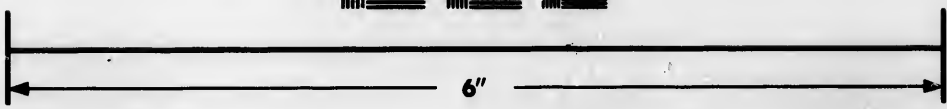
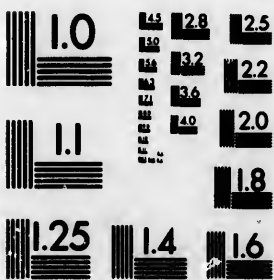


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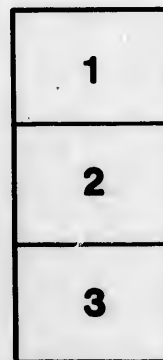
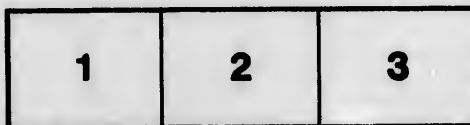
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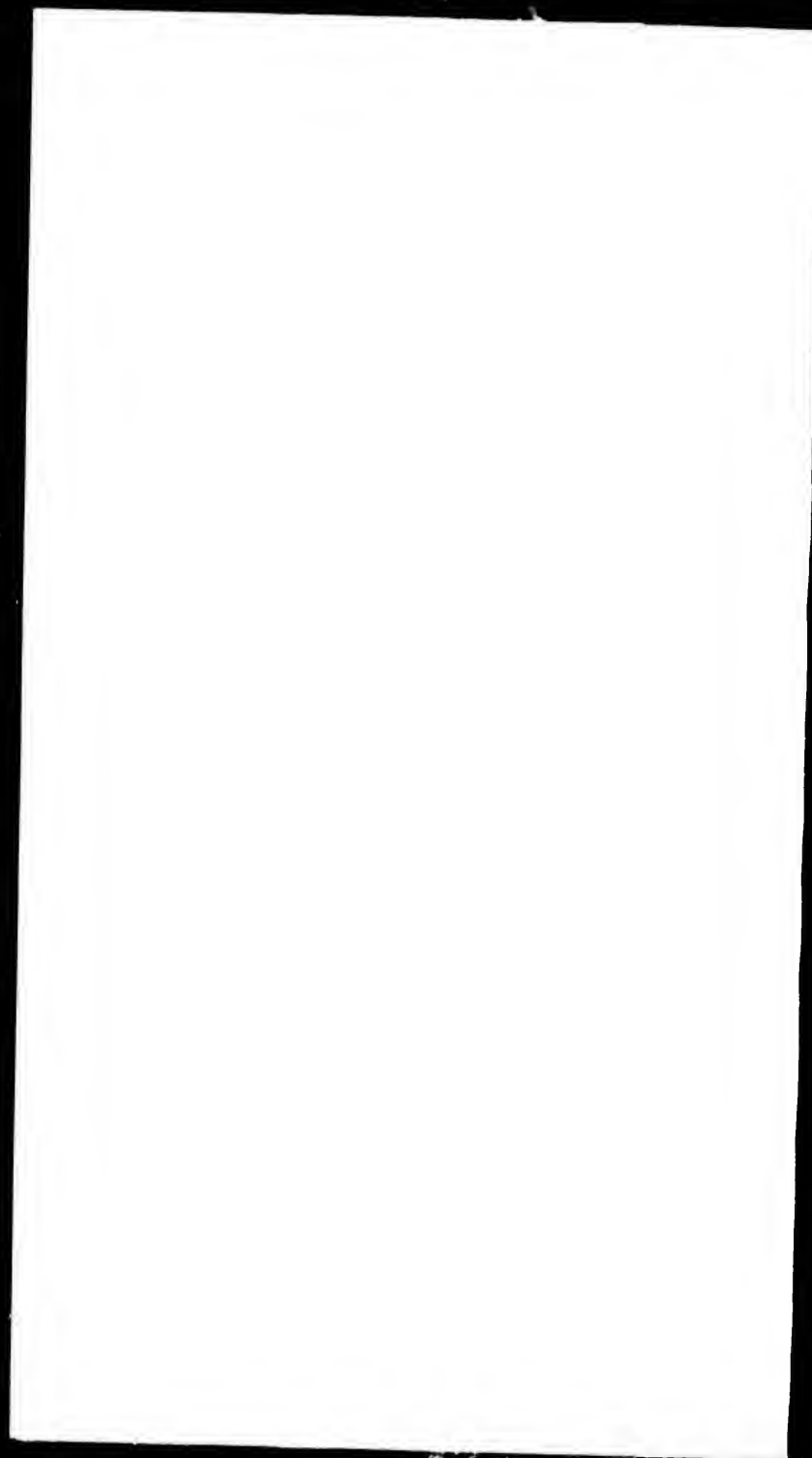
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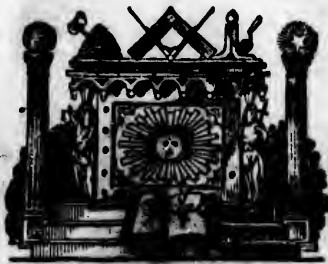
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MAY 17, A. L. 5858; AND BY WARRANT, DATED JULY 29,
OF THE SAME YEAR:

TOGETHER WITH

A LIST OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS TO DATE.



Adopted at the Regular Communication, October, 5858.

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BY-LAWS.

WITHOUT Laws and Regulations no body of men can long subsist, either with comfort to themselves or with reputation among others, and order being a characteristic highly esteemed by the Fraternity, the Members of MAPLE LEAF LODGE, No. —, St. Catharines, Canada West, have agreed to and adopted, clause by clause, the following By-Laws, as a system calculated as well to obtain that end, as to cement a lasting friendship among the Brethren, to preserve decorum and harmony in the Lodge, and further to aid in carrying out the principles of the Ancient Craft wherever the influence of this Lodge may be felt.

Allegiance.

ARTICLE I. This Lodge shall at all times pay respect and obedience to the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, and to all orders and regulations made by the said Grand Lodge.

Behaviour in Lodge.

ART. II. No Member or visiting Brother shall disclose or make known, by any means whatever out of this Lodge, any of the proceedings or any of the decisions, or business of any kind transacted within the same; and no Member or Visitor shall presume in open Lodge, either at labor or refreshment, to make use of any profane, irreverent or improper expressions or sentiments, or to introduce any conversation or remark tending to cause a difference of opinion on national, political, or religious subjects, under the penalty, if a Member, of having, after due notice, his name erased from the books of the Lodge.

and the fact reported to the Grand Lodge; and if a visiting Brother, of never being allowed again to visit this Lodge, or permitted to become a Member, unless on a clear ballot. On the initiation of a Candidate, and on the joining of every Member, the Worshipful Master shall cause this Article to be read, so that no Brother ever after shall plead ignorance.

Time of Communication.

ART. III. This Lodge shall be held (subject to the Laws of the Grand Lodge respecting the removal of Lodges,) at the Masonic Hall in the Town of St. Catharines, on the first Thursday following the full of the moon, except when the moon fulls on Thursday, when it shall be held on that day, and on the Festivals of St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist, at such hour as the Worshipful Master shall appoint. A Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called, after seven clear days' notice, (except in cases of Funerals, or Emergencies called by the Grand Lodge) by the authority of the Worshipful Master, or, in his absence, by the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, by the Junior Warden; but on no pretence whatever without such authority being first given. The particular reason for calling the Emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and afterwards recorded on the Minutes. No business but that so expressed shall be entered upon at such Communication.

Officers of the Lodge.

ART. IV. The Officers of this Lodge shall consist of the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior and Junior Deacons, Master of Ceremonies, Inner Guard, two Stewards, and a Tyler. In order to secure that regularity and decorum so highly necessary for the good order and government of every Lodge, it is expected that every Officer and Member will attend punctually at the time set forth for the opening of the Lodge. This Lodge shall annually elect by ballot, first the Worshipful Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Chaplain, Treasurer, and Secretary, at the Regular Communication immediately preceding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, and at such hour of that Festival as the Worshipful Master shall appoint. The Worshipful Master elect shall be installed according to ancient usage, after which he shall appoint the Deacons, Inner Guard, Master of Ceremonies and Stewards, and shall invest all the elective and appointed Officers. The Tyler to be chosen at the same time by a majority of open votes. The manner of the celebration of

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the Festival of St. John the Evangelist shall be decided on at the first Regular Communication preceding, and carried out by and under the superintendence of the Board of General Purposes, and any other Brethren whom the Worshipful Master may see fit to appoint for that purpose. Should St. John the Evangelist's Day fall upon Sunday, the Installation, attending ceremonies and observances, shall take place on the following day. This Lodge shall not form any public procession (except for Funerals) without a license from the Grand Master, District Grand Master, or Deputy District Grand Master.

The Worshipful Master.

ART. V. Beyond the Ancient Charges delivered on the Installation, the Worshipful Master is responsible as well for the Warrant as for the correct and safe keeping of the records and papers, during his term of office; he holds all the furniture and paraphernalia of the Lodge in trust for the members; the Worshipful Master, as trustee thereof, shall annually insure the Jewels, furniture and other property of this Lodge against loss by fire, for such sum as shall be considered sufficient. The Worshipful Master being absent, a Past Master of this Lodge, that is, a Brother regularly elected and installed as Master of the Lodge, and who has executed that office for one year, shall *take the Chair*—the immediate Past Master taking precedence. If there should be no such Past Master present, then the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden (placing his chair in front of the Worshipful Master's pedestal) shall *rule the Lodge*. The Worshipful Master shall receive from the Treasurer the fees payable on account of the Grand Lodge, and duly remit the same as soon after the Regular Communication in January as may be proper.

Senior Warden.

ART. VI. The Senior Warden shall see to the safe and proper keeping of the Jewels and paraphernalia of the Lodge; he shall immediately upon entering into office make and keep an inventory thereof, and hand the same over to his successor in office.

Junior Warden.

ART. VII. The Junior Warden shall attend to the necessary arrangements for refreshments on all ordinary occasions, and shall, *ex officio*, be Chief of the Stewards. No Warden, unless he is a Past Master, can confer any Degree.

Treasurer.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall receive the monies of the Lodge, and discharge accounts when duly sanctioned and vouched by the Board of General Purposes ; he shall keep books in which his accounts of receipts and disbursements shall be regularly entered, so as to exhibit at one view the balance in his hands, which books shall be open for the inspection of the Members at every Regular Communication. The accounts with the Grand Lodge shall be kept separate and distinct, as required by the Laws of the Craft ; and the monies due to the said Grand Lodge handed by him over to the Worshipful Master, for the purpose of being transmitted. The accounts of the Treasurer and vouchers in support thereof shall be annually submitted to the Board of General Purposes for their audit, at least a week previous to the Festival of St. John the Evangelist ; and the balance in his hands shall be paid over to his successor in office at the Communication on that day, unless the Lodge shall then otherwise direct. In order that the funds of this Lodge may be improved to the best advantage, if at any time there should be on hand more money than the exigencies of the Lodge require, the Treasurer shall give notice thereof to the Lodge, that the same may be invested in such manner as to the Brethren may appear most prudent.

Secretary.

ART. IX. The Secretary shall give due notice to all the Members of this Lodge, at least seven days previous to each Regular or Emergent Communication, particularly noticing elections, initiations, passings, raisings, new Members to be admitted, By-Laws to be altered or repealed, new ones to be made, and causes of Emergencies ; in case of balloting for a joining Member, he must insert in the summons the name, occupation and place of abode of the Candidate, as well as the name and number of the Lodge in which he is or was last a Member ; and on initiation, the name, addition or profession and place of abode of the Candidate must be sent to all Members, in the summons ; unless these particulars are observed there can be no ballot. He shall make Minutes of all matters which are regularly proposed and seconded in the Lodge, as well as of the initiating, passing, raising and joining of Members, and all such other business as the Worshipful Master may order, and are proper to be recorded ; he shall also keep a register of the Members of the Lodge, showing their names, ages, additions or professions, the dates of their initiation, passing and raising, of

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their joining and calling off; he shall also make up and deliver to the Worshipful Master, in proper season, the returns required by the Grand Lodge; and generally do all such things as heretofore have been or ought to be done by the Secretary of a Lodge. It will be his duty to make the entries of the Minutes in the Minute Book of the Lodge as follows: (See also Article XVIII.)

FOR A REGULAR COMMUNICATION.

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Communication of Maple Leaf Lodge No. —, held at the Masonic Hall, St. Catharines, on —, the — day of —, A.L. 58—.

PRESENT:

Brother.....	W. M.	Brother	S. D.
"	P. M.	"	J. D.
"	S. W.	"	Dir. Cor.
"	J. W.	"	I. G.
"	Chaplain.	"	} Stewards.
"	Treas.	"	
"	Sec.	"	Tyler.

NOTE.—If any Brother temporarily fills an office, prefix "*pro tem.*" to it. Insert the names of all the Members present, and the names of all Visitors present, with the name of the Lodge from which each hails.

The Lodge was opened in the First Degree at — o'clock. The Minutes of the last Regular Communication (and subsequent Emergencies, if any,) were read and confirmed (or otherwise).

The Board of General Purposes reported that, (reports of all kinds to be given in brief, when proper to be written,) which report was received and adopted (or as the case may be).

The Ballot was taken for Brother (or Mr.)—to become a Member (or a Candidate for Initiation), and he was declared "elected," (that is, if the ballot is clear,) or "rejected," (as the case may be).

The Minutes of all Letters and Communications laid before the Lodge, should be sufficiently distinct to enable their purport to be understood by referring to the entry on the Minute Book.

In cases when the Communication is considered of sufficient importance to be copied on the Minute Book, the copy must be made, only on motion duly moved and seconded, which motion must be carried by a majority of the Members present.

The Lodge was closed in harmony, with solemn prayer, at — o'clock.

Read and confirmed in open Lodge } (Signed) _____ Secretary.
 this — day of —, A.L. 58— }
 (Signed) _____ W.M.

Received from the Secretary the sum of —, being the total receipts of the evening. (Signed) _____ Treasurer.

NOTE.—That when the Lodge is first opened, it must begin in the First Degree, and should it afterwards be necessary to transact any business in any other Degree, it is opened upwards, the lower Degree remaining open, and in closing the reverse order is observed.

FOR EMERGENCIES.

Minutes of an Emergency Communication of Maple Leaf Lodge No. —, held for the purpose of (state the object as inserted in the Summons), and held at the Masonic Hall, St. Catharines, on —, the — day of —, A.L. 58—.

PRESENT:

(As provided for at Regular Communications.)
 Lodge opened, &c.

Minute of Initiation.—Brother _____ and Brother _____ were appointed a Board of Trial, to put the necessary questions to Mr. _____, a Candidate for Initiation, (if more than one state their names, and call them Candidates for Initiation.)

The Board of Trial having reported that Mr. _____ (and Mr. _____ if more than one), has answered the necessary questions to their satisfaction, and that he (or they) has paid the fees on account of his (or their) initiation, he was then (or they were then severally) initiated into the First Degree of Masoury.

Minute of Passing.—Lodge being opened in the First Degree, Brother _____ (or Brothers _____ and _____) was (or were) examined by the Worshipful Master and directed to withdraw.

The Lodge was opened in the Second Degree at _____ o'clock. The Candidate (or Candidates) having been found worthy of preferment, Brother _____ (or Brothers _____) was then (or were then severally) passed to the Degree of Fellow Craft.

Minute of Raising.—Lodge being open in the Second Degree, Brother _____ (or Brothers _____) was then (or were then severally) examined by the Worshipful Master, and directed to withdraw.

The Lodge was opened in the Third Degree at _____ o'clock. The Candidate (or Candidates) having been found worthy of preferment, Brother _____ (or Brothers _____) was then (or were then severally) raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason.

Lodge closed in the Third Degree at _____ o'clock.

Lodge closed in the Second Degree at _____ o'clock.

Then close Minutes as in Regular Communications.

NOTE.—That at an Emergent Communication no other business can be entered upon but that inserted in the Summons.

Tyler.

ART. X. The Tyler, being a serving Brother, is not necessarily a Member of the Lodge. He shall perform all services connected with this Lodge as shall be required of him by the Worshipful Master; he shall, under the direction of the Senior Warden, keep in good order, as well the Hall of the Lodge and its approaches, as the Jewels, furniture and paraphernalia; he shall serve all summonses; attend the Communications of the Lodge; and shall, when ordered, collect the dues for, and account for the same to the Secretary. His salary shall, from time to time, be regulated by a vote of the Lodge. He may at any time be removed for neglect duty.

Proposing Members.

ART. XI. Every Candidate for Initiation shall be proposed and seconded by a Member at a Regular Communication, and on such proposition being received by the Lodge, the Worshipful Master shall order the following declaration (which shall at the time of proposition be handed to the Secretary,) to be laid before the Board of General Purposes for their consideration. This declaration shall be signed by the candidate:—

MAPLE LEAF LODGE.

*The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Maple Leaf Lodge No.—
St. Catharines, Canada West.*

I, _____, of the _____ of _____, in the County of _____, (occupation, &c.,) being a free man and of the full age of twenty-one years, do declare that, un-
influenced by the improper solicitations 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 of knowledge, and that I will cheerfully conform
to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order.

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

Witnessed and recommended by }

NOTE.—The Members so recommending the Candidate shall be responsible
for the Fees, which must, in all cases, be paid before Initiation.

**Brethren applying to become Members shall be proposed,
seconded and recommended under the like responsibility, and
in the same manner as Candidates for Initiation.**

The Petition shall be in the following form:—

*The Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Maple Leaf Lodge No.—
St. Catharines, Canada West.*

I, _____, of the _____ of _____ in the County of _____, aged _____ years,
Master Mason, [or as the case may be,] do declare that I was duly initi-
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Lodge, No. _____, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of _____; that I left
said Lodge and am still in good standing as a Mason; that I am desirous of be-
coming a Member of this Lodge, and will cheerfully conform to all its By-Laws
and Regulations.

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

Witnessed and recommended by }

No joining Member can be balloted for unless his Grand
Lodge Certificate, and the Certificate of the Lodge of which he
was last a Member, be produced, or the want of either or both
be solemnly and satisfactorily accounted for.

On a proposition for Membership, or for Initiation, being
regularly received by the Lodge, and entered on the Minutes,
such proposition becomes the property of the Lodge, and must
go to the ballot in regular course, unless leave is granted to
withdraw the same by an unanimous vote of the Members
present at a Regular Communication.

Ballot.

ART. XII. No Man shall be initiated in, and no Brother
shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge, if, on balloting,
there be found one black ball, which balloting, except in cases
of emergency, hereinafter in this clause provided, shall take
place at the next Regular Communication after being proposed,
in open Lodge. Should the ballot prove unfavorable to any
Candidate, such Candidate is not again to be balloted for until

the expiration of Twelve Months, when a new proposition and a ballot may take place, and all the formalities required by Article XI. of these By-Laws must again be observed.

In cases of Emergency, the following deviation from the above order in proposing Candidates may be adopted:—The Candidate's petition, with the recommendation as before mentioned, and stating the cause of the Emergency, may be transmitted to the Worshipful Master, who, if he deem it proper, may summon a Lodge of Emergency to meet at a period of not less than seven days from the date of issuing the summons, which summons shall state the name, age, profession and place of abode of the petitioner, as also the names of the Brethren who recommended him; and if, on balloting, he be then approved, he may be initiated.

Should a Lodge of Emergency be at any time called at the request of a Brother for his benefit or progress, the expense of the same shall be paid by such Brother.

Fees and Dues.

ART. XIII. Every Man before initiation shall pay Twenty Dollars, which sum shall be in full payment for the first three Degrees of Ancient Masonry, and shall include the fee for Registration and the Grand Lodge Certificate. Any Brother not initiated in this Lodge may be passed or raised, after a regular ballot, for the sum of Four Dollars for the Fellow Craft's Degree, and Eight Dollars for the Master Mason's Degree, in addition to the Registration fees.

Should such Brother require a Grand Lodge Certificate, he must pay the regular fees therefor beyond the above sums.

Every Brother on joining this Lodge shall pay the sum of Four Dollars; and should he require a Grand Lodge Certificate it will be provided at his expense.

For Dues, every Member shall pay the sum of Twenty-five Cents per Month, to be collected by the Secretary on the first Thursday in March, June, September and December, in every year.

Non-Payment of Dues.

ART. XIV. Any Member of this Lodge who shall have allowed his Dues to be in arrear for Twelve Months, shall, after being summoned, be liable, on non-payment, to be suspended, and shall thereupon be reported to the Grand Lodge.

Any Brother suspended for non-payment of Dues, shall not be permitted to rejoin this Lodge until all such back dues shall be paid.

ART. XV. Every Brother, before being initiated, shall be examined by the Regular Lodge, which, if he is found to be a proper person, shall be admitted to the Lodge. Otherwise, he shall be rejected. The Lodge shall have the right to re-examine him at any time, and if he is found to be a proper person, he shall be initiated.

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Withdrawal of Members.

ART. XV. Any Member of this Lodge, having paid his Dues, being desirous of withdrawing, shall make application at a Regular Communication, either personally or in writing, which, if he be in good standing, shall then be granted by the Lodge. On demand, the Secretary shall furnish such retiring Brother a Certificate of his Dues having been paid, and of his being left in good standing, as follows :—

CERTIFICATE.

These are to Certify, that Brother _____, of the _____, who has written his name in the margin hereof, this day retired in Good Standing from the Membership of Maple Leaf Lodge No. _____, on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, at St. Catharines, Canada West, and that his Dues are fully paid.



In testimony whereof, and by order of the Worshipful Master, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of Maple Leaf Lodge No. _____, at St. Catharines, this _____ day of _____, A.L. 58—.

Secretary.

Board of General Purposes.

ART. XVI. The Board of General Purposes, consisting of the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and two experienced Brothers, to be nominated by the Worshipful Master on the day of Installation, shall superintend the finances of the Lodge, and consider of any special matter regarding its interests: shall inquire into and report on the character of every Candidate. To this Board shall be referred all applications for Masonic relief which require investigation, and also all Accounts against the Lodge: they shall first hear and consider all subjects of Masonic complaint or irregularity respecting the Members of this Lodge: they shall meet at least once every month, or whenever summoned by the Worshipful Master or the Senior Warden, who shall be the presiding officer: three Members shall form a quorum: the result of their proceedings shall be communicated to the Lodge at the next Regular Communication, or Emergency if required, for approbation: all accounts and affairs relative to the Lodge shall be settled by this Board, and the annual audit of the Treasurer's Accounts reported on at the Regular Communication on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. All resolutions and transactions of the Board shall be entered in the Minute Book of the Board by the Secretary, to be read before the Board adjourns, and signed by the then presiding officer for the same being.

Visitors.

ART. XVII. No Visitor shall be admitted unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination, by one of the Brethren present.

No Brother resident in this Town or immediate vicinity unless he is a subscribing Member to some Lodge, and of which he is to produce satisfactory proof, shall be permitted to visit this Lodge more than once during his secession from the Craft.

Rules of Order.

ART. XVIII. To secure regularity in the proceedings of this Lodge, the following order shall be observed:—

FOR REGULAR COMMUNICATIONS.

1. After the Lodge has been duly opened in ancient form the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the last Regular Communication, and subsequent Emergencies, if any, which shall be separately put to the Lodge for confirmation, and, when confirmed, signed by the Worshipful Master.

2. The Board of General Purposes shall be called on for report of their proceedings.

3. Reports from any other Committees will be received and considered.

4. The Ballot will be taken, first for joining Members, and afterwards for Candidates for Initiation.

5. Propositions for Membership and for Initiation will be received.

6. Petitions for Charity and other Communications will be read.

7. Business which may have been left unfinished at former Meeting, shall be resumed.

8. Any other matters which may legitimately be brought before the Lodge will be considered.

The above order may be suspended or changed for the Communication, by consent of the Lodge.

No Brother shall speak twice on the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, and then not more than ten minutes, unless permitted so to do by the Worshipful Master.

FOR EMERGENCIES.

No business shall be entered upon but that for which the Communication is called, as set forth in the summons.

Alteration of By-Laws.

ART. XIX. No alteration shall be made in these By-Laws but by notice of motion, duly seconded, at a Regular Communication; such notice must be inserted on the Minutes and set forth in the summons for the then next Regular Communication, at which it shall be discussed and the action of the Lodge thereon duly recorded; and, being in due course, confirmed, shall then become law.

Signing By-Laws.

ART. XX. Every Candidate on initiation, and every Brother joining, must sign these By-Laws, and thereupon shall be presented with a copy.
No Entered Apprentice shall be passed, unless he has carefully read over these By-Laws.
It is expected that every Member will provide himself with a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.

Penalty of By-Laws.

ART. XXI. For the infraction of any of these By-Laws, when not otherwise herein provided for, the offending Brother shall be liable, by a vote of the Lodge, after being duly summoned, to such punishment as the Brethren then present shall deem fit and expedient, and as is consonant with the Landmarks and Principles of the Order.

The foregoing By-Laws were read and adopted in open Lodge, at the Communication held this 23th day of October, A.L. 5858.

H. McMULLIN,

Secretary.

WM. McGHIE,

W. M.

List of Officers and Members.

OFFICERS—5858-9.

W. Bro. Wm. McGhie, - - -	W. M.
“ Augustus Jukes, - - -	S. W.
“ James Seymour, - - -	J. W.
W. Bro. Fred. Parsons, - - -	Treasurer.
“ Robert H. McMullin, - - -	Secretary.
“ Thomas Hostetter, - - -	S. D.
“ Sigmund Hofeller, - - -	J. D.
“ Robert Lawrie, - - -	Dir. of Cer.
“ Alex. Stanley, - - -	} Stewards.
“ Hiram Marlatt, - - -	
“ Hugh James, - - -	I. G.
“ H.W. Winchester, (not a Member)	Tyler.

MEMBERS.

W. Bro. Thos. Fletcher.	Bro. Nathan Hofeller.
“ R. Macdonald.	“ Edwin Goodman.
“ Wm. Read.	“ Wm. Andrews.
“ Walter Read.	“ John Dale.
“ H. R. Hostetter.	“ Wm. B. Beeton.
“ John S. Clark.	“ Thos. W. Smith.
“ Kenneth McKenzie.	“ Jas. McCaughey.
“ John Hostetter.	“ George Clark.

Petitioners for Lodge Warrant.

Bro. Wm. McGhie.	Bro. Wm. Read.
“ A. Jukes.	“ Walter Read.
“ J. Seymour.	“ R. Lawrie.
“ F. Parsons.	“ R. Macdonald.
“ T. Fletcher.	“ J. S. Clark.
“ R. H. McMullin.	“ H. Marlatt.
“ T. Hostetter.	“ H. J. Hudson.
“ H. R. Hostetter.	“ S. Hofeller.
“ H. James.	“ K. McKenzie.
“ A. Stanley.	“ A. Roberts.

Petition recommended to the Grand Lodge of Canada by the
W. M. and Wardens of St. George's Lodge.

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WORKING TOOLS.

ENTERED APPRENTICE.

The Working Tools of an ENTERED APPRENTICE MASON are the Twenty-four Inch Gauge, the Common Gavel and the Chisel.

The Twenty-four Inch Gauge is the first instrument put into the hands of the Workman, to enable him to measure and ascertain the length and extent of the work he is about to engage in, thus to compute the time and labor it may cost.

The Common Gavel is an important instrument of labor, and highly esteemed as an implement of Art. Though recognized by various Artists under different appellations, it is yet admitted by all that no work of manual skill can be completed without it.

The Chisel is a small instrument, though solid in its form, and of exquisite sharpness as fully to compensate for the diminutiveness of its size. It is calculated to make an impression on the hardest substance, and the mightiest structures have been indebted to its use.

But as we are not all operative, but rather Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, we apply these Tools to our morals in this sense: From the Twenty-four Inch Gauge we derive a lesson of daily application and instruction; for as it is divided into twenty-four parts, it recalls to our minds the division of the day into twenty-four hours, and directs us to apportionate them to their proper objects, namely: Prayer, Labor, Refreshment and Sleep.

From the Common Gavel we learn that skill without exertion is of little avail—that labor is the lot of man; for the heart may conceive, and the head devise in vain, if the hand be not prompt to execute the design.

From the Chisel we learn that perseverance is necessary to establish perfection; that the rude material receives its fine polish but by repeated efforts alone; that nothing short of indefatigable exertion can induce the habit of virtue, enlighten the mind, and render the soul pure.

From the whole we deduce this moral, that knowledge, grounded on accuracy, aided by labor, and prompted by perseverance, will overcome all difficulties, raise ignorance from despair, and lead to true happiness in the paths of science.

FELLOW CRAFT.

The Working Tools of a FELLOW CRAFT MASON are the Square, Level and Plumb.

The Square is to try and adjust all rectangular corners of buildings, and assist in bringing rude matter into due form. The Level is to lay levels and prove horizontals; and the Plumb is to try and adjust all uprights, while fixing them on their proper basis. But as we are not all operative but rather Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, we apply these Tools to our morals. In this sense the Square teaches morality, the Level equality, and the Plumb justness and uprightness of life and actions. Thus, by Square conduct, Level steps, and Upright intentions, we hope to ascend to those immortal mansions whence all goodness emanates.

MASTER.

The Working Tools of a MASTER MASON are all the Tools of the Craft, indiscriminately, but we select especially the Skirret, Pencil and Compasses.

The Skirret is an implement which acts on a centre point whence a line is drawn to mark out the ground for the foundation of the intended structure. With the Pencil the skilful Artist delineates the building in a draught or plan, for the direction and guidance of the Workmen; and the Compasses enable him with accuracy and precision to ascertain and determine the limits and proportions of its several parts. But as we are not all operative but rather Free and Accepted or Speculative Masons, we apply the Tools to our morals. In this sense the Skirret points out to us that straight and undeviating line of conduct marked out for our pursuit in the volume of the Sacred Law. The Pencil points to us that all our words and actions are not only observed but recorded by the Most High, to whom we must give an account of our actions through life; and the Compasses remind us of His unerring and impartial justice, for having defined for our instruction the limits of good and evil, He will reward or punish us according as we have obeyed or disregarded His Divine Commands.

Thus the Working Tools of a Master Mason direct us to bear mind and act according to the laws of our Divine Creator, so that when we shall be summoned from this sublunary abode, we may ascend to that Grand Lodge above, where the World's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

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