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GRAND DIVISION

OF THE

Sons of Temperance

OF THE

Province of Nova Scotia.

At the Quarterly Session, held in the City of Halifax, April 25, 1849.

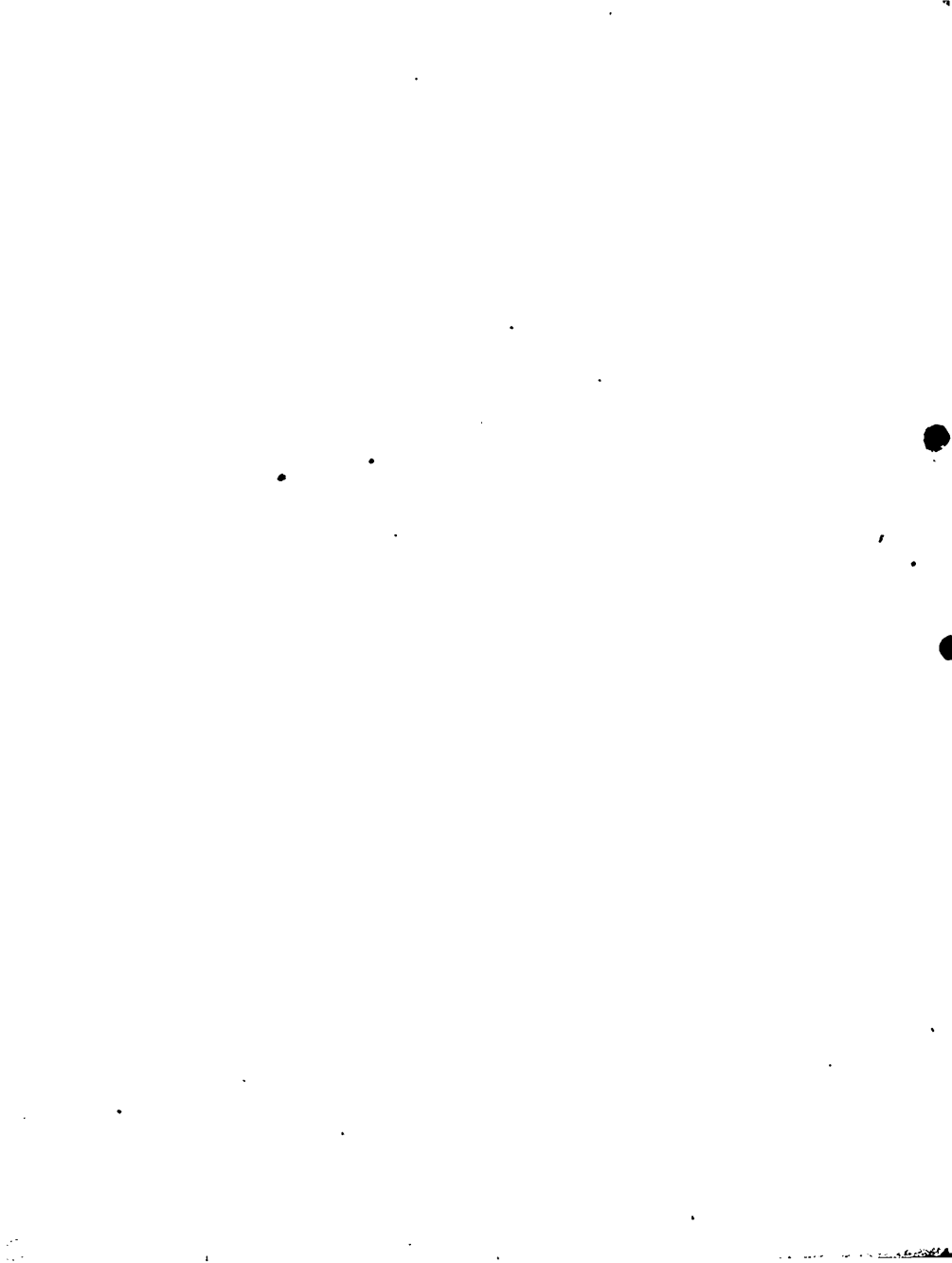
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**Minutes of the Quarterly Session of the Grand Division,  
held at Halifax, April 25, 1849.**

The Grand Division of the order of the Sons of Temperance of the Province of Nova scotia met according to adjournment in the Hall of the Sons of Temperance.

Grand Worthy Patriarch William Burrell in the Chair, Grand Conductor L. E. VanBuskirk made the usual proclamation, after which the Grand Division opened in due form.

Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. Philip J. Filleul.

Roll of officers called.

Present; William Burrell, G. W. P.; T. O Geddes, G. W. A.; James B. Dane, G. T.; James Starr, G. S.

Absent; John Tooker, G. S.; Rev. J. McMurray, G. C.; A.M. Gidney, G. C.

Grand Worthy Patriarch appointed Brother E. A. Crawley, P. G. W. P.; P. J. Filleul, G. C.; L. E. VanBuskirk, G. C., and Alexander Hitchborne, G. S., pro tem.

The G. W. Patriarch declared the Grand Division ready for business.

G. W. P. appointed the following Committee on Credentials, Bro. T. O. Geddes, L. E. VanBuskirk, Alexander Hitchborne.

The Committee on Credentials made the following

**REPORT.**

*To the Grand Worthy Patriarch, Officers and Brothers of the Grand Division.*

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have duly examined and find the following correct.

P. W. P., E. A. Crawley, P. W. P., P. J. Filleul, P. W. P., J. B. McDonald, P. W. P., Stephen Seldon, W. P. Robert Noble, P. W. P. W. M. Brown, W. P. Ed. W. Greenwood, P. W. P. R. M. Barratt, W. P. T. A. S. Dewolfe, W. P. J. W. Johnston, W. P. J. J. Rudolf, P. W. P. Adam O. Fife, W. P. J. G. Creed, W. P. Ed. Jost, W. P. Wm. Hanson, W. P. Alexander Hitchborn, P. W. P. Saml. Caldwell, P. W. P. John W. Barss, W. P. Chas. Robson, W. P. John Macumber, W. P. J. W. Turner, P. W. P. Jas. L. Dewolfe, P. W. P. Jas. Belcher, P. W. P. Luther Brackett, W. P. Benjamin Cochran, W. P. Ed. Young, P. W. P. Benjamin Curren, P. W. P. G. B. Naylor, P. W. P. Henry Mundell, W. P. John Roop, jun., W. P. J. K. Rousselle, P. W. P. Ezra Churchill.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. O. GEDDES.

L. E. VANBUSKIRK.

A. HITCHBORNE.

The Grand Conductor introduced the following Brothers, who were duly initiated.

E. A. Crawley, Alex. Hitchborn, P. J. Filleul, Samuel Caldwell, J. B. McDonald, J. W. Barss, Stephen Seldon, Chas. Robson, Robert Noble, J. Macumber, W. M. Brown, J. W. Turner, E. W. Greenwood, J. L. Dewolfe; R. M. Barratt, Jas. Belcher, T. A. S.

Dewolfe, Luther Brackett, J. W. Johnston, B. Cochran, J. J. Rudolf, E. Young, A. C. Fife, B. Carren, J. G. Creed, C. B. Naylor, E. Jost, H. Mundell, W. Hanson, J. Roop, Jr, D. Gallagher, J. K. Rousselle, T. S. Harding, E. Churchill.

The G. W. P. appointed the following Committees.

Auditing Committee, Bros. T. W. Barss, Robt. Noble, R. M. Barratt.

Committee on Appeals, Bros. Charles B. Naylor, E. G. Greenwood, W. Harrison.

Committee on Report of R. Scribe, Bros. W. M. Brown, A. C. Fife, S. Selden.

Record of last quarterly Session read together with minutes of special Session held April 3d. 1849.

On motion of Bro. VanBuskirk, it was voted that the Committee appointed to prepare Bye Laws for the Grand Division be discharged.

Bro. VanBuskirk moved that a Committee of five be appointed to report a Code of Bye Laws for this Grand Division and that such Report be presented this Session—agreed to.

Brothers E. A. Crawley, T. O. Geddes, L. Bracket, McDonald and Hitchborne were appointed said Committee.

On motion Grand Division adjourned till 3 o'clock.

### THREE O'CLOCK.

Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment and opened in due form.

G. W. P., William Burrel in the Chair.

Prayer by the Rev. P. J. Filleul, G. C.

The Committee on Credentials reported the Credentials of P. W. P., James Belcher correct; was introduced and initiated.

Records of morning meeting read and approved. Read appeals from Central Division, No 2, Milton Division No 4, and from W. H. Whitman of Prince of Wales Division, No 30, referred to Committee on appeals.

On motion Division adjourned till tomorrow at 10 o'clock.

Thursday April 26th—Grand Division met pursuant to adjournment at 10 o'clock and opened in due form

G. W. P. in the chair.

Officers absent, G. W. A., G. W. P., and G. Chap.

Records of afternoon session read and approved, read report of G. S. pro tem.

On motion, voted that the Report of G. Scribe pro tem be withdrawn for the purpose of amendment.

The committee on appeals reported on the several appeals of Central and Milton Division, also on the appeal of Brother W. H. Whitman.

On motion voted to suspend the rules for the purpose of Initiation; the Credentials of D. G. W. P., T. S. Harding, being reported correct he was duly initiated.

### REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the appeal of Central Division, No. 2, located at Yarmouth, beg leave to report

1st, That this Committee do not conceive that brothers Flint, Hutchinson and Homer were constitutionally elected as Representatives to the Grand Division, those brothers not having served the time required by the 8th Article of the Constitution.

2nd. The Committee are also unanimously of opinion that the G. W. P. acted in perfect accordance with the established usages of the Order, in declining to instal officers elected previous to three weeks having expired from the vacation of such offices by the brothers who had previously been installed therein.

3d. That part of the appeal requesting the decision of the Grand Division as to the right of electing brother Flint as a Representative of Central Division to the Grand Division, this Committee are of opinion is finally settled by the 8th Article of the Constitution.

CHAS. B. NAYLOR, Chairman.

Brother C. Robson offered the following resolution in amendment to the first clause of the foregoing Report.

Resolved,—That this Division consider it necessary and proper to sustain the appointment of brothers Flint, Hutchinson and others that are placed in the same position, but as their election involved a violation of Article 8, they at the same time declare that this proceeding shall not be considered a precedent.

The report and resolution, after striking out the first and third clauses, were agreed to.

On motion voted that the Committee on appeals have liberty to withdraw Report No. 2 for amendment.

Read petition of a portion of the members of Avon Division praying for a separation and a division of Funds.

On motion, voted to refer the petition to a select committee of three.

Brothers Crawley, Fife and Filleul were accordingly appointed said committee.

The Committee on Appeals presented report No. 2 as amended, also reports Nos. 3 and 4 as follows :

No. 2.—The Committee on Appeals to whom were referred the appeal of Central Division No. 2, located at Yarmouth, beg leave to report

That this Committee recommend the Grand Division to confirm the decision of the Special Meeting held in Yarmouth, on the 3d day of this present month. Report agreed to.

CHAS. B. NAYLOR, Chairman.

No. 3.—The Committee on Appeals to whom were referred the appeal of Brother Joseph Burrill, of Milton Division, in the case of violation of Art. 2, of Constitution, by Brother Hines, beg leave to report

That this Committee are of opinion that Brother Hines in drinking cider as acknowledged by him before the Division, has violated the 2d Article of the Constitution, for which he should have been expelled.

The Committee are also of opinion that Milton Division in not having acted promptly in causing Brother Hines' name to be erased after such a violation of the Constitution, have failed in carrying out the principles of the Order, and the committee therefore recommend that the Grand Division fully sustain the charge. Report agreed to.

CHAS. B. NAYLOR, Chairman.

No. 4.—The Committee on Appeals to whom were referred the appeal of Brother Whitman, R. S. of Prince of Wales Division, located at Mills Village, beg leave to report

That the Committee conceive that the W. P.'s of Subordinate Divisions have full power to sustain the dignity of the Order in preventing the use of improper language by members towards each other, and that in every case when there should seem a repetition of such

conduct, the Division is bound to expel every such offending member; should it not be in the power of the W. P. of a Division to prevent such an outrage in morality as is represented to have occurred between members of Prince of Wales Division, this Committee are of opinion that the Charter of such Division should be forfeited. Report agreed to.

C. B. NAYLOR, Chairman.

G. W. P. appointed the following brothers a Committee to examine the Bye-Laws of Subordinate Divisions, W. M. Brown, T. S. Harding, T. O. Geddes.

The Committee on Bye-Laws for the Grand Division brought in their report, which after being amended was agreed to.

On motion voted to suspend business for the purpose of initiating P. W. P. Daniel Gallagher; the Committee having reported his Credentials correct, he was duly initiated.

On motion, Division adjourned till tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, April 27.

Grand Division opened pursuant to adjournment at 9 o'clock.

G. W. P. in the chair.

Prayer by the Rev. E. A. Crawley.

Records of yesterday read and approved. Brother Rev. P. J. Filleul offered the following resolutions :

*Whereas* some doubt has arisen in the minds of members of various Divisions, in regard to the true meaning of the phrase *half the term* in Art. 8th of the constitution the G. W. P. and the officers of the Grand Division in session now convened, consider that they are not encroaching on the Constitution but rather preventing a misconstruction of what they believe to be the sense of the said Article when they recommend to all Divisions whether recently organized or not, that when such doubts are entertained, the whole number of days of that term shall be added together, and that no Term be considered a *regular Quarterly Term* unless it contains more than one half the number of such days. Agreed to.

Brother Brackett offered the following resolution ;

*Resolved*, That the change that has taken place in the circumstances of the Order in the Province since its organization and an equal distribution of the interests of this great

moral reform among its friends, require that the central locality of this Division be changed from Yarmouth to Halifax, and that the National Division be requested through the G. Scribe by forwarding copies thereof, to allow the same, by directing him to erase from its Charter the word Yarmouth and insert Halifax in lieu thereof.

Brother T. O. Geddes moved the following in amendment :

*Resolved*, That the consideration thereof be deferred till the next quarterly session.

Brother Hitchborne offered the following as a further amendment :

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Division now assembled, the Grand Division should be removed in its chartered locality from Yarmouth to Halifax, and that the matter should be urged at the next annual meeting in October next, which being put to the Division was carried.—Brother Geddes's resolution was lost.

On motion to suspend the order of Business to initiate a brother in waiting,

The credentials of brother James M. Roussel, P. W. P. of Mayflower Division being reported correct he was duly initiated.

Brother James B. Naylor offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That each Subordinate Division be furnished with two copies of the proceedings of this Grand Division and the Bye Laws, and that each member of the Grand Division be furnished with one, and that they be paid for out of the funds of the Grand Division. Agreed to.

The special committee on the petition of Avon Division reported as follows:

The committee appointed to consider a letter from members of Avon Division in Windsor recommend the following letter to be sent them signed by the Grand Scribe.

WORTHY BROTHERS,—

The Grand Division in session at Halifax have received your letter of complaint and are much grieved to perceive that there is any want of entire harmony in your respectable Division. They referred your letter to a committee for more particular enquiry, and the answer now given you is the result of their deliberation. The Grand Division has no power to interfere in the way you seem to wish, that is by effecting a separation of Avon Division into two, with a corresponding divi-

sion of the funds; the Division itself alone by a unanimous vote can effect this. But to counsel with the utmost kindness and consideration is the proper province of the Grand Division, and they would beg to assure you that all their experience convinces them, that no case of difficulty can resist the power of the constitutional exercise of the rules and regulations of the Order in love, purity and fidelity, if faithfully persevered in. If any act is done in violation of the Constitution, that may of course be made the subject of appeal to the Grand Division; in every other case, kindness, courtesy and patience with perseverance will we are assured aided by that resort to the constitutional regulations which is open to all, certainly, in all cases, eventually produce harmony.

We therefore earnestly entreat you to try anew the exercise of the course of prudence we recommend, receiving at the same time the assurance, that if any case of violation of the Constitution shall at any time be presented in regular form to the Grand Division, it shall certainly meet their prompt and needful attention.

By the Grand Division,  
In L, P & F;

GRAND SCRIBE.

All of which is respectfully submitted. Report agreed to.

E A CRAWLEY,  
Chairman.

Brother Charles Robson offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Division the Representatives of any Subordinate Division should endeavour to induce such of its members as are willing, regularly to contribute for the purpose of disseminating information on total abstinence. Agreed to.

Brother P. J. Filleul offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to embody the substance of brother Robson's resolution in a circular to be sent to the Subordinate Divisions for their consideration. Agreed to.

The following brothers were appointed the committee, brother's Hitchborne, Robson, Brown and Crawley.

Brother Charles Naylor offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Division for themselves and in behalf of the Subordinate Divisions in Halifax tender their thanks to

the Pastor and Members of Granville Street Chapel for the use of that building on last evening.—(Passed unanimously.)

Brother Henry Mundell offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the arduous duties performed by the acting G. Scribe during this Session, be taken into favourable consideration, and that a sum be voted to remunerate him for his valuable services, say £2 10s 0d,—(Passed unanimously.)

On motion voted that a sufficient num-

ber of the Odes and responses of the Grand Division be printed on cards for the use of its members.

After Prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Rev. P.J. Filleul, the Grand Division adjourned to meet in Digby in the last week in July next.

In Love Purity and Fidelity,  
ALEXR. HITCHBORN,  
G. S. pro. tem.

## BY-LAWS OF GRAND DIVISION.

Article 1. Any Grand officer being absent from any meeting, the G. W. P. or other presiding officer, shall appoint, in open meeting, some one to occupy the place of that absent officer, *pro tempore*.

Art. 2. The presiding officer in any meeting of the Grand Division shall have no vote while in the chair, except in case of a tie, or of an election by ballot, or when the yeas or nays are called.

Art. 3. The G. W. P. when making official visits to Subordinate Divisions, shall cause his intention to be announced; he shall enter clothed in his proper regalia, and shall be received in accordance with the established rules and usages of the Order.

Art. 4. Such delegate or delegates as may have organized or visited any Subordinate Division, shall report his or their proceedings in writing, to the Grand Division, as soon thereafter as possible; and every such report shall be disposed of by the Grand Division according to the merits of the case, and its own pleasure.

Art. 5. Until otherwise ordered by proper authority, the blank left in the Constitution on the sum required for the privilege of proposing, electing and initiating a person on the same evening, who is known to be worthy, shall be one shilling and three pence in addition to the fee otherwise required.

Art. 6. All sums of money directed to be paid by vote of the Grand Division, shall be drawn from the Treasury by a draft on the G. T. signed by the G. W. P. and G. S., which draft held by him, the said G. T., shall always

be a sufficient voucher for the payment made.

Art. 7. All petitions, complaints and appeals, from any person or persons, except verbal appeals from the decision of the presiding officer, on points of order, shall be presented in writing to the Grand Division, and shall be preserved on file, and not recorded in full on the records of the Grand Division, unless by special order on the subject.

Art. 8. At every meeting of the Grand Division, the G.S. shall make minutes of all the proceedings, on loose paper, or in a minute book, and at each meeting, the minutes of the last preceding session shall be read, corrected if needful, and approved; after which approval and not before, they shall be made a matter of record in the Book of Records by the G. S.

Art. 9. The regalia and emblems appointed for the Grand Officers of the G. D. shall be purchased from time to time as occasion may require, and owned by the G. D., but every other member of the G. D. shall procure his own appointed clothing as a Son of Temperance, and without being properly clothed according to the established regulations of the Order, no brother shall take part in the business of the Division.

Art. 10. The G. D. shall give notice to the parties of all complaints and appeals to be tried before it, and shall allow all parties to be heard personally, or by writing, or by any member of the G. D. acting as counsel, as the G. D. may deem most conducive to equity, and the interests of the Order.

Art. 11. Any representative who shall cease



## RULES OF ORDER.

to be a member of a Subordinate Division shall *ipso facto* cease to be a member of the G. D.

Art. 12. The G. D. shall, at its pleasure, appoint a standing *Hall Committee*, of three members, who shall, when needful, seek a suitable place for holding the meetings of the G. D., engage the same when directed, superintend the preparations needful, appoint a painter, and have the general oversight and charge of the room with all its furniture.

Art. 13. The G. D. shall, at its pleasure, appoint a standing *Committee of Finance* of three members, whose duty it shall be to receive, examine, and report on all bills against the G. D., to audit quarterly the G. T's accounts, and, in general, to have charge of all the financial interests of the Division.

Art. 14. The G. D. shall, at its pleasure, appoint a standing *Committee on the Institution of Divisions*, to consist of three brethren, to whom shall be committed all such petitions for charters as the G. D. may deem it necessary to refer, before definitely acting on the same.

Art. 15. The G. D. shall, at its pleasure, appoint a standing *Committee of Discipline*, consisting of three members, to whom shall ordinarily be referred all complaints of grievances, misdemeanors, rejections, suspensions, expulsions, restorations, or violations of order in any of the Subordinate Divisions.

Art. 16. The G. D. shall, at its pleasure, appoint a standing *Committee on Constitution and By-Laws*, to consist of three members, to whom shall be referred, when reference is deemed needful, all matters of doubt and dispute concerning constitutional questions, and all By-Laws proposed to be adopted hereafter by the G. D. or by any Subordinate Division.

Art. 17. The G. D. shall, at its pleasure, appoint a standing *Committee on Credentials and Quarterly Reports from Subordinate Divisions*, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to report on the regularity and sufficiency, or irregularity and insufficiency of the same.

Art. 18. The G. D. shall at its pleasure, appoint a standing *Committee of Relief*, of three members, to whom shall be referred applications for aid to sick and indigent brothers, or others, and who, from time to time, shall report on such measures, and amount of relief as they may deem proper.

Art. 19. The G. D. shall, at its pleasure, appoint a standing *Committee of Publication*, consisting of three brothers, who shall be charged with considering the expediency of any proposed publication, and who shall superintend and contract for all such publications by the press as the G. D. may order.

Rule 1. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer in any meeting of the G. D., to preserve order, and to endeavour to conduct all business before the body to a speedy and happy result.

Rule 2. The presiding officer may speak to points of order, in preference to other members of the G. D. rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the G. D. by any two members; which appeal shall always be in writing. On such an appeal no brother shall speak more than once.

Rule 3. If any brother shall deem himself personally aggrieved by any decision from the chair, he may appeal from said decision.

Rule 4. A motion must be seconded, and afterwards repeated from the chair, or read aloud, before it is debated; and every motion shall be reduced to writing if any brother require it.

Rule 5. Any brother having made a motion may withdraw it with leave of his second, before it is debated, but not afterwards without leave of the Division.

Rule 6. Before any motion is declared to be decided, any two members may require that it should be decided by calling the yeas and nays; and the same shall be recorded if one-third of the brethren present require such a record.

Rule 7. The name of a person making motions shall not be entered on the record, unless they specially desire it.

Rule 8. When the decision of any question is doubted, the presiding officer shall direct the G. C. to count the votes in the affirmative, and in the negative and report the same to him.

Rule 9. No brother shall speak more than once without leave of the G. D. until all the brothers have spoken who wish to speak, nor shall any brother at any time occupy the floor for a longer time than ten minutes, upon any subject before the G. D.

Rule 10. When the previous question is called for by five members, it shall preclude until that is decided, all debate and all other motions. The previous resolution shall be in this form, "Shall the main question now be put?" If a majority of the members present vote affirmatively on this question, the main question shall forthwith be put, without delay.

Rule 11. When two or more members rise

to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

Rule 12. When any blank is to be filled by the name of persons a vote shall be taken on the names in the order of their nomination, but when a blank is to be filled by any sum of money or time proposed, the question should be put first on the largest sum and the most remote time.

Rule 13. While a brother is speaking, no one shall interrupt him, except for the purpose of calling him to order, or asking of the presiding officer leave to explain or to call the previous question.

Rule 14. No motion for the reconsideration of any vote shall be in order, unless it be moved and seconded at the session at which it was adopted, or, at the first session held thereafter and by members who voted in the majority; and to decide in favor of a reconsideration, shall require the names of a majority of the members present.

Rule 15. The brother first named in the appointment of a committee, shall be chairman of the same, and shall call the committee to meet at such time and place as he may elect; but when thus convened any committee, in the absence of such brother, may appoint its own chairman and scribe.

Rule 16. For any brother in speaking, to impeach the motives of a fellow member, or treat him with personal disrespect, or pass between him and the Chair while he is speaking, shall be deemed a violation of order, which may incur the censure of the presiding officer or of the G. D.

Rule 17. It shall be the duty of the presid-

ing officer, and the privilege of any member of the Division to call any member to order who violates any established rule of order.

Rule 18. Any conversation, by whispering or otherwise, which is calculated to disturb a brother while speaking, or hinder the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order, and if persisted in shall incur censure.

Rule 19. The reading of any paper called for shall always be in order.

Rule 20. When the presiding officer has commenced taking a vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted, unless there has accidentally been a mistake committed, in which case the mistake shall be rectified, and the presiding officer shall recommence taking the vote.

Rule 21. The following shall be the standing Docket for business in the G. D., which shall not be departed from except by special vote of two-thirds of the members present to take up some specific business, viz :

1. Opening G. D. in due form.
2. Reception of Credentials of new members, and initiation of the same.
3. Reading the minutes of the last preceding session.
4. Correction and adoption of the minutes just read.
5. Reception of new communications, and the action on the same.
6. Hearing and disposing of Reports.
7. Resumption of unfinished business presented by the minutes.
8. Action on any new business which may be proposed.
9. Closing the session.

