re-admitted without compliance with all the forms for new applicants, excepting the ceremony of Initiation, and excepting also that in the case of a non-resident he shall not be required to re-sign the Constitution.

CLAUSE 68.—Any member of this Lodge who is in arrears for one year shall be reported to the Lodge by the P.S., and on such report shall be dropped from membership, unless the Lodge, by resolution, extend the time of payment, which extension shall in no case exceed six months; provided that a member under suspension for any cause for a definite period shall not be dropped from membership until the expiration of his term of suspension.

#### BY-LAWS.

CLAUSE 69.—This Lodge shall stand fully invested with the power to adopt, from time to time, such By-laws and resolutions as may be deemed expedient, and to repeal, alter or amend the same; provided they do not in any wise contravene any part of this Constitution, the Constitution and By-laws of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, or the laws, principles or customs of the Order.

CLAUSE 70.—All such By-laws shall be immediately

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## AMENDMENTS.

CLAUSE 71.—This Constitution and Rules of Pro-  
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amended, suspended or annulled, unless by action of the  
Grand Lodge of Ontario, and then only by a two-thirds  
vote of the Representatives present and voting.



## Rules of Procedure on Trials.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8th—The report of the Committee shall state their finding on each specification of the charge, according to "Form F," and shall be accompanied by an accurate record of their proceedings, rulings and decisions, together with the original evidence taken during the trial, which shall be submitted to the Lodge within a reasonable time after the case has been submitted to them. Should there be a minority report, it may be presented in a similar manner at the same time. The minutes of the Committee should show :

I. The date and place of each meeting, and the parties present.

II. The exceptions taken by either party, and the decisions thereon.

III. Parol evidence in full, subscribed by the witnesses.

IV. All documentary evidence, marked as exhibits.

9th—The finding of the Committee shall be entered in the Lodge minutes by the Secretary, who shall forthwith

notify both parties that the report has been submitted, and all parties shall be entitled to make a copy thereof.

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

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

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

FORM A.—CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

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

The undersigned, a member in good standing of.....Lodge No....does hereby charge Bro. A. B. of.....Lodge No....with conduct unbecoming a Oddfellow ; the grounds of such charge being more fully set forth in the following specifications, to wit :

1st. For that he, the said A. B., did on the....day of.....189....at the *(Specify the offence and circumstances, and continue with further specifications. Each separate thing in violation of the law to be under a separate place in the charge.)*

Contrary to the laws and usages of the Order.

Date.....

(Signed,)

B. B.

FORM B.—NOTICE OF CHARGE TO THE ACCUSED.

(Date).....189....

Bro.....I hereby enclose a copy of charge and specifications preferred against you by.....

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 member of the Committee, who will notify you of the  
 time and place of trial.

Fraternally, \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary.

FORM C.—NOTICE TO CONVENER OF COMMITTEE.

To Bro..... (Date).....189....

I enclose you a charge preferred by.....  
 against..... which charge was referred to.....  
 (*give names*) for trial of which Committee you are con-  
 vener. The accused was served with a copy of the  
 charge on.....day of.....and notified to file  
 his answer thereto with you within one week, when you  
 will cause the committee to meet and proceed with the  
 trial.

Fraternally, \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary.

FORM D.—NOTICE TO ACCUSER OR ACCUSED.

To..... (Date).....189....  
 A. B. or C. D. (*as the case may be, one to  
 each party*),

The Committee on Trial of the charge and specifica-  
 tions made by.....against.....will meet at  
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 P.M., to hear and determine the same. You are required  
 to attend with your witnesses, and (*prosecute or defend the  
 same as the case may be.*)

I am yours fraternally,  
 \_\_\_\_\_Convener of Committee.

FORM E.—PLEAS IN DEFENCE.

I. A. B. mentioned in the charge and specifications,  
 preferred by B.B., on the.....day of.....say :

20 RULES OF PROCEDURE ON TRIALS.

- 1st. That the offence in the charge mentioned is not within the legal jurisdiction of the Lodge.
- 2nd. That I am not guilty.
- 3rd. Guilty.
- 4th. I admit the fact stated, but will justify the alleged offence.
- 5th. The complaint is frivolous.

FORM F.—REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRIAL.

(Date).....189....  
 To.....Lodge No.....I.O.O.F.:

The undersigned (*a majority of the*) Committee appointed to investigate the charge and specifications preferred by.....against.....respectfully report as follows—(*state finding on each specification.*) The minutes of the Committee, evidence taken, and papers pertaining to the trial, are submitted herewith.

(Signed by the Committee.)

FORM G.—DECLARATION OF WITNESS.

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

(The following additional forms are recommended by the Sovereign Grand Lodge as are here submitted, modified to suit the laws and usages of this jurisdiction. Notices to accused or witnesses should, if possible, be delivered personally, and should be endorsed on the back as delivered, over the signature of the person so delivering; and the receipt thereof should be acknowledged over the signature of the person to whom it is delivered.—*Jour. S.G.L., p.p. 6542,6590.—C.*)

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FORM H.—SUBPCENA.

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

To.....

You are hereby notified and required to appear before  
the Committee heretofore appointed to try the charges  
preferred by Bro.....at.....on the.....  
day of.....18....at....o'clock....of that day, to testify  
as a witness therein on behalf of the said Bro.....

By order of Committee,

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FORM I.—NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.

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

To.....

Sir and Bro.,—Take notice that the Committee hereto-  
fore appointed to try the charges preferred against you  
by Bro.....have this day filed their report  
thereon, which will be considered by the Lodge at the  
meeting to be held on the evening of the.....  
day of.....18..

Yours in F., L. and T., .....Rec. Sec.

FORM J.—NOTICE OF APPEAL.

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

Take notice that the undersigned hereby appeals from  
the action and judgment of this Lodge in the matter  
of charges preferred against him by Bro.....  
on the following grounds:

1st.—The evidence was insufficient to sustain such  
charges, or the report of the Committee thereon, in this  
(here insert wherein the evidence was insufficient.)

2nd.—Errors committed at the trial, and by the Trial  
Committee, as follows: (Here insert errors complained of.)

Dated.....the.....day of.....18..

## EVIDENCE AND WITNESSES.

1.—The evidence competent to be admitted before the Committee on Trial shall be :

*a.* Parol evidence (*i.e.*, testimony of living witnesses before the Committee).

*b.* Depositions procured in the manner prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

*c.* Regularly certified minutes of the Lodge.

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

2. Members of the Order shall testify under their obligations as Oddfellows, according to "Form G," to be administered by the Chairman of the Committee.

In case either the party making a charge or the party against whom a charge has been made, desires to have the evidence of any person not a member of the Order, the same shall be taken as follows :

The party giving the evidence shall make a statutory declaration of all the facts relating to the matter within his own knowledge, in the manner provided for the taking of statutory declarations by chapter 37 of the Statutes of Canada, 37 Victoria (1874), and to be taken before any of the persons therein authorized to take such declarations ; and such declarations when so taken shall be received by the Committee appointed to try the case ; provided always, that the party procuring such declaration to be taken shall give to the opposite party forty-eight hours' notice in writing of the time and place where and when such declaration shall be taken, and the party receiving such notice shall have the right to attend at the time and place appointed, for the purpose of asking such questions as he may wish of the party

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

4.—The attendance of witnesses must be procured by the party desiring to call them.

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



# RULES OF ORDER

FOR LODGES SUBORDINATE TO THE GRAND LODGE OF  
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- 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.
- II. The order of procedure after opening, shall be as follows:
  1. The calling of the roll of officers.
  2. The reading by the Secretary of the minutes of the last Lodge night ; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
  3. The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by absentees from previous meetings.
  4. The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.
  5. The nomination or election of officers, on the evening designated for such nomination or election.
  6. The receiving and consideration of reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.

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7. The initiation of candidates for membership.

8. The receiving of propositions for membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.

9. The receiving and consideration of any reports of officers of Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-laws.

10. The receiving and consideration of any reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seriority.

11. The reading and consideration of accounts and other communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12. Good and welfare ; being, *first*, unfinished business, in order of priority at former meetings ; and, *secondly*, new business.

13. The closing of the Lodge.

III. Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

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 :

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| 1. To adjourn ;                   | 4. To postpone ; |
| 2. To lay on the table ;          | 5. To refer ; or |
| 3. To put the previous question ; | 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.

V. 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 the members of the Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

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

VII. Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

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

IX. The Yeas and Nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any member, duly seconded.

X. After any question, except that of indefinite postponement on 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 reconsideration thereof; but no discussion on the question shall be allowed upon such motion.

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

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- XII. Every member shall have the privilege of speak-  
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- XIII. Any Brother intending to speak on a question  
 shall rise in his place and respectfully address the  
 Presiding Officer, confining himself to the question, and  
 avoiding personalities; and should more than one  
 other rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding  
 Officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.
- XIV. The Presiding Officer, or any member, may call  
 a Brother to order while speaking; and, in such case, the  
 debate shall be forthwith suspended, and the Brother so  
 called to order shall not proceed until the point of order  
 thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of  
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 appeal from the decision of the chair.
- XV. In all cases where a member may appeal from  
 the decision of the chair, he shall use the words follow-  
 ing, and none other, unless it be for necessary explana-  
 tion: "*N.G., I respectfully appeal from the decision of  
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 explanation from the Presiding Officer as he shall deem  
 necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon  
 the question: "*Will the Lodge sustain the decision of the  
 chair?*"
- XVI. Any Brother who may have been called to order  
 for manifestation of temper, or improper feeling, must  
 apologize to the Lodge or to any aggrieved party, if  
 required to do so by the Presiding Officer, and shall not  
 speak again on the pending question, except to explain  
 or apologize, unless permitted to do so by the Presiding  
 Officer.
- XVII. The Presiding Officer of the Lodge may, at any  
 time, require all members present to vote upon any pend-  
 ing question, or may excuse any member or members from  
 so doing.

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

XIX. No Brother shall retire while the Lodge is open without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

XX. A motion to suspend or alter the Order of Procedure, as contained in Rule II., for the remainder of the meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a vote of less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon; but no motion to suspend or alter such Order of Procedure for a longer term shall at any time be carried to vote.

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



[ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.]

# BY-LAWS

—OF—

## UNITY LODGE, No. 47, I. O. O. F.

*Qualification for Membership: See clauses 2 to 13 of the Constitution.*

### TITLE AND POWER.

CLAUSE 1.—This Lodge shall be constituted of at least five members of the Third Degree, or Degree of Craft, and shall be hailed and entitled Unity Lodge, No. 47, I.O.O.F., of Ontario, and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a Subordinate Lodge holding a valid, unreclaimed and valid charter, duty granted and duly presented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.

### MEMBERSHIP.

CLAUSE 2.—The proposer of a candidate for membership in this Lodge shall deposit in the hands of the P.S. at the time of his making such proposition, the sum of \$10.00, which shall be placed to the credit of the candidate's initiation fee, provided he shall appear for initiation within thirteen weeks from date of medical examination; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the General Benefit Fund, except in cases of rejection, in which such deposit shall be refunded.

CLAUSE 3.—Every applicant for membership in this Lodge shall (previous to his application being presented), undergo a medical examination by the Lodge Physician in the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge. His application for membership shall be made known

to any person except a member of this Order until after the same shall have been determined favorably by election.

#### ADMISSION FEES.

CLAUSE 4.—Every person admitted a member of this Lodge by initiation shall, previous to his admission, contribute into its funds an entrance fee as follows: From 21 to 25 years of age, \$6; from 30 to 35 years, \$7; from 35 to 40 years, \$8; from 40 to 45 years, \$10:

Age of 45 years.....	\$16 00
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And so on, adding \$2 for each year over 55.

#### ADMISSION BY CARD.

CLAUSE 5.—Brothers admitted by Card from any other Lodge shall pay an admission fee as follows: From 21 to 30 years of age, \$3; from 30 to 40 years, \$4; from 40 to 45 years, \$6:

Age of 45 years.....	\$ 9 00
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CLAUSE 6.—The charges for Degrees in this Lodge shall be \$2 for the First (or Degree of Friendship), \$2 for the Second (or Degree of Brotherly Love), and \$3 for the Third (or Degree of Truth), the amount of such. No application for Degrees shall be entertained until the applicant, or other Brother in his behalf, presents to the N. G. a certificate from the P. S., as required by the Constitution. The application shall be made known to the Lodge, but no ballot taken thereon, unless at a regular meeting of the Lodge. On the rejection of any applicant for Degrees, the charge obtained for the same shall at once be refunded, or placed to the Brother's credit as he may desire.

NON-BENEFICIAL.

CLAUSE 7.—Any Brother having the Non-Beneficial Degrees and who may wish to be placed upon the beneficial list shall make application in writing, accompanied by the usual fee, less the amount previously paid to the P. S., before a ballot is taken for such higher benefits as applied for, and before such ballot is taken two clear weeks' notice must be given in open Lodge of such application. If the Lodge by resolution think it necessary, he may again be examined by the Lodge or some other Physician satisfactory to the Lodge previous to the ballot, and, if duly elected, shall then be fully entitled to receive such benefits as provided by these By-laws.

DUES.

CLAUSE 8.—The Regular Contribution, to be paid by every member of this Lodge into the General Benefit Fund, shall be \$1.80 each quarter, and on no account shall any Brother be excused from such payment. It shall become due and payable on the first Wednesday in January, April, July and October of each and every year at the regular Lodge meetings, but no Brother shall be in arrears if his dues are fully paid on or before the last Wednesday in each quarter.

CLAUSE 9.—Whenever any benefit shall accrue to the account of a Brother, payment shall be required there-

from of such quarterly dues as may be chargeable to the close of the then current quarter.

#### VISITING AND WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

CLAUSE 10.—For every Visiting Card there shall be charge of thirty cents; for a Withdrawal Card, fifty cents. Such charge must in all cases be deposited (together with any amount of other dues becoming payable previous to the issue of such Card) in the hands of the P.S. before any motion can be made in the Lodge for the granting of such Card, but shall be returned by the P.S. should such motion not prevail.

#### MEETINGS.

CLAUSE 11.—The Regular Meetings of this Lodge shall be held on Wednesday evening of each week, commencing precisely at eight o'clock; and Special Meeting may be called by the N.G. at the request of five Scarlet members in good standing; but no business shall be transacted at such special meeting, except such as stated in the requisition; and no special meeting shall be held unless notice thereof shall have been inserted in at least one of the daily papers of this city, giving due notice of such meeting, and business to be transacted (to be printed or written notice) sent to every Brother residing in the city. Five Scarlet members shall constitute a quorum for business (provided one of such members is competent to preside), and in the absence of the N.G. and V.G. the senior P.G. present shall be the presiding officer.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

CLAUSE 12.—The officers of this Lodge shall be elected as provided in the Constitution (Clauses 19 to 20 inclusive) and in the following order: The Secretary shall call the roll of members in good standing, such members are entitled to vote, and such members, on call of the names by the Secretary, shall deposit their ballots with the scrutineers; provided, that after the roll has been

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OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES.

*Junior Past Grand.*

CLAUSE 13.—It shall be the duty of the Junior Past Grand to attend regularly the meetings of the Lodge, to act as sitting P.G. for the term; to deliver the charges of that office at initiations, or to see that the same be done by the P.G. or N.G.; to register in a book to be kept for that purpose, the name and residence of every widow, and the name, age and residence of every orphan child receiving benefit from the funds of the Lodge; to watch over their welfare and interest; to visit them, if residing in the City of Hamilton, at least once a month; to report their condition to the Lodge whenever occasion may require; and perform all other duties pertaining to the office.

*Noble Grand.*

CLAUSE 14.—It shall be the duty of the N.G. to preside in the Lodge; to enforce a due observance of the Constitution and By-laws, and proper respect for the Grand Lodge of Ontario; to see that all the officers of the Lodge and members of Committees perform their respective duties, as enjoined by the respective charges and laws; to take care that fines not requiring the vote of the Lodge for their imposition be punctually charged on the books of the P.S.; to exercise a vigilant supervision in regard to all irregularities subjecting Brothers to fine or other penalty at the vote of the Lodge, and to bring the same officially, whenever known to him, under the consideration of the Lodge, without fear or favor; to take charge of the Charter, and to have it always in the Lodge when in session; to summon special meetings whenever he may consider it necessary, or when requested

to do so by five members in good standing ; to appoint all officers and committees not otherwise provided for ; to name persons to fill up all vacancies occurring in committees originally filled by his appointment ; to ascertain and announce to the Lodge the result of all ballotings and other votes ; to give the casting vote, in case of a tie, on any matter or question before the Lodge, except the vote by ballot ; to present a copy of the Constitution and By-laws to every Brother on his admission ; to examine the Treasurer's pass-book and see that the money received the previous Lodge night be regularly entered therein ; to ascertain from the P.S. before closing the Lodge the amount of his receipts since last Lodge night and from the Treasurer whether he has received the same ; to cause the Secretary to invite Brothers to attend the funeral of every deceased Brother ; to take charge of such funerals, in the absence of competent relations, and to receive amount of and regulate the disbursements to draw upon the Treasurer for all sums voted by the Lodge, or necessary for the payment of any benefits provided by these Laws ; to act as Chairman of the Visiting Committee, and to perform all other duties appertaining to his office by the Constitution or By-law of this Lodge, or by the charges or usages of the Order. The N.G. shall not make or second any motion nor take part in any debate while in the chair.

*Vice-Grand.*

CLAUSE 15.—It shall be the duty of the V.G. to assist the N.G., while presiding in the Lodge, and, in his absence to take the chair ; to appoint his own supporters and a minority of all Committees on Character ; to assist in the examination of the ballot at elections for membership, and announce the condition of the vote ; to act as member of the Visiting Committee, and whenever the N.G. may be absent, as its Chairman ; to take special charge of the door, under the N.G. ; and to perform such other duties as are required by the charges and usages of the Order.

*Recording Secretary.*

CLAUSe 16.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Lodge; to keep in safety the Seal, and in good order all books, papers, and other property belonging to his office, and to deliver the same in like good manner to his successor in office; to fill up all certificates and cards granted by the Lodge; to write and duly copy into the Letter-Book, and despatch all communications and to punctually issue all notices required by order of the N.G. or the Lodge; to inform all candidates of their rejection in cases where the Brother proposing such candidate may decline to do so, but without disclosing any other fact or circumstance connected therewith; to examine the Black-Book in reference to all applications for membership, and to acquaint the Committee on Character with the result of such examination; to write out a copy of all resolutions authorizing drafts of money, at any regular meeting and forward the same to the Treasurer; to advise the P.S. of all votes of the Lodge imposing an assessment, or imposing or remitting any fine, and also, of all fines otherwise incurred by any Brother; to make out, at the end of his term, for the Grand Lodge, a full return of the proceedings of the Lodge during the term; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after the last meetings of his term; and perform all such other duties appertaining to his office as may be required of him by the Lodge or by his charge, and for such services he shall receive a remuneration of \$5 per quarter.

*Permanent Secretary.*

CLAUSe 17.—It shall be the duty of the P.S. to keep just and true accounts between the Lodge and its members; to charge and collect punctually all dues, charges, assessments and fines, and to report, from time to time, the names of all Brothers who neglect to pay the same when duly notified; to notify in particular every Brother who may be in arrears at the close of the second

week in each quarterly term by means of a written or printed circular of the amount due by him ; to advise the N.G. from time to time of the names of all Brothers in arrears twelve calendar months or over ; to receive all other monies due the Lodge ; to pay over forthwith all money collected or otherwise received by him for the Lodge to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same ; to keep a Register Book, in which shall be registered the names of all Brothers reported sick, together with the date of such report, and also the date of being reported recovered, also the ages of such Brothers, the nature of such sickness or disability and amount of benefits paid ; to write out all orders for drafts of money on the Treasurer and keep an accurate account of any disbursements that may be made by resolutions of the Lodge ; to furnish at the last meeting in each quarterly term a statement of all monies received and paid by him to the Treasurer ; to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four hours after such meeting, and to deliver up in good order for his successor all books, papers and other properties pertaining to his office ; and for such services during his term of office he shall receive as a remuneration the sum of twelve dollars and fifty cents per quarter.

#### TREASURER.

CLAUSE 18.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the P.S. all monies of the Lodge, and carefully to take charge of and deal with the same in such manner as may be required by the By-laws, or by a vote of the Lodge, duly passed, and in conformity therewith ; to pay all warrants signed by the N.G. and P.S. if he shall have received a copy of the resolution from the R.S. that such warrant was duly authorized by the Lodge, but none others ; to keep correct accounts of all monies coming into his hands ; to lay before the Lodge a monthly statement of its funds, and at the last meeting in the term a full report of the receipts and disbursements of the term, with vouchers, and to have his books written up for the Finance Committee within twenty-four

means of a written receipt by him; to advise the names of all Brothers who are sick or over; to receive the money to pay over forthwith to the Treasurer, who shall receive by him for the receipt for the same; to be registered together with the sick, together with the state of being reported by the Brothers, the nature and amount of benefits paid by the Treasurer, and any disbursements that may be made by the Lodge; to furnish the Treasurer with a statement of the same to the Treasurer and the Finance Committee at each such meeting, and to deliver up, when legally called upon, all monies, bonds, papers, books and other property of the Lodge, which may be in his possession, or charge, to his successor, or any Brother or Brothers whom the Lodge may appoint to receive the same. Prior to his installation in office, the Treasurer shall furnish a joint and several Bond to the N.G. and V.G. of this Lodge for the term during which he is to serve satisfactory to the Lodge to the amount of \$200.

## WARDEN.

CLAUSE 19.—It shall be the duty of the Warden to see that the keeper places out the Regalia for the use of the Brothers, before the opening of the Lodge, and at its close, collect and put away the same in a careful manner; to act as Chairman of the Property Committee, and to perform such other duties as are prescribed in the charge of his office.

## CHAPLAIN.

CLAUSE 20.—The Chaplain, when present, shall assist in opening and closing the Lodge, according to the requirements of his office.

## COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

CLAUSE 21.—The N.G., upon the night of his installation, shall appoint (subject to the approval of the Lodge, and conforming to the By-laws, or by a resolution of the N.G. and P.S.), the following Standing Committees to serve for the current term, viz.: a Visiting Committee, a Finance Committee, and a Property Committee.

## VISITING COMMITTEE.

CLAUSE 22.—The Visiting Committee shall consist of the N.G., V.G. and five other members. 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 be in the City of Hamden or within one mile thereof; and to render such other aid as the law provides, and as his case may require and admit.

CLAUSE 23.—It shall be the duty of the Chairman of this Committee to make such arrangements that sick Brothers of the Lodge, if within one mile of the City of Hamilton, shall be visited once every day during their illness, by at least one member of the Committee; to keep a correct roll of the names and residences of all Brothers of the Lodge in the order in which they were initiated for the use of the Committee; and, whenever circumstances may require it, to call upon so many of the Brothers in the order in which they appear on the book, as may be necessary to secure the attendance and services of two Brothers to watch nightly with any sick Brother, or procure a nurse.

CLAUSE 24.—In case of contagion or infectious disease, it shall not be incumbent on members of the Committee to visit personally the sick Brother; and should attendance be required, instead of calling upon Brothers as above provided, the Committee shall provide a nurse, to be paid from the funds of the Lodge.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CLAUSE 25.—The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to superintend the financial affairs of the Lodge, to inspect and report upon all accounts referred to them at the regular meeting next following the reference of such accounts, provided, always, that accounts are presented in detail, and to audit quarterly the accounts of the P.S. and Treasurer for the previous quarter, and all officers and committees charged with the receipt and expenditure of money of the Lodge. The Chairman shall be *ex-officio* auditor of the Joint Trustee Board and Joint Library Committee; to examine the accounts of the aforesaid Board and report to the Lodge.

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE.

CLAUSE 26.—The Property Committee shall consist of three members, including the Warden, who shall be Chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to take charge

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of all regalia and other property of the Lodge not specially entrusted to particular officers or to other committees; to procure such articles as may be necessary and cause to be made all repairs to the regalia and other property, as the Lodge may direct; and to make a full report of their proceedings at the last meeting of each quarterly term.

#### COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER.

CLAUSE 27.—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 report thereon to the Lodge at the next regular meeting, unless otherwise instructed, and to make such report in the special form provided by the Grand Lodge for that purpose.

CLAUSE 28.—Any Committee, or member of a Committee, failing to discharge their duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, may be discharged by a vote to that effect.

CLAUSE 29.—Every Committee, or member thereof, thus discharged, shall forthwith surrender, on demand to that effect, to the N.G., or to such other Brother or Brothers as the Lodge may appoint, all books, papers, money and other property of the Lodge which may be in his or their hands.

#### COMMITTEE ON RELIEF.

CLAUSE 30.—The Committee on Relief shall consist of the elective officers of the Lodge during their term of office, three of said Committee to constitute a quorum, and no relief shall be granted except by consent of three of such Committee, who shall be empowered to render such relief as they may deem proper under the circumstances, not to exceed the sum of five dollars, to any distant Odd-fellow in good standing, or any member of this Lodge who may be in urgent need of assistance and that would not admit of any delay during the interval between Lodge meetings, and to report at the first Lodge meeting there-

after, provided, that should there be a General Relief Committee duly organized in connection with the city Lodges, then this By-law will not be applicable to distant Oddfellows.

#### TRUSTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

CLAUSE 31.—There shall be three Trustees of this Lodge, who shall be elected in the manner following, viz.: Three Trustees shall be elected by ballot, as in the case of elected officers in this Lodge; and at every semi-annual election of officers thereafter, there shall be one Trustee so elected, and the one shall retire from the office who is then completing his third term, but such retiring Trustee shall be eligible for re-election.

CLAUSE 32.—They shall be charged with the general supervision and care of the funds, investments and other property of the Lodge; shall invest said funds in such loans, stocks or other securities as the Lodge may direct; shall receive all money ordered to be drawn from the Treasurer for the purpose of investment, and deposit the vouchers with the P.S., who shall then place them in the hands of the Treasurer for safe keeping; shall call in, sell and realize all such loans or other investments whenever the Lodge shall order the same to be done; shall collect all the interests, dividends, rents and other monies accruing from any and all the investments belonging to the Lodge at the earliest practicable opportunity.

#### REGALIA.

CLAUSE 33.—The officers shall wear the regalia of their respective office while present in the Lodge, and all members the regalia of the highest Subordinate Lodge Degree they have attained; but the members of Encampment Degree, not officers of the Lodge, may wear regalia according to their rank in the Encampment.

#### PHYSICIAN AND HIS DUTIES.

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ballot, a Physician, who shall examine all candidates for admission, either by initiation, card or dismissal certificate (as per Clause 3 of these By-laws), and shall forward such examination certificate to the Secretary of the Lodge, and shall also attend every sick Brother (not more than six months in arrears) when called upon by such sick Brother, or Visiting Committee, provided such sick Brother resides in the City of Hamilton, and for every name on the quarterly list of members residing in the City of Hamilton, not more than six months in arrears, he shall be paid quarterly, at the rate of one dollar per annum, the Physician to supply all necessary medicine, and should he through sickness or absence from the city be unable to perform the aforesaid duties, he shall immediately notify the R.S. or N.G. of the Lodge and shall furnish the name of some Physician who shall perform his duties in the interval.

## VISITING CARDS.

CLAUSE 35.—A Brother in good standing, and clear on the books, by a motion to that effect in open Lodge, may obtain a Visiting Card on paying up all dues accruing for the period for which such Card may be given; and it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to endorse upon such Card what benefits, if any, such Brother is entitled to receive.

CLAUSE 36.—Whenever any Brother shall take out a Visiting Card, he shall be required to make payments in advance of all dues chargeable to the close of the term for which such Card may have been granted.

CLAUSE 37.—Any Brother in good standing and clear on the books, desiring to withdraw from this Lodge, may signify such desire either personally in open Lodge or by letter addressed to the Secretary, whereupon the Lodge shall proceed to a ballot, with ball ballots, and a majority vote of the members present shall be necessary to the granting of a Card of Withdrawal. If a majority of the members present refuse to grant such Card, the applicant

therefore may tender a written resignation of his membership, and shall be entitled to receive from the Secretary under Seal of the Lodge, a certificate that he has resigned membership, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence that the Brother was in good standing at the time of his resignation, provided that, upon the refusal of the card, the member applying for the same shall have the right to appeal to the Grand Lodge.

CLAUSE 38.—Should any Brother receiving a Withdrawal Card from this Lodge apply within twelve months thereafter to be again admitted a member of this Lodge, and be accepted, the Lodge may remit in his favor the Entrance Fee, or such proportion thereof as it may think fit.

#### WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AND SPECIAL EXPENSE FUNDS.

CLAUSE 39.—There shall be carried to the credit account of the Widows' and Orphans' Fund :

Firstly—All monies which, at the time of passing these laws may be to the credit of such fund.

Secondly—All interest accruing from investments belonging to that fund.

CLAUSE 40.—There shall be carried to the credit account of the Special Expense Fund :

Firstly—All monies which, at the time of passing these laws may be at the credit of the Contingent Fund.

Secondly—Any surplus from any entertainment given by or on behalf of the Lodge ; and also all Proposition Fees from persons elected, but failing to appear for initiation within thirteen weeks of such election ; and 10% of all Initiatory Fees ; and such Special Expense Fund may be used for any legitimate purposes the Lodge may direct.

#### GENERAL BENEFIT FUND.

CLAUSE 41.—There shall be carried to the credit account of the General Benefit Fund all monies which at the time of passing these By-laws may be to the credit

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of the General Fund, also all other monies accruing to the Lodge other than as provided in Clauses 39 and 40 of these By-laws.

## ASSESSMENTS.

CLAUSE 42.—Whenever any benefits become due and payable from either of the funds of this Lodge in the course of any one quarter, if the books do not show a sufficient amount to the credit of such fund to pay such benefit, then the P.S. shall forthwith make an assessment, to be laid in equal proportions upon all members, the amount necessary to meet such benefit or benefits.

## INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

CLAUSE 43.—Investments of all monies of the Lodge, which it may not be deemed necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer, to meet ordinary disbursements shall be made by and in the name of the Trustees of the Lodge from time to time, as the Lodge may direct. All evidences or certificates thereof shall be handed by them to the P.S., who shall deposit them with the Treasurer for safe keeping, and all dividends, interest or other income accruing therefrom shall be duly demanded and received by them, and the amount thereof be paid over forthwith to the P.S. for delivery to the Treasurer; provided, always, that no part of the Funds of the Lodge shall be loaned to any member of the Order.

CLAUSE 44.—All monies of the Lodge not invested as aforesaid, shall remain in the hands of the Treasurer, subject to the By-laws and Orders of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 45.—No motion in any way relating to the investment of the funds of this Lodge, or any part thereof, or for the appropriation or expenditure of the funds of this Lodge over the amount of ten dollars (\$10) for purposes other than those laid down in the By-laws, shall be put to the Lodge without due notice being given, and said notice being read at two subsequent regular meetings of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 46.—No motion for the investment, appropriation or expenditure of any portion of the funds of this Lodge shall be deemed carried unless two-thirds of the members present and voting at a regular or special meeting shall vote in favor of such motion.

## SICK BENEFITS

CLAUSE 47.—Every member qualified as required by these By-laws, if rendered incapable of following his usual or some other attainable occupation, by sickness or disability (not occasioned by drunkenness or other immoral conduct on his part) or by reason of infirmity from old age, having no available means of support, shall be entitled to receive from the General Benefit Fund a weekly benefit during such sickness or disability, commencing not more than one week anterior to the date at which the same shall have been reported to the Lodge.

For the first week of sickness or disability every Brother shall receive the sum of two dollars, and a Brother of the Third Degree for the second week of sickness or disability the sum of \$3; then at the rate following, that is to say: during such sickness or disability not to exceed a period of fifty-two weeks:

A Brother of the Initiatory Degree....	\$2 00 per week
" " " First	" .... 2 50 " "
" " " Second	" .... 3 00 " "
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Or for a fractional part of a week after the first week, but not less than one day at the rate following:

A Brother of the Initiatory Degree....	30 cents per day
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A Brother of the Initiatory Degree....	\$1 50	per week
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" " " Third " ....	3 00	" "

And should such sickness, or disability, still continue the rate for the next (26) twenty-six weeks shall be as follows—that is to say :

A Brother of the (Initiatory Degree) ....	\$1 00	per week
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And should such sickness or disability still be continued then for any further period of such continuance the Brother shall only be entitled to the sum of one dollar (\$1) per week and the Lodge shall not be held to pay for any fractional part of a week after the expiration of the first (52) fifty-two weeks ; and provided also that should the disability of the Brother be from insanity, causing his removal to some public institution for safe keeping, then such benefits as may become due to the Brother may be paid to his wife, children or other dependent relatives, but in no case shall any Brother's benefits be paid to help to support any one living in immorality, but in such case it shall be left to the discretion of the Sick Committee to so appropriate such benefits as they deem fit and proper, to aid and support such insane Brother. Provided, also, that should any Brother receiving benefits for any sickness or disability resume his occupation without first presenting to the Lodge a certificate of recovery from the Lodge Physician and be again taken sick, within sixty days, then such Brother shall only be entitled to receive such benefits as he would have continued to receive according to the rate of benefits specified by this By-law. Provided, always, that no Brother shall be entitled to any sick benefits, unless he shall have

procured a certificate from his attending physician that he was unable to follow his usual or some other attainable occupation from such sickness or disability for seven days in succession ; and no benefits shall be paid except by vote of the Lodge at a regular meeting.

Provided also that the Degrees mentioned by this By-law shall not be intended to mean Non-beneficial Degrees, but any Brother who may have received the Degree or Degrees non-beneficial shall only be entitled to receive benefits to the Degree for which he has paid.

CLAUSE 48.—If such Brother be a non-resident, or if his sickness or disability, as aforesaid, occur at a distance from Hamilton, it shall be necessary that a statement or statements of his case, setting forth the nature of his sickness or disability at the time of its commencement and duration, be transmitted to the N.G. of this Lodge, certified by the N.G. of the Lodge nearest the place where he may be for the time resident or detained, and under the Seal of such Lodge, or, if he be not near any Lodge, by a Justice of the Peace, or Clergyman, or a practicing M.D. recognized by law, and such Brother shall thereupon receive the benefit provided by the preceding clause.

#### WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BENEFITS.

CLAUSE 49.—On the decease of any qualified Brother of this Lodge, and leaving a widow, if her husband had attained the Third Degree, the sum of three hundred dollars, payable in thirty quarterly payments of ten dollars each. If her husband had attained the Second Degree, the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars, payable in thirty quarterly payments of six dollars each. If her husband had attained the First Degree, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars, payable in thirty quarterly payments of four dollars each.

Should any deceased Brother leave no widow, the said sum shall be paid from the General Benefit Fund for the benefit of his orphan child or children, if any there be.

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Should such deceased Brother leave neither widow or orphan children, but leave a father or mother, that at the time of his death was dependent on him for support, then such father or mother shall in the same manner be entitled to the same benefits as if such Brother had left a widow, in which case the benefit shall be paid from the General Benefit Fund.

Should circumstances require it, the Lodge may withdraw from the widow of a deceased Brother the benefit above set forth, and grant the same to his orphan child or children under the age of fifteen years.

## FUNERAL BENEFIT.

CLAUSE 50.—On the decease of any *bona-fide* member, who, at the time of his death, was not under disabilities as provided in Clauses 56 to 58 of these By-laws, the sum of seventy-five dollars (\$75) shall be allowed as a Funeral Benefit, to be disposed of as provided by the Constitution.

CLAUSE 51.—On the decease of the wife of any Brother qualified as aforesaid, he shall receive from the Funds of the Lodge the sum of twenty-five dollars (\$25) to assist in defraying the expenses of her funeral, but in no case shall the Lodge pay the Brother more than one benefit for the same purpose.

## RELIEF IN SPECIAL CASES.

CLAUSE 52.—Whenever it may become known that any Brother of this Lodge has been reduced to a state of pecuniary distress, his case shall be referred to a Special Committee of three Brothers, elected by the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same and report at the next regular Lodge Meeting following their election, in writing, whether any, and what sum, in their opinion, should be granted for his relief; and it shall be competent for the Lodge, by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the Brothers present entitled to vote, and voting, to grant any sum not exceeding thirty dollars; provided, nevertheless, that should the case be of such a

nature that would not admit of any delay, then the Lodge, by unanimous vote, may grant such relief as it may deem necessary under such circumstances, not to exceed the sum of ten dollars, without awaiting such report; and may grant such further sum afterwards as may be deemed prudent, not to exceed the sum set forth as above.

## DISABILITIES.

CLAUSE 53.—Any member making use of improper means to obtain benefits from this Lodge shall, upon conviction thereof, be suspended or expelled, as the Lodge may determine.

CLAUSE 54.—No Brother shall be permitted to speak or vote in Lodge if not in full regalia appertaining to his rank.

CLAUSE 55.—No Brother who may be more than three calendar months in arrears of any Lodge dues shall be permitted to speak or vote in Lodge until such arrears be paid in full.

CLAUSE 56.—No Brother shall be entitled to any benefits during the first six calendar months after his admission to the Lodge, unless by a special vote, except a member admitted by Card, who shall be entitled to benefits three months after admission.

CLAUSE 57.—No Brother, while under charges duly preferred against him, relating to benefits, shall be entitled to any benefits, unless by special vote of the Lodge to that effect; but, if afterwards acquitted in due course, such Brother shall be then forthwith entitled to any benefit or benefits which, but for such charges, would have been payable to him while the same were pending.

CLAUSE 58.—No Brother in arrears for dues shall become entitled to any monetary benefits for the space of four weeks after paying the same in full, and no Brother twenty-six weeks in arrears shall become entitled to any monetary benefits for the space of eight

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CLAUSE 59.—Should any Brother of this Lodge become twelve months in arrears for Lodge dues, it shall be the duty of the Permanent Secretary to notify him of the fact and request immediate payment of said amount; and should the Brother fail to pay within three months of such notice it shall be the duty of the N.G. to declare such Brother suspended from the rights and privileges of this Lodge, unless some extenuating circumstances are laid before the Lodge and the Lodge by resolution grants him further time—but in no case to extend more than three months. The Permanent Secretary shall notify the Brother personally, or by written notice by mail to his last known address, which shall be deemed sufficient notice for the purpose of this By-law, and should any Brother suspended for non-payment of dues fail to pay all arrearages for six months from the date of his suspension, he shall be declared by the N.G. in open Lodge to have ceased to be a member.

CLAUSE 60.—Should any Brother who may have been declared a ceased member for non-payment of dues desire to be reinstated into membership in the Lodge, he shall send an application in writing, stating his age and the length of time he has been a ceased member, together with the sum of two dollars, which shall be

placed to the credit of the applicant's admission fee, provided he shall appear for reinstatement within the required time ; otherwise such deposit shall be placed to the credit of the Special Expense Fund, except in cases of rejection, when such deposit shall be refunded— which application shall be referred to a Special Committee of three Brothers, and such Committee shall make due inquiry concerning the said Brother wishing to be reinstated, and require him to be examined by the Lodge or some other qualified physician on the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge and report to the Lodge ; also recommend what amount he should pay for such reinstatement, but in no case to be less than one year's dues. Should the report of the Committee be adopted, the ballot shall then be taken, and if declared in favor of reinstating the Brother, upon the payment of the fee and signing the Constitution of this Lodge, he shall be a reinstated member thereof. Should the ballot be unfavorable the Brother shall not have the privilege of applying again for reinstatement for the space of three months, but may apply for a " Dismissal Certificate," which shall be granted upon the payment of one dollar.

CLAUSE 61.—No Brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues shall on any account become entitled to any benefits within the term of three calendar months after he has been reinstated.

## FINES.

CLAUSE 62.—Every Brother offending against the rules of the Order, or of this Lodge, in respect of any of the particulars hereinafter mentioned, shall be fined as follows :

For any improper language, offensive personality, or other language, such as is prohibited by the Rules of the Order, or disrespect to any of the officers of the Lodge while in Lodge, or disobedience to the N.G. when called to order, not less than 25 cents.

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For any failure to watch with a sick Brother when summoned to do so, \$1, or provide a nurse.

CLAUSE 63.—All fines incurred shall be forthwith charged by the P.S. to the account of the Brother incurring them, and, unless remitted by vote of the Lodge, on account of any circumstances which may appear to the Lodge to warrant such remission, shall become due and payable in all respects as though they formed part of the regular quarterly dues for the quarter during which they have been incurred.

## SECRECY OF BALLOT.

CLAUSE 64.—If any member of this Lodge shall disclose the rejection of a candidate for initiation, or for admission by Card, he shall be subject to expulsion, or such other punishment as a majority of the Lodge may determine; and, whenever such rejections occur, this clause shall be read in the Lodge, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary (should the Brother who proposed the candidate decline) to inform such person of his rejection, without disclosing any other circumstances or proceeding of the Lodge.

CLAUSE 65.—Any Brother guilty of language or conduct in Lodge meeting, in the opinion of the Lodge, a severer penalty than the fines already authorized, or who shall bring charges against a Brother on evidence which the Lodge shall not regard as sufficient to warrant him in so doing; or who shall knowingly misrepresent the qualifications of any candidate for admission; or who shall abuse, or attempt to abuse, in any way, the benevolent intentions of the Order; or who shall be guilty of fraud in any business transactions, or of other dishonorable conduct, or of drunkenness, or immorality, or of infractions of the laws of the land, shall, after due trial and conviction thereof, be suspended from membership or expelled as the Lodge may by vote determine.

CLAUSE 66.—No Brother shall be permitted to appear in Lodge while suspended from membership; nor shall

any sentence of suspension be considered to expire or be reversed unless by special vote of the Lodge to that effect, and consent of the Grand Lodge thereto, except in cases of suspension for N. P. D.; and no motion to that end shall be put to vote more than once, in case of any individual, in any one quarterly term; nor unless at a regular meeting, and after formal notice thereof, at the two regular meetings next preceding; nor if the suspension has been pronounced for any fixed term; nor shall any vote take effect until after the Brother shall have paid up all dues to the Lodge, charged or chargeable against him, as well during his term of suspension as previous thereto.

## REFRESHMENTS.

CLAUSE 67.—No smoking and no refreshments other than water shall be allowed in the Lodge Room, nor in any room belonging to the Lodge, during Lodge hours, except smoking in the outside ante-room.

## LIMIT TO BUSINESS.

CLAUSE 68.—No new business shall be brought before the Lodge after ten o'clock except by a two-third vote of the members present.

## AMENDMENTS.

CLAUSE 69.—These By-laws shall not be added to, altered, amended or repealed, unless by written or printed notice, specifying the proposed alterations or amendments shall have been submitted and noted in the regular minutes, and such alterations or amendments shall then be read in two regular Lodge meetings in succession following the Lodge meeting at which such notice was given, and no amendments to the proposed alterations or amendments shall be considered if offered on the night for final action on such proposed alterations or amendments (that is to say, the regular Lodge meeting following the second reading) and such proposed alterations or amendments shall not be withdrawn after

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having been read at two consecutive Lodge meetings; nor postponed on the evening for final action, except by vote of the Lodge. Discussion may be allowed on the proposed alterations or amendments until final action be taken on them, and no such proposed alterations or amendments shall be declared adopted unless two-thirds of the members present entitled to vote, and voting, shall vote in favor of such proposal.

At the regular meeting of Unity Lodge, No. 47, I.O.O.F., held in Oddfellows' Hall, Hamilton, on Wednesday, June 21st, 1893, it was

*Resolved*—That the foregoing Constitution, Rules of Order and By-Laws be adopted.

ROBERT J. HARPER, N.G.  
ALEXANDER JOHNSON, V.G.  
WM. J. EVANS, R.S.  
ALF. McCANDLISH, P.S.  
ALEX. MCKAY, P.G., Treas.

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## BY-LAW COMMITTEE.

FRANK HODD, P.G., Chairman.  
C. T. MIDGLEY, P.G., Sec., ALEX. LOCKIE, P.G.,  
HUGH WALLACE, P.G., ALF. McCANDLISH, P.S.

# PRAYERS.

## OPENING PRAYERS.

### I.

Almighty and most merciful God ! we adore Thee as the Creator of all worlds, and the righteous Governor of all beings, upon whom we are dependent for life and all its blessings, and without whose favor no human enterprise can permanently prosper. Lift upon us, we pray Thee, O Lord, the Light of Thy countenance, and bless us while we are together this evening. May all things be done in the spirit of charity and brotherly kindness, and may our labors of love be blessed to the promotion of the best interests of our beloved Order. Hear us, O God, in behalf of the stranger, the sick, the afflicted, the widow and the orphans, and bless them as Thou seest that they may need. Keep us ever in Thy fear and wisdom, and save us all with an everlasting salvation ; and to Thy great name be all the glory. "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end." Amen.

### II.

Almighty God, our Creator and Preserver, we invoke Thy blessings upon the members of this Lodge and our entire Brotherhood. May we be ever faithful to the principles of our beloved Order, so that benevolence and charity may be promoted. Bless the widow and orphan, and all in affliction or distress and relieve their necessities. "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever. Amen."

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We bless Thee, O Lord, that we have been permitted to enjoy this, another Lodge meeting. Pardon what Thou hast seen amiss in us ; and now, as we are about to depart, let Thy blessing be with us and with all our brethren throughout the globe. May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue adorn our lives, while members of this Lodge below ; and at last may we be admitted to the joys of a better world ; and Thine be the power and glory forever and ever. Amen.

II.

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



# APPENDIX.

TORONTO, Oct. 10th, 1892.

The attention of all members throughout this Jurisdiction is hereby called to the following provisions in the laws of the Sovereign Grand Lodge relating to Insurance organizations which purport to be Oddfellows' Associations :

(1) " This Grand Body will not permit any organization, member, or association of members, individual or association of individuals, to use the name, initials, title, emblems or mottoes of the Order in the prosecution of any scheme of insurance among the members of the Order, or otherwise, nor to solicit membership in any Lodge, Encampment or other organization of our Order, unless such organization or association shall first submit its form of organization and manner of doing business in detail to the Grand Lodge of the State, district or territory in which it is located and in which it purposes to solicit membership, and make an annual report to such Grand Lodge and obtain its annual permit so to do."—1890 Journal, 12, 251.

(2) " Each Grand Lodge shall annually send notice, either in its published proceedings or otherwise, to each Subordinate Lodge in its Jurisdiction to what organization or organizations it has granted permit, and shall see that no others solicit membership within its territorial limits, or use the name, initials, title, emblems or mottoes of the Order in connection with any insurance scheme—provided said permit shall not be construed as an endorsement of such associations."—1890 Journal, 12, 251.

(3) " No member of the Order shall, either directly or indirectly, use or sanction the use of any of the emblems, the name or any of the titles, or the mottoes or the initials thereof of this Order, in the prosecution of any private business or enterprise.

\* \* \* \* \* Any member of the Order, or officer of a Lodge or Encampment who shall be guilty of the offence defined and set forth as above shall be considered guilty of a fraud upon the Order, and shall be suspended or expelled from membership at the option of his Lodge or Encampment."—1889 Digest, Sec. 381.

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The Oddfellows' Funeral Aid Association of the Counties of Lincoln and Welland and the Mutual Aid Association of London, Ontario, have been granted permission by the Grand Lodge to transact business in accordance with their several applications in their own localities.

You are, however, hereby notified that the only insurance organization which has complied with the foregoing requirements of the Sovereign Grand Lodge and thus is permitted to use the name, emblems or mottoes of the Order in any way in this Jurisdiction is the "Oddfellows' Relief Association of Canada," Head office, Kingston. Any other insurance organization using the name or emblems of the Order in any way does so illegally, and the agents or promoters thereof render themselves liable to the penalties above set forth.

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