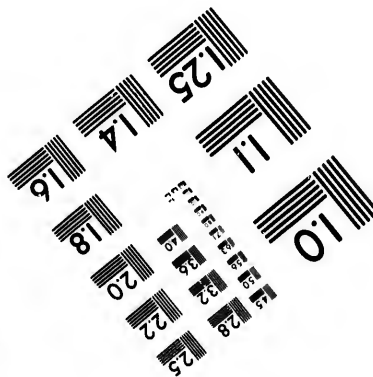
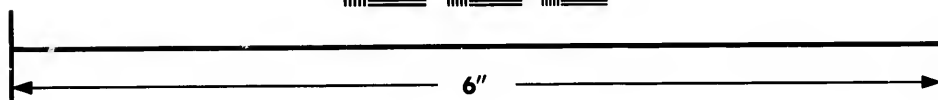
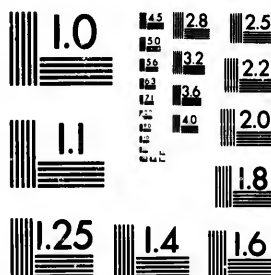


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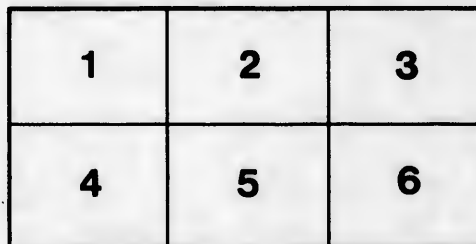
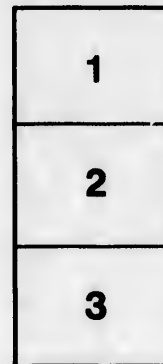
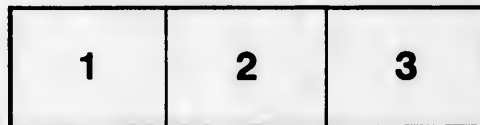
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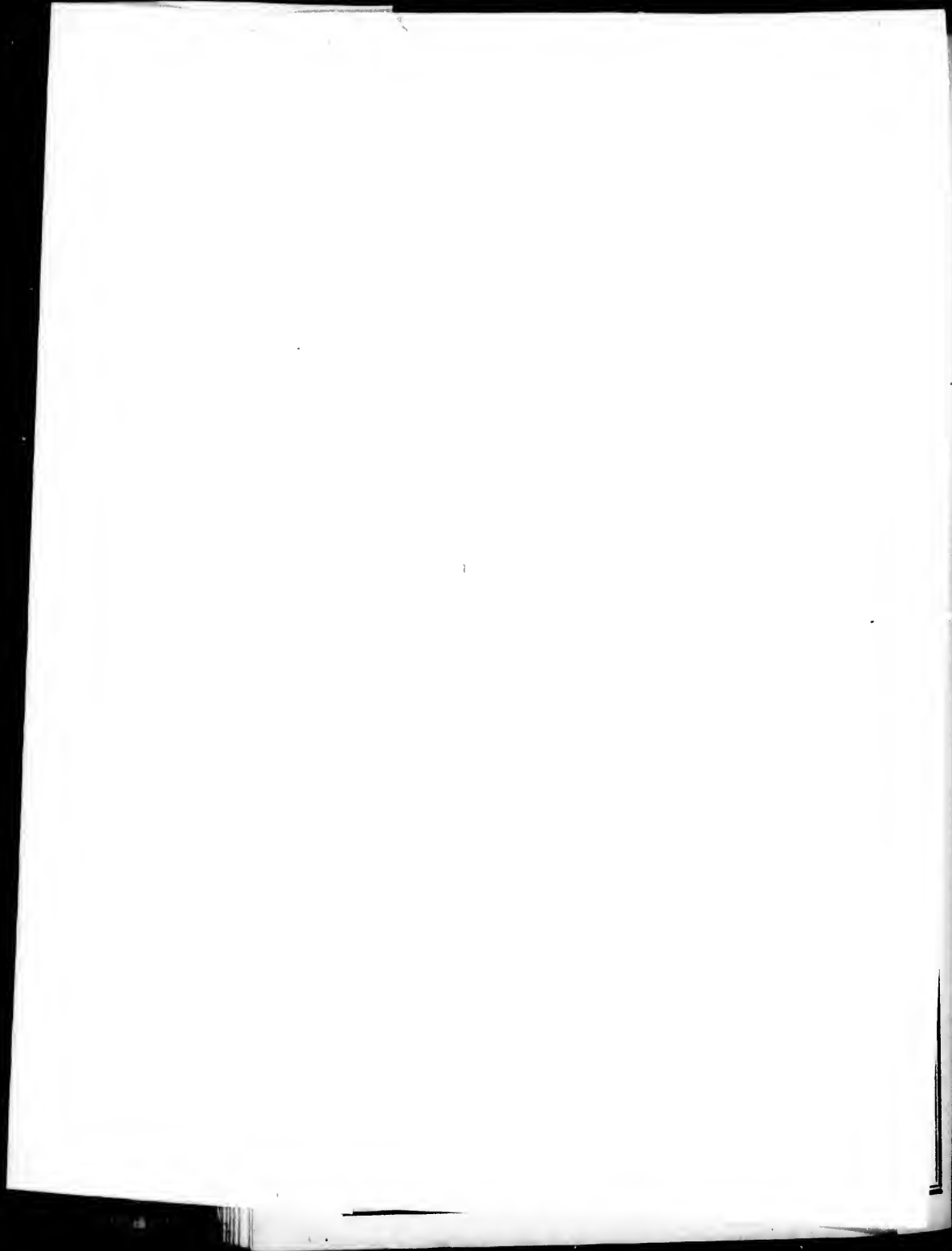
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WE, THE GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA, in order to form perfect fraternal union, to establish order, ensure tranquility, provide for and promote the general welfare of the Craft, and secure to the Fraternity of Nova Scotia, all the blessings of Masonic Privileges, do order and establish this Constitution.

**CHAPTER I.**

OF GRAND LODGE.

SECTION 1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "*The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nova Scotia.*"

SECTION 2. The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected as hereafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected and installed; but they shall be eligible for re-election.

The election of all officers shall take place at the



Annual Communication, when they shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in ancient form.

SECTION 3. The following Officers shall be elected by written ballot, and shall require a majority of the votes of those present. Should the first ballot not show a clear majority, the second shall only be cast for the two having the highest number of votes. No one shall be eligible, unless he has been recorded in the Grand Lodge Books, and is a subscribing member of a Subordinate Lodge.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master,

“ Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,

“ “ “ Substitute Grand Master,

“ “ “ Senior Grand Warden.

The remainder by nomination and open vote :

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer,

“ “ “ Grand Secretary,

“ “ “ Grand Clerk,

“ “ “ Grand Chaplain,

“ “ “ Grand Lecturer,

The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon,

“ “ “ Grand Junior Deacon,

“ “ “ Grand Architect,

“ “ “ Grand Jeweller,

“ “ “ Grand Bible Bearer,

“ “ “ Gr'd Director of Ceremonies.

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| “ | “ | “ | Grand Sword Bearer,      |
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| “ | “ | “ | Grand Tyler.             |

Also one Grand Steward from each Lodge under this jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the officers previously mentioned—the Masters and Wardens of all subordinate Lodges duly installed, and in their absence by proxies duly certified—three immediate Past Masters, being subscribing members of the Lodge for which they are returned. Past Grand Masters shall rank next to the Grand Master. The five principal Past Grand Officers shall be entitled to a vote for three successive years. Representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges shall have a vote as such.

SECTION 5. Should neither of the Representative Officers of a Lodge attend any communication of Grand Lodge, such Lodge, by a vote of the Lodge, properly certified by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and under seal, may delegate a Past Master of the Lodge, and in the absence of a Past Master, any other brother entitled to a seat in Grand Lodge to represent the Lodge; but no brother can represent more than two Lodges. A proxy shall have one vote for each officer represented by him.

SECTION 6. The rank of officers and members of Grand Lodge shall be as follows :

The Grand Master,  
Past Grand Masters in seniority,  
Deputy Grand Master,  
Past Deputy Grand Master,  
Substitute Grand Master,  
Past Substitute Grand Master,  
Senior Grand Warden,  
Past Senior Grand Warden,  
Junior Grand Warden,  
Past Junior Grand Warden,  
Grand Secretary,  
Grand Clerk,  
Grand Chaplain  
Grand Lecturer,  
Grand Senior Deacon,  
Grand Junior Deacon,  
Grand Architect,  
Grand Jeweller,  
Grand Bible Bearer,  
Grand Director of Ceremonies,  
Grand Sword Bearer,  
Grand Director of Music,  
Grand Marshalls, (2)  
Grand Tyler,  
Grand Stewards,

The Masters, Past Masters, Senior and Junior

Wardens of Subordinate Lodges in the order of the number of their respective Lodge Warrants.

SECTION 7. Should a vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, it shall be filled by election at the next quarterly communication.

SECTION 8. No officer or member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing.

SECTION 9. Should any Lodge have neglected to make its returns or payments to the Grand Lodge for the space of one year after due, the Master, Wardens, Past Masters, or Proxy Masters, of such Lodge shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the Grand Lodge until such returns or payments shall have been completed.

SECTION 10. The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be held at Halifax, on the 24th day of June, at 12 o'clock, A. M., except when such day shall fall on Sunday, when the meeting shall be held on the following Monday. No visitor shall speak to any question without leave of the Grand Master, nor shall he on any occasion be permitted to vote. Regular Quarterly Communications shall be held on the second Fridays of March, June, September and December, at 8 o'clock, P. M., at such places as shall be decided upon at the annual communication.

SECTION 11. The following Officers must be either Masters or Past Masters of Lodges :

The Most Worshipful Grand Master,  
 The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master,  
 " " " Substitute Grand Master,  
 " " " Senior Grand Warden,  
 " " " Junior Grand Warden.

SECTION 12. The Grand Master shall as soon as convenient after the opening of the annual communication of Grand Lodge appoint the following Standing Committees, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred all such matters as pertain to them respectively :

On Credentials,  
 On Constitution and Regulation,  
 On Grievances and Appeal,  
 On Finance and Audit,  
 On Foreign Correspondence,  
 On Charters.

SECTION 13. The Grand Master, or in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, or in his absence the Substitute Grand Master, may summon and hold Grand Lodges of Emergency whenever the good of the Craft shall, in his opinion, require it. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

SECTION 14. If at any Grand Lodge, stated or occasional, the Grand Master be absent, the Grand Lodge shall be ruled by the next in rank and seniority; and if no Grand Officer be present, by the Master of the senior Lodge. He shall have the same power as the Grand Master.

N. B.—The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in ample form when the Grand Master is present, in due form when a Past Grand Master presides; all other times only in form, yet with the same authority.

SECTION 15. In the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of enacting Laws and Regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them; always taking care that the Ancient Landmarks of the Order are preserved. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual Brothers, which it may exercise either of itself or by such delegated authority as in its wisdom and discretion it may appoint; but in the Grand Lodge alone resides the power of erasing Lodges and expelling Brethren from the Craft.

SECTION 16. No Lodge shall be erased, nor any Brother expelled, until the Master or Officers of the Lodge, or the offending Brother shall have been summoned to show cause in the Grand Lodge why

such sentence should not be recorded and enforced ; such summons being addressed, and either delivered personally, or sent by post to the last known place of residence of such brother, being deemed a proper summons ; but a reasonable time in the discretion of the Grand Lodge must elapse before sentence is passed.

SECTION 17. All differences and complaints that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced into writing, and delivered to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Committee on Grievances and Appeal. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorised by the Laws and Regulations of Masonry.

SECTION 18. When any memorial or other document is presented by any member of the Grand Lodge, either on behalf of himself or another, the member presenting it shall be responsible that such paper does not contain any improper matter, or any offensive or indecorous language.

SECTION 19. A quorum of Grand Lodge shall consist of not less than the Representative or Representatives of Five Subordinate Lodges as required by this Constitution.

SECTION 20. Every Subordinate Lodge not having a Representative in Grand Lodge shall be empowered to appoint a proxy ; said proxy to remain in full force until revoked by the Lodge granting it, or presence of a Delegated Officer of the same.

## CHAPTER II.

### OF GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall be Elected and Installed at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. Should the Grand Master die during his Grand Mastership, or be rendered incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his absence the Substitute Grand Master, or in his absence the Grand Wardens, shall assemble the Grand Lodge immediately to record the event. The Grand Lodge shall appoint three of its members to invite the last preceding Grand Master to act until a new election takes place. Should he decline, or be unable to act, then the last but one, and so on. If no former Grand Master be found to act, the Grand Lodge shall be summoned to elect a Grand Master.

SECTION 3. The Grand Master under sanction of the Grand Lodge, may by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent the Grand



Lodge near a sister Grand Lodge, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem appropriate. He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

SECTION 4. The Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, and to order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master Masons to act there as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

SECTION 5. The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper.

SECTION 6. The Grand Master shall not be applied to on any business concerning Masons or Masonry, but through the Grand Secretary, or the Deputy Grand Master.

SECTION 7. If the Grand Master should abuse his power, and render himself unworthy of the obedience of the Lodges, he shall be subjected to some new regulation to be dictated by the occasion.

### CHAPTER III.

#### OF DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SECTION 1. The Deputy Grand Master shall be Elected and Invested at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Deputy Grand Master has full authority in the absence of the Grand Master, to preside in any Lodge which he may visit, with the Substitute Grand Master on his right hand and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, are to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during the Deputy Grand Master's continuance there; but if the Grand Wardens be absent, then the Deputy Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any other Master Masons to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

### CHAPTER IV.

#### OF GRAND WARDENS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Wardens shall be Elected and Invested at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. When the actual Grand Wardens are in the Lodge, no others can supply their places; but in their absence, the senior Past Grand Wardens shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens

be present; the Grand Master may direct any Masters or Past Masters of a Subordinate Lodge to act as Grand Wardens *pro tempore*.

SECTION 3. The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, or Deputy Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act as his Wardens.

## CHAPTER V.

### OF GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall be Elected and Invested at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Treasurer shall give a joint bond with two sureties to the Grand Master and such other Trustees as the Grand Lodge shall nominate, with such conditions as may be deemed expedient for the due performance of his trust.

SECTION 3. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all monies raised for the general charity, or for any other public use of the Fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended, and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge shall direct, and produce his accounts of receipts and disbursements

before every regular communication; and these accounts shall be annually audited by a committee who shall make their report thereon at the Annual Communication in June.

## CHAPTER VI.

### OF GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. The Grand Secretary shall be Elected and Invested at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Secretary is to sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; to issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge and its committees, and to attend and take minutes of all their proceedings; to receive the returns from the several Lodges, and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same to each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; to transmit to all the Lodges annually an account of the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Lodge; to notify all Lodges, quarterly, of all expelled; suspended and excluded members, and all rejected candidates, and to lay them before the Grand Master, or other proper authority; to attend the

Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, and to take to him any books and papers he may direct; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive regularly, credit and record, all monies of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received, and the source whence received; and generally to do all such things as have been done, or ought to have been done by a Grand Secretary; for which service he shall receive out of the funds of the Grand Lodge a sum not less than one hundred dollars annually.

## **CHAPTER VII.**

### **OF GRAND CLERK.**

**SECTION 1.** The Grand Clerk shall be Elected and Invested at the Annual Communication.

**SECTION 2.** He shall assist the Grand Secretary and in his absence perform his duties.

## **CHAPTER VIII.**

### **OF GRAND CHAPLAIN.**

**SECTION 1.** The Grand Chaplain shall be Elected and Invested at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. He shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

## CHAPTER IX.

### OF GRAND TYLER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Tyler shall be Elected and Invested at the Annual Communication.

SECTION 2. The Grand Tyler is to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

SECTION 3. If any Grand Tyler shall, without the special license of the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, attend at any Masonic funeral or other public business, or shall officiate or attend on any meeting or pretended Lodge of Masons, not being regularly constituted, and not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Lodge, or not conforming to the Laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

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**CHAPTER X.**

## OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. The Officers of a Lodge are the Master, two Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, Marshall, two Stewards and Tyler. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly Elected and Installed.

SECTION 2. Every Lodge shall annually at its regular meeting in May, elect the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer by ballot, the remainder by open vote. The ballot shall be taken in the manner prescribed for Grand Lodge. They shall be duly installed according to ancient usage.

SECTION 3. Every Lodge has the power of forming bye-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to, or inconsistent with, the regulations of the Grand Lodge. The bye-laws must be submitted for the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted, and no law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. Every brother on becoming a member of a Lodge

shall sign the bye-laws as a declaration of his submission to them; and every member shall at all reasonable times have access to such bye-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to the brethren.

SECTION 4. The Master is responsible for seeing that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of its members, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission or initiation, passing or raising, and also their ages, as nearly as possible at that time, and their titles, professions, or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

SECTION 5. The regular days of meeting of a Lodge shall be specified in the bye-laws.

SECTION 6. A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The particular reason for calling the Lodge of Emergency shall be intimated and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at that meeting.

SECTION 7. The precedence of Lodges is derived



from the number of their Warrant of Constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 8. No Lodge shall make a Mason, or admit a member without strictly complying with all the regulations enacted for the government of the craft on these occasions.

SECTION 9. No Lodge shall on any pretence initiate a candidate until he shall have been proposed, balloted for and approved. Nor can a rejected applicant for initiation be balloted for again in the same or any other Lodge within six months of the time of such rejection; nor shall a higher degree in Masonry be conferred on any brother at a less interval than two weeks from his receiving a previous degree, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge, or before a committee appointed for that purpose.

SECTION 10. No Lodge shall confer the three degrees of Masonry for a less consideration than Twenty Dollars, nor on any pretence remit or defer the payment of any part of this sum; but by the unanimous vote of the Lodge, ministers of religion may be admitted gratuitously. The member who proposes any candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all fees payable on account of his initiation.

SECTION 11. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren raised therein, and also in making the returns of its members; as no person is entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least one year a contributing member of a Lodge.

SECTION 12. The Master is to see that all monies received or paid on account of the Lodge be entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in each year by a committee appointed by the Lodge, who shall report all members over twelve months in arrears for dues.

SECTION 13. Any member reported for non-payment of dues shall be specially summoned by the Secretary to pay the same, and failing so to do within eight months, shall be suspended and reported to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 14. Each Lodge shall procure for every brother raised therein, a Grand Lodge Diploma, to be paid for by the Lodge.

SECTION 15. No Lodge, or Officer of a Lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

SECTION 16. All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs: every deviation therefore from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced.

SECTION 17. If any brother behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, and be twice formally admonished by the Master, and persist in his irregular conduct, he shall be punished according to the bye-laws of that particular Lodge, or the case may be reported to higher Masonic authority.

SECTION 18. Every Lodge has the power, by a two-third vote, of suspending a member for gross, immoral, or infamous conduct, or for non-payment of dues; but no Lodge shall suspend any member without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be offered every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the vote of the brethren shall be given openly. The name of every brother suspended, together with the cause of his suspension, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 19. A member suspended for non-payment of dues, shall be immediately restored by the Lodge, without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended—notice thereof being given to the Grand Secretary.

SECTION 20. The Jewels and Furniture of every Lodge, belong to, and are the property of the Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge, while legally holding their charter; but when such Lodge shall resign, or forfeit such charter, all its property shall revert to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 21. The majority of the members of a Lodge when congregated, have the privilege of giving instruction to their Master or Wardens, or other Representative, before the meeting of Grand Lodge, because such officers are their representatives, and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

SECTION 22. Each Lodge shall annually make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Masters, Wardens and Past Masters of the Lodge, entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge, and no brother shall be permitted to vote in Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in some such return.

SECTION 23. Each Lodge shall make its payments to the Grand Lodge, previous to the Annual Communication in each year, and in case of neglect of payment for twelve months, the Masters, Past Masters and Wardens of such Lodge, shall be thereby disqualified from attending the Grand Lodge, or sitting upon any committee until these payments have been made.

SECTION 24. If a Lodge dissolve, the Warrant shall be delivered to the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 25. As every Warranted Lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the powers of the fraternity reside, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant. If therefore the majority of any Lodge should determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution and power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided there be not less than seven. If all the members of a Lodge withdraw themselves, their warrant ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed, reverts to the Grand Master.

SECTION 26. No Lodge shall be erased, or suspended, or its warrant declared forfeited, unless the Master or Officers shall have been warned in writing of their offence, and shall have been

summoned to answer to the Complaint made against them.

SECTION 27. If any Lodge, or its Master or Wardens be summoned to attend, or produce its Warrant, books, papers, or accounts to the Grand Lodge, or any committee authorized by the Grand Lodge, and do not comply, or give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy, such Lodge may be suspended.

SECTION 28. All the business of Lodges, except that of conferring the first and second degrees, and the instruction thereof, shall be transacted in a Lodge of Master Masons.

SECTION 29. Any vote passed in a Subordinate Lodge may be reconsidered at that or the next regular subsequent communication; notice of such reconsideration being given at the meeting which the vote was originally passed, which vote when reconsidered shall be final.

SECTION 30. No Lodge shall on any occasion or pretence whatever, suspend any of its Bye-Laws.

**CHAPTER XI.****OF MASTER AND WARDENS.**

**SECTION 1.** All preferment among Masons shall be grounded on real worth and personal merit only, therefore no brother shall be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank.

**SECTION 2.** Every Master when placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old established usages and customs, and to preserve all the Ancient Land Marks of the Order, and most strictly to enforce them within his own Lodge.

**SECTION 3.** The Master and Wardens of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding thereby cultivated among Free Masons.

**SECTION 4.** If the Master should die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall act as Master in summoning the Lodge to elect a new Master.

SECTION 5. In the Masters absence the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden shall assume the chair, and perform all the duties appertaining to the Masters office. A Master or Past Master of any Lodge may be invited to officiate as Master.

## CHAPTER XII.

### OF MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

SECTION 1. A brother who has been concerned in making Masons clandestinely, or at a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the authority of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master, shall not be admitted as a member, or even as a visitor, into any regular Lodge, nor partake of the general charity or other Masonic privilege, till he make due submission and obtain grace.

SECTION 2. No brother shall wilfully presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge, or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present, at such Lodge, without the direction of the Grand Lodge, under pain of being expelled from the order. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing,



or publishing of any proceeding, authorised to be published by the Master of any Lodge, provided the same does not conflict with the Constitution.

SECTION 3. Any brother who shall violate the secrecy of the ballot, by stating how he voted on any question, or by endeavoring to ascertain how a brother voted, or if he should be aware and mention to another brother, shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to expulsion.

SECTION 4. The majority of members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in the minute-book of his Lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding, which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher masonic authority.

SECTION 5. A member of any Lodge who may show proper authority that he is a Master Mason in good standing, shall be at liberty to become a subscribing member of any other Lodge.

SECTION 6. All differences between, or complaints of members that cannot be accommodated privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced into writing, and delivered to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay them before the Grand Lodge, or the committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, when all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and adjudication may be made as shall be authorised by the bye-laws and regulations of Masonry.

SECTION 7. A Mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or by the Grand Lodge *only*, to expulsion.

### CHAPTER XIII.

#### OF HONORARY MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an Honorary Member of a Lodge. The Lodge must include Honorary Members in its returns to the Grand Lodge, and is liable to pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such Honorary Members as are payable for ordinary members.

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**CHAPTER XIV.****OF PROPOSING MEMBERS.**

Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity, from admitting members, and receiving candidates without due notice given, or inquiry made into their characters and qualifications, and also from the passing and raising of Masons without due instruction in the respective degrees, it is determined that in the future, a violation or neglect of any of the following laws, shall subject the Lodge offending to suspension, because no Emergency can be allowed as a justification :

**SECTION 1.** No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge without a regular proposition in open Lodge, fourteen days before he is balloted for, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot.

**SECTION 2.** No person shall be made a Mason unless he has resided one year in the jurisdiction, or produces a recommendation signed by six members in good standing, of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, nor until he has been properly proposed at a meeting, and his case referred to the Investigating Committee, when after the committee have

reported to the Lodge, he may, after fourteen days have elapsed, be balloted for, and if approved, initiated in the first degree of Masonry.

SECTION 3. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate whose residence is within the jurisdiction of another Lodge, without the consent of that Lodge, except in a place where there is more than one Lodge, in which case each Lodge has concurrent jurisdiction.

SECTION 4. In cases of emergency the following alterations as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed:—Any two members of a Lodge may transmit in writing to the Master the name, etc., of any candidate they may wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency, and the Master and Wardens, if the emergency be proper, shall notify the said recommendation to the members of their Lodge, stating the name, age, occupation, and place of abode of the candidate, and refer the case to the Investigating committee as above provided, and at the same time summon a Lodge to meet at a period not less than two clear days from the issuing of the summons, for the purpose of balloting for the candidate; and if he be then approved he may be initiated into the first degree of Masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition and emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute-book of the Lodge.

SECTION 5. No man shall be made a Mason under the age of twenty-one years. Every candidate must be free born, and his own master, and at the time of initiation be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, and have made some progress in one or other of them; and he must, previous to his initiation, subscribe his name at full length to a declaration of the following import. (see appendix G.)

SECTION 6. No person shall be made a Mason in, or admitted a member of a Lodge, if on the ballot being taken, one black ball appear against him.

SECTION 7. No rejected candidate can be balloted for in the same or any other Lodge, within six months after the time of his rejection.

## CHAPTER XV.

### OF LODGE SEAL.

SECTION 1. Every private Lodge shall have a Masonic Seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued. An impression of the seal is to be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new Seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

**CHAPTER XVI.**

## OF VISITORS.

SECTION 1. No Visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally known, or after due examination, vouched for by one or more of the brethren present; he shall, during his continuance in the Lodge, be subject to its bye-laws.

**CHAPTER XVII.**

## OF LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

SECTION 1. No general Lodge of Instruction shall be holden, unless under the sanction of a regular Warranted Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving the sanction, and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of Instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

SECTION 2. Lodges of Instruction shall keep a minute of brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minute shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, or the Lodge granting the sanction.

SECTION 3. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of Instruction being held under its Warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the Lodge, to be communicated to the Lodge of Instruction, provided notice of intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

## CHAPTER XVIII.

### OF APPEAL.

SECTION 1. As the Grand Lodge when congregated is a representation of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft—any Lodge, therefore, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievances complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made. All appeals must be made in proper and respectful language—no others will be received.

**CHAPTER XIX.****OF DIPLOMAS.**

**SECTION 1.** Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge Diploma immediately on his name being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, for which Diploma the Lodge shall pay one dollar. Each Lodge therefore, when it makes a return of the Masons whom it has raised, shall in addition to the fee for registering, make a remittance of the money for the Diploma.

**SECTION 2.** Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Diploma is granted, must sign his name in the margin thereof, or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Worshipful Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

**SECTION 3.** All applications for Grand Lodge Diplomas must be made to the Grand Secretary, and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not been previously registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate can on any account be issued until such money has been paid.

**SECTION 4.** No Lodge shall grant a certificate to a brother except such as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of



its committees, or issued to a member on retirement or expulsion from a Lodge, for the purpose of evidence of standing, nor shall a Lodge under any pretence make a charge for a Lodge certificate.

## **CHAPTER XX.**

### **OF DISPENSATIONS.**

SECTION 1. The Grand Master shall have power to issue Dispensations during recess of Grand Lodge, according to Masonic Law and usage. (See Appendix B.)

## **CHAPTER XXI.**

### **OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.**

SECTION 1. Every application for a Warrant must be made by petition, (See Appendix C.) signed by at least seven Master Masons in good standing, and the Lodges to which they belong specified; the petition must be recommended by the officers of the nearest regular Lodge, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Lodge. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Lodge may issue a Warrant or Charter, empowering them to meet as a regular Lodge, and perform all the duties appertaining thereto.

**CHAPTER XXII.**

## OF REGALIA.

SECTION 1. Lodges already in possession of regalia, may use such as they have; when in need of new clothing, application shall be made to the Grand Lodge for patterns of Jewels, &c., so that uniformity may be attained. The collar shall always be dark blue. No brother shall, on any pretence be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge without his proper clothing. The Grand Lodge reserves to itself the right to wear gold lace, Subordinate Lodges may wear silver if they wish it.

**CHAPTER XXIII.**

## OF APRONS.

*Entered Apprentice.*—A plain White Lamb Skin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at the bottom, and without ornament.

*Fellow Craft.*—A plain White Lamb Skin similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of two blue rosettes on the bottom.

*Master Mason.*—The same, with blue lining and edging one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.

*Masters and Past Masters of Lodges.* To wear in lieu and in place of three rosettes on the Masters' apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several setts of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging, or of silver. If Grand Officers, similar emblems of garter blue or gold.

*Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, Present and Past.* Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with garter blue edging three and a half inches, or blue velvet, bound with gold and gold tassels.

No permanent regulation of this Grand Lodge shall be repealed or amended, unless at least three months notice thereof be given, nor until such alteration be reported on by a committee appointed for that purpose.

## APPENDIX A.

### TABLE OF GRAND LODGE DUES.

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Charter to a new Lodge.....   | \$30.00 |
| Charter to a Lodge having a Warrant from<br>another jurisdiction..... | 15.00   |
| Enrolment of each Member in Grand Lodge<br>Books.....                 | 1.00    |
| Diploma for each Member.....  | 1.00    |
| Annual Dues for each Member.....                                      | 1.00    |
| Copy of Charter in case of loss.....                                  | 5.00    |
| Extract or copies of Papers, first sheet.....                         | 0.50    |
| Every other sheet.....  | 0.30    |

## APPENDIX B.

### FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE. DISPENSATION.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Master  
Mason of Nova Scotia.*

The Petition of the undersigned regular registered  
Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned  
against our respective names :

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry  
at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of  
the craft in this section or part of the country,

which cannot be accomplished without having a regular constituted Lodge,—we, therefore, being anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, pray for a Letter of Dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at....., by the name and title of....., and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand Lodge; and we recommend and propose the following to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge, viz:—

- |           |                    |
|-----------|--------------------|
| A. B..... | Worshipful Master. |
| C. D..... | Senior Warden.     |
| E. F..... | Junior Warden.     |
| G. H..... | Treasurer.         |
| M. N..... | Secretary.         |
| O. P..... | Senior Deacon.     |
| Q. R..... | Junior Deacon.     |
| S. T..... | Marshall.          |
| U. V..... | } Stewards.        |
| W. X..... |                    |
| Y. Z..... | Tyler.             |

The prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

(To be signed by at least seven Master Masons, each giving the name and locality of the Lodge of which he is, or was last a member.)

## APPENDIX C.

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FORM OF PETITION FOR A NEW LODGE.—WARRANT.

*Unto the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of  
Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of Nova  
Scotia.*

The Petition of the undersigned regular registered  
Master Masons of the Lodges mentioned against  
our respective names :

HUMBLY SHEWETH,—

That your Petitioners, having the good of Masonry  
at heart, are desirous of extending the benefits of  
the Craft in this section or part of the country,  
which cannot be accomplished without having a  
regular constituted Lodge,—we, therefore, being  
anxious to commence and carry on our Masonic  
Labors under the sanction of the Grand Lodge,  
pray for a Charter empowering us to meet as a  
regular Lodge at....., by the name and title  
of....., and there to discharge the duties of  
Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to  
the forms of the Order, and the Laws of the Grand  
Lodge ; and we recommend and propose the follow-  
ing to be the first office-bearers of the Lodge, viz :—

- A. B..... Worshipful Master.
- C. D..... Senior Warden.
- E. F..... Junior Warden.

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|-----------|----------------|
| G. H..... | Treasurer.     |
| M. N..... | Secretary.     |
| O. P..... | Senior Deacon. |
| Q. R..... | Junior Deacon. |
| S. T..... | Marshall.      |
| U. V..... | } Stewards.    |
| W. X..... |                |
| Y. Z..... | Tyler.         |

The Prayer of this Petition being granted, we promise strict obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

(To be signed by at least seven Master Masons, each giving the name and locality of the Lodge of which he is, or was last a member.)

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### APPENDIX D.

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PROXY COMMISSION BY LODGES ABROAD OR IN THE  
COUNTRY, FOR MASTER OR WARDENS TO GRAND  
LODGE.

WE, the Master and Wardens of the Lodge  
....., holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova  
Scotia, finding it incumbent to attend the Quarterly  
Communications and other meetings of the Grand  
Lodge, do hereby, with the consent and approbation  
of our brethren, nominate and appoint our truly and  
well beloved Brother....., Master Mason,

of the Lodge....., holding of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, No....., to be the Representative in said Grand Lodge, as our....., hereby authorising our said Representative to act and vote upon all questions that may come before the said Grand Lodge as fully and freely in all respects as we could do ourselves if personally present.

Given under our Hands and Seal of the Lodge, this.....day of..... in the year of our Lord One Thousand .....and of Light.....

- .....Worshipful Master.
- .....Senior Warden.
- .....Junior Warden.
- .....Secretary.

[Seal.]

**APPENDIX E.**

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of.. .....Lodge, No....., R. N. S.*

The undersigned a Master Mason of..... Lodge, No....., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of.....respectfully petitions for membership into your Lodge, if found worthy.



I pledge myself to a cheerful obedience of all the requirements of your Bye-laws, and the Ancient Usages of Masonry as admitted among you. My age is..... years, my occupation is that of..... my residence is.....

(Signed) .....

Recommended by }  
 ..... }  
 ..... }

### APPENDIX F.

#### CERTIFICATE OF WITHDRAWEL FROM A LODGE BY ITS MEMBERS.

.....Lodge, No....., R. N. S.

Members' { } Demit.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that Brother..... is a worthy Master Mason of good standing in .....Lodge, No ....., Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, held at.....; that he having expressed a desire to withdraw from said Lodge, paid up all dues to this date, and otherwise complied with the requirements of the Bye-Laws, leave was therefore granted, and the Secretary instructed to furnish this Demit.

Given under our Hands and Seal of the Lodge,  
 on the.....day of.....  
 A.D. 18....., A.L. 58.....

.....Worshipful Master.

.....Senior Warden.

.....Junior Warden.

.....Secretary.

[Seal.]

## APPENDIX G.

### APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

*To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, Officers and  
 Members of the Lodge.....No..... R.N.S.*

I,....., being free by birth, and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare, that unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Masonry—that I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, and a desire of knowledge—that I have not within twelve months applied to, or been rejected by any other Lodge; and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity. My place of residence is....., my occupation....., my age.....years.

Witness my hand, this.....day of.....

A.D. 18.....

(Signed) .....

Witness.....

Recommended by ..... } The applicant  
..... } to sign his name  
..... } in full.

NOTE.—A Petition having been received cannot be withdrawn.

**APPENDIX H.**

*FINANCIAL RETURN of.....Lodge  
No....., to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, for  
the Year ending.....18.....*

|   |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|
| Subscribing Members as $\$$ Return,<br>at 12½ cents each..... | ..... | ..... |
| Diplomas as $\$$ Return, at \$1.00 each .....                 | ..... | ..... |
| Enrollment as $\$$ Ret. at \$1.00 each.. .....                | ..... | ..... |
| .....Copies Constitution at 50 cents .....                    | ..... | ..... |
| .....   | ..... | ..... |
| Total.....  | ..... | ..... |

.....Secretary.

[Seal.]

.....Treasurer.

## APPENDIX I.

*RETURN of Subscribing Members of.....  
Lodge, No....., to the Grand Lodge of Nova  
Scotia, for the Year ending.....18.....*

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|----------|--------------------|
| 1 .....  | Worshipful Master. |
| 2 .....  | Senior Warden.     |
| 3 .....  | Junior Warden.     |
| 4 .....  | Treasurer.         |
| 5 .....  | Secretary.         |
| 6 .....  | Senior Deacon,     |
| 7 .....  | Junior Deacon,     |
| 8 .....  | Marshall.          |
| 9 .....  | } Stewards.        |
| 10 ..... |                    |
| 11 ..... | Tyler.             |
| 12 ..... |                    |
| 13 ..... |                    |
| 14 ..... |                    |
| 15 ..... |                    |
| 16 ..... |                    |
| 17 ..... |                    |
| 18 ..... |                    |
| 19 ..... |                    |

.....Secretary,  
.....Lodge, No.....

[Seal.]

*RETURN of.....Lodge, No....., to the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia,  
of Members for Registration and Diploma, for the year ending.....18....*

| NAME. | AGE. | OCCUPATION. | RESIDENCE. | INITIATED. | PASSED. | RAISED. | AFFILIATED. | REMARKS |
|-------|------|-------------|------------|------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|
|       |      |             |            |            |         |         |             |         |
|       |      |             |            |            |         |         |             |         |
|       |      |             |            |            |         |         |             |         |
|       |      |             |            |            |         |         |             |         |

[Seal.] .....Secretary,  
.....Lodge, No.....

**NOTE TO SECRETARIES.**—The Christian names must be in full.

