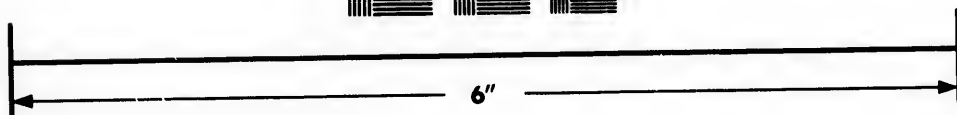
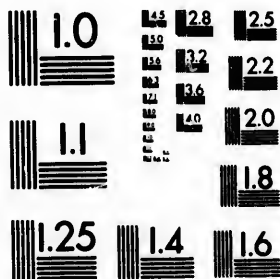


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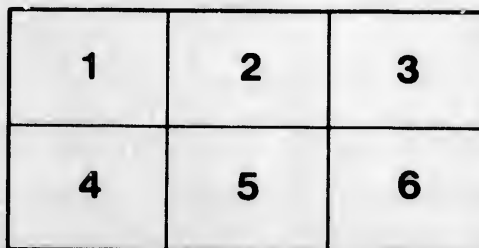
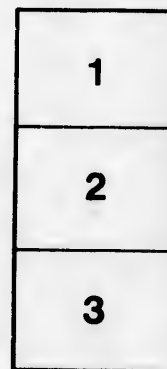
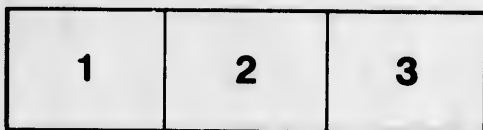
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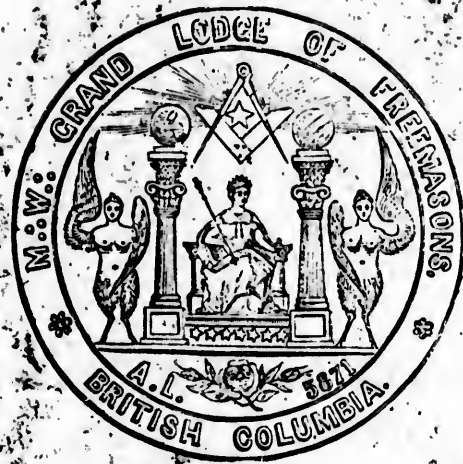
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THE
Charges of a Free Mason

EXTRACTED

FROM THE ANCIENT RECORDS OF LODGES THROUGHOUT
THE WORLD.

FOR THE USE OF LODGES.

TO BE READ AT THE MAKING OF NEW BRETHREN, OR WHEN THE
MASTER SHALL ORDER IT.

Free Mason:

AGES THROUGHOUT

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FREE MASON, &c.

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.
- IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices.
- V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.
- VI. Of Behaviour, viz.:
 - In the lodge while constituted.
 - After the lodge is over and the Brethren are dispersed.
 - When Brethren meet without strangers in a lodge formed.
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 - At home and in your neighborhood.
 - Towards a strange brother.
- VII. Ancient Charges—To the Master-Elect.

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The Charges of a Free Mason, &c.

I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION.

A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and if he rightly understand the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh at the heart. A Mason is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the glorious architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct, to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE.

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion, the interests of the community; and jealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion; so that kings and princes in every age have been much dis-

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III.—OF LODGES.

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lodge must be good and true men; free born, an
and discreet age and sound judgment, no b
women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of g

IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLO
APPRENTICES.

All preferment among masons is grounde
worth and personal merit only, that so the lords
served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the
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and of being made a brother, and then a fellow-craft in due
 time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom
 of the country directs, and that he should be descended of
 honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may
 arrive at the honor of being the warden and then the mas-
 ter of the lodge, the grand warden, and at length the grand
 master of all the lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a warden until he has passed the part
 of a fellowcraft, nor a master until he has acted as a warden,
 nor grand warden until he has been a fellowcraft before his
 election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the
 best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious
 architect, or other artist descended of honest parents, and
 who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate,
 at the ancient lodge, are to be obeyed in their respective
 stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges
 and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and
 alacrity.

*M. B.—In ancient times no brother, however skilled in the
 craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected into
 the chair of a lodge.*

V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING.

All masons shall work honestly on working days that
 they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appoint-
 ed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be
 observed.

The most expert of the fellow craftsmen shall be chosen
 or appointed the master or overseer of the lord's work who
 is to be called master by all who work under him. The
 craftsmen are to avoid all unbecoming language, and to call
 each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow:
 and to behave themselves courteously within and without the
 lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning,
 shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and
 truly dispense his goods as if they were his own; nor to give
 more wages to any brother or apprentice than he may really
 deserve.

Both the master and the masons receive justly, shall be faithful to the lord, and honest work, whether task or journey, nor put that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosper nor supplant him, or put him out of his work able to finish the same; for no man can finish so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thord ed with the designs and draughts of him that

When a fellow-craftsman is chosen ward under the master, he shall be true both to lows, shall carefully oversee the work in the to the lord's profit and his brethren shall obe

All masons employed shall meekly rece without murmuring or mutiny, and not de till the work be finished.

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All the tools used in working shall be a Grand Lodge.

No laborer shall be employed in the masonry; nor shall free masons work with the free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall the ers and unaccepted masons as they should t or fellow.

VI.—OF BEHAVIOR, VIZ.

IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED

You are not to hold private committ conversation, without leave of the master, anything impertinently or unseemly, nor t master or wardens, or any brother speaking nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly v is engaged in what is serious and solemn; no coming language upon any pretense whatsoe due reverence to your master, wardens and them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brothe shall stand to the award and determination who are the proper and competent judges of versies; (unless you carry it by appeal to the

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and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER AND THE BRETHREN NOT GONE.

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as masons, of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conduced to the welfare of the lodge, nor ever will.

WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED.

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner, as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching upon each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a mason; for though all masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet masonry takes no honor from a man that he had before; nay, rather it adds to his honor, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honor to whom it is due, and avoid ill manners.

IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS, NOT MASONS.

You should be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger shall not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you shall divert a discourse, and manage it prudently for the honor of the fraternity.

AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbours be the concerns of the lodge, &c.; but wisely to take care of your own honor, and that of your ancient brotherhood, and not to be mentioned here. You must also take care of your health by not continuing together too late or too long at home after lodge hours are past; and by avoiding intemperance or drunkenness that your families be not neglected, nor you disabled from working.

TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER.

You are cautiously to examine him in such a manner as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be deceived upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to treat with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in any manner distressed, you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some day of the week, and recommend him to be employed. But you are not to employ him to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor man that is a good man and true, before any other person in the same circumstances.

Finally.—All these charges you are to observe, and those that shall be communicated to you in any other manner, cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cement of our cement and glory of this ancient fraternity; and avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slandering and backbiting, and not permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as is consistent with your honor and safety, and the honor of your own or his lodge; and from thence you must carry the same to the grand lodge, at the annual communication, and to the ancient laudable conduct of our forefathers, and to the honor of our nation; never taking a legal course but when that is not otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the best and friendly advice of master and fellows, and never would prevent you going to law with strangers.

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incite you to put a speedy period to all lawsuits; that so you may mind the affair of masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the master and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must however, carry on their process or lawsuit, without wrath and rancour, (not in the common way) saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN; so mote it be.

Summary of the ANCIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS to be read by the Grand Secretary (or acting Secretary) to the MASTER-ELECT, prior to his Installation into the Chair of the Lodge.

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You are to be a peaceable subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against governments but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honorably by all men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of free masonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitutions of the order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behavior, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your lodge

8. You promise to respect genuine and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of free masonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the mystic art, as far as your influence can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly appointed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Master.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any individual or body of men to make innovation in the body of the order.

12. You promise a regular attendance at the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge, giving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to the duties of free masonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new lodge can be established without the permission of the Grand Master and that no initiation ought to be given to any irregular lodge, or to any person initiated therein; and no public procession of masons with the badges of the order can take place without the special license of the Grand Master.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be admitted a free mason or admitted a member of any lodge without previous notice and due enquiry into his character; and no brother can be advanced to a higher degree than he is entitled to in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination, and *producing* vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge.

At the conclusion, the Grand Master or installer shall address the master elect, as follows;—"Do you accept of these charges and do you promise to support these charges and to do what the masters have done in all ages?" Upon his answering affirmatively, the ceremony of installation shall proceed.

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BRITISH COLUMBIA

REVISED AND ADOPTED 8TH JUNE, 1887.

TITLE.

1. The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be
"The M. W. C. and Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accept-
ed Masons of British Columbia."

HOW CONSTITUTED.

2. The Grand Lodge shall consist of the elective and
appointed officers, (except the Grand Tyler), with all Past
Grand Officers, (except Past Grand Tylers), continuing to
subscribe to a lodge, the Masters and Wardens of all private
lodges, and all Past Masters being members of private lodges;
provided that no brother shall rank as a Past Grand Officer,
unless at the time of holding office in Grand Lodge, he was
either a Master or Past Master of some lodge.

3. Should neither the Worshipful Master, nor the
Wardens of the lodge attend any communication of the
Grand Lodge, such lodge by its vote, properly certified by

the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and no delegate any Master or Past Master in good standing represent their lodge, but no proxy shall be valid in the name of the brother so delegated shall have been given by the proxy, previous to its being signed by the Master and Secretary of the lodge; and no brother shall represent by proxy more than one vote. A written proxy shall be delivered to the Secretary before the communication of the Grand Lodge.

OFFICERS.

4. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be regularly elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors have been regularly elected or appointed and installed.

5. The Grand Master or presiding officer, at the next communication, shall appoint three scrutineers, and it shall be the duty of the scrutineers to collect the ballots for Grand Officers. The scrutineers shall call out the names to the Grand Master, who shall take account of the same, and report thereon.

6. The elective officers, respectively, are to be elected by ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for election. In the event of there being two names, not one of which has a majority of the votes cast, the name that has the least number of votes shall be dropped and the ballot spread again. If no name has a majority of all the votes cast, the name having the least number shall be dropped, and so on until only one name remain, when, the one receiving the greater number of votes shall be declared elected.

7. The election and appointment of all the officers of the Grand Lodge, shall take place at the annual communication, when those present shall be duly installed and sworn in the ancient form.

8. No brother shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Lodge, (except the office of Grand Master or Grand Tyler), unless he shall have been previously installed Worshipful Master of a subordinate lodge.

Secretary, and under seal, may be substituted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master in good standing to represent the lodge; and no brother can be elected unless the name has been written in the minutes of the lodge; and no brother can be elected more than once. A duplicate of the minutes shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge.

OFFICERS.

The officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively as hereinafter provided, and hold office until their successors shall have been appointed and installed.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master shall be the presiding officer at the annual communication, and three scrutineers, whose duty shall be to count the ballots for Grand Officers. The names of the officers shall be reported to the Grand Secretary, who shall report the same, and report the result.

The officers, respectively, are to be chosen by ballot, and if all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect, in the event of there being more than one name, the name which has a majority of all the votes shall be elected; if the least number of votes shall be cast, the name having the least number of votes shall be elected, and so on until only two names remain, the name having the greater number of votes shall be elected.

The appointment of all officers of the Grand Lodge shall be made at the annual communication, and they shall be duly installed and invested in their offices.

No person shall be eligible to any elective office of the Grand Lodge unless he shall have been regularly elected by a majority of the members of a subordinate lodge.

9. The officers of the Grand Lodge shall consist of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

"	Right	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	"	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Very	"	Grand Chaplain.
"	"	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	"	"	Grand Secretary.
"	"	"	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	"	"	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	"	"	Grand Superintendent of Works.
"	"	"	Grand Director of Ceremonies.
"	"	"	Grand Marshal.
"	"	"	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	"	"	Grand Standard Bearer.
"	"	"	Grand Organist.
"	"	"	Grand Pursuivant.
"	"	"	Grand Stewards.
"	"	"	Grand Tyler.

10. The following officers of the Grand Lodge shall be elected by written ballot:—

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.			
"	Right	"	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	"	Senior Grand Warden.
"	"	"	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Very	"	Grand Chaplain.
"	"	"	Grand Treasurer.
"	"	"	Grand Secretary.
"	"	"	Grand Tyler.

11. The following officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master, viz.:—

Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.			
"	"	"	Junior Deacon.
"	"	"	Superintendent of Works.
"	"	"	Director of Ceremonies.
"	"	"	Marshal.
"	"	"	Sword Bearer.
"	"	"	Standard Bearer.
"	"	"	Organist.

Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.

“ “ Stewards.

12. The Grand Master may appoint not
Grand Stewards.

13. The rank of officers and members
Lodge shall be as follows :—

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M. . W. . . Past Grand Masters according to seniority
ing the Chair.

R. . W. . . Deputy Grand Master

“ Past “ “ Masters.

“ Senior Grand Warden.

“ Past “ “ Wardens.

“ Junior Grand Warden.

“ Past “ “ Wardens.

V. . W. . . Grand Chaplain.

“ Past “ Chaplains.

“ Grand Treasurer.

“ Past “ Treasurers.

“ Grand Secretary.

“ Past “ Secretaries.

W. . . Senior Grand Deacon.

“ Past “ “ Deacons.

“ Junior Grand Deacon.

“ Past “ “ Deacons.

“ Grand Superintendent of Works.

“ Past “ Superintendents of Works.

“ Grand Director of Ceremonies.

“ Past “ Directors of Ceremonies.

“ Grand Marshal.

“ Past “ Marshals.

“ Grand Sword Bearer.

“ Past “ Sword Bearers.

“ Grand Standard Bearer.

“ Past “ Standard Bearers.

“ Grand Organist.

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“ Grand Pursuivant.

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And the Masters, Past Masters and present Wardens of sub-ordinate lodges in the order of the number, of their respective lodge warrants.

14. Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to fill the office, *pro tempore*.

15. Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the Craft, may, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, duly confirmed, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge, with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

16. Should any lodge neglect to make its returns and payments to the Grand Lodge before the annual communication, the Master, Wardens or other representatives of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend such annual or any subsequent meeting of the Grand Lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

17. No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master or Warden, until his name and masonic rank shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the Grand Secretary.

18. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge shall be holden at such place as the Grand Lodge may appoint on the Saturday in June, immediately preceding St. John's Day, in each year.

19. The Grand Master, or in case of his absence from the Province or inability to attend, the Deputy Grand Master, or if he likewise be absent or unable to attend, the Grand Wardens may summon and hold a Grand Lodge of emergency at such time and place as in his or their opinion the good of the Craft shall require; and the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at the meeting.

20. If at any meeting of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master be absent, the Lodge shall be ruled by the officer next in rank and seniority (according to Clause XI) who

may be present. The powers of any *pro tempore* officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office so filled by him. The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the Grand Master is present in *due form* when a past master or the Deputy President is present at other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.

21. By the ancient constitutions and usage of the Craft, the Grand Lodge, as the supreme masonic authority in this Province, is invested with certain original, and inalienable powers and privileges. Among these are the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the Craft, and of altering, repealing and annulling them, always taking care to preserve the ancient laws and customs of the Craft. The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of issuing, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the Craft, or to particular lodges, or to individual brethren, the exclusive power of erasing lodges, of preserving and establishing systems of work and lectures, of issuing warrants for new lodges, and of suspending or revoking the charters of lodges.

22. All differences or complaints that cannot be settled privately, or in some regular lodge, shall be referred in writing to the Grand Secretary, who shall deliver the same to the Grand Master, who may refer the same to the Committee on Grievances. When the parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case shall have been investigated, such order and regulation may be made as shall be authorized by the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

REGULATIONS FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE GRAND LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

23. Opening the Grand Lodge.
 Reading and confirmation of minutes.
 Communications from the Grand Master.
 Communications from the Deputy Grand Master.
 Reports from the Grand Secretary.
 Reports from the Grand Treasurer.
 Reports from the several Committees, et cetera.
 Reading and disposing of letters, bills, et cetera.

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ferred to the Grand Secretary, who shall lay the
same before the Grand Master, who may refer the
same to the Grand Deacons.
Grievances. When all the
parties concerned attend thereon, and the
order is made, such order and adjudica-
tion shall be authorized by the laws and
regulations.

GOVERNMENT OF THE LODGE DURING THE TIME OF BUSINESS.

of the Lodge.
minutes.
of the Grand Master.
of the Deputy Grand Master.
of the Grand Secretary.
of the Grand Treasurer.
of the Grand Committees, etc.
of the Grand Letters, bills, etc.

Money grants.
Deferred business.
Election and installation of officers.
New business.
Closing the Grand Lodge.

24. All matters are to be decided by the highest num-
ber of legal votes, "except the election of Grand officers and
amendments to the Constitution," each subordinate lodge
having three votes, each officer and member of Grand
Lodge (except the Grand Tyler) one vote, and the Grand
Master a casting vote in case of equal division, unless the
lodge for the sake of expedition think proper to leave any
particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master.
When any subject can be satisfactorily settled by an open
vote, the votes of the members are always to be signified in
the manner usual among Masons; which the Grand Deacons
are to count unless the number should be so unequal as to
render counting unnecessary.

25. All members shall keep their seats except the Grand
Deacons, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Marshal
and the Grand Stewards, who are allowed to move about
from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

26. No brother shall speak more than once to the
same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply,
without permission from the chair.

27. Everyone who speaks shall rise, and remain stand-
ing addressing himself to the presiding officer; nor shall any
brother presume to interrupt him unless to call him to
order; after he has been set right, he may proceed if he
observe due order and decorum.

28. No notice shall be entertained for altering or amend-
ing the laws, rules or regulations of the Grand Lodge, or
for adding a new rule, regulation or law, without notice in
writing, (stating in full the amendment or addition proposed),
having been given to the Grand Secretary at least six
weeks before the time appointed for holding the communi-
cation at which it is to be submitted to the Grand Lodge;
and no alteration or addition shall be made unless supported

by two-thirds of the legal votes present. Prima-
ry, proposed alteration shall be sent to every
notice of Grand Lodge meeting.

29. All resolutions shall be submitted in v
presiding officer or any brother desire it.

30. It shall be competent for a member
Lodge to move a resolution or an amendment,
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entertained.

31. No motion on any new sub, et shall b
after eleven o'clock, p. m.

THE GRAND MASTER.

32. The Grand Master and the elective C
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33. The Grand Master shall be installed
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within his prerogative to appoint, who, toget
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Master until the next annual election; and
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to elect a Grand Master.

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may, by warrant, appont any ll to represent the Grand Lodge e may also constitute any dis- y be regularly delegated from a er of this Grand Lodge.

36. 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, and the Master of the lodge on his left hand. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the lodge, or any Master Masons to act as his Wardens *pro tempore*.

37. The Grand Master may send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper.

38. The Grand Master may summon any lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrants, books, papers and accounts of such lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, or a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding reported to the Grand Lodge.

39. The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the Grand Secretary.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

40. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master possesses all his powers and privileges, and has full authority to preside in any lodge with the Master of the lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens, if present, to act as Wardens of that lodge during his presence.

THE GRAND WARDENS.

41. When the Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge, no others can supply their places, but in their absence the Senior Past Grand Wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Wardens be present the presiding officer may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

THE GRAND CHAPLAIN.

42. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend all communications of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

43. It shall be the duty of the Grand T all monies belonging to the Grand Lodge, to of the same, specifying the respective us several sums were collected, and to disburse a manner as shall be directed by the Finance

44. He shall lay before the Finance C annual communication of the Grand Lodge for by the Grand Master, all his accounts fo adjustment.

45. He shall execute and file in the off Master an official bond in such penal sum as may direct with such sureties as shall be Grand Master, for the faithful performance at the end of his term, pay over and transfe all funds and properties which shall remain

THE GRAND SECRETARY.

46. It shall be the duty of the Grand I summonses for all meetings of the Grand L committee of which he shall be directed by t or Grand Lodge, and to attend and take min ceedings; to receive the returns from the se enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge the same at each annual communication of t to transmit to all lodges the proceedings of e tion or other meeting of Grand Lodge, and all and documents as may be ordered, either by ter or the Grand Lodge, to furnish the p authority, all proper documents and infor may require; to receive all petitions, memo them before the Grand Master, or any other p attend the Grand Master or any committee and to take him or them any books or paper direct, to conduct the correspondence of the receive, credit and record all monies of the C pay over the same without delay to the Gra annually report the amount received, to ta the Grand Lodge seal, and affix it to all cates, and other proper papers, by order of

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GRAND TREASURER.

It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to receive from the Grand Lodge, to keep an account of the respective uses for which the same are expended, and to disburse the same in such manner as may be directed by the Finance Committee.

He shall appear before the Finance Committee at the request of the Grand Lodge, or when called upon therefor, all his accounts for inspection and approval.

He shall receive and file in the office of the Grand Lodge a sum in such penal sum as the Grand Lodge may require, as sureties as shall be approved by the Grand Lodge for the faithful performance of his duties, and he shall pay over and transfer to his successor the same which shall remain in his possession.

GRAND SECRETARY.

It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to issue notices of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and of any other business which shall be directed by the Grand Master. He shall attend and take minutes of their proceedings, and return from the several lodges, and from the Grand Lodge, and duly report on the communication of the Grand Lodge; he shall keep the proceedings of every communication of the Grand Lodge, and all such other papers as may be ordered, either by the Grand Master, or by the proper constituted authorities, to furnish the proper constituted authorities with documents and information that they may require, all petitions, memorials, etc., and lay the same before the Grand Master, or any other proper authority; to receive, or any committee of Grand Lodge, any books or papers he or they may require in the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; to receive all monies of the Grand Lodge, and to deliver the same to the Grand Treasurer, and to receive, and to take the custody of, and to affix it to all warrants, certificates, and papers, by order of the Grand Master,

and generally to do all such things as heretofore have been or should be done, by a Grand Secretary.

47. The Grand Secretary shall also submit at each annual communication as full an account as possible of the membership, funds and properties of each lodge.

THE GRAND DEACONS.

48. It shall be the duty of the Grand Deacons to assist the Grand Master and Grand Wardens in such a manner as may be prescribed by the ancient charges and usages of the craft.

THE OTHER GRAND OFFICERS.

49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Director of Ceremonies to proclaim the grand officers at their installation, and to make such other proclamations as the Grand Master may direct.

50. It shall be the duty of the Grand Pursuivant to guard the inner door, and to communicate with the Grand Tyler without, to announce all applicants for admission by their names and masonic titles, and see that those who enter wear the jewel and clothing proper to their rank, and to allow none to withdraw who have not obtained permission from the Grand Master.

51. It shall be the duty of the Grand Stewards to superintend the preparations for all festive occasions, and also to assist in the arrangements of the communication and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

52. It shall be the duty of the Grand Standard Bearer to carry the banner of the Grand Lodge in all processions and at all public ceremonies.

53. It shall be the duty of the Grand Organist to preside at the organ and to conduct the musical ceremonies of the Grand Lodge.

54. It shall be the duty of the Grand Tyler to guard the outer door; to report all applicants for admission to the Grand Pursuivant and see that those who enter are duly

qualified and properly clothed, that they have names in the book kept for that purpose; to and safely keep the jewels, furniture, clo paraphernalia of the Grand Lodge, and to during session is kept in proper condition; to monses and perform such other duties as may which he shall receive such compensation as may direct.

55. A Mason who has ceased to contribute of two years to a subordinate lodge, in this jurisdiction, shall be deprived of all honors and have attained in the Grand Lodge, unless ordered by special vote.

THE INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

56. Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be invested in person, and no installation or officer by proxy shall be permitted.

57. The Grand Master at each annual session of Grand Lodge shall appoint the following committees for the ensuing masonic year: Foreign and Finance, Jurisprudence, Petitions and Grievances, Printing and Chartered Lodges, and such others he may deem necessary.

58. Each committee shall consist of three (3) or more members, two (2) of whom shall form a quorum for the business.

59. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Correspondence to examine all the printed proceedings or other documents emanating from Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge at each annual communication whatever matter of sufficient importance and interest to the craft.

60. To prepare a report in time to have read with the proceedings of the annual session of Grand Lodge.

61. To return to the Grand Secretary a

clothed, that they have signed their for that purpose; to take charge of jewels, furniture, clothing and other and Lodge, and to see that the hall in proper condition; to serve all such other duties as may be required, for such compensation as the Grand Lodge

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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is completed, all the proceedings and other documents received from other jurisdictions, and belonging to this Grand Lodge.

62. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to examine and compare the books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and make separate detailed reports thereon and submit the same to the Grand Lodge before the close of each annual session.

63. To examine and report upon all accounts and financial matters to them referred during each session, and also to report the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

64. To present, before the close of each annual communication, an estimate of the probable expenses of the ensuing year, giving each class of expenditure under its proper head.

65. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to consider, and report to the Grand Lodge concerning such questions, documents, papers, and decisions of Masonic law and usage as may be referred to them.

66. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Petitions and Grievances to report upon all petitions and dispensations for new lodges; for changes of location or change of name of any chartered lodge; and to report upon all petitions to the Grand Lodge for the restoration of expelled Masons.

67. To report with such recommendations as they may deem proper, upon all appeals from the proceedings or decisions of any lodge, or the master thereof, and upon all papers and documents relating to any matters of complaint or grievance appertaining to masonic discipline which may be referred to them.

68. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Printing and Chartered Lodges to receive and open all bids for printing for the ensuing year, and award the same to the lowest responsible tenderer; always provided that the tender accepted does not exceed the amount granted for said printing.

69. To examine the returns of the proceedings and work of all chartered lodges for the preceding year.

THE CHARITY FUND.

70. The Charity Fund of the Grand of such sums as may be derived from the late Fund of Benevolence, and any donations from time to time be given to charity, and shall be applied at the rate of 25 per cent. of all the Grand Lodge.

71. The fund shall be kept separate funds of the Grand Lodge, and shall be in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, and under the control of a committee appointed by the Grand Master at the next communication who shall dispose of the same according to the following rules:—

72. It shall be devoted to the relief of the poor, orphans of this jurisdiction in good standing, and orphans of any such brother deceased, and of the children of sister jurisdictions, providing, they are in need of relief, and have contributed to a lodge within the jurisdiction preceding their application for relief.

73. The secretaries of lodges shall forward to the Grand Secretary with the Grand Lodge returns a list of the sums granted to its members as well as to transient brethren during the year, which shall be referred to the Charity Committee who may order such sums as they may deem necessary to be refunded to the lodge.

74. The representatives of lodges shall present to the Grand Lodge a case or application for relief for the consideration of the Grand Lodge or in urgent cases when Grand Lodge shall refer the same to the Charity Committee, who may grant such relief as they may deem necessary, not exceeding twenty pounds in any one case.

75. The Grand Treasurer shall immediately after the annual session of Grand Lodge pay to the secretaries of the subordinate lodge all sums expended by their lodges for transient brethren, and all such sums as may be ordered by the Charity Committee, and all sums ordered by the Grand Lodge or Charity Committee as special grants.

THE CHARITY FUND.

Fund of the Grand Lodge shall consist of the amount derived from the distribution of the dues, and any donations which may be given to charity, and an annual proportion of five per cent. of all the revenues of the

shall be kept separate from the ordinary funds of the Grand Lodge, and shall be in the custody of the Grand Master at each annual communication, and shall be disposed of the same subject to the

voted to the relief of worthy distressed brethren in good standing, the widow or other deceased, and to transient brethren, providing, they are in good standing, and have been recommended to a lodge within the six months previous to their application for relief.

Officers of lodges shall forward to the Grand Master a list of relief cases, as well as to transient brethren, during each communication, and shall be referred to the Charity Committee, who may deem proper to grant such sums as they may deem proper to

Officers of lodges shall present any special cases for relief for the consideration of Grand Lodge when Grand Lodge is not in session, and who may grant such sum as they may deem proper, not exceeding twenty-five dollars at one time.

The Grand Treasurer shall immediately after the annual communication pay to the secretary of each subordinate lodge the amount expended by their lodges in relief to all such sums as may be ordered by Grand Lodge, and all sums ordered by the Grand Master as special grants.

76. The amount refunded to any lodge upon relief granted to members thereof shall not exceed twenty-five per cent. of the Grand Lodge dues paid by said lodge, unless by special vote in the Grand Lodge.

77. The amount of refunds paid by the Grand Treasurer to all the lodges shall not exceed the annual income of the Charity Fund for the year for which said sums are granted. Should the aggregate of all sums ordered to be paid exceed the revenue of the Charity Fund the payments shall be made *pro rata*.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

78. The officers of a lodge are the Master, the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden, the Treasurer, the Secretary, two Deacons, two Stewards, an Inner Guard and a Tyler, and such other officers as the lodge may see fit to appoint or elect. They shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

79. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler shall be elected annually, by ballot, and a majority of the votes of the members present shall be necessary to elect.

80. No member shall be eligible for the position of Master (except by special dispensation of the Grand Master) unless he has previously filled one of the Warden's chairs.

81. The Master and other elective officers shall be installed at the next regular meeting following the election. The Master shall then appoint and install the other officers.

82. Officers shall be installed in person, and no installation of an officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer elected or appointed is not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the lodge at which he is present; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation, for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the lodge may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked, and another member shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form.

83. Every lodge shall have the power of for its own government, provided they are in the constitution and the general regulation of the Lodge. Two copies of every bylaw or proposition thereto shall be submitted to the Grand Secretary for consideration of the Grand Master. No bylaw or proposition thereto shall be valid until approved by the Grand Master.

84. The bylaws of the lodge shall be read to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his term of office. Every brother shall sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his subscription, and every member shall at all reasonable times read and such bylaws which should be printed for the members and delivered to the members.

85. The Master of every lodge is to cause to be read the charges, portions of the constitution relating to the Master and the bylaws of his lodge to be read whenever it is expedient.

86. The Master is responsible that a book be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members of the lodge, and of all persons initiated therein, with the date of their proposal, affiliation, passing and raising; and also their ages as members at that time, and their titles, professions or occupations with such transactions of the lodge as are prescribed in the constitution.

87. The place and regular days of meetings shall be specified in the bylaws, and no meetings shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be made in conformity with the laws and with the consent of the Grand Master.

88. Every lodge, when removed to a new location, or whenever the day of assembling shall be changed, shall immediately send notice thereof to the Grand Secretary. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to act until the Grand Lodge until the Grand Secretary has given notice of the removal.

shall have the power of framing bylaws provided they are in accordance with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. Every bylaw or proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Grand Secretary for the consideration of the Grand Master. No bylaw or amendment shall be adopted until approved by the Grand Master.

The lodge shall be delivered to the Master at the time of installation, when he shall solemnly swear to observe and enforce them during his master-ship. All members shall sign them when he becomes a member, and a declaration of his submission to them; and all members shall at all reasonable times have access to the same, which shall be printed for the use of the lodge members.

Every lodge is to cause the ancient constitution relating to private lodges, and the regulations to be read whenever he may deem

it necessary and responsible that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members, and of all persons initiated or admitted into the lodge, with their proposal, affiliation, initiation, and also their ages as nearly as possible, together with their titles, professions or trades, together with the names of the lodge as are proper to be written

on the regular days of meeting of the lodge, and the bylaws, and no meeting of the lodge shall be held except a removal be decided upon in writing, and with the consent of the Grand

Master. When removed to a new place of meeting, the day of assembling shall be altered, shall be reported thereof to the Grand Secretary. The Grand Secretary shall not be permitted to attend any meeting unless the Grand Secretary has been notified

89. 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 their absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

90. Every lodge shall keep a book in which all visitors attending shall, before entering the lodge, sign their names with their masonic rank, and the name of the lodge from which they hail.

91. The precedency of a lodge shall be derived from the number of its warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its officers admitted into the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

92. The Master shall see that all monies received or paid on account of the lodge are entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the lodge shall be audited at least once a year by a committee appointed by the lodge.

93. Each lodge shall procure, as soon as practicable, for every brother raised therein, a Grand Lodge certificate, to be paid for by the lodge.

94. No lodge or member 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.

95. No lodge or members of a lodge shall form any public masonic procession or attend any public or private gathering in masonic clothing, except masonic funerals, without a dispensation from the Grand Master.

96. Every lodge has the power of expelling a member for un-masonic conduct, subject to confirmation by the Grand Lodge, to which he has the right of appeal, but no member

shall be expelled without his receiving charge preferred or the complaint made at the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be present at his trial, and shall be afforded an opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been decided, he shall withdraw and the decision of the lodge shall be given by ballot and the result communicated to the members.

97. No lodge can expel a member for non-payment of his dues, but in case any member shall neglect to pay his regular dues, during a period of three months, he shall be notified by the Secretary, that unless he pays the same before the next regular meeting his dues shall be in arrears. If by sickness or other misfortune, he shall be unable to do so, the Master may be suspended from the rights and privileges of masonry. But the lodge may remit his dues for a further time for payment if it is expedient. The dues in arrears up to the time of suspension shall, if the member applies on the date of suspension and application before the next regular meeting, two years, restore him to full membership. The dues of every brother suspended or expelled, together with the dues of his suspension or expulsion shall be recited at the minutes of the meeting at which it was decided. The Secretary shall be notified thereof, also the members of the lodge shall be notified of the same, and their masonic privileges.

98. The jewels and furniture of every lodge shall be deposited in the hands of the Master, Wardens, and Secretary of said lodge.

99. All minutes, lists and books of the lodge, must be produced by the Master and Secretary, and required to do so by competent authority.

100. The majority of the members of the lodge, when convened, have the privilege of giving in writing to the Master and Wardens, or representatives, before the Grand Lodge; because such officers are the representatives of the lodge and are to speak their sentiments.

101. Each lodge shall annually, immediately before the first day of March, make a return to the Grand Lodge.

without his receiving due notice of the complaint made against him, and of its consideration. He has the right to be heard, and shall be afforded every opportunity to be heard. When the case has been investigated, the decision of the brethren shall be the result communicated to him.

To expel a member for non-payment of any member shall have refused or neglected to pay his dues, during a period of six months, to the Secretary, that unless, either at or before the next meeting his dues be paid, or it be otherwise provided in compliance with this rule has been caused by misfortune, he shall be declared by the brethren to be expelled from the rights and privileges of membership. The lodge may remit his dues or grant him a suspension if it is expedient. Payment of arrears of dues, or suspension shall, if the interval between the suspension and application be not greater than six months, be a condition to full membership. The name of the member expelled or expelled, together with the reason for his expulsion shall be recorded on the minutes of the lodge in which it was decided, and the Grand Secretary notified thereof, also the restoration to membership.

The furniture of every lodge shall belong to the lodge, and the property of the Master, Wardens and brethren.

The lists and books of account belonging to the lodge shall be produced by the Master, when he is required to do so by competent authority.

The consent of the members of a lodge when conferring the privilege of giving instructions to the Grand Lodge, or their representatives, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, these officers are their representatives, and their sentiments.

The lodge shall annually, immediately after the meeting, send a return to the Grand Secretary of

the Master, Wardens and Past Masters of the lodge, including all members who claim to be entitled to attend in Grand Lodge as Past Masters, having served as Master in some other lodge, specifying the lodge in which each of such Past Masters have so served; and no brother shall be permitted to speak or vote in the Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in such return.

102. Each lodge shall make its returns and payments annually, on or before the 1st day of *May*, to the Grand Secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and payments, or in case the lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be *suspended or to have its warrant declared forfeited*, and the Master or Wardens, or any representatives of such lodge, neglecting to make such returns and payments, shall be disqualified from attending the Grand Lodge, or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been made.

103. The dues of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted by a vote of the lodge.

104. If a lodge be dissolved its warrants and records shall forthwith be delivered to the Grand Master, or other constituted authority.

105. As every warranted lodge is a constituent part of the Grand Lodge, in which assembly all the power of the fraternity resides, it is clear that no other authority can destroy the power granted by a warrant; if, therefore, the majority of any lodge shall determine to quit the lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling remains with the rest of the members, provided their number be not less than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct, and all the authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the Grand Lodge, together with the funds and property of said lodge.

106. No lodge shall be suspended or its warrant declared forfeited until the Master, or in his absence, the Wardens, shall have been notified in writing of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer the complaint made.

107. If any lodge or its Master and Wardens, be summoned to attend or produce its warrant, books, papers or ac-

counts of the Grand Master, his Deputy, or committee, or person authorized by the Grand Master, shall not comply nor give sufficient reasons for non-compliance; and in such case a contemptory summons shall be issued; and in such case such lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings referred to the Grand Lodge.

108. A lodge offending against any law of the craft, to the breach of which no penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Master, be subject to admonition; and if it shall have its warrant declared forfeited.

THE MASTER AND WARDENS OF A LODGE

109. All preferment among masons shall be upon real worth and personal merit; and no brother shall be elected or appointed to any office, or to the Master's chair, until he shall have been elected by the brethren, though he may in the interim rule the lodge, if necessary, previous to the installation of the new Master; that their elections be confirmed; after which the ceremonies of installation are to be performed. If the election of any officer not be confirmed, then a summons shall be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, forth that the brethren are again to proceed to the election of an officer; and if confirmation of that election be given at the following ordinary meeting of the lodge, the officer elect shall follow.

110. Every Master elect, before being installed in the chair, shall, in addition to full compliance with the order and ceremonies of the installation, be enjoined to observe the established usages and customs, to preserve the landmarks of the fraternity, and most strictly to enforce the laws of his lodge, and most strictly to enforce the same.

111. The Master, Wardens, and members of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they may be able, in order that the same usages and customs be observed throughout the craft, and a good fellowship thereby cultivated among free masons.

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Master, his Deputy, or any board, or com-
mander, authorized by the Grand Lodge, and do not
sufficient reasons for not complying, a pre-
cept shall be issued; and in case of contumacy
refused, and the proceedings notified to

ending against any law or regulation of
each of which no specific penalty is
in the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or
subject to admonition or suspension, or
degraded or forfeited.

MASTERS AND WARDENS OF A LODGE.

Dispute among masons shall be grounded
on personal merit only; therefore no
one shall be appointed to any office merely on
seniority or rank. No Master elect shall assume
office unless he shall have been regularly installed,
or until he shall have been regularly installed,
and in the interim rule the lodge. It shall be
the duty of the Master to see that the installation
of the elective officers, is solemnly
confirmed; after which the usual cere-
monies are to be performed. Should the elec-
tion be confirmed, then a summons must be
issued for a regular meeting of the lodge, setting
forth that they are again to proceed to elect such
officers, and that the election is made, at the
meeting of the lodge, the installation of
them shall follow.

Every Master elect, before being placed in the
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ly can, and shall observe the same usages and customs may be
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112. The Master is responsible for the due observance
of the laws relating to private lodges, and is bound to pro-
duce all minutes, books and accounts, when required by any
lawful authority.

113. If the Master die, be removed, or be absent from
the jurisdiction, or be incapable of discharging the duties of
his office, the Senior Warden, and in his absence the Junior
Warden, shall act as Master in summoning the lodge until the
next election of officers.

114. If the Master be not present, then the Senior War-
den, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the lodge
and may confer degrees.

115. A Past Master of any lodge may be invited to
officiate as Master and may confer degrees or perform any
other ceremony.

116. The Master and Wardens of every lodge, when
summoned so to do; shall attend the Grand Master, his
Deputy, the Grand Lodge, or committee or person authorized
by the Grand Lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes and
books of the lodge, under pain of suspension and being re-
ported to the Grand Lodge.

117. No officer of a lodge can resign his office, nor can
he be removed, unless for a cause which appears to a majority
of the lodge to be sufficient; but if the Master be dissatisfied
with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause
of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the
majority of the brethren present, that the complaint is well
founded, he shall then have power to displace such officer,
and another must be elected or appointed in his place, after a
dispensation from the Grand Master has been obtained.

118. The Tyler may at any time be removed, for cause
deemed sufficient, by a majority of the brethren present at a
regular meeting of the lodge, and another elected in his stead.

119. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name
in the porch book before entering the lodge, and that he is
provided with proper clothing.

MEMBERS AND THEIR DUTY.

120. No brother shall be admitted a member unless the laws of the craft relating to the admitting of candidates shall have been str with. (See "Proposing Member.")

121. A brother who has been concerned as a mason clandestinely, (or a lodge which is not a lodge for small and unworthy considerations,) or who has formed a new lodge without the Grand Master's sanction shall not be admitted as a member or visitor, in any lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or any other privilege, till he make due submission and obtain the sanction of the Grand Master.

122. No brother shall presume to print, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings or part thereof, or the names of the persons present in any lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master. Any brother guilty of such offence shall be liable to the pain of being reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the Grand Lodge shall determine. This law is not to be violated by the writing, printing or publishing of any summary of the proceedings of a lodge, or by the authority of the members of a lodge, or by the authority of the Grand Lodge, the proceedings of any festive or public meetings, or the persons, not masons, are permitted to attend.

123. The majority of the members present at a meeting of a lodge, shall have the right to regulate the proceedings, provided such proceedings are in accordance with the constitution.

124. If any member shall withdraw from a lodge without having complied with its bylaws, or the Constitution, he shall not be eligible to any other lodge, unless that lodge shall have been made acquainted with the reasons of his neglect, so that the brethren may be enabled to exercise their discretion as to his admission. If, at a future time, it shall be found that he shall be furnished with a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left the lodge; and such certificate shall be produced to any other lodge of which he shall be admitted a member, previous to the ballot.

125. All differences between, or complaints against, any brother, that cannot be settled privately, or in some

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shall withdraw himself from the lodge with its bylaws or with the rules eligible to any other lodge until he is made acquainted with his former lodge he may be enabled to exercise their rights. If, at a future time he require a certificate stating the circumstances of the lodge; and such certificate from the lodge of which he is proposed previous to the ballot being taken.

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shall be reduced to writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted by him to the Grand Master, who shall refer them to the Committee on Grievances to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the Grand Lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.

126. A mason offending against any regulation or law of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, be subject to admonition or suspension, or to expulsion.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

127. 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. The lodge must include honorary members in its returns to Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honorary members as are payable for ordinary members.

128. Honorary membership does not confer the right of voting in the lodge unless specially conferred by a vote of the lodge at a regular meeting—previous notice of the intention to confer the right, and the name, residence and occupation of the brother in whose case the vote is to be had, having been first stated in the usual summons.

PROPOSING MEMBERS.

129. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge by affiliation, without a regular proposition in open lodge, until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated shall have been sent to all the members, with the summons for the next regular lodge meeting; at which meeting the brother's Grand Lodge certificate; and also a certificate or demit from his former lodge is to be produced and the decision of the brethren is to be ascertained by ballot.

130. When a warrant of a lodge ceases and becomes extinct, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be pro-

posed and admitted a member of a certificate from the Grand Secretary specifying whether the brother has Grand Lodge dues duly paid.

131. No lodge shall receive degrees of masonry, unless the applicant is a resident within the province during the last six months, and within the jurisdiction of the lodge six months next preceeding the date of application in the case of a person belonging to the mercantile marine, whose application is for that qualification of residence, may be granted by the Grand Master, as provided in the Constitution.

132. No dispensation shall be granted and act upon the petition for admission to the army or navy, or mercantile marine, unless the applicant meets the qualification of residence prescribed in this Constitution, unless the application is approved by the Lodge by an unanimous vote. If a dispensation be issued, the petition shall be referred to the committee of reference and ballot in the Lodge.

133. A lodge shall not receive degrees of masonry from any person who has not been a member of a lodge, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

134. All applications for admission shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, and countersigned by at least two members of the lodge.

135. A lodge rejecting an application for affiliation shall forthwith notify the Grand Master, and every lodge in the Province of such rejection.

136. No lodge shall ballot upon an application for degrees or for affiliation (except by dispensation from the Grand Master,) until informed by the Grand Secretary, that the applicant is not on the Black List. Nor until notice of

ted a member of another lodge on procuring from the Grand Secretary, stating the fact and whether the brother has been registered and his dues duly paid.

A lodge shall receive an application for the degree, unless the applicant shall have been a member in the province during twelve consecutive months within the jurisdiction of the lodge during the twelve months preceding the date of his application, except a person belonging to the army and navy, or mercantile marine, whose application, though he have not changed his residence, may be received by dispensation from the Grand Master, as provided in section 132 of this

A dispensation shall be issued to a lodge to receive a petition for degree of a person belonging to the army or navy, or mercantile marine, who has not changed his residence prescribed in Section 131 of this Code, unless the application therefor be made by a unanimous vote by ballot; and should such a dispensation be issued, the petition shall take the usual course and be voted on at the next ballot in the Lodge.

A lodge shall not receive an application for the degree from any person who within the twelve months preceding, shall have been rejected by any other lodge without dispensation from the Grand Master.

Applications for the degrees, or for affiliation, shall be signed by the applicant, and recommended by a majority of the members of the lodge in the prescribed form.

A lodge rejecting an application for the degrees or for affiliation shall forthwith notify the Grand Secretary and the Grand Master of such rejection.

A lodge shall ballot upon any application for the degree or for affiliation (except by special dispensation from the Grand Master) until information has been received from the Grand Secretary, that the applicant is free of the lodge, or until notice of the name, age, profession,

and place of abode of the applicant shall have been sent to all the members of the lodge in the summons for the meeting of the lodge, nor until the application shall have been referred to a committee whose duty it shall be to make strict examination into the moral, mental, physical and other proper qualifications of the applicant and to report thereon at the next regular meeting, unless further time be granted. No application shall be withdrawn after reference to a committee except as hereinafter provided in this section. If the report of the committee or of any member thereof, be unfavorable, no ballot shall be had, but the master shall, upon the reception of such report, declare the candidate rejected. If the report be favorable the candidate shall be balloted for, and it shall require an unanimous vote to elect. If but one black ball appear in the ballot-box the Master, without declaring the result shall at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be final. After one ballot has been had, no discussion shall be permitted in the lodge before the second ballot is taken, nor shall the second ballot be postponed until another meeting of the lodge. If the committee find the applicant disqualified in consequence of insufficient residence or physical disability, and find no other objection to him, they shall make a special report thereon; in which case the Master may direct the withdrawal of the application without further action, and such direction shall be entered upon the record.

137. No dispensation shall be issued to a lodge to ballot for and confer the degrees upon a candidate without reference to a committee, as provided in section 136 or to receive and act upon the petition of a rejected applicant within less than twelve months after the date of such rejection, unless the application therefor be made by the lodge, by an unanimous vote by ballot, and the members of the lodge shall have due notice of the special meeting to be holden under such dispensation, and the purpose thereof.

138. No lodge shall have more than one ballot for the degree; but though an applicant may be elected to receive the degree, if, at any time before his initiation, objection be made by any member, he shall not receive the degree until such objection shall have been withdrawn; and such objection shall, unless withdrawn in sixty days, have the effect of a

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lodge shall advance an Entered Apprentice or to a higher degree until, after a strict examination, he shall have given satisfactory evidence entirely proficient and well qualified in that or has already taken; and no Entered Apprentice shall be advanced to a higher degree in any manner than in which he shall have received those, those degrees, unless by the official request of it then be in existence.

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jurisdiction of each lodge extends halfway in to the nearest lodge, except by special dispensation of the Grand Master, or in a city or town where there is no lodge, in which case each lodge has concurrent jurisdiction. No lodge shall initiate a candidate whose jurisdiction is in another lodge without the resolution, certified by its secretary.

person under the age of twenty-one years shall not be initiated in any lodge, and every candidate must be at the time of initiation be known to be in good standing. He should be a lover of the liberal arts, and have made some progress in one or other of them. He must at the time of his application subscribe to a declaration of the following pur-

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of
Lodge, No _____, British Columbia:

I, _____, of the _____ of _____, in the _____ of _____, aged _____ years, by occupation _____, being freeborn and of mature age, do declare that unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other 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 for knowledge; and that if admitted, I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the fraternity; and I do also declare that I have not made application for admission into any other lodge during the last twelve months.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____ A. L., 58

Recommended by _____ } (Signed)
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143. Any person who cannot read and write shall be ineligible for admission into the fraternity.

144. No brother shall be admitted a member of a lodge by affiliation, if on ballot three black balls appear against his application. One black ball shall reject a candidate for the degrees.

145. Every candidate on his initiation, shall solemnly promise to submit to the constitution, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft, and the bylaws of the lodge to which he belongs. Upon his receiving the Master's degree, he shall sign a copy of the bylaws of the lodge, which is then to be presented to him, together with a copy of the constitution.

THE LODGE SEAL.

146. Every lodge shall have a masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, it shall be in the custody of the Secretary, under the direction of the Master.

147. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

42 LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

General lodge of instruction shall be holden under the sanction of a regular warranted lodge, or by the sanction and authority of the Grand Master. The Master and the brethren to whom such sanction shall be answerable for the proceedings of instruction, and responsible that the mode of instruction adopted, has received the sanction of Grand

of the times and places of meeting of instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary.

Every lodge of instruction shall keep a complete minute book; and such minutes shall be produced when required by the Grand Master, or lodge granting the sanc-

Every lodge which has given its sanction for a lodge to be held under its warrant shall see fit, at its next regular meeting, withdraw that sanction by a resolution of the lodge, to be communicated to the lodge of instruction, and the notice of the intention to withdraw the same be inserted in the summons for that meeting.

VISITORS.

No person shall be admitted into a lodge, unless he has been recommended, well vouched for, or after the sanction of two or more of the brethren present, and his name, masonic rank, the name or address of the lodge, or the lodge he hails from, in a summons for every lodge for that purpose; and during his visit to the lodge, he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The Master of the lodge is particularly responsible for these regulations.

No unaffiliated mason shall be entitled to the use of the lodge fund for himself or family, nor to take part in any masonic ceremony, public or private, nor be entitled to any masonic privilege what-so-ever, unless he is permitted to visit any lodge more than once in a year as unaffiliated.

CERTIFICATES.

154. Every Master Mason shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of the Grand Lodge, for which certificate the lodge shall pay. Each lodge, when it makes its annual returns, shall in addition to the registration fee, remit two dollars for the certificate.

155. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is issued, must sign his name on the margin thereof, in the presence of the Master or the Secretary of the lodge, except in case of absence from the place of meeting of his lodge, when he shall sign it in the presence of the Master or Secretary of any duly warranted lodge; otherwise it shall be invalid.

156. No brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than two weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless conferred under dispensation from the Grand Master.

157. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the dates on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

158. All applications for Grand Lodge certificates must be made by the lodge through its secretary to the Grand Secretary.

PUBLIC AND FUNERAL PROCESSIONS.

159. No Mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity, unless it be at his own request, or that of his friends, nor unless he has been advanced to the degree of Master Mason.

160. When a Master Mason from beyond the Province of British Columbia shall die within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the provisions of the Constitution relating to deceased members of lodges of this jurisdiction shall apply as far as practicable; any Master of a lodge may take the

direction of the funeral, and conduct thereof as provided for resident brethren deceased.

161. No public procession of Masons without permission of the Grand Master of a masonic funeral, when the Worshipful Master in absence, the brother ruling the lodge, shall conduct such masonic funeral, and shall see it conducted thereat decently and in order according to the Constitution, and he shall immediately report in full to the Grand Master through the Secretary.

162. In case of a masonic funeral, he shall invite other lodges to attend in form, but shall be under the direction of the Master of the lodge in which the deceased brother belonged, or in his absence the Master of the lodge assuming the ceremonies. If the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master be present he may at any time take charge.

163. If any brother shall attend any of the jewels or badges of the Craft at a gathering except a masonic funeral, or at a gathering not authorized by the constitution without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be expelled from ever after being an officer of a lodge, and shall be liable to the benefit of the general charity. And if he shall offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Master determine thereon.

APPEALS.

164. As the Grand Lodge when constituted is the representative of every individual member of the Craft, and necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority and the power of finally deciding on every matter in the interest of the Craft. Any lodge or brother who may feel aggrieved by the decision of the Grand Lodge on any authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A

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direction of the Master of the lodge to
brother belonged, or in case of a stranger
of the lodge assuming the control of the
Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master be
y time take charge.

other shall attend as a Mason clothed in
badges of the Craft at any public pro-
nomic funeral, or at any public or private
ized by the constitution, without the per-
Master, he shall be rendered incapable
n officer of a lodge, and shall be excluded
neral charity. And if any lodge shall so
suspended until the Grand Lodge shall

APPEALS

and Lodge when congregated is a repre-
ndividual member of the fraternity, it
a supreme superintending authority, and
deciding on every case which concerns
Craft. Any lodge or brother therefore,
rel by the decision of any other masonic
tion, may appeal to the Grand Lodge
The appeal must be made in writing,
ular grievance complained of, and be
Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of

the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party
against whose decision the appeal is made.

165. Notice of appeal must be given in writing to the
Grand Secretary in proper and respectful language, within
two months from the receipt of the decision appealed against.

FEEES.

166. The following shall be the fees payable to the
Grand Lodge:

- For a warrant of Constitution, Fifty Dollars
- For granting a dispensation for a new lodge, Thirty Dollars.
- For granting a warrant of confirmation, Twenty Dollars.
- For a new warrant in case of loss by fire or other-
wise, properly certified, Fifteen Dollars.
- For a dispensation to confer a degree in less time than
laid down in the Constitution, Fifteen dollars.
- For a dispensation for a public procession, Five Dollars.
- For a Grand Lodge certificate, Two Dollars.
- For every person initiated in a lodge, One Dollar.
- " " brother passed,
- " " raised,
- For every entered apprentice or fellow craft, joining
from without the jurisdiction, Five Dollars.
- For any dispensation not provided for in this table, Two
Dollars and Fifty Cents.
- For every master mason joining from without the juris-
diction, One Dollar.
- For every member each lodge shall pay toward the fund
for Grand Lodge purposes, One Dollar and Twenty-
five Cents per annum.

CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE.

167. Every application for a warrant to hold a new
lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at
least seven regularly registered masons, and the lodges to
which they formerly belonged must be specified. The petition
must be recommended by the nearest lodge, and be trans-
mitted to the Grand Secretary to be submitted to the Grand
Master. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand

Secretary shall issue a dispensation a meet as a lodge, until a warrant granted by the Grand Lodge.

168. The following is the form

To the M. W. Grand Master of A
Masons of British Columbia:

We, the undersigned; being reg of the lodges mentioned against our the prosperity of the craft at heart, best endeavors to promote and diffu of the art; and for the convenienc ings and other good reasons, we a new lodge to be named.; in she, we pray for a warrant of consti meet as a regular lodge at. on the. of every month, and duties of masonry in a constitutional forms of the order and the laws of t have nominated and do recommend be first Master, brother (C. D.). . . . den, and brother (E. F.). to of said lodge. The prayer of this p promise strict obedience to the comm and the laws and regulations of the

In order to avoid irregularities solemnly constituted by the Grand and Wardens; or in the absence of t Deputy, who shall choose some Ma him. If both these officers be absen appoint some other Grand Officer *tempore.*

REGALIA.

169. The following masonic clo be worn by the Craft; and that only; any pretence be admitted into the G ordinate lodge without his proper clo

170. The regalia of the Grand blue, trimmed with gold, and the jew

Issue a dispensation authorizing the brethren to
e, until a warrant of constitution shall be
Grand Lodge.

Following is the form of petition:—

*Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted
British Columbia:*

dersigned; being regularly registered Masons
mentioned against our respective names, having
of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our
to promote and diffuse the genuine principles
for the convenience of our respective dwell-
good reasons, we are desirous of forming a
e named; in consequence of this de-
r warrant of constitution, empowering us to
r lodge at in the district of
of every month, and there to discharge the
y in a constitutional manner according to the
er and the laws of the Grand Lodge; and we
and do recommend brother (A. B.), to
rother (C. D.), to be first Senior War-
(E. F.), to be first Junior Warden
The prayer of this petition being granted, we
edience to the commands of the Grand Master
l regulations of the Grand Lodge.

avoid irregularities every new lodge shall be
uted by the Grand Master, with his Deputy
r in the absence of the Grand Master, by his
all choose some Master of a lodge to assist
ese officers be absent, the Grand Master may
her Grand Officer to act as Deputy *pro*

REGALIA.

Following masonic clothing and insignia shall
Craft, and that only; and no brother shall on
admitted into the Grand Lodge or any sub-
thout his proper clothing.

Regalia of the Grand Lodge shall be royal
th gold, and the jewels shall be of gold.

171. No honorary or other jewel or emblem shall be
worn in the Grand Lodge, or any subordinate lodge, but
such as appertain to or are consistent with those degrees
which are recognized and acknowledged as masonic by the
Grand Lodge.

172. All Past Grand officers, except Past Grand Masters,
(who are entitled to wear chains), to wear the collar of their
late offices, but without the pendant jewel—a similar but a
smaller jewel in enamel being worn on the breast.

173. The jewels and regalia of subordinate lodges shall
be as follows:—

- Masters of Lodges* The Square.
- Past Masters* The square and the diagram of
the 47th prob., 1st Book of Eu-
clid, engraved on a silver plate,
pendant within it.
- Senior Warden* The level.
- Junior Warden* The Plumb.
- Chaplain* A book on a triangle.
- Treasurer* The key.
- Secretary* The cross pens.
- Senior Deacon* The Mallet.
- Junior Deacon* The Trowel.
- Director of Ceremonies* The cross rods.
- Organist* The lyre.
- Inner Guard* The cross swords.
- Stewards* The cornucopia.
- Tyler* The sword.

All the above jewels to be silver.

COLLARS.

- Of Lodges* To be light blue ribbon, four
inches broad; if silver braid be
used it must be placed over the
light blue ribbon.

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APRONS

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*The following is the manner of
according to the ancient usage*

-176. A lodge is duly form
in honor of masonry is sung.

APRONS.

Apprentice..... A plain white lamb-skin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep; square at bottom and without ornament; white strings.

..... A plain white lamb skin, similar to that of the entered apprentice, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

..... The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one, and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver in the centre of their apron.

Grand Past Masters
Aprons..... To wear in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Masters' apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets 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 of the apron, or of silver.

Regulations..... *is the manner of constituting a new lodge, according to the ancient usages of Masons.*—

A lodge is duly formed, and after prayer, an ode of masonry is sung. The Grand Master is then in-

formed by the Grand Secretary, or acting Grand Secretary, that the brethren present desire to be formed into a new lodge, etc.

177. The minutes of the lodge while under dispensation, are likewise read, and being approved, are declared regular and valid, and signed by the Grand Master. The Grand Master then enquires if the brethren approve of the officers who are nominated in the warrant, to preside over them. This being signified in Masonic form, an oration on the nature of the designs of the institution may be delivered. The lodge is then consecrated, according to ceremonies proper and usual on those occasions, but not proper to be written; and the Grand Master constitutes the lodge in ancient form.

The candidates, or the new Master and Wardens, being yet among the brethren, the Grand Master asks his Deputy if he hath examined them, and found the candidate-Master well skilled in the noble science and royal art, and duly instructed in our mysteries, etc. The Deputy answering in the affirmative, he shall (by the Grand Master's order) take the candidate from among his fellows and present him to the Grand Master, saying: "Most Worshipful Grand Master, I present this, my worthy brother, to be installed Master of the lodge, whom I know to be of good morals, and great skill, true and trusty; and a lover of the whole fraternity wheresoever dispersed over the face of the earth."

Then the Grand Master placing the candidate on his left hand, having asked and obtained the unanimous consent of all the brethren, shall say: I appoint you the Master of this lodge, not doubting your capacity and care to preserve the cement of the lodge, etc., with some other expressions that are proper and usual on that occasion, but not proper to be written.

Upon this, the Deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a Master, and the Grand Master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these charges and promise to uphold these regulations as Masters have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto; and the Grand Master shall, by certain significant ceremonies and ancient usages, install him, and

present him with a book of constitution and the instruments of his office, and after each of them, the Grand Master rehearse the short charge suitable to

After this, the members of the lodge together to the Grand Master, shall returnantly do their homage to their new Master, their promise of subjection and obedience, and usual congratulation.

The Deputy and the Grand Wardens brethren present; that are not members shall next congratulate the new Master, his acknowledgement to the Grand Master rest in their order.

Then the Grand Master desires the Wardens; and the new Master, calling them presents them to the Grand Master. That being granted, the Senior or Junior shall rehearse the charge of Warden, being solemnly asked by the new Master submission thereto.

Upon which the new Master shall place the instruments of their office, and invest them in their proper place; and the brethren shall give their obedience to the new Wardens by the sword. The other elected officers of the lodge are then invested in ancient form.

The lodge being thus completely registered; and due notice shall be given to the jurisdiction.

book of constitution, the lodge book, and the book of his office, one after another; and the Grand Master or his Deputy, shall charge suitable to the article presented.

The members of the new lodge bowing unto the new Master, shall return thanks, and immediately salute their new Master, and signify their subjection and obedience to him, by the ancient form.

The Grand Wardens, and any other officers that are not members of the new lodge, shall salute the new Master; and he shall return salute to the Grand Master first, and to the other officers.

The new Master desires the new Master to enter upon the exercise of his office, in naming his new Master, calling forth the two brethren to the Grand Master for his approbation, and the Senior or Junior Grand Warden, in charge of Wardens; and the candidates proposed by the new Master shall signify their consent.

The new Master shall present them with their office, and induct them in due form; and the brethren shall signify their consent to the new Wardens by the usual congratulation. The officers of the lodge, and those appointed in ancient form.

Being thus completely constituted, shall be duly notified, and notice shall be sent to every lodge in

