CONSTITUTIONS

and

GENERAL REGULATIONS

of the

GRAND LODGE

Of the Ancient and Honourable
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons

of

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EXTRACTED FROM THE ANTIENT RECORDS OF LODGES
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD FOR THE USE OF LODGES

To be read at the making of new Brethren or when
The Master shall order it.

I. Concerning God and Religion

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

II. Of the Civil Magistrate, Supreme and Subordinate

A mason is a peaceable subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, not to behave himself undutifully in inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion the interest of the community and zealously to promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace and been always injured by war, bloodshed and confusion; so that kings and princes, in every age, have been much disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their

peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adversaries and promote the honour of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

III. Of Lodges

A Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense it applies to persons as well as to place; hence every regular assembly, or duly organized meeting of masons, is called a Lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some Lodge and be subject to its by-laws and the general regulations of the craft. A Lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the craft is alone to be acquired. From antient times no Master or fellow could be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure, unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made masons or admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of mature and discreet age and sound judgment; no bondsmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices

All preferment among masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal craft despised; therefore no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no Master should take an apprentice unless he has sufficient employment for him; and unless he be a perfect youth having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, of serving his Master's lord, and of being made a brother, and then a fellow-craft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honour of being the Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a Warden until he has passed the part of a fellow-craft, nor a Master until he has acted as a Warden, nor Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor Grand Master, until he has been a fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be nobly born, or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the opinion of the Lodges.

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

N.B.—In antient times no brother, however skilled in the craft, was called Master-mason until he had been elected into the chair of a Lodge.

V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working

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

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

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

Both the Master and the masons receiving their wages justly, shall be faithful to the lord, and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor supplant him, nor put him out of his work, if he be capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When a fellow-craftsman is chosen Warden of the work under the Master, he shall be true both to Master and fellows, shall carefully

oversee the work of the Master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by the Grand Lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in the proper work of masonry; nor shall freemasons work with those that are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach labourers and unaccepted masons, as they shall teach a brother or fellow.

VI. Of Behaviour, Viz

1.—*In the Lodge while Constituted*

You are not to hold private committees, of separate conversation, without leave from the Master, nor talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens, or any brother speaking to the Master; not behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and fellows and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the Lodge, who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to the Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the Lodge.

2.—*Behaviour after the Lodge is over, and the Brethren not gone*

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding all excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hindering him from going when his occasions call him, or doing or saying anything offensive or that may forbid an easy and free conversation; for that would blast our harmony, and defeat our laudable purpose. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the Lodge, far less any

quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only, as masons, of the universal religion above mention; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as was never yet conducted to the welfare of the Lodge, nor ever will.

3.—*Behaviour when Brethren meet without Strangers, but not in a Lodge formed*

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

4.—*Behaviour in Presence of Strangers, not Masons*

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

5.—*Behaviour at Home and in Your Neighbourhood*

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man; particularly not to let your family, friends or neighbours know the concerns of the Lodge, etc; but wisely to consult your own honour, and that of your antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health by not continuing together too late or too long from home after the Lodge hours are past; and by avoiding of gluttony and drunkenness, that your families be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—*Behaviour towards a Strange Brother*

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

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or else direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother that is

a good man and true, before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally—All these charges you are to observe, and also those that shall be communicated to you in another way; cultivating brotherly love the foundation and capstone; the cement and glory of this antient fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarrelling, all slander and backstabbing, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, as far as is consistent with your honour and safety, and no farther. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his Lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the Annual Communication, as has been the antient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided, and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of the Masters and fellow, when they would prevent your going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all law-suits, that so you may find the affair of masonry with the more alacrity and success; but with respect to brothers or fellows at law, the Master and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren, and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process, or law-suit, without wrath and rancour (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly-love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of masonry, as all true masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will to the end of time.

Amen, *so mote it be*

Summary of the Antient Charges and Regulations to be read by the Grand Secretary (or acting Secretary) to the Master-Elect, prior to his Installation into the chair of the Lodge

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You are to be a peaceable subject, and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably by all men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the order of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general Lodge convened in every case consistent with the constitutions of the order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your Lodge.
8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of freemasonry.
9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art, as far as your influence and ability can extend.
10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his Officers when duly installed, and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge.
11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man or body of men, to make innovations in the body of masonry.
12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of freemasonry upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new Lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master, and that no countenance ought to be given to an irregular Lodge, or to any person initiated therein; and that no public procession of masons clothed with the badges of the order can take place without the special license of the Grand Master.
14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a freemason, or admitted a member of any Lodge without previous notice and due inquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.
15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular Lodge.

At the conclusion the Grand Master or installing officer shall address the Master-elect as follows: "*Do you submit to and promise to support these charges and regulations as Masters have done in all ages?*" Upon his answering in the affirmative the ceremony of installation shall proceed.

PART TWO: LANDMARKS

The Common Law of Freemasonry is to be learned from the ancient usages of the Craft as developed and interpreted from and after A.D. 1721. It is the foundation of Masonic Jurisprudence.

The Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a presentation of every individual brother of its jurisdiction. It is the supreme and sovereign Masonic authority, executive, legislative and judicial and is subject only to the Ancient Landmarks and to such limitations as it may impose upon itself or are imposed by the law of the land.

The Landmarks are those ancient and universal fundamental principles of the craft which no Masonic authority can alter or repeal.

This Grand Lodge recognizes the following Landmarks:

1. The modes of recognition
2. The division of symbolic Masonry into three degrees.
3. The legend of the Third Degree.
4. The government of the Fraternity by a presiding officer called a Grand Master, who is elected from the body of the craft.
5. The prerogative of the Grand Master to preside over every assembly of the craft, wheresoever and whensoever held.
6. The prerogative of the Grand Master to grant dispensations for conferring degrees at irregular times.
7. The prerogative of the Grand Master to give dispensations for opening and holding Lodges
8. The prerogative of the Grand Master to make masons at sight.
9. The necessity for masons to congregate in Lodges.
10. The government of the craft, when so congregated in a Lodge, by a Master and two Wardens.

11. The necessity that every Lodge, when congregated, should be duly tiled.
12. The right of every mason to be represented in all general meetings of the craft, and to instruct his representatives
13. The right of every mason to appeal from the decision of his brethren, in Lodge convened, to the Grand Lodge or general assembly of masons.
14. The right of every mason to visit and sit in every regular Lodge.
15. That no visitor unknown to the brethren present, or to some one of them as a mason, can enter a Lodge without first passing an examination according to ancient usage.
16. No Lodge can interfere in the business of another Lodge; nor give degrees to brethren who are members of other Lodges except by request.
17. That every Freemason is amendable to the laws and regulations of the Masonic jurisdiction in which he resides.
18. Certain qualifications of candidates for initiation are derived from a Landmark of the Order. These qualifications are that he shall be a man—unmutilated, free born, and of mature age.
19. A belief in the existence of God as the Grand Architect of the Universe.
20. Subsidiary to this belief in God, as a Landmark of the Order, is a belief in a resurrection to a future life.
21. That a "Book of the Law" shall constitute an indispensable part of the furniture of every Lodge.
22. The equality of all masons.
23. The secrecy of the institution.
24. The foundation of a speculative science upon an operative art, and the symbolic use and explanation of the terms of that art, for the purposes of religious or moral teaching.
25. That these Landmarks can never be changed.

PART THREE: PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTIONS AND REGULATIONS

Freemasonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational, and religious society, adhering to its own peculiar ancient Landmarks. Its methods of recognition and of symbolic instruction are secret and thereby a test of membership is provided, though a brother be traveling in foreign countries and among those who would otherwise be strangers.

It is religious in that it teaches monotheism, the Volume of the Sacred Law is open upon its altars whenever a Lodge is in session, worship of God is ever a part of its ceremonial, and to its neophytes and brethren alike are constantly addressed lessons of morality; yet it is not theological.

It is educational in that it teaches a perfect system of morality based upon the Sacred Law by a prescribed ceremonial; and it also provides libraries and opportunities for study therein.

It is benevolent in that it teaches relief of the poor and distressed as a duty and exemplifies the duty by relief of sick and distressed brethren, by caring for the widows and orphans of the brethren, by maintaining homes for aged, and distressed brethren and their dependents, and by providing for education of orphans.

It is charitable in that none of its income inures to the benefit of any individual, but all is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the happiness of mankind.

It is a social organization only so far as it furnishes additional inducement that men may foregather in numbers, thereby providing more material for its primary work of training, of worship, and of charity.

In ancient times, the brethren met in general assembly for the ordering of the affairs of the craft. With growth in numbers, however, it became necessary, in 1717, to adopt a representative form of government,

since which time the brethren have met and each Lodge has sent its delegates to a legislative body known as the Grand Lodge.

Now, therefore, the following Constitutions and Regulations of The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick are hereby made, ordained, and promulgated as the By-laws, Rules and Regulations of the Master, Wardens, and Members of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

PART FOUR: CONSTITUTIONS
THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

1. **Title and Style of Grand Lodge** - The style and title of the Grand Lodge shall be "The Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick".

2. **Powers and Privileges** – By the antient constitution and usages of freemasonry, the Grand Lodge, as the supreme Masonic authority in this Province, is invested with certain original, essential and unalterable powers and privileges. Among them is the power of enacting laws and regulations for the government of the craft, and of altering, repealing and abrogating them, always taking care to preserve the antient landmarks.

3. **Inherent Regulatory Power** - The Grand Lodge has also the inherent power of investigating, regulating and deciding all matters relative to the craft, or to particular Lodges, or to individual brothers, which it may exercise by itself, or by delegated authority, and the exclusive power of erasing Lodges and expelling members, of establishing and preserving a uniform system of work and lectures, of issuing warrants for new Lodges, and of suspending or revoking any warrant.

4. **Installation of Officers** - The election of the elected Officers of Grand Lodge shall take place prior to the Annual Communication with the implementation of an alternate method of balloting including but not limited to electronic and/or mail-in voting. The appointment of the remaining Officers of Grand Lodge shall take place at the Annual Communication, where all those present, elected and appointed, shall be duly installed or invested, and proclaimed in antient form. After completion of all regular business of Grand Lodge, the Installation of Officers shall commence.

5. **Composition of Grand Lodge** - The Grand Lodge shall consist of the elective and appointed Officers (excepting the Grand Tyler when he is a Master Mason) with all past Grand Officers except past Grand Tylers continuing to subscribe to a Lodge; the Masters and Wardens of all private Lodges (duly returned), and all past Masters (duly returned), being members of a private Lodge; provided that no brother shall rank as a past Grand Officer (except past Grand Chaplains) unless at the time of holding office in Grand Lodge he was either a Master or a past Master of some Lodge.

6. **Elected Members** – Brethren of eminence and ability, who have rendered service to the craft may, by a vote of the Grand Lodge duly confirmed, be constituted members of the Grand Lodge with such rank and distinction as may be thought proper.

7. **Affiliating Past Masters** – Every brother of the rank of Past Master who shall remove into the Province of New Brunswick, and shall become a regular contributing member of any Lodge therein, shall retain his rank as a Past Master, and as such be entitled to membership in Grand Lodge.

8. **Election and Appointment of Officers** - The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed as hereinafter provided, and hold their offices for one year, or until their successors shall have been regularly elected or appointed and installed. The Officers of the Grand Lodge shall consist of:

(a) The Most Worshipful The Grand Master
(b) Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
(c) Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden
(d) Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden
(e) Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer
(f) Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
(g) Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Secretary

(h) Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters
(i) Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain
(j) Very Worshipful Grand Historian
(k) Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies
(l) Worshipful Grand Deacons
(m) Worshipful Asst Grand Director of Ceremonies
(n) Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer
(o) Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer
(p) Worshipful Grand Organist
(q) Worshipful Grand Piper
(r) Worshipful Grand Pursuivant
(s) Worshipful Grand Stewards of the year
(t) Worshipful Grand Tyler

9. **Ballot for Elected Officers** - The following Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be elected by written ballot:

(a) Most Worshipful The Grand Master
(b) Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
(c) Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden
(d) Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden
(e) Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer

10. **Appointed Officers** – The following Officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master:

(a) Right Worshipful Grand Secretary
(b) Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters
(c) Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain
(d) Very Worshipful Grand Historian
(e) Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies
(f) Worshipful Grand Deacons
(g) Worshipful Asst Grand Director of Ceremonies
(h) Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer

(i) Worshipful Grand Standard Bearer
(j) Worshipful Grand Organist
(k) Worshipful Grand Piper
(l) Worshipful Grand Pursuivant
(m) Worshipful Grand Stewards

The Grand Tyler shall be nominated from the floor of Grand Lodge and elected by open vote.

11. Ranking of Officers - The rank of Officers and members of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows:

(a) Most Worshipful The Grand Master
(i) M.W. Past Grand Masters according to seniority

(b) Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master
(i) Past Deputy Grand Masters

(c) Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden
(i) Past Senior Grand Wardens

(d) Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden
(i) Past Junior Grand Wardens

(e) Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer
(i) Past Grand Treasurers

(f) Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

(g) Deputy Grand Secretary (if appointed)
(i) Past Grand Secretaries

(h) Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters
(i) Past District Deputy Grand Masters

(i) Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain
(i) Past Grand Chaplains

(j) Very Worshipful Grand Historian
(i) Past Grand Historians

(k) Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies
(i) Past Grand Director of Ceremonies

(l) Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon
(i) Past Senior Grand Deacons

(m) Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon
(i) Past Junior Grand Deacons

(n) Worshipful Asst Grand Directors of Ceremonies
(i) Past Asst Grand Directors of Ceremonies

(o) Grand Sword Bearer
(i) Past Grand Sword Bearers

(p) Grand Standard Bearers
(i) Past Grand Standard Bearers

(q) Grand Organist
(i) Past Grand Organists

(r) Grand Piper
(i) Past Grand Pipers

(s) Worshipful Grand Pursuivant
(i) Past Grand Pursuivant

(t) Grand Stewards of the year

(u) Grand Tyler
(i) Past Grand Tyler

(v) And the Masters, past Masters, and present Wardens of private Lodges, in the order of the number of their respective Lodge warrants.

12. **Eligibility for Office** – Every member who has been regularly installed and served at least one (1) year as Master of a Lodge shall be eligible for every elective office in this Grand Lodge.

13. **Vacancy in Office** – Should any vacancy occur in any office of the Grand Lodge the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to supply the place, *pro tempore.*

14. **Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers** – Officers of the Grand Lodge shall be installed and invested in person, and no installation or investiture of an officer by proxy shall be permitted.

15. **Attendance at Grand Lodge** – No brother shall be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge as Master, past Master, or Warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the Grand Secretary's office.

16. **Attire in Grand Lodge** – No member of the Grand Lodge shall attend therein without his proper jewel and clothing, nor shall he be allowed to wear any jewel not recognized by the Grand Lodge.

17. **Nomination to Office** – The Grand Master, and the elective Grand Officers, shall be nominated by written nominations and elected by ballot prior to the Annual Communication.

18. **Installation of Grand Master** – The Grand Master shall be installed and invested immediately after all regular business of the Grand Lodge Communication is completed, according to the antient usage. He shall then appoint such Grand Officers as come within his prerogative to appoint, who, together with the Grand Officers elect, shall, if present, be thereupon installed or invested in antient form.

19. **Absence of Grand Master** – In the temporary absence of the Grand Master from the Province, notified by him to the Grand Secretary, the Deputy Grand Master shall possess all the powers of the Grand Master; and should the Grand Master

die during his term of office or be rendered incapable to discharging the duties thereof, by sickness, permanent absence from the Province, or by any other cause, the Deputy Grand Master shall forthwith assume the functions of Grand Master until the next annual election, and shall possess all his powers and privileges. Should the Deputy Grand Master die previous to such election, the Grand Wardens shall immediately summon a Grand Lodge to elect a Grand Master.

20. **Grand Representatives** – Should the Grand Master deem it desirable, he may, by warrant, appoint any brother of eminence and skill to represent Grand Lodge in any sister Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication, and report such appointment to Grand Lodge at the earliest opportunity.

21. **Honourary Members** – He may also, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, constitute any distinguished brother who may be regularly deputed from a sister Grand Lodge, a member of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with such rank as the Grand Lodge may deem to be appropriate.

22. **Authority to Convene Lodge** – The Grand Master has full authority to convene any Lodge within his jurisdiction, preside therein and order any of his Grand Officers to attend him. His Deputy is to be placed on his right and the Master of the Lodge on his left hand. His Wardens are also to act as Wardens of that particular Lodge during his presence; but if the Grand Wardens be not present, then the Grand Master may command the Wardens of the Lodge, or any Master masons, to act as his Wardens, *pro tempore*, inspect its proceedings, and require its conformity with the regulations of the Grand Lodge; and for dereliction of duty, or other un-Masonic conduct, he may suspend a brother or Lodge, until the ensuing meeting of the Grand Lodge, when he shall present the reasons for such suspension in writing. Such suspension shall remain in effect as fixed by the Grand Master unless the Grand Lodge otherwise orders.

23. **Summons by Grand Master** – The Grand Master may summon any Lodge or brother to attend him, and to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of such Lodge, or the certificate of such brother. If the summons be not complied with, nor a sufficient reason given for non-compliance, such summons is to be repeated as a peremptory summons; if such last summons be not attended to, such Lodge or brother may be suspended, and the proceeding notified to Grand Lodge.

24. **Dispensation by Grand Master** - He may also grant dispensations "*provida puris communis relaxatio* " and do all such other acts and deeds as warranted or required of him by the regulations and the ancient usages of the fraternity.

25. **Visitation by Grand Officer** – The Grand Master may send his Grand Officers to visit any Lodge he may think proper. The Grand Master or Past Grand Masters only shall close the Lodge in short form.

26. **Communications with Grand Master** – The Grand Master shall not be applied to officially on any business concerning masons or masonry, but through the Grand Secretary.

27. **Directives from Grand Master** – Directives, which may be issued by the Grand Master to address matters of immediate concern to this jurisdiction, shall expire at the next annual communication of Grand Lodge.

28. **Installation of Deputy Grand Master** – The Deputy Grand Master shall be elected at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and if present, he shall be immediately installed, according to Antient usage. In the absence of the Grand Master, as hereinbefore provided, the deputy possesses all his powers and privileges.

29. **Powers of Deputy Grand Master** – The Deputy Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, with the Master of the Lodge on his right hand. The Grand Wardens,

if present, are to act as Wardens of that Lodge during his presence.

30. **Election of Grand Wardens** – The Grand Wardens shall be elected, and, if present, invested at the annual communication.

31. **Substitution of Grand Wardens** – When the actual Grand Wardens are in Grand Lodge, no others can supply their places; but in their absence, the senior Past Grand Wardens present shall act *pro tempore*. If no Past Grand Warden be present, the Grand Master may direct any other member of Grand Lodge to act as Grand Warden for that occasion.

32. **Duties of Grand Wardens** – The Grand Wardens, whenever commanded, are to attend the Grand Master, and while he presides in any particular Lodge, are to act there as his Wardens.

33. **Grand Chaplain** – The Grand Chaplain may be a Master Mason and, if present, invested at the annual communication, and shall attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge, and there offer up solemn prayer suitable to the occasion, as established by the usages of the fraternity.

34. **Grand Treasurer** – The Grand Treasurer shall be elected and, if present, invested at the annual communication. To the Grand Treasurer shall be committed all moneys raised for the general charity, or for any other use of the fraternity, of which he shall keep an account in a book, specifying the respective uses for which the several sums are intended; and shall disburse the same in such manner as the Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct, and submit an account of his receipts and disbursements to the Board of General Purposes, at least fourteen days before every regular communication of Grand Lodge, and also whenever and as often as he shall be called upon so to do; and these accounts shall be annually audited by the said Board, who shall make their report thereon at the annual communication.

35. **Installation of Grand Secretary** – The Grand Secretary shall be appointed and, if present, invested at the annual communication.

36. **Duties of Grand Secretary** – The Grand Secretary shall:

(a) sign and certify all instruments from the Grand Lodge, under seal or otherwise; issue summonses for all meetings of the Grand Lodge, Board of General Purposes, and of any committee, when so directed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and attend and take minutes of their proceedings;

(b) receive the returns from the several Lodges and enter them in the books of the Grand Lodge, and duly report the same at each annual communication of the Grand Lodge;

(c) transmit to all Lodges the proceedings of every communication or other meeting of Grand Lodge, and all such other papers and documents as may be ordered either by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge, or Board of General Purposes;

(d) notify all Lodges annually of expelled, restored, suspended or excluded members for the year;

(e) furnish the Board of General Purposes, or other constituted authority, all proper documents and information that they may require;

(f) receive all petitions, memorials, etc., and lay them before the Grand Master or other proper authority;

(g) attend the Grand Master or Board of General Purposes, and take to him or them any books or papers he or they may direct;

(h) conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge; receive, credit, and record all moneys of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer;

(i) take the custody of the Grand Lodge seal, and affix it to all warrants, certificates, and other proper papers, by order of the Grand Master, and annually report the amount received, and generally do all such things as heretofore have been, or should be done, by a Grand Secretary.

37. **Report by Grand Secretary** – The Grand Secretary shall also submit at each annual communication a general report on the state of the craft under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, with as full and particular account as possible of the membership, funds, properties, annual work and efficiency of each Lodge in the province.

38. **Honourarium of Grand Secretary** – The Grand Secretary shall be paid a salary for his services out of the fund of general purposes.

39. **Premises of Grand Secretary** – He shall open, and keep open, an office, to be styled, "The Office of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick", and shall inform all the Lodges in the Province where the said office is located; and in case of its removal, to where it has been removed.

40. **Deputy Grand Secretary** – A Deputy Grand Secretary may be appointed and will report to understudy, assist, relieve, and assume all duties and responsibilities of the Grand Secretary on a casual basis as required during periods of absence, vacancy, or heavy work loads. He will receive a modest remuneration for services rendered and incurred expenses.

41. **Grand Deacons** – The Grand Deacons shall be appointed and, if present, installed at the annual communication. If they are absent at any communication, the Grand Master or presiding officer may appoint any members of Grand Lodge to officiate *pro tempore.*

42. **Installation of other Grand Lodge Officers** – The Grand Director of Ceremonies, Assistant Grand Director of

Ceremonies, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Organist, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Stewards, are to be appointed annually by the Grand Master on the day of his installation. They are to attend all communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

43. **Grand Director and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies** – The Grand Director of Ceremonies and Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, in addition to their other duties, have the care, during the session of Grand Lodge, of the regalia, clothing, insignia and jewels belonging to the Grand Lodge.

44. **Grand Sword Bearer** – The Grand Sword Bearer shall carry the Grand Master's sword of state on all proper occasions, and perform such other duties as may be required of him, pertaining to his office.

45. **Grand Standard Bearer** – A Grand Standard Bearer shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the annual communication and he shall carry the standard of Grand Lodge.

46. **Grand Organist** – The Grand Organist may be a Master Mason, and be appointed and invested at the annual communication, and shall conduct the musical ceremonies of the Lodge under the direction of the Grand Master or presiding officer.

47. **Grand Piper** – The Grand Piper may be a Master Mason and offer piping services appropriate to the occasion; such as marches for processions, laments for memorial services, light airs for receptions, and sprightly tunes to encourage the dance, and to act as pipe major when other pipers are present, and he is to recognize the drummers who will keep his beat.

48. **Grand Pursuivant** – The Grand Pursuivant shall preserve order in the porch at every meeting of the Grand Lodge, and with the assistance of the brethren nominated for attendance there, see that none except those who are qualified, and who have their proper clothing and jewels, and have signed their

names to the accustomed papers, and are, in all respects, entitled to admission, be admitted.

49. **Grand Stewards** – The Grand Master will appoint Grand Stewards annually for the regulation of Grand festivals, under the direction of the Grand Master. They shall also assist in conducting the arrangements made for the communications and other meetings of the Grand Lodge.

50. **Duties of Grand Tyler** – The Grand Tyler may be a Master Mason; he is to attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, assist in the arrangements, and see that none be admitted but those properly entitled.

51. **Sanction of Grand Tyler** – If any Grand Tyler shall officiate, or attend at any meeting or pretended Lodge of masons not being regularly constituted or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever after being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

52. **Masonic Districts** – The Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be divided into seven districts known as Masonic Districts, as described in the Regulations, for each of which a District Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed, as hereinafter provided.

53. **Appointment of District Deputy Grand Master** – The District Deputy Grand Master for each district shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the annual communication of Grand Lodge, or as soon thereafter as possible. He must be a past Master and a resident of the district for which he is appointed. He shall have the rank of Right Worshipful. The District Deputy Grand Masters during their term of office shall be members of the Board of General Purposes.

54. **Authority of District Deputy Grand Master** – The District Deputy Grand Master may preside in every Lodge he officially visits within his district, with the Master of the Lodge on his right side.

55. **Duties of District Deputy Grand Master** – Each District Deputy Grand Master shall examine carefully into the condition of the Lodges under his charge, examine their records, and correct any irregularities therein, point out all errors in their manner of working, instruct them in every particular where he thinks information is required, recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of masonry, caution in the admission of candidates, punctual attendance at all meetings, and representation at every annual communication of Grand Lodge, and report to the Grand Master in writing the state of each Lodge in his district at least one month prior to each annual communication.

56. **Annual Meetings** – The place of holding the annual communication of Grand Lodge is the City of Saint John, and the time, the Friday preceding the second Saturday in May. Grand Lodge, by a majority vote at any annual communication, may fix upon any other place within the Province as the place at which the next annual session shall be held. Formal notice of motion must be given of a proposition to change the place of meeting and of the place to which the meeting is to be changed at least (60) days prior to the first day of the annual session. None but members of Grand Lodge shall be present at the communications without permission of the Grand Master or presiding officer.

57. **Credentials Committee** – The Grand Master shall, previous to the annual meeting of Grand Lodge, appoint at least three Masters or Past Masters of Lodges as a committee on credentials, who shall attend within the porch of the Grand Lodge for the purpose of guarding, with the assistance of the Grand Pursuivant, against admission of any but those who are qualified; have their proper clothing and jewels; have signed their names to the accustomed papers and are in all respects entitled to admission.

58. **Emergent Meetings** – The Grand Master, or in his absence from the Province, the Deputy Grand Master, or in his absence, the Grand Wardens, may summon and hold a Grand Lodge of emergency, at such time and place as in his or their opinion the good of the craft shall require. The particular reason for convening such Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

59. **Officer Presiding at Meetings** – If at any Grand Lodge, annual or emergent, the Grand Master be absent, the Lodge shall be ruled by the next elective officer, other than the Grand Tyler, and if no elective Grand officer be present, by any past Grand Master, according to seniority; and the powers of any *pro tempore* presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office filled by him.

60. **Form of Meetings** – The Grand Lodge is declared to be open in *ample form* when the Grand Master is present; in *due form* when a past Grand Master or the deputy presides; at all other times only in *form*, yet with the same authority.

61. **Grand Lodge Regalia** – All Grand Lodge Officers when attending the functions of Concordant Bodies by invitation, on behalf of Grand Lodge, as the personal representative of the Grand Master, will wear full Masonic Regalia only, according to their rank in Grand Lodge.

62. **Official Emblem** – The square and compasses with the letter "G" placed in the center will be the official emblem of the Grand Jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick.

63. **Grand Lodge Certificate** – All applications for Grand Lodge Certificates must be made to the Grand Secretary; and if the name of the brother wishing for the certificate has not previously been registered, the money payable on registration must be transmitted at the same time, as no certificate shall, on any account, be issued until such money has been paid. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge Certificate immediately upon being registered in the books of the Grand

Lodge. Each Lodge, therefore, when it makes its annual return of the masons whom it has initiated, shall make a remittance of the money prescribed by regulations. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge Certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof or it will not be valid. No brother shall obtain a Grand Lodge Certificate if he shall have been admitted to more than one degree of masonry on the same day, or at a shorter interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master. Every return or other document, upon which a Grand Lodge Certificate is to be issued, must specify not only the date of initiation, but also the days on which the brother was advanced to the second and third degrees.

64. **Lost Certificate** – Any brother who may have lost his certificate shall be furnished with a duplicate thereof at a cost prescribed by regulations by the Grand Secretary, upon a properly certified application by the Master or Secretary of his Lodge.

65. **Mentor Program** – The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick will provide a "Mentor Program" and participation in such program will be mandatory for all Lodges in the Jurisdiction.

66. **Bursary Selection Committee** – The Grand Master shall appoint. for each year, a committee consisting of three brethren in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick to be known as the Bursary Selection Committee, which shall award for the year for which they are appointed such number of educational bursaries as the Board of General Purposes determine are to be available for that year. Any bursary so awarded shall be paid by the Grand Lodge in such manner as may be deemed advisable.

67. **Benevolence Fund** – The charity fund of this Grand Lodge shall be known as "The Fund of Benevolence", and shall consist of such donations as may be given towards it; together with such other amounts as may, from time to time, be received on account of said fund. The fund of benevolence shall be held in the name of the Grand Lodge, and shall be under the control and direction of the Board of General

Purposes. This fund shall be appropriated exclusively for the relief of such poor and distressed brethren, and the widows and orphans of deceased brethren as may be deemed worthy of assistance; and also for educational bursaries for brethren, children, grandchildren, wives and widows of Masons provided always that such brethren are, or such deceased brethren at the time of their decease were, registered and in good standing on the roll of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, with the sole exception that Grand Lodge may order and direct that an amount not to exceed seventy-five per centum of the unexpended balance of income of the fund in any year be transferred to the credit of the Grand Lodge account of general purposes. No brother not affiliated with some Lodge shall be entitled to the benefit of the benevolent fund for himself or family; nor be entitled to any Masonic privilege whatever.

68. **Expulsion of Craft Lodge Member** – A mason offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or any of its delegated authorities, be subject to admonition or suspension, or by the Grand Lodge only, to expulsion. No Mason shall, however, be subject to any such sanction without receiving a fair hearing, at which the presumption of innocence shall prevail, and prior to which there shall have been timely disclosure of the specifics of any complaint made against him and the information upon which it is based.(May 2013)

69. **Appeals to Grand Lodge** - As the Grand Lodge, when congregated, is a representative of every individual member of the fraternity, it necessarily possesses a supreme superintending authority, and the power of finally deciding on every case which concerns the interest of the craft. Any Lodge or brother, who may feel aggrieved by the decision of any other Masonic authority or jurisdiction, may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such decision. The appeal must be made in writing, specifying the particular grievance complained of, and be transmitted to the Grand Secretary. A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made. Notice of all appeals must be given in writing to the Grand Secretary within

one month from the receipt of the decision appealed against, in proper and respectful language.

70. Role of Board of General Purposes
(Deleted & Replaced – May 2015 – See 70.1)

70.1 Title, Mandate and Role of Board – The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Board of General Purposes, herein designated as the Board, shall be a general committee to which may be submitted any matter referred by Grand Lodge to a committee, except in cases where a special committee is appointed. The Board is to assist the Grand Master in reference to the good government of the Craft and may establish policy for its own conduct, make recommendations to Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, on the advisability of edicts, the application of Masonic law, custom or practice and serves to coordinate, promote, continue and perform such duties as may be authorized by the Grand Master, or Grand Lodge, but all decisions and actions are subject to ratification by Grand Lodge. (May 2015)

71. Mandate of Board of General Purposes –
(Deleted & Replaced – May 2015 – See 70.1)

72. Authority of Board of General Purposes –
(Deleted & Replaced – May 2015 – See 70.1)

73. Composition of Board– The Board shall consist of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters that have served at least one year as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, the District Deputy Grand Masters, and not more than ten (10) appointed members by the Grand Master, ensuring equitable district representation, and who shall not serve more than 4 consecutive terms, and in addition the Chairman of the finance and Jurisprudence committees whose terms shall be at the pleasure of the Grand Master. It shall meet at least twice a year in regular session, or as often as required by the Grand Master. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Immediate Past Grand Master, Chair of

Jurisprudence Committee and Chair of Finance Committee will form the Executive Committee and meet at least four times a year, or as so often as required by the Grand Master. The executive committee will report to the Board which shall review all decisions and may ratify, reject, or amend such decisions as circumstances warrant. (Amended – May 2015)

74. **Board of General Purposes Officers** – The Grand Master shall be the Chairman of the Board and the Executive Committee. The vice-chair shall be the Deputy Grand Master. Should the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master be absent from any meeting of the Board or Executive Committee, the Board, or Executive committee shall elect a chairman pro tempore. The presiding officer shall have a casting vote in case of a tie, in addition to his vote as a member. (Amended- May 2015)

75. **Quorum of Board of General Purposes** – Five members of the Board including the presiding officer, present at any duly called meeting of the Board; or three (3) members at any duly called meeting of the Executive Committee shall make a quorum for the transaction of business. (Amended – May 2015)

76. **Vacancies on Board**– Should any vacancy occur among the appointed members of the Board, by death or otherwise, the Grand Master may immediately appoint a qualified brother to fill the vacancy. In the event the vacancy is that of an elected officer, the appointment shall be on an interim basis until the next elections of Grand Lodge are held. (Amended – May 2015)

77. **Withdrawal from Board of General Purposes** – In case of any Masonic charge affecting a member of the Board, or a Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw from the Board whilst the matter is being resolved. (Amended – May 2015)

78. **Duties of Secretary of Board of General Purposes** – The Grand Secretary shall act as Secretary of the Board and Executive Committee keep a full record of its proceedings and

transactions. The Grand Secretary shall send a copy of the proposed agenda and minutes of the last meeting to all members of the Board, by email where applicable, at least fourteen days prior to the next meeting, except where the Grand Master may call a meeting on shorter notice. (Amended – May 2015)

79. Supervision by Board of General Purposes –
(Section Deleted- May 2015)

80. Access to Grand Lodge documents- The Board shall always have access to any of the papers, books or documents of the Grand Lodge. (Amended – May 2015)

81. Recommendations of Board of General Purposes-
(Deleted & Replaced – May 2015 – See 70.1)

82. Power to Enact Regulations – For the better government of the craft and to facilitate the carrying on of the business and affairs of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes shall have the power to make and adopt new Regulations from time to time, provided always, however, that no such Regulation or any part thereof shall continue to have any force or effect unless ratified and confirmed subsequently at the immediately ensuing communication of Grand Lodge by majority vote. (May 2013)

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THE CRAFT LODGES OF NEW BRUNSWICK

83. Creation of Warrant – Every application for a warrant to hold a new Lodge must be by petition to the Grand Master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons, and the Lodges to which they formerly belonged must be specified. If the prayer of the petition be granted, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation, authorizing the brethren to meet as a Lodge until a warrant of constitution shall be granted by the Grand Lodge in a manner prescribed by regulations.

84. **Precedency of Lodges –** The precedency of Lodges is derived from the number of their warrant of constitution, as recorded in the books of the Grand Lodge.

85. **Reversion of Warrant** – If the majority of any Lodge shall determine to quit the Lodge, the constitution, or power of assembling, remains with the rest of the members; provided their numbers be not less than seven, otherwise the warrant ceases and becomes extinct; and all authority thereby granted or enjoyed shall revert to the Grand Lodge, together with all the funds and property of the said Lodge. All the property and effects of a Lodge surrendering its charter, with the intention of resuming it, shall be held by Grand Lodge until such time as the charter shall be restored or the intention of reclaiming it be abandoned or the charter declared forfeited. If and when the charter shall be restored, such property and effects (excluding increment or interest) shall also be restored. No charter thus deposited shall be restored unless the constitutional provisions relating to such property and effects shall have been strictly complied with, nor unless seven of the petitioners for its restoration were members in good standing of the Lodge at the time of its surrender.

86. **Suspension of Charter** – If at any time the charter of any Lodge under this jurisdiction shall be suspended or cancelled for irregular or unmasonic conduct, the members of said Lodge, at the time of its having incurred such a penalty, shall be disqualified to visit or join any other Lodge without special permission of the Grand Lodge. If such charter is cancelled for any other reason or is surrendered, the members of the Lodge then in good standing shall receive demits from the Grand Secretary. No Lodge can be erased or its warrant declared forfeited, until the Master, or in his absence the Wardens, shall have been notified in writing of the offence, and shall have been summoned to answer the complaint made.

87. **Forfeiture of Property** – If a Lodge be dissolved, its warrant, records, seals, regalia, funds and other property of

every description shall forthwith be delivered up to the Grand Master, or other constituted authority. All members of a Lodge who shall refuse or neglect to make such transfer and delivery or who shall vote to divide the funds or other property thereof among themselves or be a party to any other disposition thereof shall be liable to expulsion from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

88. **Craft Lodge Officers** – The Officers of a Lodge are the Master, Immediate Past Master, two Wardens, a Chaplain, a Treasurer, a Secretary, two Deacons, two Stewards, Director of Ceremonies, Inner Guard and Tyler, who shall hold office until their successors shall have been elected or appointed and installed.

89. **Elections of Master and Treasurer** – Every Lodge shall annually, at a communication in November or December, elect its Master and Treasurer by written ballot, such Master having first served as Warden of a warranted Lodge for one year, that is to say, from the date of his appointment to the office on the regular night of installation until the day on which the election of Officers takes place. On the regular night of installation, after the minutes have been read and approved, he shall be installed according to antient usage; he shall then appoint the other Officers and install them and the treasurer into office.

90. **Eligibility for Office of Master** – Only Wardens, Past Wardens, Worshipful Masters and Past Masters in good standing are eligible for election to the office of Worshipful Master.

91. **Festival Day Installations** – A Lodge, by its by-laws, may provide that the Festival Day of Saint John the Evangelist shall be a regular communication for the purpose of installing Officers only, except where such Festival Days falls on a Sunday in which case the installation shall be moved to the next day following, at which meeting only that portion of the minutes of the last regular communication dealing with the

election of the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler shall be confirmed; the balance to be confirmed at the next regular communication of the Lodge.

92. **Wardens** – A Lodge, by its by-laws, may elect its Wardens by written ballot, but without nomination. A Lodge so disposed shall amend its by-laws accordingly and shall abide thereby. If this option be not adopted by any Lodge, the Wardens shall be appointed by the Master.

93. **Ballot for Officers** – The elected Officers shall be chosen by written ballot without nominations, except the Treasurer, who shall be nominated, and the Tyler, who is to be chosen by nomination and open vote, and no brother shall be declared elected to any elective office unless he shall have received a majority of all the votes cast.

94. **Investiture of Officers** – Officers shall be installed in person, and no installation of any officer by proxy shall be permitted. If the officer-elect or appointed be not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the Lodge at which he is present; and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation for two regular communications after his election or appointment, the Lodge may, by a majority vote, declare his election or appointment void and revoked and another shall be elected or appointed in his stead, who shall be installed into office in due form. The Grand Master, in his wisdom, may grant dispensation to a Lodge to change its installation day providing it has complied with its election date and supplies sufficient reason therefore.

95. **Advancement in Office** – All preferment among masons shall be grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, therefore, no brother shall be elected Master of a Lodge, or appointed to any office therein, merely on account of seniority or rank.

96. **Semi-Public Installations** – No Semi-Public Installation may be held without the approval of the Grand Master; the application to be made via the District Deputy Grand Master, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Installation. All Semi-Public Installations shall be done from memory, with the exception of the "Summary of the Antient Charges and Regulations" which are to be read or recited to the Master elect, prior to his installation into the chair of the Lodge.

97. **Master-elect** – No Master-elect shall assume the Master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may, in the interim, rule the Lodge.

98. **Confirmation of Election of Master** – It shall be necessary, previous to the installation of the Master, that his election be confirmed; after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed. Should the election of a Master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master; and on confirmation of that election, at the following ordinary meeting of the Lodge, the installation of the Master shall follow.

99. **Master's Pledges** – Every Master, before being placed in the chair, shall, in addition to a full compliance with the prescribed order and ceremonies of installation, solemnly pledge himself to observe all the old-established usages and customs, and to preserve the landmarks of the fraternity, and most strictly enforce them within his own Lodge. The by-laws of the Lodge shall be delivered to the Master on the day of his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them during his Mastership.

100. **Responsibilities of Master** – The Master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private Lodges, and is bound to produce all books, minutes and accounts when required by any lawful authority.

101. **Antient Charges** – The Master of every Lodge is to cause the antient charges to be read in open Lodge once every year.

102. **Absence of Master** – If the Master be not present, the Immediate Past Master, or if he be not present, the senior Past Master of the Lodge present shall take the chair. If no Past Master of the Lodge be present, then the Senior Warden, or in his absence, the Junior Warden, may rule the Lodge, but not confer degrees. If the Master die, be removed, or be incapable of discharging the duties of his office, the Senior Warden, and in the absence of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall act as Master in summoning the Lodge until the next election of Officers.

103. **Visiting Past Master** – A Past Master of any other Lodge may be invited by the brother in the chair to officiate as Master, and confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

104. **Removal or Substitution of Officer** – No Warden or other officer of a Lodge can resign his office, nor can he be removed, unless for a cause which appears to a majority of the Lodge to be sufficient. If the Master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his Officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the Lodge and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint is well founded, he shall have the power to displace such officer, and another must be elected or appointed in his stead.

105. **Duties of Tyler** – The Tyler is to be chosen by nomination and open vote, by the members of the Lodge, and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by the majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the Lodge, and another elected in his stead. He is to see that every visitor has signed his name in the attendance book before entering the Lodge, and that he is provided with proper clothing.

106. **Sanction of Tyler** – If any Tyler shall officiate or attend at any meeting, or pretended Lodge or masons, not being regularly constituted, or not acknowledging the authority of the Grand Master, or not conforming to the laws of the Grand Lodge, he shall thereby be rendered incapable of ever being a Tyler or attendant on a Lodge, and shall be excluded the benefit of the general charity.

107. **Bylaws** – Every Lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its own government, provided they are not contrary to or inconsistent with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. Two copies of the by-laws must be submitted to the Grand Secretary for the approbation of the Grand Master; and, when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must in like manner be submitted; and no by-law or alteration shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

108. **Submission to Bylaws** – Every brother shall sign the by-laws when he becomes a Master mason of the Lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them, and every Master mason shall at all reasonable times have access to such by-laws, which should be printed for the use of the Lodge and delivered to each Master mason.

109. **Membership Register** – The Master is responsible that a book or books be kept, in which the Secretary shall enter the names of the members of the Lodge, and of all persons initiated or admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission, or initiation, passing and raising; and also their ages, as near as possible, at that time, and their titles, professions or trades, together with such transactions of the Lodge as are proper to be written.

110. **Regular Meetings** – The place and regular days of meeting of the Lodge shall be specified in the by-laws and no meeting of the Lodge shall be held elsewhere, except a removal be decided upon in conformity with the by-laws and with the consent of the Grand Master.

111. **Substitution of Regular Meeting** – Every Lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the Grand Secretary. The Officers of a removed Lodge shall not be permitted to attend the Grand Lodge until the removal be properly notified.

112. **Emergent Communications** – A Lodge of emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the Master or, in his absence, of the Senior Warden, or in their absence, of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. The business to be transacted at such Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, recorded on the minutes, and no other business shall be entered upon.

113. **Postponement of Meeting** – Notwithstanding section 110, when there exists on the date of a regular or emergent meeting of a Lodge an unforeseen situation which, in the opinion of the Worshipful Master, and beyond his control, threatens the safety and well-being of the members, he may postpone such regular or emergent meeting to a later date, provided that such postponement is not later than the next regular meeting and that every effort has been made to inform all members of the postponement as soon as possible after the determination. For purposes of this section electronic media where applicable may be used to notify the members. When such postponement occurs, the Master shall immediately notify in writing the Grand Secretary giving the full circumstances surrounding the postponement; and record the same in the minutes of the rescheduled meeting. (May 2008)

114. **Conduct of Proceedings** – The majority of the members present at any Lodge, duly summoned, have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings provided that they are consistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft.

115. **Publication of Proceedings** – No brother shall presume to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge or any part thereof, or the names of the persons present at such Lodge, without the permission of the Grand Master, under pain of being reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the Grand Lodge shall determine. This law is not to extend to the writing, printing or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge, or by the authority of the Master, or the proceedings of any festive or public meeting at which persons, not masons, are permitted to attend.

116. **Registration of Lodges** – No Lodge shall be acknowledged, nor any of its Officers admitted to the Grand Lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other Masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered.

117. **Suspension of Membership** – Every Lodge has the power of suspending or excluding a member for unmasonic conduct or for non-payment of dues, but no Lodge shall suspend or exclude any member for unmasonic conduct without giving him due notice of the charge preferred, or complaint made against him, and of the time appointed for its consideration. He shall be at liberty to be present, and be afforded every opportunity of defending himself. When the case has been investigated he shall withdraw, and the votes of the brethren shall be given by ballot. It shall be the duty of the Master of the Lodge to ensure that the member against whom the charge or complaint has been presented is treated with fundamental fairness in all proceedings and, before any Masonic Trial is held, that every reasonable effort at mediation and settlement of the charge or complaint has been undertaken. (May 2013)

118. **Non-Payment of Dues** – No Lodge shall suspend or exclude a brother for non-payment of dues, until, by vote of the Lodge, a notice has been sent to him of his default, under the by-laws of the Lodge, appointing a time at which his default will be

considered. At the time appointed he may be suspended or excluded by a vote of the Lodge. Any member of a Lodge not in communication with a Lodge, and in arrears for dues for the term of two years or more, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be given a demit. A brother who has been so demitted may receive the certificate of demit when the outstanding dues have been paid, or such portion as the Lodge may exact.

119. **Publication of Suspension** – The name of every brother suspended or excluded in any case, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and to every Lodge in the same Masonic district forthwith.

120. **Reinstatement of Member** – A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored by the Lodge within the first twelve months of his suspension without a fresh ballot, on application to the Lodge and payment of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension, and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended. If the Lodge deem a member so suspended unable to pay the full amount of arrears, it may restore him to membership upon payment by the suspended member of such a portion of the arrears as the Lodge may see fit to accept. Notice of the restoration of a member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be forthwith given to the Grand Secretary, and to every Lodge in the same Masonic District.

121. **Dues Relief** – By a vote of the Lodge the dues, or any portion of the dues, of any member in indigent circumstances may be remitted.

122. **Suspension of Membership** – Any brother who is a member of more than one Lodge in this jurisdiction and who is suspended, excluded or expelled by any one of the Lodges of which he is a member shall forthwith be suspended, excluded or expelled from membership in any other Lodge or Lodges of which he is a member.

123. **Demits** – Any brother, whose dues for the current year and all arrears have been paid in full, may apply for and be entitled to a demit from the Lodge of which he is a member. The Master, before granting the demit; will pass the request to a committee for consideration. Should the committee agree that in their opinion it may be possible to convince the brother to remain in the Lodge, they will inform the Master accordingly. The Master will then communicate with the brother before granting a demit. No brother not affiliated with some Lodge shall be permitted to visit any Lodge more than once during his secession from the craft. The Secretary of the Lodge visited shall endorse the date upon the demit and sign the same.

124. **Restriction on Visitation** – If any member shall be excluded from his Lodge, or shall withdraw himself from it, without having complied with its by-laws, or with the general regulations of the craft, he shall not be eligible to visit or become a member of any other Lodge, until that Lodge shall have been made acquainted with his former neglect, so that the brethren may be enable to exercise their discretion as to his admission.

125. **Certificate of Disqualification** – Whenever a member of any Lodge shall resign, be suspended or shall be excluded, or whenever, at a future time, he may require it, he shall be furnished with a certificate, signed by the Master and Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, stating the circumstances under which he left the Lodge; and such certificate shall be produced to any other Lodge of which his is proposed to be admitted a member, previous to the ballot being taken.

126. **Visitor's Register** – Every Lodge shall keep a book, in which all visitors attending shall, at each meeting, sign their names before entering the Lodge, with their Masonic rank and the name of their Mother Lodge, or the Lodge from which they hail.

127. **Visitations by Officers** – The Master, Wardens and members of a Lodge are enjoined to visit other Lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding be thereby cultivated among freemasons.

128. **Visitation by Members** – It is the privilege of every affiliated mason, in good and regular standing, to visit any Lodge unless objection is made by a sitting member of the Lodge to the admission of such visitor, in which event such reason must be presented in open Lodge and be to the satisfaction of the Master, who shall have final say as to the admissibility of such visitor during that meeting.

129. **Admittance of Visitors** – No visitor shall be admitted into a Lodge unless he be personally recommended, or well vouched for; or after due examination by one or more of the brethren present, and shall have entered his name, Masonic rank and name and number of his mother Lodge, or the Lodge he hails from, in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose and during his continuance in the Lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the Lodge. The Master of the Lodge is particularly bound to enforce these regulations.

130. **Election of Honourary Member** – A brother who may have rendered any service to the craft in general, or to any particular Lodge, may, by a vote of the Lodge, be elected an honourary member of such Lodge. The Lodge must include honourary members in its returns to Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Lodge similar dues for such honourary members as are payable for ordinary members. No brother shall be admitted an honourary member of a Lodge without a regular proposition in open Lodge, nor until his name and number of the Lodge of which he is, or was last, a member, shall have been sent to all the members in the last summons for the next regular Lodge meeting.

131. **Privileges of Honourary Member** – Honourary membership does not confer the right of voting in the Lodge unless specially conferred by vote of the Lodge at a regular meeting; previous notice of intention to confer the right, and the name, residence and addition of the brother in whose case the vote is to be had, having been first stated in the usual summons. Honourary members, upon whom the right of voting has been conferred, shall have all the privileges of membership including the right of holding office in the Lodge.

132. **Meeting Notices to Grand Lodge** – Notices of all regular and emergent communications of the Lodge shall be sent to the Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which each Lodge is located.

133. **Grand Lodge Return** – Each Lodge shall annually, immediately after the 31st day of December, make a return to the Grand Secretary, of the Master, Wardens and past Masters of the Lodge, including all the members who claim to be entitled to attend in Grand Lodge as past Masters, as having served the office of Master in some other Lodge, specifying the Lodges in which each of such past Masters have served the office Master, and no brother shall be permitted to attend in Grand Lodge unless his name shall appear in some such return. (May 2013)

134. **Payments to Grand Lodge** – Each Lodge shall make its return and all payments annually, immediately after the 31st day of December, to the Grand Secretary, and in case of neglect for more than one year to make such returns and all payments, or in case the Lodge does not meet during that period, it shall be liable to be erased. Should such returns and all payments not be made at least four weeks prior to the annual communication of Grand Lodge, the Master and Wardens, or any representatives of such Lodge, are thereby disqualified from attending Grand Lodge, or sitting upon any committee until those returns and payments have been completed. (May 2013)

135. **Annual Reports** – Each Lodge shall also make return to the Grand Secretary a copy of the audit report of the Lodge, together with a copy of the treasurer's statement of receipts and expenditure in detail for the year; such to accompany the annual returns to Grand Lodge. The Secretary shall make return on form supplied to him, a statement of the affairs of his office for each year.

136. **Summons by Grand Lodge** – The Master and Wardens of every Lodge, when summoned to do so, shall attend the Grand Master, his Deputy, the Grand Lodge, or any board, or committee, or person authorized by the Grand Lodge; and produce the warrant, minutes and books of the Lodge, under pain of suspension, and being reported to the next Grand Lodge.

137. **Peremptory summonses** – If any Lodge, by its Master and Wardens, be summoned to attend, or to produce its warrant, books, papers or accounts, to the Grand Master, his deputy, or any board or committee, or person authorized by the Grand Lodge, and does not comply nor give sufficient reason for non-compliance, a peremptory summons shall be issued and in case of contumacy, such Lodge may be suspended, and the proceedings notified to Grand Lodge, which shall have power to declare the warrant forfeited, or otherwise deal with it as a majority shall determine.

138. **Voting at Grand Lodge** – The majority of the members of a Lodge, when congregated, have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master and Wardens, or other representative, before the meeting of the Grand Lodge; because such Officers are their representatives and are supposed to speak their sentiments.

139. **Property of Lodge** – The jewels and furniture of every Lodge, whose charter or warrant has not been suspended or cancelled, belongs to and are the property of, the Master, Wardens and Brethren of such Lodge.

140. **Records of Lodge** – All minutes, lists and books of account, belonging to a Lodge must be produced by the Master, when he shall be so required by competent authority.

141. **Accounts** – The Master shall see that all moneys received or paid on account of the Lodge are entered in proper books by the Secretary and Treasurer. The accounts of the Lodge shall be audited at least once in every year by a committee appointed by the Lodge.

142. **Lodge Seal** – Every Lodge shall have a Masonic seal, to be affixed to all documents proper to be issued, and which shall be in the custody of the Secretary, under the direction of the worshipful Master. An impression of the seal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and whenever changed, an impression of the new seal shall in like manner be transmitted.

143. **Grand Lodge Certificate** – Each Lodge shall procure for every brother initiated therein a Grand Lodge certificate, to be paid for by the Lodge.

144. **Lodge Certificates** – No Lodge shall grant a private Lodge certificate to a brother, except for the purpose of enabling him to obtain a Grand Lodge certificate, in which case such certificate shall be specifically addressed to the Grand Secretary; and except also such certificates as may be required by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or called for by any of its committees or issued to a member on retirement or exclusion from a Lodge for the purpose of evidence of standing, and no Lodge shall charge for a private Lodge certificate.

145. **Dues Cards** – A Lodge may, however, issue a card receipt for dues signed by its Secretary, under the seal of Grand Lodge, that the Lodge is duly warranted and registered.

146. **Admission of Members** – No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge unless the laws of the craft relating to the proposing and admitting of candidates shall have been strictly complied with. No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge without a regular proposition in open Lodge, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is, or was last, a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular Lodge meeting, at which meeting the brother's Grand Lodge certificate and also satisfactory evidence of his Masonic standing are to be produced, and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot.

147. **Sanction of Member** – A brother who has been concerned in making masons clandestinely, or in a Lodge which is not a regular Lodge, or for small and unworthy considerations, or who may assist in forming a new Lodge without the Grand Master's authority, shall not be admitted as a member or visitor, into any regular Lodge, nor partake of the general charity, or other Masonic privilege, till he makes due submission and obtains grace.

148. **Craft Lodge Membership** – Every candidate initiated in a Lodge shall become a member thereof upon receiving the Entered Apprentice degree and become liable for the regular Lodge dues. Upon receiving the Master Mason degree, he shall be entitled to voting privileges and appointments to committees; also to receive a copy of the by-laws of the Lodge together with a copy of the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. Every Lodge must be particularly careful in registering the names of the brethren initiated therein, and also in making the returns of its members, as no person is regularly entitled to partake of the general charity unless his name be duly registered, and he shall have been at least two years a contributing member of a Lodge. To prevent injury to individuals, by their being excluded the privileges of masonry through the neglect of their Lodges in not registering their names, any brother so

circumstanced, on producing sufficient proof to the Grand Secretary that he has paid the full fees to his Lodge, shall be capable of enjoying the full privileges of the craft; but the offending Lodge shall be reported to the Grand Lodge and rigorously proceeded against for neglecting to make the proper return and detaining moneys which are the property of the Grand Lodge, and which had been paid to the Lodge for specific appropriation.

149. **Petition by Candidate** – A candidate may petition for admission to any Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick. No person not having attained the age of nineteen years shall be made a mason in any Lodge, and every candidate must be a free man, and at the time of initiation, be known to be in reputable circumstances. He should be a lover of the liberal arts and sciences, and have made some progress in one or other of them; and he must, at the time of his application subscribe his name at full length to a declaration prescribed by the Regulations. This declaration shall be read in full in open Lodge and handed to the committee of investigation, who shall append their report thereon. A petition having been received by a Lodge cannot be withdrawn. Any person who cannot write shall be ineligible to be admitted to the fraternity.

150. **Proposal for Initiation** - No person shall be made a mason unless he resided one year in the Grand Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission immediately previous to his application, or shall produce a certificate of character from the nearest Lodge to the place of his previous residence; nor until he has been properly proposed at one regular meeting of the Lodge, and a committee of three has been appointed by the worshipful Master to make the necessary enquiries into the character of the candidate; nor until his name in full, date of birth, occupation and address shall have been sent to all the members in the summons for the next regular meeting, when, after the committee have reported in writing to the Lodge he must be balloted for, and if approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry.

151. **Emergency Proposal** – In case of emergency, the following alteration as to the mode of proposing a candidate is allowed. Any two members of a Lodge may transmit, in writing to the Master, the usual declaration of any candidate whom they wish to propose, and the circumstances which cause the emergency; and the Master, if the emergency be proper, shall issue a notice to every member, appoint a committee as before provided, and at the same time summon the Lodge to meet at a period of not less than seven clear days from the issuing of the summons for the purpose of balloting for the candidates; if the candidate be then approved, he may be initiated into the first degree of masonry. The Master shall, previous to the ballot being taken, cause the said proposition, and the emergency stated, to be recorded in the minute book of the Lodge.

152. **Investigating Committee** – The committee of investigation shall be appointed by the Master at the time when an application for degrees is received by the Lodge. The names of the committee shall be entered on the record of that meeting, but shall not be put on the notices. Each member of the committee shall be immediately notified of his appointment by the Secretary. It shall be the duty of the committee carefully and thoroughly to investigate the moral character and standing of each applicant and in no case to make a favourable report to the Lodge without feeling reasonably certain that the character of the applicant will warrant such a report. No ballot shall be taken on any application until at least a majority of the committee shall have reported to the Lodge in writing over their own signatures.

153. **Multiple Petitions** – If there be more than one petition before the Lodge at any meeting, each shall be balloted on separately.

154. **Membership by Affiliation** – A Master mason in good standing in the fraternity or holding a demit from a regular Lodge may apply for membership by affiliation to any Lodge within this jurisdiction. Action upon such application for

membership shall be governed by the usual provisions of investigation and ballot, except that an application for such membership may be withdrawn without ballot. Rejection by ballot of any such application does not impair the Masonic standing of the appellant.

155. **Member of defunct Lodge** – When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge, on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary, stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his dues duly paid.

156. **Ballot on Petition** – No person shall be made a mason or admitted a member of a Lodge, if, on ballot, three or more black balls appear against him, nor shall less than three balls reject a candidate. The ballot box shall have two separate compartments clearly designated for the depositing of black and white balls. The ballot shall be distributed and taken up by the proper Officers and each brother shall be furnished with one black ball and one white ball.

157. **Ballot Offence** – Casting a black ball factiously and without just cause is a Masonic offence for which a member is subject to Masonic punishment.

158. **Reconsideration of Ballot** – A ballot may be reconsidered once by order of the Worshipful Master or a vote of the Lodge. The ballot on the reconsideration must be taken before the Lodge shall have proceeded to other business than balloting for candidates.

159. **Notice of Rejection of Petition** – Any Lodge rejecting a candidate shall send a written notice of such rejections to the Grand Secretary, who shall advise all other Lodges within the same Masonic Grand Jurisdiction. (May 2016)

160. **Rejection of Application for Initiation** – A rejected applicant for initiation in the Province cannot be balloted for in the same or any other Lodge within six months from the time of such rejection.

161. **Re-application for Membership** – When an applicant who has been rejected in one Lodge in this jurisdiction shall, after the expiration of six months, make application to another Lodge for admission to the fraternity, the application may be received, but no ballot shall be taken thereon until the former Lodge shall have been notified and shall have given its consent by resolution, certified by the Master and Secretary. The members of the Lodge whose consent is asked must, previous to any action thereof, be notified of such application.

162. **Notice to Candidate** – Every candidate elected to receive the degrees shall be notified thereof by the Secretary in writing and shall receive at the same time a copy of the booklet entitled "Forward". The notice shall specify the time and place at which he may present himself to receive the first degree, and, if through his own fault or neglect, he does not receive the degree within one year from that time, the ballot by which he was elected shall be void and all fees he has paid shall be forfeited to the Lodge.

163. **Presence of Candidates** – No Lodge shall permit more than one candidate to be present, at the same time, in the first section of the first degree, or in the second section of the third degree.

164. **Initiation and advancement of Masons** – No Lodge shall on any pretence initiate more than five new Masons or pass more than five Fellowcrafts or raise more than five Master Masons in one day unless by dispensation. Such request for dispensation shall set out the number of persons to be initiated or advanced. Those to be initiated shall have been balloted for and approved prior to a request for dispensation. (May 2014)

165. **Conferring Craft Degrees** – A higher degree in masonry cannot be conferred on any brother at a less interval than four weeks from his receiving a previous degree, except by dispensation from the Grand Master, nor in any case until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge in such previous degree. An interval of not less than seven days, shall, in all cases, elapse between the times respectively of conferring the degrees on a brother. A degree shall be conferred in its entirety, in a single meeting, as printed in the Ritual Book. The only exception may be the lectures. However, these lectures shall be communicated as soon as possible following the degree.

166. **Submission to Constitutions** – Every candidate shall, on his initiation, solemnly promise to submit to the constitutions, and to conform to all the usages and regulations of the craft.

167. **Initiation Fees** – No Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of New Brunswick shall make a Mason for less consideration than Fifty Dollars ($50.00) nor on any pretence remit or defer payment of any part of this sum. This is not to extend to the making of serving brethren, who may be initiated providing that no fee or reward in such case be taken, and that a dispensation from the Grand Master be first obtained.

168. **Observation of Sabbath** – No degree shall be conferred in any craft Lodge in the jurisdiction of New Brunswick on Sunday.

169. **Lodges of Instruction** – No general Lodge of instruction shall be holden unless under the sanction of a regular warranted Lodge, and at the place of meeting of that Lodge, or by the special license and authority of the Grand Master. The Lodge giving its sanction and the brethren to whom such license is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings of such Lodge of instruction, and responsible that the mode of working there adopted has received the sanction of Grand Lodge. Notice of the times and places of meeting of the

Lodges of instruction shall be given to the Grand Secretary. Lodges of instruction shall keep a minute of all brethren present at each meeting, and of brethren appointed to hold office, and such minutes shall be produced when called for by the Grand Master, or Lodge granting the sanction. If a Lodge which has given its sanction for a Lodge of instruction being held under its warrant shall see fit, it may at any regular meeting withdraw that sanction by resolution of the Lodge to be communicated to the Lodge of instruction; provided that notice of the intention to withdraw the sanction be inserted in the summons for that meeting. The Grand Master shall have power to suspend or dissolve any Lodge of instruction, whether heretofore or hereafter formed, when in his opinion there shall be sufficient cause therefore. Lodges of instruction have none of the rights of chartered Lodges.

170. Public Processions – No Lodge shall form any public Masonic procession, or attend in Masonic clothing any public or private gathering except for the purpose of memorial services, which is not permitted by the constitution, without dispensation from the Grand Master. If any brother shall attend as a mason, clothed in any of the jewels or badges of the craft, at any public procession, except a Masonic funeral, or any public or private gathering, not authorized by the constitutions, without the permission of the Grand Master, he shall be rendered incapable of ever after being an officer of a Lodge, and also be excluded the benefit of the general charity; and if any Lodge shall so offend, it shall stand suspended until the Grand Lodge shall determine thereon.

171. Request for Masonic Funeral – No mason, being an Entered Apprentice, a Fellowcraft, a Master Mason a demitted brother or member suspended for non-payment of dues, can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity unless it be at his or his immediate family's request. When the wish of the deceased shall have been communicated to the Master of the Lodge of which he died a member, the Master shall apply to the Grand Master for a dispensation or follow procedure in article 172 if warranted. When a Master Mason from beyond the Province of New Brunswick shall

die within the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, the provisions of the constitutions relating to deceased members of Lodges in New Brunswick shall apply as far as practicable and any Master of a Lodge may take the direction of the funeral, and conduct the same in all things as provided for resident brethren deceased. (May 2026)

172. **Funeral Processions** – In case of a Masonic funeral, when the urgency of the case will not admit of the delay necessary to communicate with the Grand Master, the Worshipful Master, or in his absence, the brother ruling the Lodge, shall authorize and hold such Masonic funeral procession, and shall see that all things are conducted thereat decently and in order according to the constitutions, and he shall, immediately after the service, report his proceedings in full to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary.

173. **Conduct of Masonic Funeral** – In case of a Masonic funeral, the Master may invite the members of other Lodges to attend, but the whole ceremony shall be under the direction of the Master of the Lodge to which the deceased brother belonged, or, in case of a strange brother, the Master of the Lodge which assumes the control of the proceedings; and he is accountable for the regularity and conduct of the ceremonies. If the Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master be present, he may at any time take charge. The Masonic funeral service may be conducted for any deceased brother, who has requested the same, at a funeral home or his residence, on the evening preceding the interment of his body, provided all other formalities are observed.

174. **Memorial to Grand Master or Past Grand Master** – Immediately following the death of a Grand Master or Past Grand Master, the Grand Secretary shall prepare a memorial to the departed Brother, which shall be forwarded to all Lodges in the Jurisdiction. This memorial shall be read and the Charter of the Lodge draped in memory of the departed brother, at the first regular communication held after its receipt.

175. **Prohibition against Relief** – No Lodge or officer, or member of a Lodge, shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate or recommendation to enable a mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges or individual brethren for relief.

176. **Offence by Lodge** – A Lodge offending against any law or regulation of the craft, to the breach of which no specific penalty is attached, shall, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, be subject to admonition or suspension. (May 2013)

177. **Copyright Offence** – No member shall, on any pretence, exhibit or expose any representation or similitude of any jewel or furniture of a Lodge, or of any Masonic emblem or device in any way that may be interpreted as for personal or commercial gain. Violation of this section may result in reprimand or suspension by the Lodge, or expulsion by the Grand Lodge. All members are strictly enjoined to immediately bring this offence to the attention of the brother involved. If corrective action is not taken a report shall be made to the Lodge to which the offending brother belongs.

178. **Complaint by member** – All complaints of members or difference between them, that cannot be arranged privately, or in some regular Lodge, shall be reduced to writing and delivered to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master, who shall refer them to a Committee to investigate the same. When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the case has been investigated, the committee shall report to the Grand Master, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine. Any complaint against a member shall be presented without undue delay and shall specify with sufficient particularity the details of the alleged Masonic Offence together with the sanctions sought to be imposed. (May 2013)

179. **Protests and appeals** – No member shall be permitted to enter in the minute book of his Lodge a protest against any resolution or proceedings which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the craft, and for the purposes of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority.

PART SIX: CONSTITUTIONS MISCELLANEOUS

180. **Past Masters Unit of Shrine Club** – The Grand Master grants permission to the Past Masters Unit of the Shrine to wear Blue Lodge Aprons and medals together with a Tuxedo and Fez when on parade.

181. **DeMolay and Rainbow** – This Grand Lodge recognizes the principles and objectives of the Order of DeMolay and the International Order for Rainbow Girls.

182. **Notice of Amendments** - No motion shall be considered at any communication of Grand Lodge which has as its purpose or effect the amendment, repeal, or addition of or to any part of the Constitutions of Grand Lodge unless prior written notice of such proposed motion has first been given at or before the Grand Lodge communication held one year prior to that at which it is proposed to consider the motion in question. Such notice of motion shall state in full, and exactly, the proposed amendment, repeal, or addition, and a brief summary of the purpose or effect thereof. Upon receipt, the Grand Secretary shall immediately forward a copy of such notice of motion to every Lodge Secretary instructing that it be introduced to his Lodge at its next regular meeting. A notice of all proposed changes to the Constitutions shall also be inserted in the summonses issued to the members of Grand Lodge for the communication at which the same will be considered, and no such amendment, repeal or addition shall be adopted unless supported by two-thirds of the votes cast at the ensuing Grand Lodge communication.

183. **Amendment of Regulations** - A notice of all proposed amendments to the Regulations shall be inserted in the summonses issued to the members of Grand Lodge. No motion shall be considered at any communication of Grand Lodge which has as its purpose or effect the amendment, repeal, or addition of or to any part of the Regulations of Grand Lodge unless prior written notice of such proposed motion has first been given to the Grand Secretary at least 60 days before the communication at which it is to be considered. Such notice of motion shall state in full, and exactly, the proposed amendment, repeal, or addition, and a brief summary of the purpose or effect thereof. Upon receipt, the Grand Secretary shall immediately forward a copy of such notice of motion to every Lodge Secretary instructing that it be introduced to his Lodge at its next regular meeting. A notice of all proposed changes to the Regulations shall also be inserted in the summonses issued to the members of Grand Lodge for the communication at which the same will be considered, and no such amendment, repeal or addition shall be adopted unless supported by majority (50%+1) of the votes cast at the ensuing Grand Lodge communication.

PART SEVEN: REGULATIONS

Regulation 1
For the Election of Grand Lodge Officers

Section 1 - Written nominations for the several elective offices of Grand Lodge, as mentioned in the Constitutions, shall be deposited with the Grand Secretary no later than 60 days prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. Such nomination is to include a brief account of the nominee's Craft Lodge background which will be published in the Proclamation calling Grand Lodge. In the event no nominations are received for any given elective office, the Grand Master, soon after opening Grand Lodge, shall set, or cause to be set, an appropriate period of time during which written nominations for that office shall be accepted by the Grand Secretary. Every written nomination shall bear thereon the consent of the person nominated for the particular office. No person shall consent to be nominated for more than one office. He shall be deemed to have consented to the nomination for the highest office to which he has been nominated only.

Section 2 – Pursuant to Section 4 of the Constitutions, the election will take place after the distribution of the Proclamation package to the membership followed by the delivery of the ballot to each of the eligible voters either online or as necessary by mail-in ballot. The secure voting system will accommodate all on-line voting submissions by the voting members. Those using the mail-in option will follow the included instructions to ensure the secrecy of their ballot. All mail-in ballots will be included in the system data file after the balloting is complete. If three or more nominations are received for any elective office, those voting will be required to signify their choices – first choice, second choice, etc. which this will negate the requirement for successive ballots. Failure to complete the ballot as required will invalidate it.

Section 3 – The Grand Master or presiding Officer shall appoint as scrutineers, a Past Grand Master, Election Software Specialist and two other designates to finalize entries and compile the result. The Scrutineers shall solemnly pledge themselves to make a correct report of the ballot and, having ascertained the number of votes given for each Brother voted for, shall submit their report to the Grand Master fifteen (15) days prior to the opening of the Grand Lodge Communication. The Grand Master or presiding Officer will formally declare, through the Grand Secretary's Office, the Brethren receiving the majority votes to be duly elected to Office

Section 4 – The Scrutineers report shall include total votes cast, blank or spoiled ballots. Blank or spoiled ballots shall not be included in the total ballots.

Section 5 – After the election is concluded, all ballots will be retained electronically for thirty (30) days after which the ballots may be destroyed.

Regulation 2
For the Proceedings of Grand Lodge

Part I — Of the Proceedings of Grand Lodge

Section 1 – The following shall be the order of business at the regular communications of Grand Lodge:

(a) Opening the Grand Lodge
(b) Reading and confirmation of Minutes
(c) Communications from the Grand or Deputy Grand Master
(d) Reports from Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer
(e) Reports from Board of General Purposes, Committees, etc.
(f) Reading and disposing of letters, bills, etc.
(g) Money grants
(h) Deferred business
(i) New Business
(j) Closing the Grand Lodge

Section 2 – All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes; each Lodge having three votes by its Master and Wardens; each Past Master one vote; each officer of Grand Lodge, except the Grand Tyler, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote by virtue of his office and the Grand Master a casting vote in case of an equal division; unless the Lodge for the sake of expedition, think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the Grand Master.

Section 3 – Each member attending Grand Lodge will be issued a colored voting card approximately 5cm X 10 cm. When a vote is taken each member for the motion will hold up the card with his right hand.

Those against will do the same with their right hand and card. When the Grand Master asks for a counted vote, members will

stand with card up raised until vote is taken. This will be done for votes for and against the motion.

Section 4 – All members shall keep their seats, except the Grand deacons, Grand director of ceremonies and his assistant, and the Grand stewards, who are allowed to move about from place to place in the discharge of their duties.

Section 5 – No brother shall speak more than once to the same question, unless in explanation, or the mover in reply, without permission from the chair. Every one who speaks shall rise; and remain standing, addressing himself to the Grand Master; nor shall any brother presume to interrupt him, unless to address the Grand Master to order, or the Grand Master shall think fit to call him to order; but after he has been set right he may proceed if he observe due order and decorum.

Section 6 – All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, if the presiding officer or any brother desire it.

Section 7 – It shall be competent for a member of the Grand Lodge to move a motion, an amendment, or an amendment to an amendment; but a motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained.

Section 8 – No motion shall be entertained by Grand Lodge for expenditures in excess of $5,000.00 that have not been recommended or approved by the Board unless it is submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary 60 days prior to the communication of Grand Lodge at which it is to be heard. It shall state in full the exact proposal and the Grand Secretary shall immediately forward said proposal to every lodge for introduction at its next regular meeting.

Section 9 – The fiscal financial year for the Grand Lodge will coincide with the calendar year - (i.e. 1 January-31 December).

Part II – For the Division of Districts

These districts shall be numbered as follows:

(a) No. 1—Lodges 1, 2, 3, 8, 13, 21, 22, 30
(b) No. 2—Lodges 15, 23, 24, 44, 49, 52, 58
(c) No. 3—Lodges 17, 27, 32
(d) No. 4—Lodges 11, 31, 35, 39, 48
(e) No. 5—Lodges 7, 12, 26, 38, 55
(f) No. 6—Lodges 6, 33, 47, 50, 51, 54, 57

Part III – Providing for Fees

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

(a) For granting a new warrant, cost of the work
(b) For granting new warrant in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified cost
(c) For every person initiated in a Lodge, eight dollars, to include registration fee and certificate
(d) For every Master mason joining from without the jurisdiction, three dollars
(e) For every member, each Lodge shall pay towards the fund for Grand Lodge purposes, an amount as set, from time to time, by the Grand Lodge.

Part IV – Providing for Jewels and Regalia

Section 1 – Grand Lodge will provide the following long service awards to a Master Mason with the following cumulative service in a Craft Lodge:

(a) 25 years cumulative service — Lapel Pin

(b) 50 years cumulative service — Lapel Pin, Medallion and 50-year Certificate

(c) 60 years cumulative service — 60 year bar

(d) 70 years cumulative service — 70 year bar

These awards will be provided by this Grand Lodge on application submitted to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary of a subordinate Lodge. With the exception of the 25 year pin, these should be presented by the Grand Master or his designate.

Section 2 – The following jewels are recognized and acknowledged by this Grand Lodge

(a) The Beardsley Medallion

(b) The Quinn Medal

(c) Grand Lodge Past Officer's Jewels

(d) 1967 Jewel (every Brother who was a member of the craft in this province in the year 1967 is entitled wear the centennial medal in bronze, which was struck in commemoration of the founding of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick in 1867)

(e) The 2017 Sesquicentennial Jewel (every Brother who was a member of the craft in this province in the year 2017 is entitled to wear the sesquicentennial medal which was struck in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick)

(f) Subordinate Lodge Past Officers Jewels

(g) The Lewis Jewel

Section 3 – Every Brother who is the son of a Mason is entitled to wear the Lewis Jewel. The jewel consists of two bars. The engraving on the top bar shall contain the name and the initiation date of the father. The second bar shall contain the name and the initiation date of the son. A third bar may be added above the top bar to add the name and initiation date of the grandfather. The wearer of the jewel may be referred to as a Lewis Mason. No further privileges are extended to the wearer of this jewel.

Section 4 – All jewels awarded by other recognized and acknowledged Grand Lodge Jurisdictions.

Section 5 – All ribbons associated with a subordinate Lodge past officer jewel shall be of sky blue color.

Section 6 – The order of wearing jewels shall be from the center to the wearer's left in the following order:

(a) Beardsley Medallion
(b) Quinn Medal
(c) Past Grand Lodge Officer Jewels in order of rank
(d) Past Subordinate Officer Jewels in order of rank
(e) Long Service Medallion
(f) The 1967 Jewel
(g) The Sesquicentennial Jewel
(h) The Lewis Jewel
(i) All Jewels presented by other Grand Lodges recognized and acknowledged by this Grand Lodge and any other Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in Fraternal accord

Section 7 – No honourary or other jewel or emblem shall be worn in Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge, which shall

not appertain to, or be consistent with, these jewels which are recognized and acknowledged by this Grand Lodge and/or any other Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal accord.

Section 8 – The following Masonic clothing and insignia shall be worn by the craft, and that only; no brother shall, on any pretence, be admitted into the Grand Lodge or any subordinate Lodge, without his proper clothing:

The Grand Master	The compasses extended to 45 degrees with the segment of a circle at the points and a gold plate included on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.
Past Grand Master	A similar jewel, without the gold plate
Deputy Grand Master	The compasses and square united, with a five pointed star in the center
Past Deputy Grand Master	The compass and square only
Senior Grand Warden	The Level
Junior Grand Warden	The plumb
Grand Chaplain	A book within a triangle
Grand Historian	An open book, with lamp of learning
Grand Treasurer	A chased key
Grand Secretary	Cross pens with a tie

Deputy Grand Secretary	Cross pins with a wreath and the word Deputy
District Deputy Grand Masters	The Square
Grand Deacons	Dove and olive branch
Grand Directors of Ceremonies	Cross rods
Grand Sword Bearer	Cross swords
Grand Standard Bearer	A banner
Grand Organist	A Lyre
Grand Piper	Set of pipes within a wreath
Grand Pursuivant	Arms of Grand Lodge with a rod and sword crossed

The jewels of the Grand Chaplain, Treasurer, Secretary, District Deputy Grand Masters, Deacons, Directors of Ceremonies, Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer, Organist and Pursuivant are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath, composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

The jewel of a Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge is a cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle, on which is engraven, "Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick."

Grand Tyler	The sword in a circle, on which is engraven "The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Grand Tyler"

Section 9 – All the above jewels are to be gold or gilt.

Section 10 – Lodge Jewels:

Masters of Lodges	The square
Past Masters	The square and the diagram of the 47th prob. 1st book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate, pendant within it.
Senior Warden	The level
Junior Warden	The plumb
Chaplain	A book on a triangle
Historian	An open book, with lamp of learning
Treasurer	The Key
Secretary	The cross pens
Deacons	The dove
Director of Ceremonies	The cross rods
Musician	The Lyre
Piper	Set of pipes within a wreath
Inner Guard	The cross swords
Stewards	The cornucopia
Tyler	The sword

Section 11 – All the above jewels are to be of silver. Provided that any Lodge constituted for at least one hundred (100) years,

may by vote of the Lodge, have the above jewels of gold or gold plate.

Section 12 – Collars

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

Provided that any Lodge constituted for at least one hundred (100) years, may by vote of the Lodge use gold or gold plated chain.

Of the Grand Lodge	To be of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad and bound with gold lace.

The Grand Stewards of the year to wear collars of crimson four inches broad, bound with gold lace.

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

Section 13 – The metal parts of the aprons of past Masters and Master Masons of any Lodge constituted at least one hundred (100) years and which has elected to use gold or gold plate on its regalia shall be finished in gold or gold plate.

Section 14 - Aprons

Entered Apprentice	A plain white lambskin, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep; square at the bottom and without ornament; white strings.

Fellow Craft	A plain White lambskin, same as that of the Entered Apprentice, to be worn as instructed during the Fellowcraft degree. (May 2026)
Master Mason	The same, with sky blue lining and edging not more than two inches deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color or ornament shall be allowed except to Officers and past Officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office in silver or white in the center of the apron.
The Masters and Past Masters of Lodges	To wear, in lieu and in place of the three rosettes on the Master's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles; the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines, one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same color as the lining and edging of the apron, or of silver. If Grand Officers or past Grand Officers similar emblems, of garter blue and gold.
Grand Stewards	Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with crimson, edging of the same color, three and half inches, bound with gold, and gold tassels.

Grand Officers of Grand Lodge, past and present	Aprons of the same dimensions, line with garter blue, edging of the same color, three and half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of the office in gold or blue in the center.

Section 15 – The apron of the Grand Master is ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the center, on the edging the pomegranate and the lotus, with seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall; all in gold embroidery, the fringe of gold bullion.

Section 16 – The apron of the Deputy Grand Master to have the emblem of his office in gold embroidery in the center, and the pomegranate and the lotus alternately embroidered in gold on the edging.

Section 17 – In the Grand Lodge and at great ceremonials and festivals, where the Grand Officers appear in their official capacity, the actual Grand Officers wear chains of gold or metal gilt, instead of collars; but upon all other occasions, collars or garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered or plain.

Section 18 – Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge, are, in the Grand Lodge or at any great ceremonial or festival, to wear embroidered collars, and in private Lodges, collars either embroidered or plain.

Regulation 3
For the Regulation of Forms

Official Forms

Section 1 – The following forms are prescribed by the Grand Lodge and shall be used in this Grand Jurisdiction (May 2012):

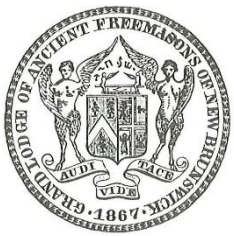
(a) Application for Initiation (Form 1)

(b) Application for Affiliation (Form 2)

(c) Demit (Form 3)

(d) Notice of Suspension (Form 4)

(e) Application for Reinstatement (Form 5)



FORM 1

APPLICATION FOR INITIATION

PART 1

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of _____
_____, No. _____
Free and Accepted Masons On the Register of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of New Brunswick

(FULL NAMES REQUIRED, NO INITIALS) I, _____
_____
of _____ in the County of
_____Province of New Brunswick, aged _____
years, by occupation
_____,
being a free man and of mature age, do declare that, unbiased by the improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other unworthy motives, I freely and voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry.

That I am prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution and a desire of knowledge, and that I will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usage's and established customs of the fraternity, and I do also declare that I have made _____application for admission into another Lodge.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____ A.D. 20 _____ A.L. 60 _____

Signature _____
Address: _____

_____
_____

Telephone: (Home) _____
(Cell/Bus) _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: _____
Employer: _____

PART 2

We, members of the above Lodge are personally acquainted with the above named petitioner, and from our confidence in his integrity, do cheerfully recommend him as a proper candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry.

Recommended by:

Name (print) _____
Signature _____
Name (print) _____
Signature _____

Deposit Fee Enclosed $ _____

The above petition was received _____, 20_____ and referred to

(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
for investigation.

PART 3

COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Committee of Investigation on the Petition of _____
_____beg leave to report that we have duly considered the same, and have carefully and diligently inquired into the standing and character of the Applicant and find him to be _____ worthy, and recommend that the prayer of Petition be _____ granted.

Signed by Committee Members:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Balloted on and _____
Date _____

E.A. _____
F.C. _____
M.M. _____

Secretary's Signature

_____

FORM 2

APPLICATION FOR AFFILIATION

PART 1

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of
_____, No. _____
Free and Accepted Masons On the Register of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of New Brunswick

(FULL NAMES REQUIRED, NO INITIALS) I, _____
_____, of _____
in the County of _____Province of New Brunswick,
aged _____ years, by occupation _____,
do declare that, having received the Three Degrees in Freemasonry conferred upon me by:
_____Lodge, No.
_____ F. & A.M.,
Grand Register of _____
as follows:
EA _____
FC_____
MM_____
being in good and regular standing in
_____ Lodge No. _____
upon my own request I (was/was not) granted a demit, dated the
_____day of _____ AD20_____.
I am now domiciled within the jurisdiction of
_____ Lodge No. _____ F. & A.M., and herewith present my demit (if applicable) to the said Lodge named above and ask for Affiliation.

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____
A.D. 20 _____ A.L. 60 _____

Signature
_____

Address: _____
_____
_____

Telephone: (Home) _____
(Cell/Bus) _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: _____
Employer: _____

PART 2

Recommended by:

Name (print) _____
Signature _____
Name (print) _____
Signature _____

Application Fee Enclosed $ _____

The above petition was received _____,
20_____ and referred to

(1) _____
(2) _____
(3) _____
Committee

PART 3

We, the Committee of Investigation on the Application for Affiliation of Brother _____report that we have made full inquiry into the character, fitness and Masonic standing of the applicant and from information received _____ recommend him to the favourable consideration of the Lodge.

Signed by Committee Members:

_____
_____
_____

Balloted on and _____
Date _____

Secretary's Signature

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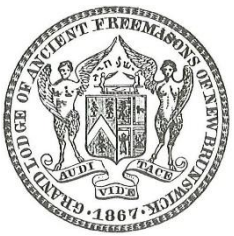


FORM 3
DEMIT

_____ Lodge No. _____
Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick
ON THE REGISTRY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

We, the Worshipful Master and Secretary of
_____ Lodge No. _____
F & A.M., do certify that our well beloved Brother
_____
whose name is subscribed in the margin hereof, is a Regular Master Mason, and has, during his continuance with us, behaved himself as becometh an honest and faithful Brother; and having paid all just dues and demands to our Lodge, we have granted him this demit.
Degrees were conferred as follows:

EA _____
Lodge _____
FC _____
Lodge _____
MM _____
Lodge _____

Given under our hands and the Seal of
Our Lodge at _____
In the Province of New Brunswick
this _____ day of _____
A.D. 20 _____ A.L. 60 _____

Worshipful Master's Signature

_____

Secretary's Signature

_____

Constitution and General Regulations – The Grand Lodge of New Brunswick – Pertaining to Demits:

123. Demits – No brother not affiliated with some Lodge shall be permitted to visit any Lodge more than once during his secession from the craft. The Secretary of the Lodge visited shall endorse the date upon the demit and sign the same.

FORM 4

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

_____ Lodge No. _____

Free and Accepted Masons of New Brunswick
ON THE REGISTRY OF THE GRAND LODGE OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Sir and Brother:
In accordance with the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have to inform you that at a Regular Communication of this Lodge, held on the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, the following named Brethren were for the cause opposite their names Suspended.

NAME (FULL NAMES REQUIRED, NO INITIALS)
_____
OCCUPATION _____
CAUSE _____

NAME (FULL NAMES REQUIRED, NO INITIALS)
_____
OCCUPATION _____
CAUSE _____

NAME (FULL NAMES REQUIRED, NO INITIALS)
_____
OCCUPATION _____
CAUSE _____

NAME (FULL NAMES REQUIRED, NO INITIALS)
_____
OCCUPATION _____
CAUSE _____

By order of Worshipful Master.

Secretary's Signature

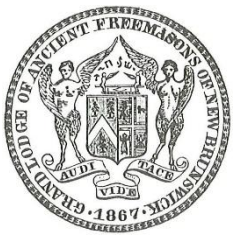
_____

Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Constitutions and Regulations – Pertaining to Publication of Suspension

119. The name of every brother suspended or excluded in any case, together with the cause of his suspension or exclusion, shall be sent to the Grand Secretary and to every Lodge in the same Masonic district forthwith.

Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Constitutions and Regulations – Pertaining to Reinstatement of a Member

120. Notice of the restoration of a member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be forthwith given to the Grand Secretary, and to every Lodge in the same Masonic District.



FORM 5
APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT

PART 1

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of
_____, No. _____
Free and Accepted Masons on the Register of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of New Brunswick

(FULL NAMES REQUIRED, NO INITIALS) I,
_____,
of _____in the County of
_____ Province of New Brunswick,
aged _____ years, by occupation _____,
do declare that, having received the Three Degrees in Freemasonry conferred upon me by
_____Lodge, No.
_____ F. & A.M. Grand Reg. of NB
as follows:

E.A. _____
F.C. _____
M.M. _____
do hereby apply for reinstatement in
_____Lodge, No
_____

Witness my hand this _____ day of _____ A.D. 20 _____ A.L. 60 _____

Signature
_____

Address: _____
_____
_____

Telephone: (Home) _____
(Cell/Bus) _____
Email: _____
Birth Date: _____
Employer: _____

PART 2

Recommended by:

Name (print) _____
Signature _____
Name (print) _____
Signature _____

Deposit Fee Enclosed $ _____

PART 3

Committee's Report:
We recommend that the Petition of
_____
be _____

Signed by Committee Members:
_____
_____
_____

Balloted on and

_____

Date

_____

Secretary's Signature

_____

Grand Lodge of New Brunswick Constitutions and Regulations – Pertaining to Reinstatement of a Member

120. Notice of the restoration of a member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be forthwith given to the Grand Secretary, and to every Lodge in the same Masonic District.

Regulation 4
For Governing Masonic Trials and Appeals
(May 2013)

Section 1 - Masonic Offences

There are two classes of Masonic Offences. First, those which transgress civil and criminal law; secondly, offences against the moral law and Masonry which include and are not limited to violations of the Landmarks, Masonic Obligations and the Constitutions and General Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Free and accepted Masons of New Brunswick. These offences may all come under the charge of conduct unbecoming a Mason.

Section 2 – Mediation

Before proceeding to the Trial of a Masonic Offence, the Master of a Lodge, or the Grand Master as the case may be, shall appoint a mediator to attempt to resolve the matter in issue in a harmonious and practical manner. The mediator will report on the conclusion of his efforts, but without divulging the confidential communications undertaken by him in the process.

Section 3 - Laying the Charge in Grand Lodge

A charge of a Masonic Offence against a Lodge, or a brother, which is referred to Grand Lodge, shall be delivered to the Grand Secretary. The charge shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence or offences alleged, including the time and place of their commission.

Section 4 - Laying the Charge in a Craft Lodge

A charge of Masonic Offence presented to a Craft Lodge shall be made by a Mason only. The charge shall be in writing and signed by the accuser, who need not necessarily be a member of the Lodge of which the accused is a member. The charge shall be delivered by the accuser to the Secretary of the Lodge. The charge shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence or offences alleged, including the time and place of their commission.

Section 5 - The Methods of Masonic Trial are as follows:

(a) For any Masonic Offence, a Mason shall be tried by his own Lodge or by the Board of General Purposes if his own Lodge refers the case to Grand Lodge.
(b) When a charge has been laid in a Craft Lodge, the Master shall cause a responsible Brother to investigate the charge and determine if there are sufficient grounds for a charge. If sufficient grounds for a charge are found, the Master shall assemble the Lodge for the purpose of conducting a Masonic Trial.
(c) The Master shall appoint a Secretary, who is not connected to the Trial in any way, to record the proceedings.
(d) The Master shall conduct the hearing of the charge by way of a Masonic Trial.
(e) It shall be the duty of the Master to see the accused Brother has reasonable opportunity to prepare and present his defense and that the matter is brought to Trial and conducted in accordance with Masonic principles as expeditiously as reasonable.
(f) When a charge has been laid in Grand Lodge, the Grand Master shall appoint a Trial Panel which shall determine its own procedure in all matters before it.

Section 6 - Service of Papers

When service of any papers on any Brother or papers in connection with a Masonic Trial or any appeal connected therewith is required, such service shall be effected in the following manner:

(a) If the residence of the Brother is known and he resides within the jurisdiction of the Lodge of which he is a member, he shall be served personally if possible.
(b) If his residence is known and he resides out of the jurisdiction of the Lodge of which he is a member, he shall be served either personally or by registered mail addressed to him at his last known post office address.
(c) When the party to be served cannot be served personally or where service is authorized by registered mail, service shall be deemed to have been effected seven days after mailing, by registered mail, to his last known address.

Section 7 - A Masonic Trial in a Craft Lodge shall be conducted as follows:

(a) In the absence of a good reason to the contrary, the Trial shall be held in the vicinity of the Lodge of which the accused Brother is a member.
(b) The Master of the Lodge shall appoint the time and place of Trial, and shall cause the accused to be served with a copy of the charge and the particulars thereof, and notice stating the time and place appointed for the Trial thereof. The time shall be so fixed as to give the accused Brother reasonable time to prepare his defense.
(c) The Trial shall proceed on the date set by the Master of the Lodge and may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.
(d) The accused Brother may choose counsel for his assistance but none but Master Masons shall appear as such.
(e) The charge shall not be amended before or during the Trial unless the accused Brother is given notice of the amendment and given reasonable opportunity to meet the amended charge.
(f) Only Master Masons of the Craft Lodge shall be entitled to attend the Trial as spectators.
(g) If the accused Brother pleads guilty to the charge, such plea shall be accepted as evidence proving the offence and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary.
(h) Should the accused Brother not attend at the time and place of Trial after notice has been served on him, the Master shall proceed in his absence and conduct proceedings to a final conclusion.
(i) The Master, or such other person as he may appoint, and the accused Brother in person, or his representative, shall be entitled to examine and cross-examine the witnesses.
(j) At the conclusion of the evidence the Master, or such other person as he may appoint, and the accused in person, or his representative, may address any relevant argument as to guilt or innocence to the Lodge.

Section 8 - When the evidence and the arguments are concluded at a Masonic Trial in a Craft Lodge:

(a) The accused Brother shall retire and the doors shall be closed for deliberation.
(b) The Brethren of the Lodge shall then decide the guilt or innocence of the accused Brother by written ballot.
(c) The Lodge shall then decide the punishment of the accused Brother.
(d) The accused Brother shall be re-admitted and the Master shall announce the verdict and punishment.
(e) A majority decision of the Lodge shall decide.

Section 9 - Witnesses at a Masonic Trial in a Craft Lodge

The evidence of any Mason shall be received. They shall be bound by all their Masonic Obligations. It shall be the duty of the complainant and the accused to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses. Any Mason may be compelled to attend the Trial and give evidence upon being served with a summons signed by the Master.

Section 10 - Evidence at a Masonic Trial

The Master, or the chairperson of the Trial Panel appointed by the Grand Master, as the case may be, shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings. The Secretary appointed to assist shall take down in writing a summary of the evidence submitted and objections made. All copies of the summary of the evidence, objections, rulings and decisions at the Trial shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary who shall thereupon file same.

Section 11-Judgment at a Masonic Trial

In the absence of the accused Brother he shall be served with notification of the verdict and sentence in person or by registered mail. The sanctions that a Craft Lodge may impose are:

i. Reprimand
ii. Suspension for a definite time iii. Indefinite suspension
Suspension for any offence deprives the offender of all Masonic rights and privileges, during its continuance.

Section 12 - Appeals from Judgment in a Masonic Trial shall be conducted as follows:

(a) Within thirty days after the conclusion of the Trial a Mason convicted and sentenced by the Brethren of his Lodge or by the Trial Panel appointed by the Grand Master may appeal his conviction or his sentence or both by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Grand Lodge.
(b) Within thirty days after the conclusion of the Trial, the accuser may appeal the sentence by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Grand Lodge.
(c) The Grand Master may extend the time for filing an appeal for such periods as he, in his sole discretion, may deem just, but not to exceed ninety days.
(d) The Grand Master, upon being advised that an appeal has been filed, shall refer the Appeal to the Board of General Purposes, or if it is an appeal from a Trial Panel comprised of members of the Board, shall appoint a Committee to hear the appeal.
(e) The Grand Secretary shall provide the Board of General Purposes or the Committee appointed by the Grand Master with the summary of the evidence, together with the objections, ruling and decisions of the Masonic Trial. Upon request by the accused Brother and/or his representative, a copy of the same shall be given to him or them.
(f) The Grand Secretary shall notify all necessary parties of the date and place of the appeal hearing, giving the party appealing a reasonable opportunity to prepare his appeal or his answer thereto. The Master of the Lodge and the accused Brother with his representative, if any, may attend to make such representations as they deem proper.
(g) A notice and copy of the appeal must also be sent by the appellant to the party against whose decision the appeal is made.
(h) When all parties shall have been summoned to attend thereon, and the appeal has been heard, the Board of General Purposes or the appointed Committee shall report to the Grand Lodge, which shall have full power to deal therewith as a majority shall determine.
(i) The appeal shall be on the evidence as submitted at the Masonic Trial. No new evidence shall be heard at the appeal except in unusual circumstances and then only by leave of the Board of General Purposes or Committee as the case may be.

(g) When a case is remanded for a new Trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused shall have due and timely notice thereof.

Section 13 - General:

A Masonic Trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other Masonic prosecution of the same offence. Where a Mason has been expelled or has been suspended, either for a definite time or indefinitely, he shall cease to hold any office in his Lodge or in Grand Lodge, and on restoration shall not regain that office unless again elected or appointed to it.

Section 14 - Restoration after Suspension shall be administered in the following manner:

(a) Definite suspension shall expire at the end of the period ordered, and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership and all right and privileges thereof at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence, without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge of which the accused is a member.
(b) A Mason seeking restoration after having been suspended indefinitely shall petition the Lodge from which he was suspended for his restoration, but no such petition shall be received until after one year from the time of the suspension or the time when a petition for restoration was last presented.
(c) The petition shall be received at a regular meeting of the Lodge and shall be held over until the next regular meeting thereafter before final action thereon.
(d) Notice of the application for restoration shall be inserted in the Notice preceding the regular meeting at which the application will be voted upon.
(e) The vote on the application for restoration shall be by secret ballot box.
(f) In all cases of restoration by a Lodge, the brother shall be restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.
(g) If a Lodge has ceased to exist, the petition for restoration shall be made directly to Grand Lodge. In all cases

of restoration by Grand Lodge, the restored brother shall have the status of a non-affiliated brother.

Regulation 5
For the Consolidation of Lodges

Section 1 – When Lodges decide to consolidate they will inform their District Deputy Grand Master of their desire to proceed with the steps towards consolidation. The District Deputy Grand Master will monitor the process as the Lodges move towards union. The Lodges must select one of the Lodges to be the name, number and Charter of the consolidated Lodges. If this cannot be agreed upon, then a new name may be selected and a number allotted by the Grand Lodge.

Section 2 – When the above matter has been agreed upon, a resolution proposing the consolidation under the name, number and Charter of the proposed new Lodge must be presented to each Lodge involved at a stated meeting. All members concerned must be notified by mail at least ten days before the vote is taken. Each Lodge shall report to the Grand Secretary on the vote taken, stating the number of members for and against the motion and the number who have abstained from voting.

Section 3 – Each Lodge shall forward to the Grand Secretary a petition for amalgamation under the Seal of the Lodge, setting forth the terms of the proposed amalgamation.

Section 4 – The Grand Secretary shall refer the petitions for amalgamation to the Board of General Purposes for consideration. The Board by a majority vote may approve the petitions as presented or approve the petitions upon conditions to be accepted by the Lodges or reject the petition.

Section 5 – If the Board approves the consolidation, the Grand Secretary will notify each of the involved Lodges. The Lodge or Lodges that cease to exist must hold no meetings after receiving notification of approval for amalgamation. The records and assets should be transferred promptly to the consolidation Lodge and the Charter and Seal returned to the Grand Master through the Grand Secretary. The memberships

of both Lodges will automatically be combined when all Grand Lodge returns are completed. The Secretaries concerned will make a final report to the Grand Secretary dating from January 1st to the date of consolidation. A Lodge failing to attend to these matters will revert back to its original status.

Section 6 – The Grand Master, or such other Brother as the Grand Master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named.

Section 7 – The members of the Lodge, present, shall choose by ballot the elective Officers who, with the Officers appointed by the Master elect, shall be immediately installed, if present.

Regulation 6
For Constituting New Lodges

Section 1 – The following is the form of petition:

To the M.W. The Grand Master of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and accepted Masons of New Brunswick

"We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart, are anxious to exert our best endeavours to promote and diffuse the genuine principles of the art; and for the conveniency of our respective dwellings and other good reasons, we are desirous of forming a new Lodge to be named .....in consequence of this desire, we pray for a warrant of constitution empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge at ....., in the county of..... on the .....of every month, and there to discharge the duties of masonry, in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the order and the laws of the Grand Lodge; and we have nominated and do recommend brother (AB) to be the first Master, brother (CD) to be the first senior Warden, and brother (EF) to be the first junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted we promise strict obedience to the commands of the Grand Master and the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge".

Section 2 – In order to avoid irregularities, every new Lodge shall be solemnly constituted by the Grand Master, with his Deputy and Wardens; or in the absence of the Grand Master, by his Deputy, who shall choose some Master of a Lodge to assist him. If both these Officers be absent, the Grand Master may appoint some other Grand officer or Master of a Lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore.*

Section 3 – The following is the manner of constituting a new Lodge according to the antient usages of masons:—

(a) A Lodge is duly formed, and after prayer, an ode in honour of masonry is sung. The Grand Master is then

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

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

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

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

(e) Upon this the Deputy shall rehearse the charges and regulations of a Master, and the Grand Master shall ask the candidate, saying: "Do you submit to these

charges and promise to uphold these regulations, as Master have done in all ages?" The candidate shall signify his cordial submission thereto, and the Grand Master shall, by certain significant ceremonies and antient usages, install him, and present him with the book of Constitutions, the Lodge book and the instruments of his office, one after the other; and after each of them, the Grand Master or his Deputy shall rehearse the short charge suitable to the article presented.

(f) After this, the members of the new Lodge bowing all together to the Grand Master, shall return him thanks, and immediately do their homage to their new Master, and signify their promise of subjection and obedience to him by the usual congratulation.

(g) The Deputy and the Grand Wardens, and any other brethren present, that are not members of the new Lodge, shall next congratulate the new Master; and he shall return his acknowledgement to the Grand Master first, to the rest in their order.

(h) Then the Grand Master desires the new Master to enter immediately upon the exercise of his office, in naming his Wardens; and the new Master, calling forth the two brothers presents them to the Grand Master for approbation. That being granted, the Senior or Junior Grand Warden shall rehearse the charges of Wardens; and the candidates being solemnly asked by the new Master, shall signify their submissions thereto.

(i) Upon which, the new Master shall present them with the instruments of their office, and induct them in due form in their proper places; and the brethren shall signify their obedience to the new Wardens by the usual congratulation. The other elected Officers of the Lodge and those appointed, are then invested in antient form.

Section 4 – The Lodge thus being completely constituted shall be registered in the Grand Master's book, and by his order notified to the other Lodges.

Regulation 7

Home Lodge
(May 2012)

Home Lodge — The Home Lodge concept is an administrative function of the Grand Secretary's office whereby the members in good standing of any lodge, provided that they are not already affiliated with another lodge, that surrenders its charter voluntarily but has not amalgamated with any other lodge, will automatically become members of the Home Lodge retaining their Masonic status. Home Lodge will not be issued a Charter nor will it hold regular meetings, or conduct any business normally associated with a Chartered Lodge.

a) The secretary of the closing Lodge will provide the Grand Secretary with a list of members in good standing and also of the brethren who are in arrears. If such arrears are not paid to the Grand Secretary within the current calendar year said member will be suspended and notified in writing by the Grand Secretary. Where said member is suspended, before he may affiliate with another lodge, all outstanding arrears must be paid to the Grand Secretary's office.

b) Members will not be liable for regular lodge dues, but will be subject to an administration fee paid directly to the Grand Secretary's office, on or before December 31 of each year. The fee shall be equivalent to the per capita payment for Lodges as set from time to time by Grand Lodge, and such member will retain all rights and privileges, including titles and membership in Grand Lodge where applicable.

c) Members being transferred to the home lodge will have a period of two years from the date that the charter was surrendered to affiliate with another lodge. If during the two year period a member does not affiliate with another lodge he will be automatically issued a demit, or suspended if applicable, by the Grand Secretary's office.

d) When a member of the Home Lodge is in arrears during his second year of membership in the Home Lodge, the Grand Secretary shall, in September, send a notice of request for

payment with advice to the Executive Committee. If payment, or arrangements, have not been made before November 1, a registered letter shall be sent to the delinquent member stating that if payment is not made on or before December 31, he will be suspended without further notice.

e) Any member who does not wish to be automatically transferred to the Home Lodge, and who makes the request in writing, may be issued a demit under the normal provisions of the constitution.

f) The Grand Secretary's office will be responsible for the collection of the administration fee and issue membership cards attesting to their good standing in the fraternity.

g) Where a member affiliates with a chartered lodge, he shall do so through the normal procedures. Upon being accepted, the lodge the secretary will immediately forward the information of the affiliation to the Grand Secretary and the member will be removed from the Home Lodge roll.

h) Members that are aged and infirm and who are unable to travel or attend lodge meetings may remain a member of the Home Lodge indefinitely and retain his rights and privileges. The payment of the administration fee by such members may be forgiven and consideration will be given on an individual basis by the Grand Master of the day.

Regulation 8
Funeral Procession
May 2026

Regulation 8 – At the Appointed hour, the brethren enter the room where the remains are at rest in double file led by the Director of Ceremonies who then assumes his station with the lodge officers

I. Lodge Brethren

Left Column	Right Column
Chaplain	Worshipful Master
MW Grand Master	Secretary
Senior Warden	Immediate Past Master
Treasurer	Junior Warden
Junior Deacon	Senior Deacon
Junior Steward	Senior Steward
Inner Guard	Director of Ceremonies
Past Masters	Tyler
Brethren	Past Masters

II. Visitors

Note: Immediate family members who are masons – Grandfather, Father, Uncle, Brother, Son, Grandson may join the procession immediately following the Master and M.W. Grand Master.

The Director of Ceremonies assists in formation of the lineup in the preparation room and leads the procession into the room/chapel where the service is conducted. Modifications may be required as dictated by circumstances in the Chapel or room where the service will be held

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