



LAWS,  
RULES & REGULATIONS,  
FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF  
The Orange Association  
OF  
BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

Adopted by the first meeting of the Grand Lodge of B. N. A., held in the Court House of Brockville, C. W., on the 1st day of Jan'y, 1830; and further revised, enlarged and confirmed, at a meeting of the Grand Lodge held in the City of Toronto, on the 9th of June, 1840; and now also still further revised, amended, and enlarged, at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, held in Belleville, C. W., on Tuesday, the 9th day of June, 1846, and by adjournment, on Wednesday, the 10th.

The Right Worshipful the Grand Master  
IN THE CHAIR. \*



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## Loyal Orange Institution.

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“Thou shalt teach men ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk and the work they must do, moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people, able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place them to be rulers of thousands and rulers of hundreds and rulers of tens.”—*Exodus*, c. xviii., v. 20, 21.

### GENERAL DECLARATION.

At all times nothing can be more natural, and at this time nothing can be more reasonable, than that those who have common rights to protect and common interests to defend, should act together and know each other. It is by division that the benevolent objects of true patriots are frustrated, and their best and noblest efforts of public good defeated. In these distant, but important appendages of our Great Empire, it must be obvious to every loyal and reflecting mind that an union of intelligence, an increase of means, and a knowledge of each other are essential.

The LOYAL ORANGE INSTITUTION is formed by persons desirous of supporting, to the utmost of their power, the principles and practice of the Christian Religion, to maintain the Laws and Constitution of the Country, afford assistance to distressed members of the order, and otherwise promote such laudable and benevolent pur-

poses as may tend to the due ordering of *Religion* and *Christian Charity*, and the supremacy of *Law, Order,* and *Constitutional Freedom.*

Its members associate in honour of *King William the III., Prince of Orange*, whose name they bear, and whose immortal memory they hold in reverence, tending as he did, under Divine Providence, to the overthrow of the most oppressive bigotry and the restoration of pure Religion and liberty. They revere the memory of that immortal Prince, not only as a Patriot, a constitutional Monarch and a Hero, but as a true Christian, and hope in the adoption of his name to emulate his virtues, by maintaining RELIGION without persecution, or trenching upon the rights of any.

The Orange Society lays no claim to exclusive loyalty or exclusive protestantism, but it admits no man within its pale whose principles are not loyal, and whose creed is not Protestant.

Disclaiming an intolerant spirit, the Society demands as an indispensable qualification, without which the greatest and the wealthiest may seek admission in vain, that the candidate shall be believed to be incapable of persecuting or injuring any one on account of his religious opinions; the duty of every Orangeman being to aid and defend all *loyal subjects*, of every religious persuasion, in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

The Rules of the Society are open not only to members of the Institution, but to the whole community; there is no reserve except the signs and symbols

whereby Orangemen know each other, and these mysteries are essential to the proper qualification of the brotherhood, the recognition of the members, and the prevention of intrusion and imposture from strangers and enemies. The association is general, not confined to any particular place, person or nation, but extends itself wherever a loyal Protestant Briton is to be found, to the remotest corners of the globe, for the establishment of Protestant faith and British liberty to the latest ages of posterity. Its whole Institution is one neighbourhood, within which every Orangeman is at home in the furthest parts of the world; and such is the mechanism of the association, that while its operations are thus extended, its every movement is alike felt and answered in every part.

In short the Orange Institution, like a *glorious moral luminary*, is intended to pour its refulgence, not on *one part only* of the ample circumference of the British dominions, but simultaneously *on every portion*, equally *enlightening* the whole periphery.

The Institution in these Colonies can never be suppressed but by means which would subvert the Constitution, and annihilate the connection with the Mother country.

In many quarters where the *true* nature of the Orange Institution is not properly known, its designs and objects have by some been misunderstood, and by others misrepresented. From the name it bears, being connected in every one's mind with the history of parties in Ire-

land, some are apt to suppose that its sphere is necessarily confined, not reflecting that an instrument which has been chiefly used in the country of its birth to suppress rebellion, repel invasion, and secure domestic tranquillity, may be found equally efficacious to loyal men of *all countries* in protecting their lives, liberties, and properties *in these Colonies*. The society is constituted upon the broadest principles of national freedom. *It takes its stand upon the glorious principles of the Revolution of 1688*; it lays its foundation in the field of British liberty; it disdains the badge of faction, and knows no emblem save the “*Altar and the Throne*.”

As the Prince of Orange was invited to England by a coalition of parties, who were united by a common sense of their sacred duty to preserve their religion and liberties, so the Orange Society, named after that immortal Prince, invites a similar combination, and calls upon the sons of Britain to lay aside political feuds, and, like their illustrious ancestors, who signed and sealed the Great Covenant of freedom, to sacrifice every private consideration, and establish a centralization of freedom upon such a comprehensive basis as will enable every limb and fibre to receive vitality and nourishment from the parent stem.

## QUALIFICATIONS

### ESSENTIAL FOR A MEMBER OF THIS INSTITUTION.

He should have a sincere love and veneration for his Almighty Maker, productive of those lively and happy fruits, righteousness and obedience to his commands; a firm and steadfast faith in the Saviour of the world, convinced that He is the only Mediator between a sinful creature and an offended Creator; his disposition should be humane and compassionate, and his behaviour kind and conciliatory; he should be an enemy to savage brutality and every species of unchristian conduct; a lover of rational and improving society, faithfully regarding the Protestant Religion, and sincerely desirous to propagate its precepts, (*i. e.*) charity and good will to all men: zealous in promoting the honour, happiness, and prosperity of his Queen and country; heartily desirous of success in those pursuits, yet convinced that God alone can grant them; he should have an hatred of cursing and swearing, and of taking the name of God in vain; he should use all opportunities of discouraging them among his brethren, and shun the society of all persons addicted to those shameful practices; prudence should guide all his actions; temperance, sobriety, and honesty direct his conduct; and the laudable objects of the Association be the motives of his endeavours.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS.

### GRAND LODGE.

#### TITLE.

1. The Title of the Society is "The Loyal Orange Institution of British North America."

#### ADMISSION.

2. It consists of an unlimited number of Members, whose admission must be regulated in strict accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Society, and whose principles must be duly vouched for as in conformity with the General Declaration and Qualifications essential for a Member.

3. No person of improper character shall be deemed admissible as a Member of the Society.

4. All candidates for admission must be certified to as being eighteen years of age, and must be proposed by one and seconded by another member, at one meeting, and admitted or rejected at a subsequent one, except in cases of extreme necessity.

5. That all votes upon the admission of Members shall be given *viva voce*: that if there shall be over three negatives, the vote shall be considered conclu-

sive, but if only three or under, the case shall be submitted to a Committee of the Lodge, whose decision, made known to the Lodge by report, shall be final.

#### LODGES.

6. The Members of the Institution are divided into Lodges, in the manner hereinafter described.

7. All Lodges shall make an annual return of members, according to the form adopted by the Grand Lodge, which will be found attached to this Book of Regulations.

8. Each Lodge shall be furnished by the Secretary with copies of all Forms of returns, at the expense of the Grand Lodge, and failing to make such return, after having received said forms, shall pay a fine of 5s. into the District Lodge fund, and shall not receive the annual until this regulation be complied with.

9. Each Lodge shall pay 10s. annually to the Grand Lodge.

10. Isolated Lodges, that is, such Lodges as by reason of distance, or any other circumstance, cannot be conveniently attached to any particular District, are to communicate directly with the Grand Master.

#### EXPULSIONS.

11. Expulsions shall take place for the following offences :—

- 1st. For violating the obligations of Secrecy, of Signs, Passwords and Lectures.
- 2nd. For violating the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.
- 3rd. For maliciously destroying or taking away the property of the Institution.
- 4th. For following any immoral or unlawful practices for a living, upon conviction before the Lodge.
- 5th. For any felony or high misdemeanor upon conviction before a Jury.

12. Trials for expulsion shall take place as hereinafter specified, all due forms being observed, as laid down in the Regulations of the Grand Lodge to that effect.

13. The names of all persons expelled from the Institution by District, County or Private Lodges, must be reported to the Grand Lodge, together with the cause of expulsion.

14. In issuing process for the trial of any delinquent, the summons shall be signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary. Each Lodge having the right to fix its own rate of charges and costs for such matters.

15. Any Member who shall utter, print, publish or circulate, or who shall cause to be printed, published

or circulated, or be privy to the printing, publishing or circulating any matter or thing, derogatory to the Institution, or the character of any of its Officers, or any person divulging or communicating any matter, proceeding or thing, or the substance or meaning of any matter, proceeding or thing, had or transpired in open Lodge, to any person not being an actual member in attendance on some Lodge of the Institution under warrant, whether the facts transpired or the business transacted were in his presence so transacted or transpired, or whether communicated to him by a Brother, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation, and shall be expelled or otherwise dealt with, as the majority of the Lodge shall determine.

#### WARRANTS.

16. All applications for Warrants, must be sanctioned by the County Master.

17. That every application for a new Warrant shall be made by at least Six Members, (who shall draw their Certificates for that purpose,) five of whom shall be of the Purple Order, and who shall set forth in their application, the name of the Brother who is to be made the Master, and also the place where said Lodge is to be held; and which place of meeting cannot be changed without the sanction of the District Master; and in all cases where persons are admitted to membership in the Institution, for the express purpose of forming a Lodge,

the initiatory fees paid by them, shall be paid over to the New Lodge, as soon as the Warrant shall have been received.

FORMS, RITUALS, &c.

18. That a Book of Forms and Rituals with appropriate charges, be published by the Grand Lodge, and that no other forms be used, but such as are contained in it.

19. That one copy of such Book of Forms and Rituals, shall be kept in the Lodge Room of each Lodge, and shall *never* be taken from the Chest, except for use, or for cases of initiation or installation.

20. The Dress, Insignia, and other decorations of the various orders, shall be such as, and none other, than shall be set forth in the book of Forms and Rituals as contemplated by the 18th section of this Division of the Rules and Regulations.

21. No decoration shall be worn in any Lodge, as appertaining to the order, except the bearer be strictly entitled thereto.

22. That the forms of Certificates and Summonses, as given in the Schedule hereunto annexed, and none other, be the forms used by the Institution.

DEGREES.

23. That there be five Degrees in the order of Orangeism:—

24. That the Degrees are:—

- 1st, Orange.
- 2nd, Purple.
- 3rd, Blue.
- 4th, Royal Arch Mark.
- 5th, Scarlet.

25. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain, and Grand Lecturer, shall have power to confer the Degrees of Purple, Blue, Royal Arch Mark and Scarlet, but always in due rotation as provided by the Regulations hereinafter; but the Brethren upon whom the Degrees are thus conferred, shall be members attached to some Lodge, then meeting under Warrant. The power by this regulation conferred on the Grand Officers, to curtail probationary time, to be used only in cases of necessity, by conforming strictly in all other matters to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge and to the peculiar ritual of the Degree to be conferred, by obtaining the presence of such number of Members as will satisfy the requirements of the Degree to be conferred.

26. That any Brother giving any of the Degrees, or part thereof, unless fully and duly authorised to give them, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of his obligation, and shall be dealt with accordingly.

27. That at least three months shall elapse between

the conferring of each Degree, except where otherwise provided, and in no instance shall it be lawful to give any Degree out of rotation ; and any Lodge or G. officer infringing on this Regulation shall pay a fine of not less than one pound, nor more than five pounds, to be paid to the County fund. The process to issue on the Master or Senior Officer for the time being when such took place.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

28. All appointments in the Institution, of whatever nature soever, are subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

#### DISPUTES.

29. Any dispute arising between two private Lodges, or between two District Lodges, shall be referred to the County Lodge for adjustment, its award in such disputes being final.

#### ELECTION OF G. OFFICERS.

30. The Grand Lodge shall meet on the third Tuesday in June in every year, in such place as they shall appoint, and elect for the year

A Grand Master.

One Senior Deputy Grand Master.

Three Junior Deputy Grand Masters.

A Grand Treasurer.

A Grand Secretary.

A Deputy Grand Secretary.

A Grand Chaplain.  
 A Deputy Grand Chaplain.  
 A Grand Lecturer—and  
 The Members of the Grand Committee.

31. The Members entitled to sit and vote at the Grand Lodge are

All present Grand Officers.  
 All Past Grand Officers, actual Members of a Private Lodge.  
 County Masters.  
 District Masters.  
 Masters of Private Lodges, and Members of the Grand Committee, who shall be Members of some Private Lodge under warrant.

32. No Member of the Grand Lodge, to whatever office appointed, can be allowed to take his seat, or to act in any capacity, under such appointment, without having first paid all dues required by the Regulations, and received the Five Orders of the Institution. Nor shall any member be eligible to be elected to any of the first twelve Grand offices, who has not at the time received the first *four* degrees.

33. Members of the Grand Committee shall pay yearly in advance Five Shillings to the Grand Lodge.

34. All members of the order, being members of the Grand Lodge, shall, as soon as convenient, procure

Scarlet Gowns, trimmed with orange, purple, and blue fringe.

DUTY OF G. M.

35. The Grand Master may at any time direct the summoning of an Emergent Meeting of the Grand Lodge, and he shall at all times do so, when required by a requisition signed by any two of the Deputy Grand Masters, or by any six Masters of Private Lodges, with one County or District Master, in all cases stating the object for which such meeting is required, and for all meetings of the Grand Lodge at least twelve days' notice must be given.

36. When the Grand Lodge is not in Session, the affairs of the Institution are directed by the Grand Master, who is its head, and all members are under his immediate guidance and control. His designation and that of the Senior Deputy Grand Master shall be, "THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL;" and his Council shall consist of the Grand Officers of the Institution. Whenever his opinion is required upon matters of the Lodge, his judgment shall be given in writing, which shall be acted upon until the meeting of the Grand Lodge, there to be affirmed or annulled.

37. Any vacancy created in the office of Grand Master, either by the death of the person filling it, by his permanent absence from the Province, or any other

cause, shall be filled by the Senior Deputy Grand Master.

39. All Chapters and Committees of the Grand Lodge to be appointed by the Grand Master, by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge.

G. OFFICERS TO MEET IN MONTREAL.

39. That once in four years, there be a meeting of the Officers of the Grand Lodge in the City of Montreal, to be held on the sixth Monday after the opening of the Provincial Legislature, or at a time more convenient for the gathering of the Members of the Grand Lodge, notice of which shall be given by the G. M.

D. G. M'S. OF C. E. AND N. B.

40. That one of the Junior Deputy Grand Masters be elected resident in New Brunswick, and one in Canada East, each having power to call an assemblage of County and District Masters and Masters of Private Lodges, for the purpose of electing a local Grand Secretary, a Local Grand Treasurer, and a Local Grand Chaplain, and to pass such other local regulations deemed requisite, not contrary or repugnant to the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

G. LECTURER.

41. That it shall be the Grand Lecturer's duty to visit every County once in every year, and shall at a County Lodge, give Lectures of the different degrees,

so as to instruct the members in the same ; and whose duty it shall further be, to see that the Grand Lodge dues and arrears are paid ; and for that duty the sum of                    shall be allowed him for his expences and loss of time.

G. TREASURER.

42. The funds of the Institution are lodged in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, and that officer shall produce his Books and Accounts at every annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, when the same shall be examined and audited, by three Masters.

PRECEDENCE OF MEMBERS.

43. The precedence of all Officers in the Institution, is decided in the following order:—

1. The Grand Master.
2. The Deputy Grand Master.
3. The Junior Grand Masters, by seniority.
4. The President of the Grand Committee, and Members of the Chapter.
5. The Grand Chaplain.
6. The Grand Treasurer.
7. The Grand Secretary.
8. The Grand Lecturer.
9. The Deputy Grand Chaplain.
10. The Deputy Grand Treasurer.
11. The Deputy Grand Secretary.
12. The Members of the Grand Committee.
13. County Masters.

14. District Masters.
15. Masters of Lodges according to the age of the Warrant, (if not transferred.)
16. County Deputy Masters.
17. County Chaplains.
18. County Treasurers.
19. County Secretaries.
20. Deputy District Masters.
21. District Treasurers.
22. District Secretaries.
23. Deputy Masters of Lodges.
24. Treasurers of Lodges.
25. Secretaries of Lodges.
26. Committee-men of Lodges, according to their appointment.
27. Private Members.

#### G. OFFICERS.

44. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Chaplain, and President of the Grand Committee, and Grand Lecturer, are *ex officio* members of all Lodges they may visit, and are entitled to exercise all the rights and powers of their respective offices therein, except at the distribution of their funds, the election of officers, and the Bye-laws of the Lodge.

#### G. LODGE, WHEN AND WHERE HELD.

45. No Meeting of the Grand Lodge can be held,

except the Grand Master, or a Deputy Grand Master, or the President of the Grand Committee, presides at such meeting, and except also, that at least twelve members of the Royal Scarlet order be present thereat.

46. Visitors, being of the Royal Scarlet order, may be admitted to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, with the approbation of the officer presiding.

47. That at all Meetings of the Grand Lodge, County Lodges, and District Lodges before an adjournment, it shall be determined by a vote in said Lodges, where the next meeting shall be held.

48. That the Grand Lodge shall not change or alter its Rules and Regulations except at the annual meeting, or at a special meeting called for the purpose.

#### APPEALS.

49. That in all cases where pains and penalties are inflicted, by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, the parties shall have the right to appeal in every instance to the District Lodge, then to the County, and lastly to the Grand Lodge.

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### **C O U N T Y L O D G E S .**

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1. The County Lodge for the Election of Officers, shall be held on the first Monday of February in each year.

2. County Officers, District Officers, Masters, Deputy Masters of private Lodges, or such other persons as the Lodge may depute, last Past and present Masters and Deputy Masters, the Senior Committee-man of each Lodge, and all members of the Grand Committee, are entitled to sit and vote in the County Lodge, and shall attend all county meetings when duly summoned.

3. Any member of the County Lodge failing to attend, and not assigning any good reason for non-attendance, shall be admonished or fined, at the discretion of the Lodge; the fine not to exceed five shillings.

4. At the Annual Meeting, at which all those who are entitled to a seat and vote, shall attend without notice, the Lodge shall elect—

- A County Master,
- A County Deputy Master,
- A County Secretary,
- A County Treasurer,
- A County Chaplain, and
- A County Proxy.

5. It shall be the duty of the County Master to countersign all Warrants issued during his time of office in his County; it being understood, that should anything occur to induce him to withhold his signature, he shall at once acquaint the Right Worshipful the Grand Master, and the brother to whom the Warrant is directed.

6. That upon any complaint being made, by not less than five members of a Lodge, against a District Officer, or against the Master or Deputy Master of any private Lodge, it shall be the duty of the County Master to call a County Meeting within a reasonable time, not to exceed one month after such complaint shall have been made, and shall summons the party complained of to appear, and shall at the same time notify the party complaining to attend, in order to substantiate his or their complaint.

7. Should the complainant Brother or Brethren fail to appear, without assigning any reason, then shall the Lodge acquit the Brother or Brethren complained of, and shall at their discretion fine the complaining Brother or Brethren 10s. ; or should the charge turn out to be frivolous and vexatious, the Lodge may, in addition to the fine, suspend the delinquent Brother or Brethren.

8. Should the defendant Brother or Brethren fail to appear without assigning any reason, then shall the Lodge proceed to examine witnesses, and to adjudge the case ; and may, according to their opinions, in any matter not distinctly coming under the special provisions of the Grand Lodge, inflict a fine in a sum not exceeding 10s. ; but in all other matters shall proceed upon the penalties set forth by the Grand Lodge Regulations,

9. That any member of any Lodge shall be required to attend as a witness, upon being summoned by the Master of his own Lodge.

10. That in all such cases, the County Master shall summon the meeting of the County Lodge, at some proper place, most convenient for all parties, except when decided otherwise at a previous County Meeting.

11. Members of County Lodges must have at least the Orange, Purple, Blue, and Royal Arch Purple Degrees.

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### DISTRICT LODGES.

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1. The Annual Meeting for the Election of District Officers, shall be held on the second Monday in January in each year.

2. Each District Lodge shall elect for the year a District Master, Deputy District Master, District Treasurer and District Secretary.

3. That the Master, Deputy Master, Treasurer, Secretary and Senior Committee-man, and all last past Officers of private Lodges, and all members of the Grand Committee, shall be entitled to sit and vote within the limits of their respective Districts.

4. District Masters shall visit the several Lodges within their Districts as often as convenient, and at least once in every year, and shall have the power to correct all irregularities, taking for their guide the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

5. Any person being an Orangeman, and having withdrawn from constant and regular attendance, by Certificate or otherwise, and thereafter being deemed guilty of any crime unworthy the character of an Orangeman, his case shall be considered by the District Lodge; and if after such consideration it shall be decided that the charge involves expulsion, then he shall be notified by the District Secretary, that the charge or charges preferred against him will be heard and examined into at the next ensuing County Lodge, and that he is required to appear with his Certificate, to answer such charges, in case of his non-appearance and proof of the service of the notice having been made, then the decision of the District Lodge, as to the penalty of expulsion, shall be affirmed, and notice thereof shall be given to all parties concerned.

6. The District Master shall have the power to cause any subordinate officer to be summoned before the District Lodge, for any refusal to obey his orders, given in conformity with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and such summons shall be proceeded with, in manner and form, pointed out in the Regulations for County Lodges.

7. It shall be the duty of the District Master to install all new Masters within his District.

8. It shall also be the duty of the District Master to see that the annual returns are made, and the Grand Lodge dues paid, by private Lodges, within three months after the Annual Election of Officers of private Lodges.

9. It shall further be the duty of the District Master, to report to the County Master, such Lodges as have not made their returns, or have not paid their Grand Lodge dues.

10. That the powers conferred, and the duties imposed, upon the District Master, may be exercised and performed by the Deputy District Master, and in the absence of both, the said powers and duties may be exercised and performed by the senior member of the Lodge present.

11. Members of the District Lodges must have at least the Degrees of Orange, Purple, and Blue.

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## PRIVATE LODGES.

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### WARRANTS.

1. No Lodge can be opened without a Warrant from the Provincial Grand Lodge of British North

America, for which the sum of One Pound shall be paid.

2. All Lodges under Warrant, must have a Master and Deputy Master, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and, as soon as possible, five Committee men.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

3. The election of Officers shall take place at the December Monthly Meeting in each year, and the officers then chosen shall enter on the duties of their respective offices on the first Monthly Meeting in January next ensuing.

4. That if in case of accident, necessity or any other justifiable cause, an election should not take place, on the night specified in the 3rd Rule of this Section of the Regulations, then it shall be lawful for the Master, or senior Officer for the time being, to call a Special Meeting for the purpose, as early as possible, or to leave such Election to the first Monthly Meeting that may take place after the meeting fixed for December.

5. The Master shall be chosen by the Lodge, and the other Officers shall be nominated by the Master, with the approbation of the Lodge; and, in case the Lodge decline to ratify any nomination, the Master shall at once name another Brother.

6. That in case of a change of Officers, it shall be the duty on the night of Election of the Past Master, to

install the Master elect, who shall proceed to install the other Officers of the Lodge, agreeably to the forms laid down in the Rules and Regulations.

7. A majority of the votes shall be sufficient to elect a Master and the other Officers.

5. In case of death, or resignation of the Master elected by the Lodge, then the Deputy Master shall take his place, and the senior Committee-man shall take the place of the Deputy Master, and the Lodge shall elect another Committee-man, who shall be the junior, the Committee-men rising by the vacancy; and in the same manner shall all other vacancies be filled, by calling the senior Committee-man to the vacant office.

#### ADMISSION.

9. Upon the admission of a Member, the Recording Officer shall take down his name, age, residence and profession; and all persons applying for admission, must make application to the Lodge held nearest to his place of residence, or by certificate from the Master of such nearest Lodge to such other Lodge as he may particularly desire to join, and this prohibition shall be extended to conferring Degrees; so that a Member shall only be entitled to receive the various Degrees in his own Lodge; and any Master acting contrary to this Regulation shall be subject to a fine of not less than 4s. nor more than 15s.; and any in-

dividual offending against this shall be subject to a like penalty, both parties being deprived of advancement for Twelve Months. *Provided always*, that if, from circumstances, a Lodge may not be in Session, it may be lawful for the nearest Lodge to initiate a Member, or to confer Degrees, upon receiving the Certificate from the Master of the Lodge held within the division where the candidate lives. This Article not to have force in Cities, Towns and Villages.

10. Upon a Member being initiated, he shall sign the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and shall receive a printed copy of the same for that purpose from the Treasurer of the Lodge.

#### LODGES.

11. That each Lodge shall have power to make its own By-Laws, to carry out more fully and minutely the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. They shall also have power to establish such By-Laws, under pains and penalties, to enforce a due observance of their own Regulations, to protect Committee-men and other Officers in the discharge of their duty, to punish by fine, suspension or expulsion, any disobedience to the orders or the summons of the Lodge, or of the Committee, and for all things necessary for the orderly conduct and good government of the Lodge.

12. No business connected with the affairs of the

Society shall be transacted except in open Lodge, and guarded by a Tyler.

13. That it shall not be lawful for a Lodge to adjourn for more than five weeks at a time, and to the end that this question of longer adjournment may not be discussed, the Master or Officer presiding at any Meeting of a Lodge, shall not be permitted to put such a Resolution to the Meeting, under a penalty of five shillings, to be inflicted upon him by summons before the District Lodge; the fine to be paid to the District fund.

14. The Master of a Lodge may at any time call a Meeting of emergency.

15. Every Lodge shall keep a Book in which shall be inscribed from time to time all the Rules, Orders and Regulations and Reports of the Grand Lodge.

16. Previous to opening the Lodge, the Master shall cause every one in the room to be examined, and no one shall be allowed to remain while the Lodge is open, who is not fully qualified to pass himself as a Member.

17. It shall not be lawful for any Lodge to admit a Brother who is not a regular Member, nor to allow one to deposite his Certificate, when such Certificate shall have been obtained surreptitiously, under the penalty of 20s. to be paid to such funds as shall be di-

rected by a County Lodge, whose Officers shall try and adjudge the case.

18. Any Brother who shall at any time make use of the Institution for a political or other purpose, without the sanction of the authorities of the Institution, shall be subject to expulsion or such other punishment as the Grand Lodge may direct.

19. Every Member on entering shall make a full stop in front of the Master and give the sign of the Order then at work.

20. The following shall be the order for business in a Private Lodge :

1. The Lodge to be opened with Prayer.
2. The Lecture to be repeated.
3. Minutes of former Meeting read.
4. Members to be proposed.
5. Members to be initiated.
6. Public business connected with the principles, honor or prosperity of the Institution, discussed.
7. Lecture repeated.
8. The Lodge closed with Prayer.

21. When the Worshipful the Master is absent, then shall the Deputy Master preside ; when both these are absent, then the senior Committee-man present ; and in case of the absence of all five Committee-men, then

the Lodge may elect one from amongst the Brethren in attendance, to preside.

## ANNUAL.

22. The Annual shall be communicated by the Master to the Members of his Lodge, but he is strictly forbidden to communicate the same to any Member in default for his dues.

## DEGREES.

23. It is the particular duty of the Master to see that no Brother be advanced to a Degree, who has been guilty of cursing, swearing and drinking to excess, or who has not worthily in all matters conducted himself as he should have done, in those already conferred.

## CERTIFICATE.

24. Any Member wishing to withdraw his Certificate, shall in the first place pay the fee for the same, which having been paid for, may be granted forthwith in case of necessity, but in no case to be retained longer than one month from the date of the application, if there be no charge of impropriety against the applicant.

## SECRETARY.

25. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the records of his Lodge, to enter all the proceedings in the form they take place, in open Lodge, and shall obtain the Master's signature at the end of each Session, he

the Secretary countersigning the same. He shall make out all returns, in manner provided by the Grand Lodge, and shall conform in all things to the regulations, in keeping his books and entries, and to perform any other duties, which his own Private Lodge may impose upon him.

#### TREASURER.

26. The Treasurer shall receive all monies, and shall balance his accounts, as often as the By-laws of his own Private Lodge shall direct, and shall in no case pay out money without the order, or under the Regulations of the Lodge. He shall also be the guardian of all the other property of the Lodge of which he is a Member, unless the Lodge may assign such duty to other officers.

#### COMMITTEE.

27. The Committee are appointed to try any cases of defalcations under the By-laws of their Private Lodge, to enquire into the reputation of Candidates, whether submitted to them by a negative vote of the Lodge, or not. They are to be guided as well by the By-laws of their own Lodge, as by the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, the latter governing in all cases where provisions are made.

#### TYLER.

28. The Tyler's post shall be outside of the Lodge

Room door, and is appointed under the By-laws of the Private Lodge ; but he shall, before taking his post, undergo examination by the Master, to see if he is qualified to receive as well as to reject applicants for admission. The Grand Lodge will not object to any regulation by which Tylers may be paid.

29. After the Lodge is opened, no person shall be admitted, without giving the Annual to the outward Tyler ; and should the Tyler admit any one without the Annual, he shall be subject to a fine of one shilling and three pence.

30. Any Tyler, whether within or without, who shall leave his post without leave, shall be subject to a fine of one shilling and three pence.

31. Any Tyler allowing a Brother to leave the Room without the sanction of the Master, shall be subject to a fine of one shilling and three pence.

#### EXPULSIONS.

32. Any Member who shall be in default for six months, and who shall remain in default for one month, after demand for payment has been made of him, shall be suspended or expelled, at the discretion of the Lodge.

33. It shall be the duty of the Master, or the Officer presiding at a Lodge, after the dues of the night have been collected, to call for a return of all those

who have been six months in arrear, and to direct the Treasurer to make demand of payment ; and it shall be the duty of the Treasurer to make such demand of payment, and report on every case at the next monthly meeting, when process shall be ordered to issue against all defaulters to appear before the next monthly meeting.

34. It shall not be lawful for any member to absent himself, without excuse, for more than three regular monthly meetings, and upon the attention of the Master being called to the fact of a longer absence, he, the Master, shall cause the member so offending to be summoned to appear before the Committee, who shall report his case to the Lodge, and who shall take such action upon it as they may deem advisable, not repugnant to, nor in violation of, the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

35. Any Brother who shall have incurred the penalty of expulsion, shall receive notice of his trial, at least eight days before the day fixed, such notice to be in writing. He shall have the right, under the signature of the Master, to compel the attendance of any Brother as a witness ; and any Brother, so summoned as a witness, shall attend, under the penalty of 5s.

36. That should the Brother who is to take his trial fail to appear, and no sufficient reason shall be assigned, then the trial of the case shall be proceeded with in the same manner as if he were actually present.

37. The names of all persons expelled from the society, by any order of a Private Lodge, shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge, together with the cause of expulsion.

## FINES.

38. No member of a Lodge shall absent himself from the first meeting in January, unless by special permission of the Master, under a penalty of 1s. 3d.

39. Any person entering a Lodge Room intoxicated, shall be fined 1s. 3d. for the first offence, 2s. 6d. for the second offence, and for the third offence shall be brought up before the Lodge, and either suspended or expelled, as a majority shall determine.

40. Any Brother misbehaving himself during Lodge hours, shall be liable to a fine, to be imposed by the Master, not to exceed 5s.

41. Any Brother transacting any private business, or making or promising to make any bets, or laying wagers during Lodge hours, shall be subject to a fine of not less than 6d. nor more than 5s.

42. No Brother shall leave the Lodge Room, after the Lodge is opened, without permission from the Master, or Brother presiding; and any Brother violating this rule, shall be summoned to appear at the next meeting, and shall be fined not less than 1s. 3d., nor more than 5s.

43. Any member not attending a Lodge when a general summons has issued, shall pay a fine of 1s. 3d., unless he assign a sufficient reason, to be so declared by the Master, for his absence.

44. Any Member failing to attend, when specially summoned, shall thereafter be cited to appear before the Committee, who, after having investigated the charge, may adjudge the Brother to pay a fine not exceeding 10s., or to be suspended or expelled, judgment to be reserved for the decision of the Lodge.

45. All fines shall be ordered to be collected under the written authority of the Master.

#### DISPUTES.

46. Any dispute arising, which is not provided for by the Rules and Regulations of the Society, shall be decided by the Master or Officer presiding at the time, and the parties shall submit to his orders, saving the right of appeal, in the first instance to the District, secondly to the County Lodge, and lastly to the Grand Lodge.

#### APPEALS.

47. That all appeals from the inferior authority, shall be made to the next highest, as designated in the foregoing clause.

48. When a Brother appeals against a verdict, the proceedings and testimony shall be made out in full, to enable the appeal to be fully gone into.

PROPOSITIONS.

DATE.	NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.	PROPOSER.	SECONDER.	DATE OF ADMISSION.		REMARKS
1846									
Jan. 7.	W. Hewson.	23	Belleville.	Builder.	R. Innes.	W. Johnson	Feb.	12.	

ATTENDANCE AND PAYMENTS.

NO	NAMES.	ARREARS	JAN'Y.		FEB'Y.		MARCH.		APRIL.		MAY.		JUNE.		TOTAL PAID.	ARREARS
			P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P	A		
1	R. Innes.		P		P	2. 6.	A		A		P	2. 6.	A			
2	J. Edwards.		A		A		P	5. 0.	A		P		P	1. 3.		
3	W. Johnson.		P	1. 3.	P		P	1. 3.	A		P	1. 3.	P	1. 3.		
4	T. Ewens.		P	1. 3.	A		P	2. 6.	P	1. 3.	P	1. 3.	P			
						2. 6.		5. 9.		1. 3.		5. 0.		2. 6.		

The above is the form for keeping Private Lodge Books, shewing the night when any member paid any thing, as also his attendance, which is marked p when present and a when absent; it also shews the amount paid to the Treasurer every night for Lodge dues. Said form to be extended to 12 months.



FORM OF YEARLY RETURN FROM A PRIVATE LODGE TO DISTRICT MASTER.

NAME.	AGE.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.	REMARKS.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct return of my Lodge No. —, for the year ending 31st December 18—, and which Lodge meets at — on the — of each month.

(Signed,) \_\_\_\_\_ Master.

FORM OF YEARLY RETURN OF DISTRICT MASTER TO COUNTY MASTER.

NAMES OF MASTERS.	NO. OF LODGE	DAY OF MEETING	PLACE OF MEETING.	NO. OF MEMBERS.

I certify that the foregoing is a correct return of the several Lodges meeting within the District of — in the year ending 31st December, 18—.

(Signed,) \_\_\_\_\_ District Master.



