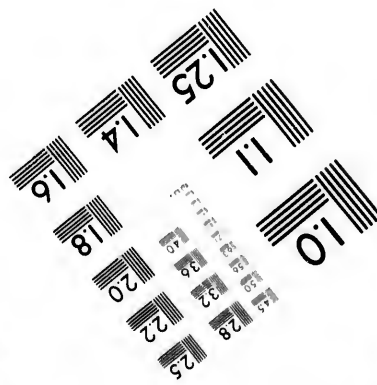
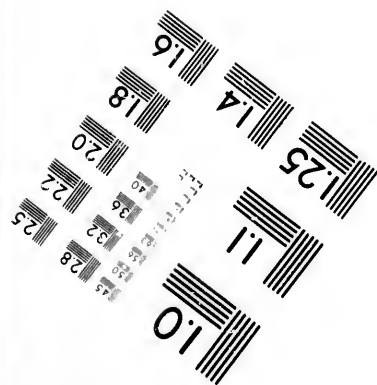
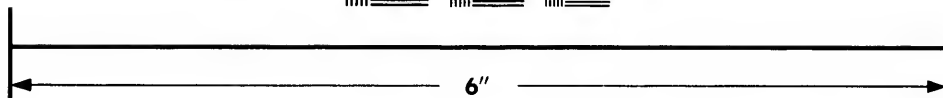
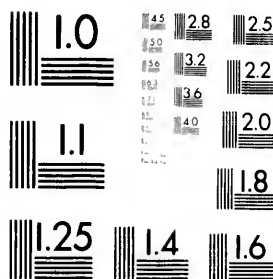


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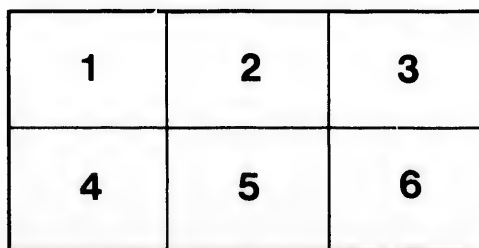
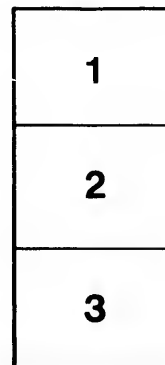
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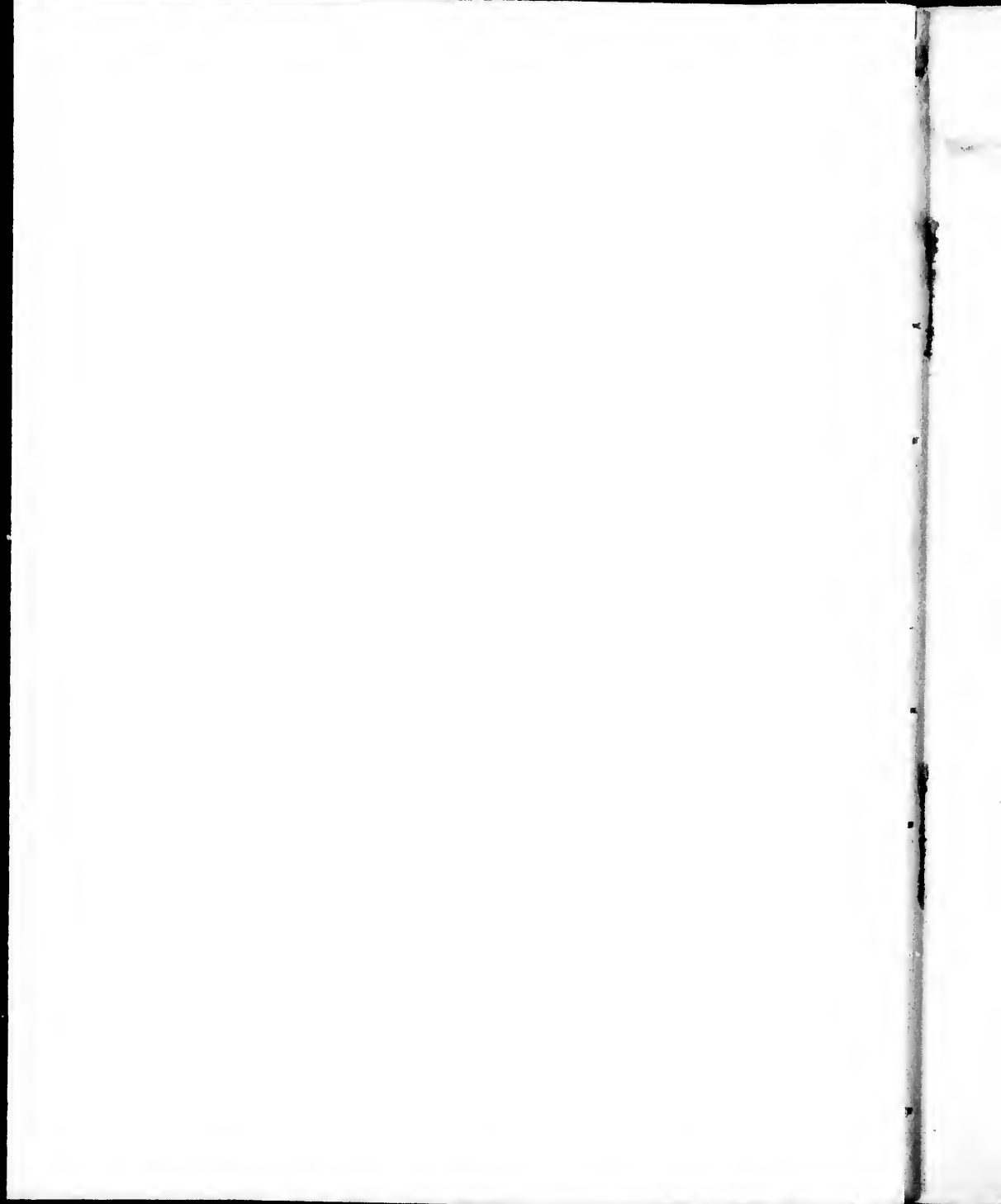
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"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. The God of Jacob is our refuge."—Psalms xlii. 1, 11.

"For this was a statute for Israel, and a law of the God of Jacob. This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt; where I heard a language that I understood not."—PSALM lxxxi. 4, 5.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Opening of Grand Chapter.
2. Lecture to be repeated.
3. Minutes of last Grand Chapter confirmed.
4. Appointing Credential Committee.
5. Reading report of the Grand Master.
6. Reception of Report of Credential Committee.
7. Reception of Communications.
8. Receiving reports of Special Committees.
9. Unfinished business.
10. Election of Officers.
11. Installation of Officers.
12. New business.
13. Closing Grand Chapter.

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QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION  
INTO THE ORDER OF THE  
**Royal Black Knights of Ireland**  
IN BRITISH AMERICA.

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No person shall be admitted into this Institution unless duly qualified—that is to say, he must be twenty-one years of age, be able to read and write, and to keep all matters and things confided to him in the Institution, and not by any means discover or entrust them (unless properly authorized so to do) to another person, except to a brother of the same degree. He must be one who will not initiate any person unless duly empowered so to do by the proper authorities, holding a Warrant for that purpose under the Grand Black Chapter of Ireland, the same having been legally transferred into his hands; who will, as far as in his power, aid and assist all Sir Knights of this Royal Black Institution, and not wrong, or see any of them wronged, if in his power to prevent it. He must, to the utmost of his power, support and defend her present Majesty, her heirs and successors, being Protestant, and

maintain the Protestant religion and Constitution of 1688 against all foes, foreign and domestic. He must become a member of this Institution of his own free will and accord; and he must not debase the Institution by receiving hire or gain for admitting persons into its Preceptories, nor for a less sum than that authorized by the Grand Chapter of British America—viz., Five Dollars\*—nor by permitting to be received less than the said sum. He must have such a sense of his duty as a Protestant, that he will not marry a member of the Romish Church, nor stand sponsor for the child of a Roman Catholic, nor permit a Roman Catholic to stand sponsor for his child. And furthermore, should he at any time entertain any speculations regarding the secrets, signs, passwords, or mysteries of any of the higher degrees in this Royal Black Institution, or should he by accident or otherwise become actually possessed of any knowledge of the same, without their having been regularly conferred upon him, he must be one who will inviolably preserve such knowledge within his own breast, and who will not comment upon, or discuss, nor communicate his speculations or knowledge to any person or persons whatever; and lastly, he must obey, without scruple or

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\*The above-mentioned terms for Initiation Fee of members not to interfere with the By-Laws passed by any Preceptory for the admission of members, if it sees fit to charge more than the amount named.

reserve, the Rules and Regulations of this Royal Black Institution, of which he is about to become a member.

### *Qualification of Officers.*

Previous to the installation of officers into their respective offices, the members of every Preceptory or Chapter must further satisfy themselves that such officers respectively possess the subjoined qualifications:—

#### *Preceptor or Deputy Preceptor.*

That he has attained the Red Cross Degree; that he is not made a Preceptor or Deputy Preceptor for any private emolument or advantage to himself; that he will exert his authority to maintain good behaviour in his Preceptory, &c., and a strict observance of the Rules and Regulations as drawn up and published by the Grand Chapter.

#### *Registrar or Deputy Registrar.*

That he will, to the utmost of his power, keep regular and preserve the papers, books, seals, and other property of the Preceptory, &c., committed to his care; and that he will not lend the seal to any person, nor affix it to any paper or document whatsoever, unless by order of the Chapter or Preceptory regularly assembled.

*Treasurer or Deputy-Treasurer.*

That he will diligently collect all payments to be made to the Chapter or Preceptory, and fairly account for all moneys which shall come into his hands on account of, or for the use of, the Chapter or Preceptory, whenever the Chapter or Preceptory shall require the same; and hand in all balances, or sums of money in hand, to such person or persons as the Chapter or Preceptory shall order or direct.

*Committeeman.*

That in all cases which shall come before him as a Committeeman, he will act with fidelity and impartiality, without favor, affection, or personal dislike to any man.



## GENERAL RULES.

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The following Rules have been adopted for the government of the Order in British America.

### *Title.*

This Grand Chapter shall be known as "The Most Worshipful Grand Black Chapter of British America."

### *Allegiance.*

This Grand Chapter acknowledges the supremacy of the Grand Council of Ireland.

### *Rule 1.*

The Order shall consist of an unlimited number of Sir Knights, all of whom must have been regularly initiated Archpurple Men, and be members in good standing in the Loyal Orange Association.

### *Rule 2.*

No person shall be proposed for admission to this Order unless he have the qualifications required by the next preceding rule, and can be certified to be a believer in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, as held by the established churches of England and Scotland.

*Rule 3.*

No person can be admitted as a member of this Order, either of whose parents is a Roman Catholic, or who is married to one; and in case a member afterwards intermarry with a Roman Catholic he shall forthwith be expelled.

*Rule 4.*

No person can be admitted as a member of this Order, if either of his parents has been a Roman Catholic, or who has not been born in wedlock, (except by the special sanction of the Grand Chapter, or by the Grand Master, when the Grand Chapter is not in session.)

*Rule 5.*

No person can be received as a candidate for the Order, unless he has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, except by the special sanction of the Grand Chapter or the Grand Master.

*Rule 6.*

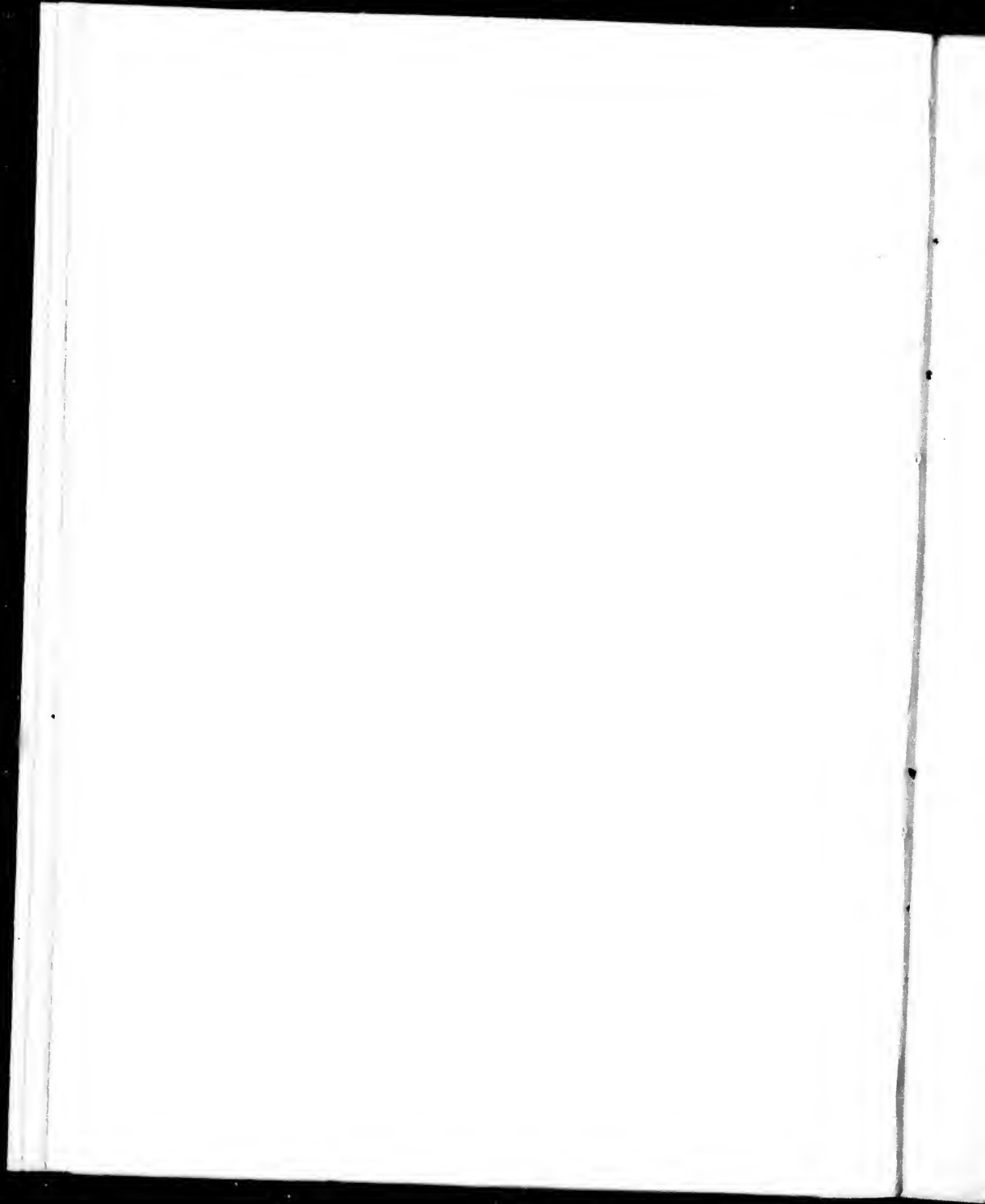
The admission of members shall be by ballot—three black balls to exclude—and no candidate shall be ballotted for without having been proposed and seconded at least one month previous to such ballot, and unless he shall have been six months an Archpurple Man, unless by the special

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sanction of the Grand Chapter, or the Grand Master.

Should the ballot be favorable and the candidate fail to present himself for initiation within the space of six months thereafter, he shall forfeit the sum paid upon making application.

*Rule 7.*

A candidate seeking admission to the Order must have resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Preceptory to which he seeks admission, except upon a dispensation from the Grand Master.

*Rule 8.*

Nothing connected with the proceedings of the Institution, or affecting the character of any member thereof, as such, shall be printed or circulated, except with the sanction of the Grand Chapter; and any person acting at variance with this rule shall be liable to expulsion.

*Rule 9.*

No member of the Grand, Provincial or County Chapter, shall be entitled to any privilege, or have a seat or vote therein, until his Preceptory dues shall have been paid.

*Rule 10.*

No existing Body or Association, professing to be of the Black Order, can be recognized as such which is not sitting under the Warrant of the Grand Black Chapter; and members are strictly forbidden to countenance, by their presence or otherwise, any such association, on pain of expulsion.

*Rule 11.—Warrants.*

No Preceptory can be held without a Warrant from the Grand Chapter, signed by at least five of its officers in due form, sealed with the insignia of the Grand Black Chapter of Ireland, and countersigned by the Grand Master and Grand Registrar of British America. No Preceptory shall assume any distinctive title or name without the express permission of the Grand Chapter or Grand Master.

*Rule 12.*

All applicants for Warrants must have the signatures of seven applicants, and must receive the sanction of the County Chapter (where such exist), under whose jurisdiction it is intended to open the Preceptory, and through whom the application must be sent to the Grand Registrar. The sum of \$12 for Warrant and Rituals must accompany the application. All Warrants issued

shall always continue to be the property of the Grand Black Chapter of British America, which has at all times the power of cancelling, suspending or withdrawing them as may seem fit, and of again issuing the same. Every Warrant so cancelled, suspended or withdrawn shall be wholly void and inoperative; and every member who shall knowingly use, or act on or sit under any such Warrant, during such period, shall be suspended for a term not exceeding two years. Pending the issue of the Warrant the Grand Master may issue a dispensation for the opening of the Preceptory.

*Rule 13.*

On application for Renewal of a Warrant, the sum of Two Dollars must be transmitted for same.

*Rule 14.*

No Warrant can be exchanged, bought, sold or taken from the County for which it was originally granted, without the approbation of the County Grand Master, nor without the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master; the change in every case to be reported to the Grand Registrar. A Warrant becoming dormant or surrendered may be held by the Grand Registrar and transferred to any other part of the Dominion, such transfer to be reported at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter for their approval.

*Rule 15.*

Each new Preceptory, on being formed, shall receive two sets of Rituals and two copies of the Constitutions (free of charge); any additional copies received to be paid for at the prescribed rate.

*Rule 16.—Certificates, Red Cross.*

Certificates may be granted by the Grand Registrar of Ireland (or his acting Deputy) to Sir Knights who have taken all the Degrees of the Order, under the following regulations: (1). That application for each certificate be made on a form to be supplied for that purpose by the Grand Registrar. (2). Each application shall be signed in open Preceptory, by the Preceptor or Deputy Preceptor, and Registrar, with the consent of the members present, or the majority of them, and shall be sealed with the seal of the Preceptory. (3). Each application shall be transmitted to the Grand Registrar of British America. (4). Should any Preceptory refuse to pass an application, the applicant may, within fourteen days after such refusal, lodge an appeal with the Registrar of the next superior Chapter, which at its next meeting may pass and seal it. (5). That the sum of seventy-five cents be paid by the applicant, when the application is passed by the Preceptory, which shall be transmitted in postage stamps, or other.

wise, to the Grand Registrar. (6). On receiving the application and fee, the Grand Registrar shall enroll the name of the applicant in a book, to be kept by him for that purpose, provided that if he see cause, he may (with the consent of the Grand Master) hold it over till the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, when he shall refund the fee if the certificate be not granted. (7). Each certificate shall be sent direct to the Preceptor of the Preceptory which passed the application, and shall by him be delivered to the proper person in open Preceptory. (8). That any member using his certificate for improper purposes shall be liable to expulsion.

*Rule 17.—Certificates, Clearances.*

In every case where a member wishes to leave his Preceptory, he shall first give intimation thereof by applying either in writing or personally in open Preceptory for a Clearance Certificate, which shall be sent from the Preceptory he is about to leave to the Preceptory he is about to join, except when he is leaving the Dominion of Canada, when it may be given into his own possession. A Clearance Certificate shall not be refused except for improper conduct or non-payment of dues. Clearance Certificates must be signed by the Preceptor and Officers, with the sanction of the Preceptory; a charge of not less

than twenty-five cents to be made for each. Any Preceptory granting such certificate to any individual not a member of the same, or not properly entitled to it, shall be liable to be suspended by the County, Provincial or Grand Chapter. All Clearance Certificates must bear the signature of the Grand Registrar.

*Rule 18.*

In case any Preceptory shall refuse a Clearance certificate without sufficient cause, the County, Provincial or Grand Chapter shall, on appeal have power to grant it.

*Rule 19.*

A Sir Knight desiring to deposit his certificate in a Preceptory, such certificate shall be subject to a ballot,—a majority vote to decide.

*Rule 20.*

In every case of a charge against a member, the complaint must, in the first instance, be investigated by his Private Preceptory, unless such cases as the Grand Chapter shall see fit to have tried otherwise, or cases mentioned in Rule 22; and eight days previously the charge must be furnished in writing to the member complained of, and to the Registrar of the Preceptory in which the trial is to take place.

*Rule 21.*

In case any Private Preceptory, County or Provincial Chapter, neglect or refuse to try and decide on any charge or offence which such Preceptory or Chapter ought to try, then the Chapter to which an appeal shall have been made shall have the power of trying the case and deciding thereon.

*Rule 22.*

Any offence alleged to have been committed by a member or officer of the Grand Chapter, or of a Provincial or County Chapter, as such, may be tried and determined by any such Chapter, subject to an appeal in the usual way.

*Rule 23.*

In cases where a charge or complaint is made against a Preceptory, the Grand, Provincial, or County Chapter may refuse to investigate the matter until the Warrant of the Preceptory is deposited in the custody of the Officer presiding at such trial or investigation, to abide the decision thereon.

*Rule 24.*

In every case of appeal, sufficient notice in writing must be given, by the party appealing, to every member directly concerned therein, and to the Registrar of the Preceptory or Chapter appealed from, and Chapter appealed to.

*Rule 25.—Appeals.*

No appeal can be entertained by the Grand Chapter unless it has been duly forwarded (see Rule 47) to, and received by, the Grand Registrar, fourteen clear days previous to the meeting of the Grand Chapter, so as to enable all parties interested to be duly notified thereof. In all cases where penalties are imposed, either party shall have the right to appeal to the next highest Chapter, and so on, to the Grand Chapter. All decisions shall be final, unless appealed from within two months to the next highest Chapter, stating the reasons for appealing.

*Rule 26.—Re-Ballot.*

In order to guard the Institution against the possibility of improper persons continuing members thereof, it shall be competent for the Grand Chapter or Grand Master to order that any member or members of a Preceptory shall undergo a new ballot, for which the Sir Knights shall be specially summoned; a two-third majority to decide. Application for such re-ballot to be made by the Private Preceptory to which such member belongs, under seal of the Preceptory.

*Rule 27.*

In all questions on which there is a ballot, should the result of such ballot prove to be a tie, it shall

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be considered to have a negative effect, and be so declared by the Preceptor or presiding officer.

*Rule 28.—Degrees.*

No person shall receive on the same evening more than one degree, except by special permission of the Grand Chapter or Grand Master, the date of initiation to be duly registered in a book for the inspection of the Grand Censors, who, in case of complaint, shall report thereon to the Grand Chapter.

*Order in which the Degrees are to be given.*

1, Black ; 2, Scarlet ; 3, Royal Mark ; 4, Apron and Royal Blue ; 5, White ; 6, Green ; 7, Gold ; 8, Star and Garter ; 9, Crimson Arrow ; 10, Link and Chain ; 11, Red Cross.

*Rule 29.—The Grand Chapter.*

The Grand Chapter shall consist of the following:—A Grand Master, all Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Associate Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, Deputy Grand Chaplains, Grand Registrar, Deputy Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, Deputy Grand Treasurer, Grand Lecturer, four Deputy Grand Lecturers, Grand Censor, Deputy Grand Censor, Grand Marshal, two Grand Standard Bearers, two Grand Pursuivants, and a Grand Committee of seven members,

together with Provincial Grand Officers, Past Provincial Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Registrars, Past Grand Treasurers, and Past Grand Lecturers, of the Grand Chapter, who are in good standing in the Order ; also Masters, Past Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Registrars, Treasurers and Lecturers of Counties, Preceptors and Past Preceptors of Private Preceptories.

No member of this Order shall be eligible for the office of Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, in either the Provincial Grand Chapters or this Grand Chapter, unless he has passed as Preceptor through the chair of a Private Preceptory, and has taken all the degrees of this Order.

*Rule 30.*

This Grand Chapter shall meet annually at the same place, and on the day previous to the meeting of the M. W. Grand Orange Lodge of B. A.

Emergent meetings may be called when the Grand Master, on a requisition signed by seven members of the Grand Chapter, shall authorize the Grand Registrar to convene the same.

*Rule 31.*

No meeting of the Grand Chapter shall be held without the presence of the Grand Master, or a Deputy Grand Master, and seven members.

*Rule 32.*

The Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter shall come into office as soon as elected and installed.

*Rule 33.*

In order to establish regularity of attendance at the meetings of the Grand Chapter, each Provincial or County Chapter may be fined the sum of Five Dollars, if there shall not be present at each Meeting of the Grand Chapter at least one member of each such Provincial or County Chapter.

Every member of the Order is eligible for office in the Grand Chapter or subordinate Chapters, subject to Rules 9 and 29, provided he is entitled to a vote therein.

*Rule 34.*

All officers of the Grand Chapter are members of every Chapter or Private Preceptory, and are entitled to vote on all questions except the distribution of funds, formation of By-Laws, and election of officers.

*Rule 35.—Grand Master.*

Besides the duties laid down in the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, he shall sign all orders on the Treasurer, and be *ex-officio* a member of all Committees of the Grand Chapter.

*Rule 36.—Deputy Grand Master.*

The Deputy Grand Master shall occupy the

Deputy Chair, and assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties. In the event of the death, resignation, or absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall act as Grand Master.

*Rule 37.—Grand Chaplain.*

The Grand Chaplain shall conduct the religious service of the Grand Chapter.

*Rule 38.—Grand Registrar.*

The Grand Registrar shall have custody of the seal of the Grand Chapter, and shall affix the same to all Warrants, Certificates and other Documents issued by the Grand Chapter; issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Chapter, Central Committee, and of any Committee of which he shall be directed by the Grand Master; to receive the returns of the Chapters and Preceptories; keep a proper register of same, to transmit to all Chapters and Preceptories the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, of all expelled, restored and suspended members for the year; to furnish the Central Committee with all proper documents and information that they may require; to receive all petitions, &c., and lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority; to conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter; to receive, credit and record all moneys of the Grand Chapter, and pay over same without delay

to the Grand Treasurer, and annually report the amount received.

*Rule 39.—Grand Treasurer.*

The funds of the Grand Chapter shall be lodged in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, who shall produce his books and vouchers at every annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, to be examined and audited by the Central Committee; and in no case shall he retain more than the sum of Forty Dollars in his possession, the surplus to be deposited in a Bank in the name of the Grand Master, Grand Registrar and Grand Treasurer, as Trustees for the Grand Black Chapter of British America. He shall furnish sureties to be approved by the Grand Master.

*Rule 40.—Grand Lecturer.*

The duty of the Grand Lecturer is the care and preservation of the Rituals of the Order. He is expected to be perfectly conversant with the lectures, and repeat same at the annual meeting, and give instructions in the manner of rendering them most striking and effective. Upon the teachings of the Grand Lecturer depend not only the uniformity and perpetuity, but the character and impressiveness of our rites, and shall be imparted by oral communication and example. The Grand Lecturer must be punctilious and exacting on the accuracy of the work and lectures.

and no rash or innovating hand will be tolerated in the office.

*Rule 41.—Grand Censors.*

The Grand Censors shall, at the instruction of the Grand Master, take up the Annual, and perform such other duties as may be assigned them.

*Rule 42.—Grand Standard Bearers.*

The duties of the Grand Standard Bearers shall be to pass the ballot on all occasions, and perform such other duties as may be assigned them.

*Rule 43.—Grand Marshal.*

The duty of the Grand Marshal is to attend to marshalling and ordering processions, solemnities, funerals and interviews; his place in Grand Chapter is to the right of the Grand Standard Bearer. It is also his duty to see that every Sir Knight is clothed in the suitable insignia of his office and degree, and no other. No Sir Knight shall be eligible for election to the office of Grand Marshal unless he have all the degrees.

*Rule 44.—Grand Pursuivants.*

The duties of the Grand Pursuivants shall be as provided for in the Rítual.

*Rule 45.—Grand Committee.*

The duties of the Grand Committee shall be as follows :—

1. The Committee has authority to hear and report to the Grand Chapter on all subjects of complaint or irregularity respecting Preceptories or individual members of the Order when regularly brought before it, and shall report by resolution the proceedings they would recommend the Grand Chapter to adopt.

2. The Committee may summon any Preceptory or Sir Knight to attend its meetings and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Preceptory, or the certificate of a Sir Knight; if such Preceptory or Sir Knight do not comply or give sufficient reasons for non-compliance a peremptory summons shall be issued, and in case of contumacy they shall report the Preceptory or Sir Knight for suspension to the Grand Chapter.

3. When the Committee has investigated and decided on any case which in its judgment requires admonition, fine, suspension or expulsion, the fact alleged as the offence shall be fully stated in the minutes, shall be declared proven, the law relating thereto quoted, and the recommendation for the Grand Chapter to adopt recorded.

4. All charges or appeals shall be made in writing and forwarded to the Grand Registrar, (see Rule 50) who shall hand the same to the Grand Committee to be reported on at the next regular or emergent meeting of the Grand Chapter. The Grand Registrar shall notify the party charging or appealing and charged or appealed against, of the place where, and time when the Committee will meet to investigate the matter, and summon them to appear. The Com-

mittee shall investigate the merits of the case, and report its conclusions by resolution at the next meeting of the Grand Chapter for the members to deal with.

5. In the case of any charge or complaint affecting a member of the Committee or the Preceptory or Chapter to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw whilst the Committee considers its decision.

*Rule 46.—Deputy Grand Officers.*

The Deputies of the Grand Chaplain, Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Lecturer, shall assist those officers in the discharge of their respective duties.

*Rule 47.*

Every Officer of the Grand Chapter shall be prepared to produce, at each Yearly Meeting, the property of the Chapter committed to his care.

*Rule 48.*

In the event of the resignation or decease of any of the Grand Officers, other than the Grand Master, the Grand Chapter shall (if necessary), at its next meeting, fill up such vacancy or vacancies, but the duties of the office until such next meeting shall be discharged by such Grand Officer as may be appointed by the Grand Master.

*Rule 49.*

No official communications can be received in the Grand Chapter unless sealed with the proper seal; and every Preceptory, County and Provincial Chapter shall provide itself with a seal, an

impression of which must be lodged with the Grand Registrar.

*Rule 50.*

All appeals and special communications shall be sent from the Private Preceptory to the County, and from the County to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and from the Provincial Grand Chapter to the Grand Chapter of B.A., the same to be transmitted through their respective Registrars, sealed with the seals of the Preceptory and Chapters.

*Rule 51.*

The Grand Chapter shall issue a report of its proceedings from time to time when ordered by resolution, and furnish a copy to the Grand Registrar of Ireland, one to each of its own members, and to each Provincial and County Chapter, and Private Preceptory; such report to specify the names, Preceptories and Counties of all persons who have been rejected, suspended or expelled, and the cause of such rejection, suspension or expulsion. And after each annual meeting the Grand Treasurer shall remit to the Grand Treasurer of Ireland the sum of One Pound Sterling as dues for all Preceptories working in British America.

*Rule 52.*

The Grand Chapter shall, by a two-thirds vote, have the power of making such alterations in

and additions to the rules as may from time to time be found necessary, provided that two months' notice of motion be given to the Grand Registrar, such notice to be inserted in the summonses convening the meeting at which it is to be discussed.

*Rule 53.—Central Committee.*

There shall be a Central Committee, which shall consist of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters in good standing, Provincial Grand Masters, Deputy and Associate Grand Masters, and the Grand Chaplain.

DUTIES OF

Sec. 1. The Central Committee shall have control of the finances, shall audit all accounts, and when found correct recommend same for payment. They shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relative to the accounts, and shall give orders for any alteration required therein.

Sec. 2. The Committee has likewise the care and regulation of the concerns of the Grand Chapter, and may recommend for its adoption whatever it shall deem necessary or advantageous to the welfare and good government of the Order in its jurisdiction, and may originate plans for the better regulation of the Grand Chapter and the arrangement of its general transactions.

Sec. 3. The Committee shall meet whenever summoned by the Grand Registrar by the command of the Grand Master, three to form a quorum; but the Annual Meeting shall be held at 2 p. m, on the same date, at the same place in which the Grand Chapter meeting is held, when the Grand Master's Report shall be prepared, which shall embody correspondence, finance, statistics, suspensions, expulsions, progress of the Order, numbers of all Preceptories in arrears, with suggestions for the good of the Order as they may deem advisable.

Sec. 4. No expense shall be incurred, unless by a vote of the Grand Chapter previously obtained, nor shall any account be paid until it has been approved by the Central Committee and sanctioned by the Grand Chapter, and no account shall be paid without the signature of the Grand Master and Grand Registrar.

This will also apply to Provincial Grand Chapters.

#### *Rule 54.*

No member who has resigned, been suspended or expelled, for any cause other than non-payment of dues, can be re-admitted, except by permission of the Grand Chapter or Grand Master.

#### *Rule 55.—Dormant Preceptory.*

In case of a preceptory becoming dormant, Sir Knights who were members in good standing may apply to the next higher Chapter for a certificate, —the cost of same not to exceed \$1.00.

*Rule 56.—Provincial Grand Chapters.*

The Provincial Grand Chapters shall consist of the following:—

A Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, two Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Chaplain, Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lecturer, two Grand Censors, two Grand Standard Bearers, Grand Pursuivant, Deputy Grand Chaplains, Deputy Grand Registrar, Deputy Grand Treasurer, Deputy Grand Lecturer, and a Grand Committee of seven members, together with the officers of the Grand Chapter of B. A., Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Registrars, Past Grand Treasurers, and Past Grand Lecturers of the Provincial Grand Chapter, being in good standing in the Order; also, Masters, Past Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Registrars, Treasurers and Lecturers of County Grand Chapters; Preceptors and Past Preceptors.

*Rule 57.*

Officers of Provincial Grand Chapters shall come into office when elected and installed, unless appealed against.

*Rule 58.*

Provincial Grand Chapters shall meet once in every year, which meeting shall be held at least one month before the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter.

*Rule 59.*

The Provincial Grand Master for each Province shall be elected by the majority entitled to vote at the Annual Chapter, when he shall be installed. He must be a Preceptor or Past Preceptor, and belong to a Preceptory in the Province for which he is elected. He may preside in every County Grand Chapter and Preceptory within his jurisdiction. It shall be the duty of the Provincial Grand Master to see that all County Grand Chapters and Preceptories in his Province are working in accordance with the Ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, and that their returns have been regularly forwarded with all fees and dues that may have accrued; and in refusal or neglect on the part of any County Grand Chapter or Preceptory to make such returns and payments, he may suspend such Chapter or Preceptory. He shall have power to grant dispensations for festivals and public processions. The Grand Master, whenever he shall think it necessary shall have power to convene a County Chapter or Private Preceptory.

*Rule 60.*

Every Provincial, County Grand Chapter and Private Preceptory, shall hold a special meeting whenever required by the next superior Chapter, by order under seal, and shall proceed therein as directed by said order; and shall be in all things

subject to the authority, and obey all the orders of such superior Chapter, which is entitled to suspend any inferior Chapter or Preceptory, or member thereof, disobeying or resisting such authority.

*Rule 61.*

The duties of the Committees of the several Chapters and Preceptories shall be to examine and determine, by a majority, all matters which may be referred to them, reporting their decision to the Chapter or Preceptory; such decision, if confirmed by the Chapter or Preceptory, to be subject to appeal in the usual way.

*Rule 62.—County Grand Chapters.*

County Grand Chapters shall exercise jurisdiction over the territory assigned to them by the Grand Chapter, and shall be composed of not less than two Preceptories.

*Rule 63.—County Grand Officers.*

Each County Grand Chapter shall consist of the following, viz:—

A Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Chaplain, Grand Registrar, Grand Treasurer, Grand Lecturer, Grand Censor, Grand Standard-Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and a Committee of seven, together with Preceptors, Past Preceptors, Deputy Preceptors, Chaplains,

Registrars, Treasurers, Lecturers, and first Committee-man of Preceptories.

*Rule 64.*

County Grand Officers shall come into office when elected and installed, unless appealed against.

*Rule 65.*

County Grand Chapters shall meet once in each year, or oftener if necessary; and shall meet at least one month previous to the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

*Rule 66.*

The County Grand Master, or during his absence or illness the Deputy Grand Master, shall on a requisition, signed by seven of its members, convene a Special Meeting of the County Grand Chapter, such Special Meeting to have all the powers of a Regular Meeting.

*Rule 67.*

No meeting of a County Grand Chapter shall be held without seven days' notice having been given to all its members, nor without the presence of at least seven members.

*Rule 68.*

The County Grand Master is a member of every

Preceptory in his County, and is entitled to sit and vote therein on all questions except the Distribution of Funds, Formation of By-Laws and Election of Officers.

*Rule 69.*

The Treasurer of each County Grand Chapter shall hand over to the Registrars of the Grand Chapter of B.A., and the Provincial Grand Chapter, on or before the Annual Meeting of the County Chapter, the annual dues of every Preceptory within its jurisdiction.

*Rule 70.*

Every County Grand Chapter shall, immediately after its Annual Meeting, prepare and furnish to the Provincial Grand Registrar an Annual Report containing the names and residences of the County Grand Officers, the number and title of each Preceptory under its jurisdiction, and the number of members in each Preceptory ; and such Report shall also specify the names and Preceptories of all members who have been rejected, suspended or expelled, or who may have resigned, together with the dates of, and reasons for, such expulsion or suspension, and in all cases where there are appeals, all the documents relating thereto must be furnished to the Provincial Grand Registrar fourteen days before the meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter.

The County Grand Master shall visit at least once in the year, every Preceptory within his jurisdiction.

*Rule 71.*

The accounts of the County Grand Treasurer shall be audited at the Annual Meeting.

*Rule 72.*

County Chapters shall have the power of calling in the Warrant, and suspending the officers and members of any Preceptory within their jurisdiction, which is not working in accordance with the printed Rules of this Institution; and they should produce such Warrant, and state in writing the reason for such suspension, at the next meeting of the Provincial Grand Chapter, that the case may be investigated.

*Rule 73.—Private Preceptories.*

Each Preceptory, in addition to its private members shall consist of

A Preceptor, who shall be styled Worshipful Preceptor; Past Preceptors who shall be styled Worshipful Sir Knights; Deputy Preceptor; Chaplain, Registrar, Treasurer, two Lecturers, two Censors, two Standard Bearers, Pursuivant, and a Committee of seven members. The W. P., Deputy Preceptor and Chaplain must have all the degrees of the Order.

*Rule 74.*

Each Preceptory at the Annual Meeting in December, shall elect its Officers for the ensuing year by ballot, who may be installed forthwith.

*Rule 75.*

In case the W.P. be not present and an initiation or conferring degrees is to take place, the immediate Past Preceptor shall be entitled to the chair to perform the ceremony; and in case of the absence of both, the Senior Past Preceptor present shall take the chair and perform the ceremony; or if a W. Preceptor of another Preceptory is present, the W. Preceptor may invite him to take the chair and perform the ceremony.

*Rule 76.*

The Registrars of each Preceptory shall, immediately after the Annual Meeting, make a return to the next superior Chapter of the result of such election, with a list of the names of all the members, their residences and occupations, according to the Grand Chapter form.

*Rule 77.*

The duties of the Censors shall be to enquire into the character, capability, and good conduct of every candidate for initiation, and report thereon, in writing to the Preceptory.

*Rule 78.*

All Preceptories shall keep a Registry in which shall be enrolled the names, residences and professions or occupations of their Officers and members, and such registry shall, at all times, be open to any member of the Institution.

*Rule 79.*

The Registrar shall communicate to the next superior Chapter, the names, residences and professions or occupations of all those who have been suspended, expelled, or rejected, or who may have resigned the Institution during each month, with a statement of each case, and all documents concerning it, immediately after each monthly meeting, and all Preceptories in the County shall be notified of the same.

*Rule 80.—Re-instatments.*

Any Sir Knight suspended for non-payment of dues, may be re-instated on payment of all arrears, or on such other terms as the Preceptory shall direct.

*Rule 81.*

No election shall be held, or other business transacted, unless there are at least seven Sir Knights present, unless with the special sanction of the M. W. Grand Master, and then only in cases of extreme emergency.

*Rule 82.*

A candidate who has been rejected cannot apply for admission into any Preceptory within the period of six months after such rejection.

*Rule 83.*

The proposer and seconder of any candidate for degrees must belong to the degree for which the Sir Knight is a candidate.

*Rule 84.*

All Chapters or Preceptories shall have the power of making such By-Laws for their own government as are not inconsistent with the laws of the land or of this Institution; a copy of same to be lodged with the Grand Registrar.

*Rule 85.*

The Preceptor and Officers of all Private Preceptories, are required to provide themselves with Rule Books, and to make themselves thoroughly acquainted with all alterations and additions to these Rules as may from time to time be ordered. It is recommended that all members should provide themselves with Rule Books.

*Rule 86.*

Each Preceptory, upon sufficient charges being proved, shall have the power of suspending or

expelling any member of their Preceptory ; such suspension or expulsion not to be final until confirmed by the Grand Chapter.

*Rule 87.*

Preceptories neglecting or refusing to pay their dues for two years shall forfeit their Warrants, which the Grand Chapter may then re-issue to any other place.

*Rule 88.*

No member shall be permitted to introduce any subject or religious discussions likely to create dissension in any of the Chapters or Preceptories.

*Rule 89.*

During the transaction of business a Tyler shall remain outside, and a Pursuivant inside the door, and in his absence the Preceptor or Officer presiding shall direct a Sir Knight to take his place.

*Rule 90.*

During the period a Preceptory is declared open, nothing shall be introduced except matters of business.

*Rule 91.*

No Preceptory shall be held in a public house, or in a house where spirituous liquors are retailed.

*Rule 92.*

Officers or members of any Preceptory which shall in any manner try to evade the payment of the sum authorized for the admission or initiation of any candidate into this Institution shall forfeit their Warrant, and said members shall be liable to suspension or expulsion from the Institution at large. The charge for all orders or degrees after the first shall be not less than one dollar each.

*Rule 93.*

All Banners and other Paraphernalia, &c., are to be considered the property of the Preceptory, and not of the Preceptor; and in case of a dispute arising as to the disposal of any of the above-named property, it is to be referred to the next superior Chapter—the articles in dispute to be lodged with such superior Chapter before the case is gone into.

*Rule 94.*

Every member of the Institution must be a member of a Private Preceptory; and no person shall be proposed as a member of the Grand Chapter, or of a Provincial or County Chapter, unless the Preceptory to which he belongs be specified—such number to be affixed to his name in each published report.

*Rule 95.*

Any member who shall mention or report out

of the Preceptory the name of any member who shall make objections to a candidate for admission, shall be expelled.

*Rule 96.*

After the Preceptory is closed, members shall not speak in public of what has transpired in open Preceptory. Any member violating in this respect shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation, and if considered necessary such Sir Knight shall be dealt with according to the Rules and Regulations of the Institution.

*Rule 97.*

At all meetings of the Institution each member shall wear a black sash, of the regulation pattern, except officers, who may wear the insignia of their office.

*Rule 98.*

Any dispute arising, not provided for in these Rules, shall be decided by the Preceptory, and the parties must abide its decision, saving the right of appeal in all cases, first to the County Chapter, (where such exists,) then to the Provincial Grand Chapter, and lastly to the Grand Chapter, whose decision shall be final.

*Rule 99.*

In order to prevent confusion, Registrars of Preceptories, County or Provincial Chapters, in

transmitting their returns, shall write no other matter on the same sheet.

*Rule 100.—Dues.*

At each meeting of the Grand Chapter an appropriation shall be made for the necessary disbursements, until the succeeding session of the Grand Chapter.

To defray such expenses each Preceptory shall pay to the Grand Chapter such pro-rata assessment for each member on its books, as may be determined by the Grand Chapter.

*Rule 101.—Order of Opening.*

Preceptories,—Black.

County Grand Chapters—Apron and Royal Blue.  
Provincial Grand Chapters,—Gold.

G. B. C., B. A.,—Red Cross.

*Rule 102.*

All former Rules and Regulations of this Grand Chapter are hereby repealed.

*The above Rules were adopted in Grand Chapter meeting, held at Toronto, May, 1890.*

J. S. WILLIAMS,  
Grand Registrar.

W. J. PARKHILL,  
M. W. G. M.

RULES OF ORDER.

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1. The Grand Master shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Chapter.

2. The Grand Master shall not take part in any debate, nor vote on any motion, unless on an equal division, when he may give his reasons for voting; or he may express his views upon any subject in debate before the vote is taken. When the Yeas and Nays are called, he shall have a deciding vote in case of a tie.

3. When the Grand Master or any member is called on to explain a point of order or practice, he shall state the Rule applicable to the case without argument or comment.

4. Every member of the Grand Chapter, previous to his speaking, shall rise to attention and address himself to the Grand Master.

5. When two or more members rise at the same time the Grand Master shall decide who is to speak first.

6. When the Grand Master is putting a question no Sir Knight shall speak, walk out of, or cross the room.

7. No Sir Knight, while speaking shall be interrupted, except upon a point of order, nor shall any Sir Knight pass between him and the chair.

8. When a Sir Knight is called to order he shall resume his seat until the question of order is decided; he may, however, be permitted to explain, but in no case to introduce new matter.

9. Whenever the Grand Chapter is appealed to against a decision of the Grand Master, it shall be put in the following words: "Shall the chair be sustained?" and shall not be open for debate, the Grand Master having the right in all cases to state his reasons for the decision given. If there be no appeal the decision of the Grand Master shall be final.

10. A member may require the question in discussion to be read for his information at any time of the debate, but not so as to interrupt a Sir Knight while speaking.

11. No Sir Knight shall speak more than once on the same question, unless by permission of the Grand Master, or in explanation, nor longer than ten minutes, save the mover, who shall have a right to reply, after which the debate shall close.

12. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when an adjournment was the next preceding motion.

13. No motion shall be debated or put unless it be in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder thereof.

14. After a motion has been received by the Grand Master, and read, it shall be deemed in possession of

the Grand Chapter, but it may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment, with permission of the Grand Chapter.

15. When a question is under debate no motion shall be received except to amend, postpone, lay on the table, the previous question, to adjourn, or to commit.

16. The previous question, until decided, shall preclude all amendments or debate of the main question, and shall be put in the following words: "Shall the main question be now put?"

17. All motions shall be put in the order in which they are received, except to amend, fixing dates, or naming sums, when the longest date and the largest sum shall be put first.

18. No motion prefaced by a preamble shall be admitted.

19. The Grand Master shall receive and read every motion when seconded before it can be debated.

20. A motion to re-consider must be made and seconded by Sir Knights who have voted in the majority. No question shall be re-considered more than once. To re-consider any resolution, the decision of which has officially passed out of the Grand Chapter, shall not be in order.

21. It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, when he conceives that a motion which he has received and read may be contrary to the Rules and Regulations

of the Grand Chapter, to inform the Grand Chapter before such motion is put, and to cite the Rule applicable to the case.

22. No motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall be received.

23. In all unprovided cases the Grand Master shall decide, subject to an appeal to the Grand Chapter.

24. The yeas and nays shall be taken only on the request of five members.

25. In taking the yeas and nays the Grand Registrar shall call the names of the Sir Knights, who, on their names being called, shall answer yes or no, and he shall record the same; after which the result shall be read aloud, to rectify mistakes, if any, when the Grand Registrar shall hand the vote to the Grand Master, who shall announce the same.

26. In voting by yeas and nays all Sir Knights entitled must vote, unless excused by the Grand Chapter, but no Sir Knight shall vote who was not in the room when the question was put. A motion to excuse shall be put without debate.

27. No Sir Knight shall be permitted to speak or vote unless clothed in regalia suitable to his rank and station in the Grand Chapter.

28. Any Sir Knight refusing to take his seat when the Grand Master's gavel is heard, the offending Sir Knight shall be compelled to leave the Chapter room.

29. When a majority report of a Committee is followed by a report from the minority, the former, after being read, shall lie on the table until the latter is presented, after which, on motion, either may be considered.

30. These Rules of Order, as far as applicable, shall apply to all Chapters and Preceptories.



## PRAYERS &c.

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### *Prayer for Opening Preceptories or Chapters.*

O, Lord God Almighty, as it pleased Thee in former times to write, on tables of stone, Thy holy and just commandments, for the instruction of Thy people, under the guidance of Thy servant Moses. so now inscribe upon our hearts the great and glorious precepts of Thy everlasting Gospel; and enable each amongst us to follow faithfully the banner of the Chaptain of our Salvation. Grant this, O Lord, for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ.—Amen.

### *Form of Opening.*

I, ———, by virtue of the authority vested in me, open this Preceptory, &c., for our mutual instruction and the despatch of business, exhorting all present to be mindful of their duties as Christian Knights and Brethren, and the dignity of the Order to which you have been admitted. I declare this Preceptory open.—God Save the Queen.

### *After Initiation of a Candidate.*

O Lord our God, who didst raise up Thy servant the prophet to rebuke the idolatry of Israel,

and yet had kept for Thyself seven thousand who had not bowed the knee to Baal; Grant that this our brother may be ever true and faithful in Thy service, may be enabled boldly to testify to the truth, be kept true from all false worship, and finally be brought to Thy everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Amen.

*Prayer for Closing Preceptories, &c.*

Refresh us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, with Thy blessing, and grant that we may never violate the bonds of morality and virtue, so that we may profit by the instruction we have received, and emulate each other in uprightness of conduct and principle. Grant this, O Lord, through Jesus Christ.—Amen.

*Form of Closing.*

By virtue of the office under Divine Providence committed to my charge, and in memory of the delivery of the children of Israel from bondage, I close this Preceptory, &c., until———counselling you all to return to your respective homes peaceably and quietly, and not by any act of ours to bring discredit on the colors which we wear.—God Save the Queen.

## PRECEDENCE

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M. W. Grand Master.

Past Grand Masters, according to seniority,

Deputy Grand Masters

Past Deputy Grand Masters, according to seniority.

R. W. Provincial Grand Masters.

Past Provincial Grand Masters, according to seniority.

Associate Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Chaplain.

Deputy Grand Chaplains, according to seniority,

Grand Registrar.

Grand Treasurer.

Grand Lecturer.

Grand Censor,

Deputy Grand Registrar.

Deputy Grand Treasurer.

Deputy Grand Lecturers.

Deputy Grand Censor.

Grand Marshal.

Grand Standard Bearers.

Grand Pursuivants.

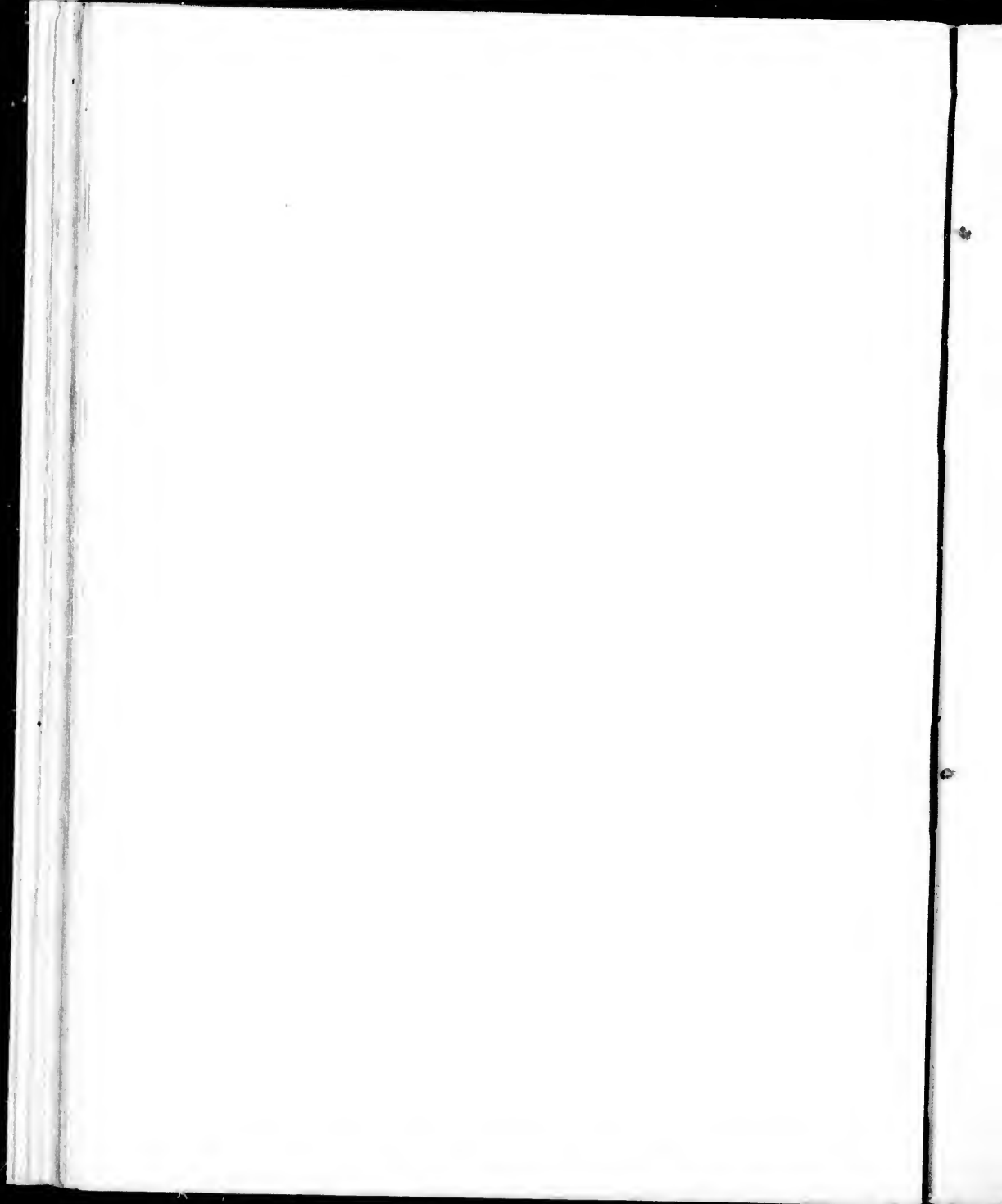
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Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, who have held office  
for five years.

Past Deputy Provincial Grand Masters, according to  
seniority.

Provincial Grand Chaplains.

Provincial Grand Registrars.

Provincial Grand Treasurers.

Provincial Grand Lecturers.

Provincial Grand Censors.

Provincial Grand Standard Bearers.

Provincial Grand Pursuivants.

Past Provincial Grand Registrars, who have held office  
for five years.

Past Provincial Grand Treasurers.

Provincial Grand Committee.

V. W. County Grand Masters.

Senior Past County Grand Masters.

Deputy County Grand Masters.

County Grand Chaplains,

County Grand Registrars.

County Grand Treasurers.

County Grand Lecturers.

County Grand Censors.

County Grand Standard Bearers.

County Grand Pursuivants.

County Grand Committee.

Deputy County Grand Registrar.

Deputy County Grand Treasurer.

Preceptors.

Past Preceptors.

Deputy Preceptors.

Chaplains.  
Registrars.  
Treasurers.  
Lecturers.  
Censors.  
Standard Bearers.  
Pursuivants.  
Committee.  
Sir Knights.

## INSIGNIA

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The design of Jewels for officers of M. W. Grand Chapter.—For Grand Master, gold and silver gilt, three inches in diameter, border encircled with Maple leaves with a beaver on top, the words "Grand Black Chapter of British America" inside the Borders; and inside the words a triangle with emblems, the lights around the triangle to be of different colored stones, with black back-ground, suspended around the neck with a crimson ribbon, four inches wide, and having immediately over the jewel a seven pointed star and a red cross suspended from the lower end of the jewel.

The same for Deputy Grand Master, without the cross.

Grand Chaplains.—The same border, &c., but having a Bible or breast-plate in the centre.

For Grand Registrar.—The same with cross pens.

For Grand Treasurer.—The same with cross keys.

For Grand Lecturers.—The same with cross scrolls.

For Grand Censors.—The same with cross fasces.

For Grand Standard Bearers.—The same with cross colors.

For Grand Marshal.—The same with cross baton and sword.

For Grand Pursuivant. — The same with cross sword and trumpet.

For Grand Tyler —The same with cross swords.

For Provincial Grand Chapters, the same jewels, suspended with a sky-blue ribbon four inches wide.

For County Grand Chapters, the same in silver, suspended with a dark blue ribbon four inches wide.

For Preceptories. the same in silver, suspended with a black ribbon four inches wide.

Past officers' jewels  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, to be attached with above colors to the breast.

Past Preceptors.—Gold triangle  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches, with 12 stones, four on each side of triangle, and crown and cross in centre, suspended from a black ribbon  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide by  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in length surmounted by two gold bands with name of Preceptory engraved, and number in centre of ribbon, to be attached to the breast.

Members' Regalia.—A black sash of watered silk,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide, and  $2\frac{1}{2}$  yards in length, with scarlet stripe down sides, and emblems of degrees worn on front. Sash to be worn from right shoulder to left side.

## PROCESSIONS.

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No public processions shall on any pretence be allowed without the permission of the Provincial Grand Master, except a funeral, the urgency of which will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the Grand Master. Such funeral shall be immediately reported by the Registrar of the Preceptory to the Grand Registrar through the usual channel of communication. If any Preceptory shall offend, their warrant may be taken from them. If any Sir Knight shall attend clothed in the insignia of the Order at any public procession other than an Orange or Black procession he shall be liable to suspension.

*Order of Processions.*—A Preceptory in procession is to be strictly under the discipline of the encampment room, therefore no Sir Knight can enter the procession or leave it without express permission from the Preceptor, conveyed through the Marshal. If a M.W., R.W. or V.W. Sir Knight should join the procession of a Private Preceptory, proper attention must be paid to them.

This also refers to processions of County Grand, Provincial and Grand Black Chapters.

## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR WARRANT.

ROYAL BLACK KNIGHTS OF IRELAND.

*To the Officers of the Grand Black Chapter of British America:*

We the undersigned, members of the Royal Black Association,  
being desirous of forming a Preceptory under your jurisdiction,  
herewith enclose the requisite fee (\$12), and respectfully request  
that a Warrant may be granted to us, made out in the name of  
Sir..... as Preceptor, to be held at.....  
in the District of..... and County of.....

**Dated at.** . . . . .

**This.... day of.... 18..**

..... } Signatures of  
..... } Applicants,  
..... } not less than  
..... } Seven Sir  
..... } Knights.

## FORM OF APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

*To the Worshipful Preceptor of Royal Black Preceptory, No. ....*

SIR,—It is my wish to become a member of the Royal Black Institution of Ireland by joining Preceptory No. .... and to state that I am not induced to join the Royal Black Institution through any sordid or pecuniary motive, but through a sincere desire to receive further light and knowledge; and that I will, if admitted, conform to all the established usages, rules and regulations of the Grand Black Chapter, and to the By-Laws of Preceptory, No. ....

Dated at ..... this ..... day of ..... 18...

Place of Birth ..... Age .....  
 Occupation ..... Residence .....  
 Religious Denomination .....  
 Signature of Applicant .....

Signature of } ..... Proposer.  
 Vouchers. } ..... Secunder.

Application Received .....  
 ..... Registrar.  
 ..... 18...

*To the Worshipful Preceptor of Royal Black Preceptory, No. ....*

We, the Censors of the Royal Black Preceptory, No. ...., respectfully report that we have investigated into the character of ..... and having read over to him the qualifications find him .... worthy of membership.

..... Ist. Censor.

..... 2nd. Censor.

FORM OF ORDINARY SUMMONS.  
ROYAL BLACK INSTITUTION.

.....PRECEPTORY NO....G. B. C. B. A.

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER,—You are hereby summoned  
and required to attend a.....Meeting of your Pre-  
ceptory; No....., (encamped at.....,) to be held at  
.....on.....the.....day of  
....., A.D. 18

By order of the W. P.

.....Registrar.

To Sir.....Dues.....

FORM OF REPLY IN CASE OF UNAVOIDABLE ABSENCE.

.....day of.....18

DEAR SIR KNIGHT,—I regret to say that I shall not be able  
to attend the Meeting of the Preceptory on.....Evening  
next, the.....day of.....You will therefore  
be kind enough to convey my apology to the Knights assembled.  
—I remain, dear Sir Knight, faithfully yours,

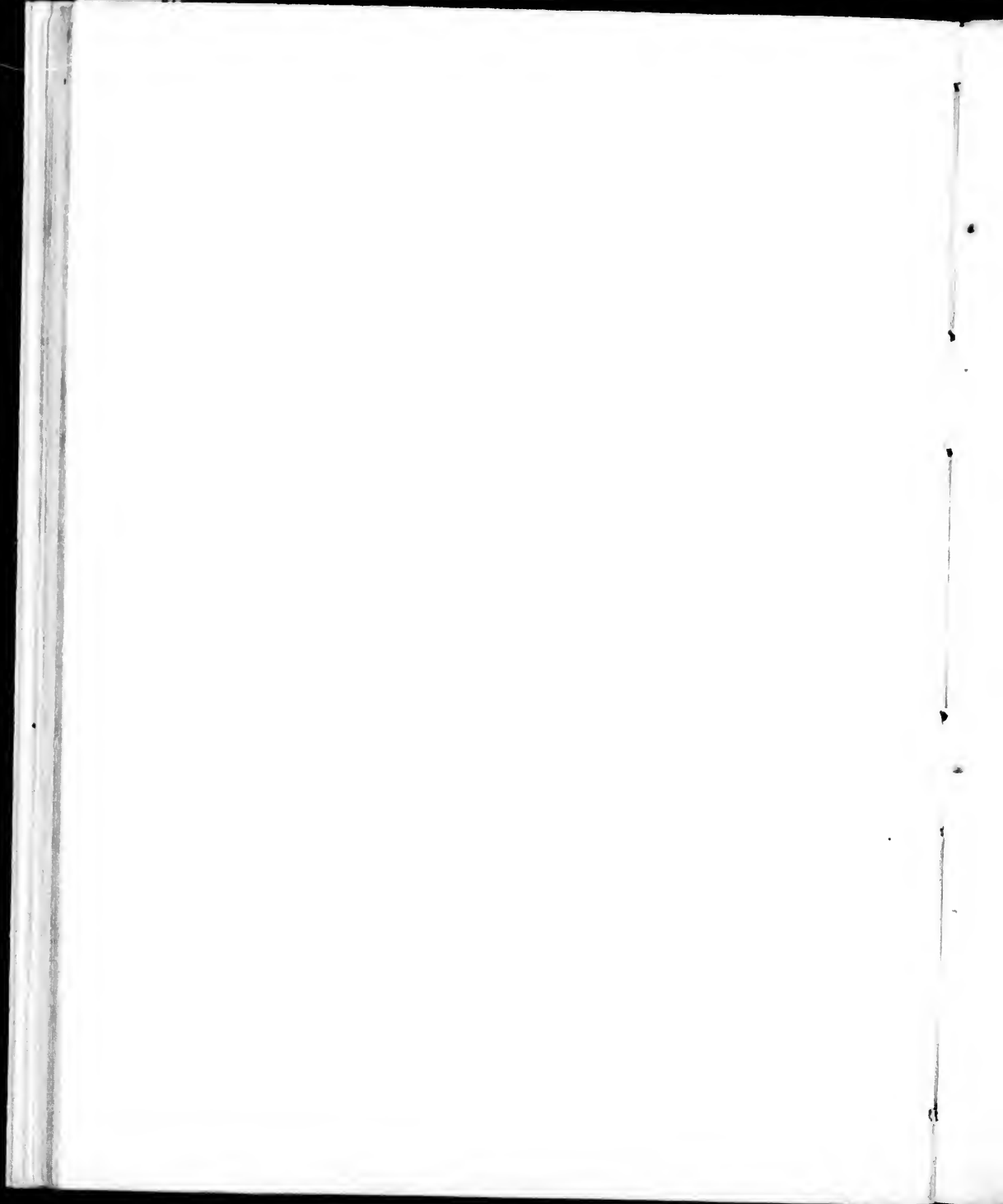
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## FORM OF CHARGE.

## GRAND BLACK CHAPTER OF BRITISH AMERICA.

*To the W. Preceptor of R. B. P. No.....( or County Master  
of.....as the case may be ).*

SIR AND BROTHER,—I (or we) hereby charge Sir Knight  
.....of R. B. P. No.....(or if an officer state  
his official capacity) with having violated the rules and regulations  
of the Royal Grand Black Chapter of British America, as follows,  
that is to say (here give date of offence as near as possible and  
state particulars of offence) and pray that investigation may be  
had in this matter.

(Signed)

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.....  
.....

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18.....

## FORM OF SUMMONS FOR TRIAL OF A MEMBER.

## GRAND BLACK CHAPTER OF B. A.

To.....

SIR KNIGHT AND BROTHER.—You are hereby summoned and  
required to appear before the Committee of R. B. P. No.....  
(or before the County Chapter as the case may be) at.....  
.....on the.....day of.....18.....,  
at.....o'clock, .m., and make answer to the charge hereto  
annexed.

[Seal of Private  
Preceptory or Co.  
Chapter, as the  
case may be]

..... W. Preceptor of  
Preceptory, or Co. Chap.  
..... Registrar of Precep-  
tory, or Co. Chapter.

Dated at.....this.....day of.....18....

(Here follows copy of charge :)

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