

# AHIMAD REZOD,

OF

BOOK OF THE CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# GRAND LODGE

OF

# FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

ALSO,

THE ANCIENT

CHARGES, FORMS and CEREMONIES,

AS REVISED AND ADOPTED

BY ORDER

THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA,

FOR

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CRAFT

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THE following extracts from the minutes of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, contain a brief account of the revision and adoption of the Ahiman Rezon of A. L. 5877.

At an Annual Grand Communication, held December 28th, 1874, on motion of Past Grand Master Brother RICHARD VAUX, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Right Worshipful Grand Master be requested to appoint a Committee of seven, to whom shall be referred the Ahiman Rezon and the various amendments made thereto, to revise and digest the same, and report to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge at its Quarterly Communication in December, 1875.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Alfred R. Potter, was pleased to appoint the following named brethren as the Committee on Brother Vaux's resolution:

Brother RICHARD VAUX,

- " JOHN THOMSON,
- " SAMUEL C. PERKINS,
- " J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
- " HENRY J. WHITE,
- " Andrew Robeno, Jr.,
- " EDWARD MATTHEWS.

At a Quarterly Communication, held December 1st, 1875— [Minute Book, N., page 512], the Special Committee to which was referred the subject of the revision of the Ahiman Rezon, asks leave most respectfully to report:

That your Committee is now engaged in the arduous labor intrusted to it, and as it is deemed better to do the work well, than by haste to make it imperfect, your Committee request the indulgence of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

It is proposed when your Committee has concluded its labors, to have the report put into type, and copies sent to every Lodge in this jurisdiction, so that all the members of the Grand Lodge may have full time to consider the report of your Committee before action is taken thereon by the Grand Lodge.

Your Committee therefore offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Special Committee on revision of the Ahiman Rezon be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD VAUX,

Chairman.

At a final meeting of the Committee on the Revision of the Ahiman Rezon held at the Masonic Temple, July 11th, 1876, present, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, ROBERT CLARK, Past Grand Master John Thomson, Past Grand Master RICHARD VAUX, Past Grand Master SAMUEL C. PERKINS, and Brothers ROBENO and MATTHEWS,

The revised proof of the Ahiman Rezon, together with the "Forms," were read, and all the reported corrections were made, when on motion it was unanimously

Resolved, That the same be reported to the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in September, and that copies be sent to each Lodge in this

jurisdiction as early as practicable, in order that the Grand Lodge may be able to take action on said report at its Quarterly Communication in December, 1876. See report of the Committee approved by the Grand Lodge at its Annual Grand Communication, held December 28th, 1874.

By order of the Committee,

RICHARD VAUX, Chairman. AT a Quarterly Communication held Wednesday, September 6, 1876, the following report and resolutions attached were read, and the resolutions unanimously adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to which was referred the duty of revising the Ahiman Rezon, asks leave to make the following report:

That under the instructions of the Grand Lodge, at its Quarterly Communication held December 1, 1875, your Committee submits in printed pages the amendments unanimously agreed upon by the Committee, and offers the following resolutions—

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit to each Lodge two copies of the said printed pages, as soon as practicable, that the said Lodges may examine the same, and that action be taken on said report at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge to be held on the first Wednesday of December next, at which session your Committee will also report the amended Ceremonials and Forms.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing and Publishing be directed to have one thousand copies immediately printed and delivered to the Grand Secretary.

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,

RICHARD VAUX,

At a Quarterly Communication, held December 6th, 1876,

Past Grand Master Brother Richard Vaux, Chairman of the Committee to revise the Ahiman Rezon, reported on behalf of his Committee that the great importance of the subject required serious consideration, and that Past Grand Master Brother Robert A. Lamberton had prepared resolutions which the Committee hope would be adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Past Grand Master Brother Robert A. Lamberton then offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the revised Ahiman Rezon be referred back to the Committee on the subject.

2. That all amendments, alterations, or additions, which may be proposed or suggested thereto by Lodges or members of the Grand Lodge, shall be sent to the Right Worshipful Grand Master before the Quarterly Communication in June next, and by him delivered to the Committee; that the Committee shall consider the same, and report at the September Quarterly Communication such as they shall approve, and such as they shall reject, incorporating the former in the revised Ahiman Rezon; immediately thereafter the Ahiman Rezon, as reported by the Committee, shall be sent to the subordinate Lodges, and action shall be had thereon at the December Quarterly Communication following.

Resolved, That the Committee shall be increased to thirteen.

Resolved, That the Committee on Printing be authorized to carry these resolutions into effect.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master Brother Robert Clark was pleased to appoint the following named brethren as additional members of the Committee:

Brother Robert A. Lamberton, of No. 21,

- " Hubbard B. Payne, " " 395,
- " ROBERT C. SIMPSON, " " 317,
- " PEARSON CHURCH, " " 408,
- " J. SIMPSON AFRICA, " " 300,
- " SAMUEL HARPER, " " 219.

[The Committee met at the Temple on Thursday, the 28th day of June, 1877. There were present at its sessions:

Right Worshipful Grand Master ROBERT CLARK, Past Grand Master John Thomson,

" " RICHARD VAUX,

" " SAMUEL C. PERKINS,

Brother J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,

- " Andrew Robeno, Jr.,
- " HUBBARD B. PAYNE,
- " ROBERT C. SIMPSON,
- " J. SIMPSON AFRICA,
- " SAMUEL HARPER.

Each paragraph of the draft of the Ahiman Rezon submitted by the Grand Lodge to the Committee, as well as the numerous suggestions made and amendments and alterations proposed in communications from seventy-three Lodges sent to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and by him delivered to the Committee, were carefully considered during its sessions occupying three days.]

At a Quarterly Communication held September 5th, 1877, the following report was read:

The Committee on Ahiman Rezon ask leave most respectfully to report,

That it has earnestly and faithfully performed the duties devolved upon it by the Grand Lodge. Your Committee met, and after three days sessions have agreed upon the following report.

All the suggestions presented by the Right Worshipful Grand Master from the Lodges and brethren, up to the Communication in June last, were read and considered by your Committee. After full consideration and a thorough examination of all these amendments and suggestions, your Committee directed me to report the ac-

companying draft of the Ahiman Rezon and the Ceremonies attached thereto.

This report will be sent to all the Lodges, and at the Quarterly Communication in December the report will be finally acted upon.

Your Committee believes that the report of the draft of the Ahiman Rezon now presented will meet the unqualified favor of all the brethren, as it has received the approval of the Special Committee, whose report I have the honor to present.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD VAUX, Chairman.

At a Quarterly Communication held December 5th, 1877, the following report was read:

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE.

The Committee to which the first report of the original Committee on the Ahiman Rezon was referred for re-examination and revision, and the consideration of the suggested amendments sent by brethren to the Right Worshipful Grand Master were submitted to this Committee, ask leave to report:

That your Committee devoted protracted sessions for three days to the duties assigned it. The most careful consideration was given to the whole subject, and your Committee now report a revised copy of the fundamental law for the approval of the Grand Lodge. Your Committee believe that it meets all the needed changes, that in practice it will be more and more acceptable to the Lodges and brethren, and they ask the Grand Lodge to give it the sanction that will make it effective.

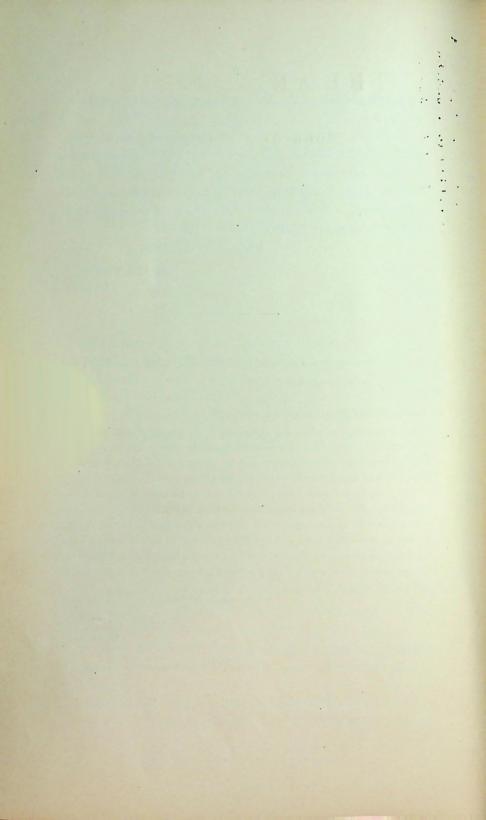
Fraternally submitted,

RICHARD VAUX,

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, Secretaries.

J. SIMPSON AFRICA,

The reported draft of the Ahiman Rezon, after slight amendment, was adopted as it appears in the following pages.



# THE AHIMAN REZON;

OR,

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#### GRAND LODGE

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MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY

OF

#### FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF PENNSYLVANIA,

AND MASONIC JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING.

In Freemasonry what is not permitted is prohibited.

As Revised by a Committee of the Grand Lodge, A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877

#### ARTICLE I.

# Title of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 1. The Official Title of the Grand Lodge is: "The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

#### ARTICLE II.

# Titles of the Grand Officers.

Sec. 1. The official titles of the Grand Officers are: Right Worshipful Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer, and Right Worshipful Grand Secretary. Past Grand Masters are putitled, Right Worshipful.

#### ARTICLE III.

# Constituents of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 1. The Grand Lodge is composed of the Grand and Past Grand Officers; the Masters, and Past Masters by one year's service, and Wardens of all Lodges lawfully warranted and duly constituted by it, and under its jurisdiction, and the elected representatives of such Lodges.

SEC. 2. Every member of the Grand Lodge must be a member of a Subordinate Lodge, except Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters (who are members of the Grand Lodge for life), and honorary members specially elected by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 3. Each Lodge within this jurisdiction may, at the time at which its officers are chosen, elect as its representative to the Grand Lodge, the Master or a Past Master in good standing therein, who shall serve until his successor shall have been elected. His certificate of election shall be signed by the Master, have the seal of the Lodge attached, and be attested by the Secretary; a duplicate of which shall be sent to the Grand Secretary at least six days before the Communication of the Grand Lodge at which it is proposed to use the same.

Sec. 4. If, by the death of a representative, or his

removal from the jurisdiction, or by his resignation, a vacancy occurs, a successor may be elected at any stated or special meeting. Notice of such election having been given as special notices are required to be given to all the members of the Lodge.

#### ARTICLE IV.

# Officers of the Grand Lodge.

- Sec. 1. The officers of the Grand Lodge consist of such as are elective, and such as are appointed by the Grand Master.
- SEC. 2. The elective officers are the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary.
- SEC. 3. Those appointed by the Grand Master are the District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Chaplains, Grand Deacons, Grand Stewards, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Tyler.
- SEC. 4. The elected Grand Officers shall be installed in their respective offices and stations, if practicable, on St. John the Evangelist's Day next succeeding their election, and the appointed Grand Officers and Grand Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master after his installation. They must be members of the Grand Lodge, except the Grand Chaplains and the Grand Tyler, who are not required to be members of the Grand Lodge.
- SEC. 5. On the death, or removal from the jurisdiction, of an elected Grand Officer, or his ceasing to be a member of the Grand Lodge, the next Grand Officer

in subordinate station shall succeed to the vacated station; except in the case of the Grand Treasurer or Grand Secretary, and if such vacancy occurs as to either of these two Grand Officers, the Grand Master shall appoint a successor until the next annual election.

#### ARTICLE V.

#### Election of Grand Officers.

SEC. 1. The elective Grand Officers shall be chosen annually by ballot at the Quarterly Communication, next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day. A majority of the whole number of votes given shall be necessary for a choice. But if on the first ballot no choice be made, a second shall be had. If, on the second ballot, there be no election, a third ballot shall be had, confined to the two highest, or when such instances occur, to the one who has a plurality, and the other two or more the next highest on the return who shall have an equal number of votes. If on the third ballot no choice be made, the balloting shall be continued until one of the candidates shall receive a majority of all the votes given.

# ARTICLE VI.

# Boards of Trustees and Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 1. Five Trustees of Grand Lodge Charity Fund, and five Trustees of Girard Bequest shall be elected annually by ballot at the time of election of Grand Officers.

- SEC. 2. The following Grand Committees, and the Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund, shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master, viz.:
  - 1. Committee on Landmarks.
  - 2. " on Appeals.
  - 3. " on Finance.
  - 4. " on Correspondence.
  - 5. " on Charity, or Almoners.
  - 6. " on By-Laws.
  - 7. " on Printing and Publishing.
  - 8. " on Temple.
  - 9. " on Library.
- 10. The Stewards of Stephen Girard Charity Fund. Sec. 3. The officers and committees of the Grand Lodge shall take precedence in the order above stated.

## ARTICLE VII.

# Inherent Power and Authority of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 1. The Grand Lodge is the only true and legitimate source of Masonic authority. It is supreme and sovereign. It makes the law for its constituents and the members of the fraternity under its jurisdiction; but it is governed by no law other than the landmarks of Freemasonry. It grants warrants to Subordinate Lodges, and duly constitutes them as Lodges. Subordinate Lodges are constituted and work by virtue of these warrants. The Grand Lodge has the power to enact laws and regulations for the government of the craft, to alter and repeal such laws and regulations.

It cannot change, alter, or destroy the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry. It has the inherent power to investigate and determine all Masonic matters relating to the craft in general, to particular Lodges, or to individual brethren, either directly, or by its delegated authority, and its authority cannot be called in question.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

# Communications of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 1. The Grand Lodge shall hold Quarterly Communications on the first Wednesday of March, June, September, and December, and an Annual Grand Communication on St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year. It may also meet on Extra Communications, by order of the Grand Master.

SEC. 2. The Communications shall commence at seven o'clock in the evening from March 25th to September 25th, both included, and at six o'clock in the evening for the remainder of the year, except at the Quarterly and Annual Communications in December, which shall begin at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

#### ARTICLE IX.

# Proceedings in the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 1. When the Grand Master opens the Grand Lodge it is in *ample* form; when opened by the Deputy Grand Master it is in *due* form; when opened by either of the Grand Wardens, or other person, it is *in form* 

only. The Grand Master may give a special commission under his hand and seal of office, to any Past Grand Master, to preside at any Communication in the absence of all the elected Grand Officers.

- Sec. 2. Five Lodges must be represented before the Grand Lodge can be opened.
- SEC. 3. The Past Masters, and Masters of Subordinate Lodges, are to be seated on the left of the chair; the other officers and members on the right of the chair. The Past Grand Masters on either side of the chair. The Grand Master may designate a place of honor for distinguished visitors from other jurisdictions. In the absence of any appointed officer, the Grand Master may designate any member of the Grand Lodge to take his place.
- SEC. 4. Whoever wears the jewel and occupies the station of the Grand Master, in his absence, is addressed and regarded for the time, as Right Worshipful Grand Master.
- SEC. 5. Visitors cannot be admitted to the Grand Lodge after it has been opened one hour, except by permission of the Grand Master.
- SEC. 6. The following shall be the order of business at all stated communications:
  - I. Reading the minutes of the last regular Stated Communication, and the minutes of any Extra Communication, if such has been held.
  - II. Communications from Subordinate Lodges.
  - III. Reports of Trustees.
    - 1. Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.
    - 2. Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

- IV. Report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.
  - V. Reports from Standing Committees.
    - 1. Committee on Landmarks.
    - 2. " on Appeals.
    - 3. " on Finance.
    - 4. " on Correspondence.
    - 5. " on Charity or Almoners.
    - 6. " on By-Laws.
    - 7. " on Printing and Publishing.
    - 8. " on Temple.
    - 9. " on Library.
- VI. Report of Stewards of Stephen Girard, Charity Fund.
- VII. Report of Special committees (if any).
- VIII. Returns of Lodges.
  - IX. Unfinished business.
    - X. New business.
  - XI. Communications.

In all cases, papers or communications are to be referred to standing committees unless otherwise ordered; special subjects may be referred to special committees.

The Grand Master may dispense with the order of business, or arrange it as he deems for the best interests of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 7. When any resolution or motion shall be offered, or made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Grand Master; pending its consideration, a motion may be made to amend, stating in what particular it is proposed to amend it; and an amendment to the amendment may be moved, until the disposal of which no further amend-

ment shall be in order. After a vote upon any amendment shall have been taken, it shall not be in order to introduce the same subject under color of a new amendment, or as an amendment to a pending amendment. After a vote has been taken upon all the amendments that may have been considered, the vote shall be taken upon the resolution, or motion as it may then be, including amendments that have been adopted. Pending the consideration of such resolution or motion, no motion shall be in order except to lay on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone to a certain time, or to commit, all of which shall be determined without debate. A motion to amend, to postpone, or to commit, may be laid upon the table without removing the pending resolution or motion from before the Grand Lodge. No other dilatory or evasive motion shall be permitted.

- SEC. 8. Each member as he rises to speak shall address the Grand Master. He shall not be interrupted or called to order except by or through the Grand Master; when so called to order he must resume his seat, but being informed of his default, he may again proceed in his address to the Grand Lodge.
- SEC. 9. In debate, one member shall not address another brother by name, but by the Lodge to which he belongs, if the identification of a former speaker, or his remarks require it.
- SEC. 10. No brother shall speak more than twice to the same subject under discussion without special permission, or to explain what he has said that is misunderstood.
- SEC. 11. If a member is twice called to order at the same Communication and again offends, the Grand

Master may direct him to leave the room, and see that this direction is enforced before continuing the business of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 12. When a debate on any question has been allowed to fully explain or discuss it, the Grand Master can direct the vote to be taken, unless a resolution is adopted postponing the further discussion to another Communication of the Grand Lodge, and such resolution disposes of the subject until such Communication, when it will come up in the order of business.

SEC. 13. There is no privileged question in the Grand Lodge, but any member may ask the Grand Master to allow him to be heard on a question, or a subject, which involves the usages, customs, and landmarks, or proceedings of a Subordinate Lodge, he stating the subject when asking to be heard.

SEC. 14. The previous question by which a vote is to be forced on the Grand Lodge, shall not be permitted. A vote by yeas and nays shall not be allowed. A vote by Lodges may be called as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 15. All matters in the Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes, the Grand Master, or in his absence the presiding officer, in case of a tie, having the casting vote.

SEC. 16. What is known as "Parliamentary Law," or conventional systems for regulating the proceedings of deliberative assemblages, do not apply to the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 17. The vote may be taken viva voce; but if the Grand Master is in doubt, a standing vote may be required by him, or by five members of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 18. The stroke of the Grand Master's gavel commands order, and then all the brethren must be seated, and silence enforced.

SEC. 19. All reports from Standing Committees shall be approved as read, unless otherwise ordered.

Any special committee charged with the disbursement of the money of the Grand Lodge, shall be considered as existing until its accounts have been examined by the Committee on Finance or the Grand Treasurer, and all the debts contracted by it are shown to have been paid; then, on motion, said committee shall be discharged.

SEC. 20. Election of officers, and all propositions to amend the Ahiman Rezon, or to determine questions of finance, in which all the Subordinate Lodges have an interest affecting their revenues or involving contribution of their funds, shall be acted upon only at the Quarterly Communication in December.

SEC. 21. On all questions before the Grand Lodge when a vote by Lodges is requested by the representatives of five Lodges, and in the election of Grand Officers, each representative shall be entitled to cast one vote for each member of his Lodge in good standing, who is a member of the Grand Lodge, and who is not at the time personally present.

SEC. 22. The officers and Past Masters of any Lodge, which shall not have fully paid its dues for the past Masonic year to the Grand Lodge, shall not be permitted to vote therein, either personally or by representative. The Masonic year for payment of these dues

shall end on the day of the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in December.

SEC. 23. A majority of members of a Lodge when assembled, may instruct their Master, Wardens and Representative on any subject to be considered in the Grand Lodge, and such instructions recorded on the minutes of the Lodge, shall be binding upon such officers and representatives, unless directed by any Past Master to vote specially for him.

SEC. 24. The precedence of a Lodge shall be determined by the date of its warrant, as recorded on the minutes of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 25. The Grand Master decides all questions of order, and no appeal therefrom can ever be taken.

SEC. 26. If any question before the Grand Lodge is of vital importance to the fraternity, it may be postponed to a specified time for the purpose of securing a vote on the same by Lodges. The Grand Secretary shall forward a copy of the resolution to each Lodge, and when the Lodges receive the same they shall, at a stated meeting, or special meeting, after notice to its members, before the said meeting of the Grand Lodge, instruct their representative how the vote of the Lodge shall be cast. Each representative shall at such meeting of the Grand Lodge vote for his Lodge on the resolution, in the manner prescribed for the voting of Lodge Representatives at an election of Grand Officers.

#### ARTICLE X.

#### Revenue of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 1. The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be derived:

1. From the rents of the Masonic Temple.		
2. Warrants for New Lodges, each,	\$200	00
3. Dispensations to pass the Chair, each,	10	00
4. Dispensations to Enter, Pass or Raise, for each degree,	10	00
5. Grand Lodge Certificates, each,	2	00
6. Dues and Fees of Subordinate Lodges, viz.:		
Lodges meeting outside the City of Philadelphia.		
For each Initiation,	8	00
For each member, annually,	1	00
Lodges meeting in the City of Philadelphia, viz.:		
For each Initiation,	10	00
And in addition to which, every Lodge meeting in the		
City of Philadelphia shall pay Ten per cent. out of each		
Initiation.		
And for each member, annually,	2	00

SEC. 2. The dues and fees provided for above shall only continue until the debt of the Grand Lodge is reduced to \$500,000 (which shall be ascertained by deducting the Sinking Fund from the amount of the Grand Lodge Loans), when they shall revert to what they were in 1871; and when the Masonic Loans are all paid off, then the dues and fees shall revert to what they were in 1867.

SEC. 3. No Lodge located in the City and County of Philadelphia, shall confer the three (3) degrees of Masonry for a less sum than seventy-five dollars (\$75), and those out of Philadelphia, for less than forty dollars (\$40).

SEC. 4. No member of the Grand Lodge as such is relieved from the payment of dues to the Subordinate Lodge of which he is a member, nor is such Lodge relieved from the payment of dues to the Grand Lodge, except for Past Grand Masters and Past Deputy Grand Masters.

#### ARTICLE XI.

### Grand Lodge Certificates.

SEC. 1. Grand Lodge certificates shall be granted to every brother producing to the Grand Secretary a certificate of his good standing in the Lodge of which he is, or was a member, under the seal thereof, signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary. Grand Lodge certificates are given under the seal of the Grand Lodge with the signatures of the Grand Officers, and the brother to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name at full length in the margin thereof.

#### ARTICLE XII.

#### POWERS AND DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

#### Past Grand Masters.

SEC. 1. The Past Grand Masters shall be regarded as the conservators of the usages, customs, and landmarks of Freemasonry by reason of their experience. For their faithful services and their devotion to the fraternity, and for the honors conferred on them by their brethren, they are to be respected by the fraternity.

#### Grand Master.

SEC. 2. The Grand Master shall be installed by the last preceding Grand Master present, assisted by skilful brethren, at his discretion. When installed he shall be proclaimed and saluted, in due form, "Grand Master of Masons." He is supreme in all matters concerning the fraternity, the peace, harmony, and Masonic order of the craft, except when the Grand Lodge limits his power by its constitution.

SEC. 3. To him belongs the general supervision and government of the fraternity. For these purposes he is empowered:

To appoint District Deputy Grand Masters, the subordinate officers of the Grand Lodge, all Standing Committees, and all Special Committees, whose appointment is not otherwise provided for;

To preside in the Grand Lodge and in all Subordinate Lodges, attended or unattended by his Grand Officers;

To issue edicts, regulating the action of Subordinate Lodges, or for the government of the same, their officers, and members;

To send his Deputy or other Grand Officers to visit the Subordinate Lodges;

To cause Masons to be made in his presence, at any time and at any place, a Lodge being opened by him for that purpose;

To grant, and authorize to be granted, dispensations for making Masons, for constituting Lodges, and for passing the chair;

To command at all times the attendance of the Grand

Treasurer and Grand Secretary, with their clerks and books for his information;

To appoint by warrant any brother to represent him in any other Grand Lodge.

SEC. 4. He shall be, ex-officio, chairman of any committee whose sessions he may think proper to attend.

SEC. 5. It shall be his duty to visit the Lodges under his jurisdiction as often as it may be practicable, and call Special Communications of the Grand Lodge at such places as he may deem necessary, to instruct the craft, requiring the officers and members of Lodges notified, to be present thereat.

## Deputy Grand Master

SEC. 6. On the death, or removal from the jurisdiction, of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall be his plenary representative, and assume the prerogatives of Grand Master. His title in this case shall be "Acting Grand Master." His station in the Grand Lodge, as Deputy, is at the left of the Grand Master.

#### Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.

SEC. 7. The Senior and Junior Grand Wardens have their respective stations in the Grand Lodge. It is their duty to aid the Grand Master in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge, and the supervision of the craft. In the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, the Senior Grand Warden shall take his station; in the absence of the Senior Grand Warden, the Junior Grand War-

den shall take his station; and in the absence of the Junior and Senior Grand Wardens, or the Grand Treasurer, or Grand Secretary, the Grand Master shall select some member of the Grand Lodge who is a Past Master by service, to fill any vacant station.

#### Grand Treasurer.

SEC. 8. To the Grand Treasurer shall be confided the safekeeping of the funds of the Grand Lodge. shall keep separate accounts of all items of appropriation of the money or funds of the Grand Lodge. make a credit of each appropriation, and charge the same with every payment made by him against it, obtaining therefor the proper voucher; and he shall not pay any order drawn against any appropriation if said appropriation is exhausted. Orders drawn by any committee of the Grand Lodge on appropriation made to it, shall be signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary of such committee; and all other orders shall be drawn by the Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Secretary. He shall within fifteen days after the termination of every quarter, furnish his account to the Committee on Finance. Before entering on the duties of his office, he shall give a bond with one or more sureties, to the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, for the time being, in such penal sum as the Grand Lodge shall determine, conditioned for the due performance of his trust. He shall open an account as Grand Treasurer in one of the Incorporated Banking Institutions of Philadelphia, to be designated by the Grand

Lodge, through which all moneys received and paid by him, on account of the Grand Lodge, shall pass. He shall keep the books and accounts appertaining to his office, in the Masonic Temple, and shall attend daily from 11 A.M. to 12 o'clock M., to discharge the duties of his office.

#### Grand Secretary.

SEC. 9. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the minutes of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge;

To preserve its archives and seal;

To collect and receive all moneys for or on account of the Grand Lodge, give the proper credits therefor, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer

To issue summonses, and attach the seal of the Grand Lodge in attestation thereof, and to orders and notices, either by direction of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master;

To issue notices to each Subordinate Lodge of all stated and extra communications of the Grand Lodge;

To transmit annually, as soon as practicable, after every St. John the Evangelist's Day, to each Subordinate Lodge of this jurisdiction, and to all Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, an account of such of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at its Quarterly or Extra Communications, as may be selected by the committee appointed for that purpose, together with the names of the Grand Officers for the Masonic year, and a list of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, and the times and places of their meeting;

To receive all petitions and memorials intended for the Grand Lodge, and to lay them forthwith before the Grand Master or other proper authority;

To keep in suitable and separate books, registries of all warrants, dispensations, and certificates granted by the Grand Lodge or its officers; of the returns of the Subordinate Lodges, and an alphabetical list of the suspensions, expulsions, and rejections in such Lodges, or which may be communicated by other Grand Lodges;

To attest all dispensations granted by the Grand Master, receive the fees, pay the same quarterly to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor;

To transmit to every Lodge in arrears, at least once a year, a statement of its account, and in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, adopt such measures as may be proper to collect the same;

To conduct the correspondence of the Grand Lodge with Subordinate Lodges under the direction of the Grand Master, preserving copies of all letters written, in a book to be provided for that purpose, to submit to the Grand Master all letters received, as soon as practicable thereafter, and file the same in regular order;

To keep the accounts of the Grand Lodge by double entry, in such a manner that the state of them may at any time be known, and to report at least once a year to the Grand Lodge, a correct transcript of the balances;

To report quarterly to the Grand Lodge, all Subordinate Lodges suspended, or otherwise deprived of their representation therein;

To report annually to the Grand Lodge, in a condensed form, at the Quarterly Communication in September, the number of members belonging to each Subordinate Lodge, the number of initiations, admissions, resignations, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths, during the preceding year;

To cause the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge to be carefully bound up in a book with a sufficient number of blank leaves, on which he shall enter in their proper places, and under their proper heads, any amendment or alteration that may be made therein.

To attend in his office daily, from 9 to 12 o'clock in the morning, and from 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening;

He may appoint a Deputy Grand Secretary.

# District Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 10. The Masonic jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall be from time to time divided into districts, over each of which a District Deputy Grand Master shall be appointed, but no district shall comprise less than five Lodges.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of each District Deputy Grand Master to visit the Lodges in his district, to inspect their labors, inquire into their condition and proceedings, to give them Masonic advice and instruction, and to report to the Grand Lodge, annually, the state of the Lodges in his district, and all that he shall have done therein. He may congregate severally the Masters, Wardens, and brethren of such Lodges, at their respective places of meeting, at such times as he may think proper, may grant dispensations to pass and raise brethren to the degree of Master Mason, and for passing breth-

ren to the chair upon regular application made to him in writing for that purpose, signed by the applicant and recommended by the Master and Wardens of the Lodge. He shall account for and pay over to the Grand Secretary quarterly, all moneys received by him, on account of the Grand Lodge. He shall attend the Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge (at least twice in each year), when his actual expenses shall be paid by the Grand Lodge. He shall also be furnished with regalia and appropriate jewel, to be handed by him to his successor in office.

SEC. 12. Should the Grand Master require it, the District Deputy Grand Masters shall meet him at any place within this Masonic jurisdiction he may think proper to name, their actual expenses in attending such meeting to be paid by the Grand Lodge.

# Grand Chaplains.

SEC. 13. As many Grand Chaplains as are necessary, shall be annually appointed, whose duty shall be to attend the Grand Lodge at its Grand, Quarterly, and other Communications, there to offer up to the Great Architect of the universe, the prayers of the brethren, to invoke His blessings on their labors, and to assist in the necessary rites and ceremonies on all Masonic occasions.

#### Grand Deacons.

SEC. 14. There shall be two Grand Deacons, whose duty it shall be to bear the messages of the Grand

Master and Grand Wardens, throughout the Grand Lodge.

#### Grand Stewards.

SEC. 15. There shall be two Grand Stewards, to whom shall be confided the care of providing and superintending the festivals of the Grand Lodge. It shall also be their duty to direct the members and visitors at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, to the places assigned them, and see that the regulations of the Grand Lodge in this respect be complied with.

#### Grand Marshal.

SEC. 16. The duty of the Grand Marshal shall be to proclaim the Grand Officers, to form and regulate all processions of the Grand Lodge, make all necessary proclamations, and to take order that the proper ceremonies on public occasions be duly observed.

#### Grand Sword Bearer.

SEC. 17. The Grand Sword Bearer shall carry the sword of State before the Grand Master in the processions of the Grand Lodge, and perform such other duties as may be assigned to him in the Grand Lodge, by the Grand Master.

#### Grand Pursuivant.

SEC. 18. The Grand Pursuivant shall be placed in front of the Senior Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge,

receive the reports of the Grand Tyler, and announce the name and Masonic title of all who desire admission. He shall see that none enter without their proper clothing and decorations, and shall execute the orders of the Grand Master in the business of the Grand Lodge.

#### Grand Tyler.

SEC. 19. The Grand Tyler must be a Master Mason. His duty shall be to guard the outer door of the Grand Lodge, to report to the Grand Pursuivant the names of such as desire admission; to summon the members of the Grand Lodge, under the direction of the Grand Secretary, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Grand Lodge. He shall be charged with the care and safe keeping of the furniture and jewels of the Grand Lodge, for which he is responsible. He shall admit no brother who is not properly clothed. He is allotted a pecuniary compensation for his services.

## ARTICLE XIII.

# POWERS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

SEC. 1. The Trustees of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund shall consist of five members. They shall receive and hold in trust, all moneys and securities of whatsoever kind belonging to the fund, make all investments on account thereof, and otherwise conform to the ByLaws enacted by the Grand Lodge for the government of said fund.

SEC. 2. They shall report their proceedings, and the state of the fund annually, at the Quarterly Communication in December, or whenever required by the Grand Master.

## Trustees of the Girard Bequest.

SEC. 3. The Trustees of the Girard Bequest shall consist of five members. They shall receive and hold in trust, all moneys and securities of whatsoever kind belonging to the fund, make all investments on account thereof, and otherwise conform to the regulations enacted by the Grand Lodge for the government of the fund.

SEC. 4. They shall report their proceedings and the state of the fund annually, at the Quarterly Communication in December, or whenever required by the Grand Master.

In their annual report, they shall state the amount of interest received for the past year, and recommend to the Grand Lodge a sum to be appropriated to charity for the current year.

#### Committee on Landmarks.

SEC. 5. The Committee on Landmarks shall consist of three members, who in conjunction with the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, shall be a standing committee, to which shall be referred all questions touching the Ancient Landmarks, customs, and usages of the fraternity, and the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

#### Committee on Appeals.

- Sec. 6. The Committee on Appeals shall consist of five members.
- SEC. 7. When an appeal is made to the Grand Lodge by an accused, or by a member of a Lodge which has finally acted on the case of such accused person, against the action of the Lodge in such case, it shall be referred to the Committee on Appeals.
- SEC. 8. The Committee shall cause notice to be given to the Lodge, the party accused, and the complainant who made the charges before the Lodge, or any brother complaining of the action of the Lodge, of the time and place, when and where the committee will consider the same; a copy of such notice shall be kept by the Secretary of the Committee.
- SEC. 9. The Committee at the hearing of the appeal, shall confine itself to the record as presented, unless it is deemed important to a better understanding of the appeal, that witnesses should be examined, then notice shall be given to all the parties of the time and place, when and where the witnesses will be heard.
- SEC. 10. Copies of all the papers which were before the Lodge and its committee, together with a copy of the minutes of the Lodge, and the minutes of the committee which tried the case, shall be presented to the Committee on Appeals at the time and place the notice thereof designates, together with the cause of the appeal, and the grounds of the same specifically and fully set out in writing by the appellant, who shall see that a copy of all the papers as above-mentioned are attached to his

appeal, as "exhibits." This shall be done by the Secretary of the Lodge, by direction of the Master, on application of the appellant; and for the extra service of the Secretary of the Lodge in preparing said exhibits, the Lodge may make such allowance to the Secretary as it shall deem proper.

SEC. 11. If questions of Masonic jurisprudence only are involved in the appeal, the appeal and the papers which are to be made part of the exhibits shall be sufficient; but if not, the other papers or minutes only which are necessary, shall be required.

SEC. 12. If the appeal is found to be a case which needs additional testimony, the Committee on Appeals may make an order therefor as in its judgment will subserve the ends of Masonic right, law, and justice. It is deemed, however, better to omit taking testimony if the Committee on Appeals can arrive at a clear understanding of the facts from the record, and the undisputed statements of the parties as to the grounds of the appeal.

SEC. 13. The appellant, the Lodge, the complainant, and such other parties as the case may require, may be represented before the Committee by any Master Mason, to be chosen by them, or either of them.

SEC. 14. The report of the Committee shall be presented to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication after it has been prepared.

SEC. 15. The form of the appeal in all cases shall be as follows:

- I. Copy of the original charge, or charges, and specifications.
- II. Copy of the action of the Lodge thereon.

- III. Copy of the proceedings of the Lodge as to the trial of the said charges, and the appointment of the committee.
- IV. Copy of all the notices sent to, or served on the parties.
  - V. Copy of the notices to witnesses, with the names of witnesses.
- VI. Copy of the proceedings of the committee appointed to try the charge or charges; the testimony of the witnesses; the report of the committee, and the resolutions attached thereto.
- VII. Copy of the minute or proceedings of the Lodge on the resolutions of the committee.
- VIII. The appeal, stating specially the grounds on which the same is made.
  - IX. The certificate of the chairman, or secretary of the committee, or the Secretary of the Lodge, that the said copies appear to be correct and true copies.

## Committee on Finance.

SEC. 16. The Committee on Finance shall consist of five members. It shall be its duty to report to the Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication in December annually, an estimate of the probable receipts and disbursements for the ensuing year, with a statement of the sinking fund, and the debts due to and by the Grand Lodge, and such other matters as may be necessary to a correct view of the finances.

SEC. 17. To recommend to the Grand Lodge from time to time such measures as it may deem expedient, for collection of the dues, the economy of the funds, and increase of the revenues; to register by the chairman, in a book kept for that purpose, all appropriations made by the Grand Lodge, specifying under the proper heads, the purposes for which such appropriations are made, such book of registry being at all times accessible by the Grand Master, and any member of the committee.

SEC. 18. The Committee may, at all times, have access to the books and papers of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and other officers or committees intrusted with moneys of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 19. The fiscal year of the Grand Lodge shall end on the 15th day of November, and the several quarters shall end on the 15th days of February, May, August and November; and the officers and committees of the Grand Lodge shall have their books and accounts made up, posted, balanced, and ready for examination by the Committee within fifteen days after the expiration of each quarter.

Sec. 20. All matters relating to the finances of the Grand Lodge, shall be referred to this Committee. It shall audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, and other officers or committees intrusted with the moneys of the Grand Lodge, quarterly, receive their vouchers, deposit the same properly indorsed in the office of the Grand Secretary, and make report to the Grand Lodge at every Quarterly Communication.

#### Committee on Correspondence.

SEC. 21. The Committee on Correspondence shall consist of five members, to which shall be referred all communications made to this Grand Lodge, from other Grand Lodges, and such other subjects requiring special consideration, as the Grand Lodge may deem proper to submit to it.

SEC. 22. It shall examine the transactions of the preceding year, and select therefrom such matter as may be material for publication, and prepare any special report by direction of the Grand Master.

SEC. 23. This Committee shall report all its proceedings for the approbation of the Grand Lodge.

## Almoners of Grand Lodge Charity Fund.

SEC. 24. The Almoners of the Grand Lodge Charity Fund, or Committee on Charity, shall consist of as many members as there are Lodges meeting at the Temple, or within five miles thereof, whose duty it shall be to dispense charitable relief to the widows, mothers, sisters, and orphan children of worthy deceased Master Masons, in accordance with the rules and regulations enacted by the Grand Lodge for the government of said fund.

## Committee on By-Laws.

SEC. 25. The Committee on By-Laws shall consist of five members, to which shall be referred the By-Laws and Regulations of the Subordinate Lodges, submitted for the approbation of the Grand Lodge. It shall be

its duty to expunge from such By-Laws and Regulations, all provisions contravening the established usages and regulations of the fraternity, or which may be provided for by the Grand Lodge, and to make report of its proceedings to the Grand Lodge for its approbation.

## Committee on Printing and Publishing.

SEC. 26. The Committee on Printing and Publishing shall consist of five members, and shall have the ordering and control of all printing for and on account of the Grand Lodge.

## Committee on Temple.

Sec. 27. The Committee on Temple shall consist of five members, and shall have the care of the Temple, and the supervision of the furniture of the Grand Lodge, and shall cause the same to be kept in good order, provide the necessary fuel and lights, and attend to the renting of lodge rooms and banqueting room; it may rent to Lodges the rooms of the Temple at the sums named by the Grand Lodge, and report to the Grand Secretary on or before St. John the Evangelist's Day, annually, any change in the occupation of the lodge rooms, and the number of extra meetings held, and the occupation of the banqueting room; it shall not suffer any use of the building, or any part thereof, which may vitiate the policies of insurance thereon, and shall make regulations for the public visiting the Temple, and also for the visits of members of the fraternity, and shall appoint the superintendent of the Temple, and make all rules for his government.

SEC. 28. The Committee shall meet once each week, and keep regular minutes of its proceedings. All orders drawn shall be numbered, be signed by the chairman and secretary, and be taken from an order book which shall be kept with a margin of reference, stating the number of the order, amount, to whom, and for what paid. It shall report its proceedings quarterly, to the Grand Lodge for approval.

SEC. 29. The Committee shall be responsible for the care and safety of the Temple and its contents.

## Committee on Library.

SEC. 30. The Committee on Library shall consist of seven members. The duty of this Committee shall be to collect valuable publications on Masonry, and such printed or other information as may be worthy of preservation; and make report to the Grand Lodge of its proceedings.

## Stewards of Stephen Girard Charity Fund.

SEC. 31. The Stewards of the Stephen Girard Charity Fund shall consist of as many members as there are Lodges meeting at the Temple, or within five miles thereof, whose duty shall be to distribute the proceeds of the fund in the manner provided for in the rules and regulations enacted by the Grand Lodge for the government of said fund.

## Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

SEC. 32. The management of the Sinking Fund shall be committed to five members of the Grand Lodge, who

shall be appointed by the Grand Master, and shall hold their appointment at his pleasure; they shall be styled "Commissioners of the Sinking Fund of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania," &c.

SEC. 33. The moneys to be applied to the Sinking Fund, in addition to the funds and securities therein at the time of the adoption of this article, shall be—

- I. The annual appropriation made by the Grand Lodge.
- II. The interest, or dividends arising from their investments.
- III. And any surplus that may be appropriated by the Grand Lodge after all its current expenses shall have been provided for.

SEC. 34. The Commissioners shall use their best judgment for the security and increase of said fund, and shall invest the same from time to time as a majority of them may decide, or the Grand Lodge direct, preference being given to the Loans of the Grand Lodge, the United States, State of Pennsylvania, or of the City of Philadelphia, or other legal securities; and all investments made by them shall be in the name of the Commissioners "in trust for the Grand Lodge."

SEC. 35. At the earliest practical period, the Commissioners shall apply the securities and funds in their hands to the purchase of an equivalent amount of the Loans of the Grand Lodge, to be deposited in the Sinking Fund, and when so deposited shall not be changed except by the direction of the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 36. They shall not have the power, except as hereinbefore provided, to sell, transfer, dispose of, or ap-

propriate any part of the investments without the consent of the Grand Lodge, unless it may be necessary to protect said fund from loss by reason of any depreciation in the value of the investments, when such sale may be ordered by the Commissioners, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

SEC. 37. They shall, at the Quarterly Communication in December in each year, make a full report, showing the condition of the fund, giving a full detail of their investments, and their receipts and disbursements.

#### ARTICLE XIV.

#### Public Ceremonies.

SEC. 1. On all occasions of public ceremonies, the Grand Lodge maintains its exclusive and peculiar char-Uniting with other public bodies, it cannot surrender its inherent claim to precedence over all other associations, societies, or public bodies created by either State, Federal, or municipal authority. The order which the Grand Lodge directs as the governing rule of its action, on occasion of public ceremonies, is not to be departed from, or set aside, for any reason of convenience, or conformity with the order which is made to regulate such public ceremony. On every such occasion of public participation in any ceremony, the Grand Master and the Grand Officers wear their grand regalia, the members of the Grand Lodge wear their Masonic dress, white gloves, suit of black clothes, black silk hat, and white lambskin apron; the Past Officers wear their respective jewels on the left lapel of the coat. The

Grand Master issues his orders for such public parade, which are compulsory and binding on every member of the Grand Lodge, and the officers of Subordinate Lodges, and the members thereof.

#### ARTICLE XV.

## Masonic Clothing.

SEC. 1. When the regulations require a member of a Lodge to be "properly clothed," before admission into the Lodge, he must wear a Masonic Lodge apron. To be "properly clothed" for admission to communications of the Grand Lodge, requires each officer of a Lodge to wear the jewel of his station, and apron. Lodges may make such other regulations for the government of their members as to dress, at Lodge meetings only, as may be approved in their by-laws.

## ARTICLE XVI.

#### Jewels.

SEC. 1. The jewels of the Grand Officers are of gold suspended from collars of purple velvet, on which the stars are embroidered. The Grand Master's collar has seven stars, the Deputy Grand Master's collar six stars, the Senior Grand Warden's five stars, the Junior Grand Warden's, the Grand Treasurer's, and Grand Secretary's, each three stars. The Past Grand Master's jewel is suspended by a purple ribbon, to be worn on the left lapel of the coat. The jewels of the officers of Subordinate Lodges are silver, and the collars of the officers are blue without embroidery except silver edgings.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

#### SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 1. Every Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in this jurisdiction shall work under a warrant from this Grand Lodge, and acknowledge its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. A warrant may be granted by the Grand Lodge, when deemed expedient, on the petition of at least five Master Masons, not members of any Lodge, on the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master, and at least three Master Masons, members of a Subordinate Lodge in this jurisdiction. But no warrant shall be granted for a Lodge within five miles of the place mentioned in the existing warrant of a Lodge, without the consent of such Lodge, given under its seal, unless under special circumstances. The petition must be accompanied with certificates from the Lodge or Lodges to which the petitioners last belonged, or other satisfactory evidence of the good standing of the petitioners, and that they are not members of any Lodge; and their dimits must accompany their petition.

SEC. 3. Every Lodge must be lawfully warranted and duly and solemnly constituted by the Grand Master, with his officers; or in the absence of the Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, or any District Deputy Grand Master, by the Grand Wardens, according to their rank, or by some Past Master, duly authorized by the Grand Master. The authority to constitute a Lodge is given under the private seal of the Grand Master, or in the absence of the Grand Master, the Dep-

uty Grand Master; or in the absence of both, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, attested by the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 4. All Lodges warranted and constituted as above are prohibited from making its charter members, life members, for a less sum than forty dollars each.

SEC. 5. No Lodge can be represented in the Grand Lodge until duly constituted.

SEC. 6. The Officers of the Lodge are, a Worshipful Master, a Senior and a Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, two Deacons, and Tyler, to which, for the better regulation of the Lodge, may be added a Chaplain, two Stewards, a Senior and Junior Master of Ceremonies, and a Pursuivant.

SEC. 7. The Master and Wardens of every new Lodge shall be named in the petition for a warrant, and are to be appointed by the warrant of such Lodge. The Treasurer and Secretary are to be elected, and the other officers are to be appointed by the Master after the Lodge has been constituted.

SEC. 8. At the stated meeting of the Lodge next preceding St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year, the Master, Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary, and Grand Lodge Representative shall be elected by ballot. The election shall be conducted according to the rules regulating the election of Grand Officers. The Master and Wardens are, if practicable, to be duly installed on or before such St. John the Evangelist's Day.

SEC. 9. No officer shall enter upon his duties until he has been regularly installed. The old officers shall continue in office until their successors are duly qualified. SEC. 10. In case of the death of the Master and Wardens, or their removal from this jurisdiction, or in default of an election, at the time prescribed therefor, or for special reasons, the Grand Master may, by dispensation, permit a special election, to fill the vacancies until the next annual election.

SEC. 11. No brother can be elected Master of a Lodge, who has not been elected and served as Warden of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, except in extraordinary cases, or, at the formation of a new Lodge, when no Past Warden who is willing and qualified to act as Master, is to be found among the members. In such cases, three Master Masons may be constituted Master and Wardens.

## Duties of Lodges.

SEC. 12. A Lodge must assemble for labor at least once in every month, except that the Stated Meetings in the months of July and August may be omitted by vote of the Lodge. The hour for meeting shall be fixed by the by-laws of the Lodge.

SEC. 13. The stated place of meeting of a Lodge is commonly inserted in its warrant, but should circumstances at any time render such a place of meeting improper, the Master may convene the Lodge at some other place, if within the limits named in the warrant. But no Lodge can be removed without the Master's knowledge, nor any motion made for that purpose, unless he be present. When a motion is made to change the stated place of meeting of the Lodge, and is seconded by two members, a summons shall be issued to every member, stating

the proposition for removal, and assigning a time for hearing and determining upon it; such summons to be issued at least ten days before the hearing; and upon such special call, to other business than that designated, shall be entered upon. A vote of two-thirds of the members present, and the approval of the Grand Master, or the District Deputy Grand Master, shall be necessary to authorize such removal; if decided in favor of removal, immediate notice shall be given to the Grand Secretary of the place to which the Lodge has been removed. The minority may appeal from the vote of the Lodge, directing such removal, and a hearing shall be given to both parties in the Grand Lodge, before such removal be confirmed and registered.

SEC. 14. Elections, and all other business and work, shall be done in a Master Mason's Lodge, excepting only such business or work as shall strictly belong to the lower degrees.

Sec. 15. Every Lodge shall have power to frame By-Laws for its own government, provided they be not inconsistent with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The By-Laws of every Subordinate Lodge shall be submitted for the revision of the Grand Lodge, and when approved, a copy must be deposited in its archives. Such By-Laws shall be delivered by the Grand Secretary to the Committee on By-Laws, and by it are reported to the Grand Lodge for its approbation, and until approved are not valid.

SEC. 16. A committee shall be appointed once in every year to audit and report on the accounts of the Lodge.

SEC. 17. Every Subordinate Lodge is required, on or

before St. John the Evangelist's Day, in every year, to transmit to the Grand Secretary a list of its initiations, passings, raisings, admissions, deaths, rejections, suspensions, and expulsions, with the reasons for such suspension or expulsion; also a list of suspended and expelled members restored by the Lodge or by the Grand Lodge, together with a return of the election of officers, to the Grand Communication next following such election. Every Lodge within this jurisdiction failing to make such return on or before the first Wednesday of March, shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if such returns be not received by him within three months from the date of the notice, the warrant of the defaulting Lodge is, ipso facto, suspended.

SEC. 18. Warrants of all Lodges suspended for delinquency as to returns, are revived on the receipt of such returns.

SEC. 19. Any Lodge in arrears with the Grand Lodge for two years' dues (each year ending at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge), shall be notified thereof by the Grand Secretary, and if all arrearages due the Grand Lodge be not paid in full within six months from the date of such notice, its warrant shall be suspended, and unless cause be shown to the contrary, at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, it shall be vacated. During the suspension or sequestration of the warrant of a Lodge, neither its officers, members, nor its representative can sit in the Grand Lodge, nor visit any Subordinate Lodge.

SEC. 20. A Lodge may be dissolved:

1. By neglecting to make its returns in due time;

- 2. By neglecting to pay its dues;
- 3. By not assembling during twelve months;
- 4. By the death or resignation of its members;
- 5. By unmasonic conduct, and the resumption of its warrant by the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 21. The Grand Master may, on application and notice, sequestrate the warrant of a Lodge for violation of the landmarks, or for such act or acts of insubordination as tend to destroy the peace and harmony, or imperil the character of the craft. But the warrant of a Lodge cannot be forfeited until it has been duly warned of its offence, and has been summoned by the Grand Secretary, to answer the charge made against it.

SEC. 22. When a Lodge is dissolved, it is the duty of the last Treasurer and Secretary, within three months after its dissolution, to surrender to the Grand Secretary, the warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture, and funds of such Lodge; and the last presiding officer is to transmit to the Grand Secretary an inventory thereof, and be responsible for the execution of this article. No brother of such Lodge shall be admitted into any other Lodge, nor entitled to the benefits of Masonry, until he has paid all arrears due from him to such Lodge, to the Grand Secretary, or has had the same remitted by the Grand Lodge, and obtained a certificate thereof, which he must present with his application for membership to the Lodge to which he applies therefor, provided that this shall not apply to the members of any Lodge which may be dissolved for unmasonic conduct; in those cases the brother must be restored by a vote of the Grand Lodge before he can obtain any such certificate.

SEC. 23. A Lodge not distinguished by a name or a title, being desirous of obtaining either, must produce its charter to the Grand Master, who will direct the Grand Secretary to indorse on the charter the name or title selected, and certify the same under his hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 24. Every Subordinate Lodge shall have a Masonic seal, to be affixed to its certificates and other documents proper for publication. An impression from such seal shall be sent to the Grand Secretary, and due notice given him of any change in such seal, with an impression from the substitute.

SEC. 25. No Lodge, or brother is permitted to print or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the whole, or any part of the proceedings of any Lodge. Nor shall any brother publish any work, or discourse, relative to Masonry without previously obtaining the consent of the Grand Master.

SEC. 26. A Lodge certificate shall not be granted to a brother unless he was initiated therein, or has been admitted a member thereof. Such certificate must be signed by the Master, Wardens and Secretary, and have the seal of the Lodge affixed; the brother to whom it is granted shall subscribe his name at full length in the margin thereof.

SEC. 27. No Lodge, nor officer, nor member of a Lodge, shall be permitted to grant a certificate or recommendation to enable any Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper, or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

SEC. 28. One Lodge cannot delegate to another the

advancement of any initiated Mason; nor can any Lodge advance any but its own members.

SEC. 29. The fees for initiation and admission to membership, are such as each Lodge ordains for itself, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge.

#### Master.

SEC. 30. It is the duty of the Master to enforce the observance of the By-Laws of his Lodge, and of the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge; to see that his Wardens discharge their duties faithfully; that true and exact minutes be made of all Lodge proceedings; that the Treasurer keeps and renders true and just accounts at the stated times, according to the By-Laws and orders of the Lodge; and that the property and funds of the Lodge be justly managed and dispensed.

SEC. 31. It is also his duty, and that of his Wardens, to attend all Communications of the Grand Lodge. He is empowered to call meetings of his own Lodge at pleasure. He has charge of the warrant of constitution, which must always be in the Lodge, when it is opened, and during its labors. To him belongs the appointment of all the officers of the Lodge not elective.

SEC. 32. Where there is no warrant, there can be no Lodge opened. The Master being absent, shall give the warrant to the Senior Warden, and in his absence to the Junior Warden; and if all are absent, no Lodge can be opened except by the Grand Master, or some one specially authorized by him for that purpose.

#### Wardens.

SEC. 33. Master Masons only can be Wardens of a Lodge. In the absence of the Master, the Wardens, according to rank, shall supply his place until his return, or until the next stated election.

SEC. 34. The duty of the Wardens in the Lodge is to assist the Master in conducting its labors. When the Lodge is called off, it is under the government of the Junior Warden, who remains in his station. He may permit any brother to retire, but he cannot admit any brother into the Lodge.

#### Treasurer.

SEC. 35. The Treasurer shall keep an exact account of all moneys received, and pay the same, on orders drawn upon him by the authority of the Lodge, which shall be signed by the Master, and countersigned by the Secretary. He shall keep regular entries of his receipts and expenditures, and have his books and vouchers ready for examination, at such periods as the By-Laws require, or whenever called upon by order of the Master of the Lodge.

## Secretary.

SEC. 36. The Secretary shall keep a record of all the transactions of the Lodge proper to be committed to writing, that they may be submitted to the Master or a committee of his Lodge, and to the Grand Lodge, whenever required. He shall preserve a copy of the By-Laws of his Lodge, and of the Rules and Regulations of the

Grand Lodge, a list of the members of the Lodge, with the dates of their initiation or admission. He shall make a record of all the deaths, expulsions, suspensions, or rejections, and resignations in the Lodge, and those communicated by the Grand Lodge, transmitting the name or names of the former, forthwith to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 37. He shall on or immediately before the 15th day of November in each year forward to the Grand Secretary, a correct list of all the members of the Lodge who are also members of the Grand Lodge.

SEC. 38. He shall issue the notices for all meetings, make his returns in time and form required by the Grand Lodge, and perform such other duties as may appertain to his office, or be required by the Ahiman Rezon. He shall perform any act as Secretary which the Master or the Lodge may direct in aid of the business of the Lodge or concerning the same. He shall keep a book in which is to be recorded the place of residence of each member of the Lodge, and the place of residence given by each member to the Secretary and so recorded, shall be the best evidence of the residence of one who is also a member of the Grand Lodge, shall communicate the same to the Grand Secretary.

#### Other Officers.

SEC. 39. The duties of the remaining officers of the Lodge are analogous to those of the corresponding officers in the Grand Lodge, as far as the same apply to Subordinate Lodges.

SEC. 40. The place of the Junior Master of Ceremonies is at the right of the Senior Warden, and his business is to attend the preparing-room door. The place of the Senior Master of Ceremonies is at the left of the Senior Warden, and his business is to attend to the examining-room door. The place of the Pursuivant is in front of the Senior Warden, and his business is to attend to the outer door.

#### Members.

Sec. 41. A member of a Subordinate Lodge when he signs the roll of members of said Lodge on his initiation, shall also add the place of his residence. When any member of a Lodge changes his residence, he shall, within one month thereafter, notify the Secretary of the Lodge of which he is a member. When a member is to be notified by his Lodge that he is liable to suspension for non-payment of dues, the Secretary shall, one month before final action, send notice to the place of residence last reported by said member to him; and if the said member had removed from the place of residence last reported by him to the Secretary two months before the date of the meeting at which he was suspended, it shall be no cause of complaint that he did not receive notice of the proposed action of the Lodge.

SEC. 42. A candidate shall not receive more than one degree on the same day, nor a subsequent degree at a less interval than one month from his reception of a former degree, without dispensation from the Grand Master. But it is recommended to all Lodges to re-

quire proof of a brother's proficiency in the craft, by examination in the Lodge, before he be advanced.

SEC. 43. Masons made by dispensation are not thereby members of the Lodge in which they are made. To become members, they must apply by petition, and be duly elected.

SEC. 44. Not more than five brethren can be made in a Lodge on the same day; nor any one under the age of twenty-one years, unless by dispensation from the Grand Master.

SEC. 45. A member of a Lodge ceases to be such by expulsion, suspension, or resignation. But no member shall be permitted to withdraw from membership until his dues have been paid or remitted by his Lodge, or pending any inquiry in which his character may be implicated.

SEC. 46. No brother shall use his certificate, nor expose any Masonic emblem as a sign, in his business transactions.

SEC. 47. If a brother by his behavior shall disturb the harmony of the Lodge, he is to be thrice formally admonished by the Master; and if he persists in his irregular conduct, he may be punished according to the By-Laws of his Lodge; or the Master may direct him to leave the room, and see that this direction is enforced before continuing the business of the Lodge.

Sec. 48. No Lodge can expel or suspend a brother at an extra meeting.

SEC. 49. A brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, may on the payment of the same, be restored to good Masonic standing by a majority vote of

the Lodge; and if he is then desirous of joining the Lodge from which he was suspended, or any other Lodge, he must apply by petition, and be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge; which petition shall be referred to a committee of three Master Masons, neither of whom are recommenders, and at a subsequent stated meeting, the committee having unanimously reported in favor of the petition, a ballot shall be had, and if receiving a unanimous vote, he shall be declared elected. Provided, however, that a brother who has been suspended as aforesaid, may on the payment of his dues and all arrearages be restored, within one year from the date of his suspension, to membership, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any stated meeting of the Lodge, after one month's notice to the members.

SEC. 50. A brother who has been expelled or suspended from a Lodge for any other cause than for non-payment of dues, and is desirous of being restored, must apply at a stated meeting to the Lodge of which he was last a member, when, if a majority of the Lodge shall so decide, the Lodge shall request the Grand Lodge to remove the expulsion or suspension; which being removed, the brother may apply for membership in the same manner and subject to the rules and regulations governing the proceedings in cases of application for initiation and membership.

# Application for Initiation and Membership.

SEC. 51. The requisite qualifications for initiation and membership in a Lodge are, that the applicant be of good report, free born, of mature age, hale and sound, be able to gain a livelihood for himself and family, and to perform the work of a member in a Lodge.

SEC. 52. He must apply for admission by petition, to be presented at a stated meeting of the Lodge. He must be recommended by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge. His petition must be in writing, or partly written and partly printed. He must sign the petition with his full name, and the two recommenders must also sign it. His petition must set forth his age, occupation, and residence, and that he has not applied to, and been rejected by, any regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, and that he believes in the existence of a Supreme Being.

SEC. 53. This application, on its presentation to the Lodge by the Secretary, must be read, and referred to a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of three Master Masons, members of the Lodge, none of whom shall be of the recommenders. The committee shall make diligent and careful inquiry as to all matters which pertain to the character of the applicant.

SEC. 54. The application being presented at one stated meeting, action by the Lodge can be had at the next or some subsequent stated meeting not exceeding four months thereafter, if a favorable report be made, provided one month shall have elapsed since the meeting at which the application was presented.

SEC. 55. The Committee, or some one of its number, shall wait on the applicant, read to him his application, and inquire whether he subscribes to all the conditions thereof. A favorable report must be signed by all the members of the committee. If one or more of the committee report unfavorably it is a rejection.

SEC. 56. If the report is favorable, and being read to the Lodge, the Master shall order that a ballot be taken on the application, and one black ball shall reject the applicant. Every member of the Lodge present, unless excused by the Master, shall vote on this ballot, that unanimity before initiation may be ascertained. If by the ballot, the applicant is rejected, a test ballot may be had by order of the Master, if he is satisfied error or mistake has occurred; provided especially that no member has left the Lodge room after the first ballot was had, and before the test ballot is taken; and provided it is stated as the reason for said test ballot, that it is believed the result of the first ballot was by error or mistake.

SEC. 57. If the applicant, being balloted for and approved, does not present himself to the Lodge within six months thereafter, all proceedings in his case are void. The application cannot be withdrawn from the Lodge until a favorable report shall have been made, and then only by a majority vote of all the members present.

SEC. 58. In case of a rejection upon a ballot, a second ballot upon the application may be had, provided that the motion therefor shall be made at a stated meeting held within six months after the rejection; such motion shall lie over until the next, or some subsequent stated meeting, not exceeding three months thereafter, and if the motion be adopted, the second ballot must be had at the next stated meeting after the adoption of the resolution, notice thereof being given to the members. If the applicant is rejected, the Secretary shall, under the seal of the Lodge, forthwith send notice of the fact of rejection,

with the name, age, occupation, and residence of the applicant to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 59. If the report of the committee be favorable, and the ballot approves the petition, the candidate may receive the first degree in Freemasonry; subject, however, to objection from any member of the Lodge until initiation. Such objection stops all further proceedings. If no objection is made, and the degree is completed, any objection to further advancement must be in the nature of a charge against the brother, and must be tried in a Lodge of Entered Apprentice Masons. If the charge is found on trial to be sustained, the Lodge cannot advance the brother, and he must remain an Entered Apprentice not under the tongue of good Masonic report, unless he is on said trial expelled, or suspended, then he ceases to be a member, but may apply as in cases of rejected Masons, as herein provided.

SEC. 60. When an application is received by a Lodge other than that which is nearest to the place of residence of an applicant, the Lodge receiving such petition for initiation and membership shall, under its seal, inquire of a Lodge nearest the place of residence of the applicant, whether it has any Masonic objection to the Lodge to which the petition is addressed acting on the petition. The inquiry shall be addressed to the Secretary of the Lodge, and shall contain the full name of the applicant, his age, occupation, and residence, as set out in his petition. The Lodge so inquired of, shall cause said inquiry to be read at the next stated meeting thereof after such inquiry is received by the Secretary. A ballot shall thereupon be had on the inquiry, "Is there a Masonic objection to

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And a single black ball shall establish the fact of the existence of such objection, and the result of such ballot shall be certified by the Master and Secretary, under the seal of the Lodge, to the Lodge making the inquiry.

Sec. 61. The Lodge receiving the petition shall not act thereon until it has received notice from the Secretary or Master of the Lodge inquired of, that said inquiry has been received by them or either of them, and that the same will be laid before the Lodge at its next stated meeting, giving the date of the next meeting. If after that meeting a reasonable time has elapsed (not less than two weeks), and the Master does not reply to the inquiry, or cause the action of the Lodge to be made known to the Lodge inquiring, by addressing the reply to the Secretary or Master of the Lodge inquiring, and causing it to be sent by a suitable conveyance, either through the postoffice, or by the hand of a brother Master Mason, he being informed of the character of the reply he is intrusted to deliver, the Lodge receiving such petition may at its next stated meeting after the expiration of two weeks from the date of the stated meeting of the Lodge inquired of, proceed on the petition. A full record to be made of these proceedings by the Secretary of each Lodge.

SEC. 62. The Lodge inquired of shall direct its Secretary to communicate the inquiry to the Grand Secretary, and also the proceedings of the Lodge on the inquiry.

In cases as above described, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge receiving the petition of the applicant, to inquire of the Grand Secretary if there is any record in his office in regard to the applicant, giving his full name, age, occupation, and residence, as set out in his petition; and stating he does not reside near the Lodge to which he has sent his petition. A Lodge cannot act on any application for initiation and membership until it receives a reply from the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 63. The fact that an applicant does not reside nearest to the Lodge to which he applies, is no disqualification for initiation and membership therein, but if an applicant so applies, and the Lodge inquired of replies that there is a Masonic objection, the applicant cannot withdraw his petition until the Lodge receiving it acts on the reply received from the Lodge inquired of; and if the Lodge so inquired of, states under its seal that Masonic objection exists, such reply being put on the minutes of the Lodge to which the petitioner has applied, is equal to an objection, which stops all proceedings of said Lodge, and the applicant is left to the same course as a rejected applicant, as herein provided for; provided that in all such proceedings the Lodge first inquired of in the case has due notice, as herein prescribed in cases of inquiry.

SEC. 64. If an application is made for membership only, to a Lodge, the applicant must present a certificate under the seal of the Lodge of which he was last a member, with his dimit therefrom, or satisfactory evidence that he was in good Masonic standing, and that he is not a member of any Lodge.

SEC. 65. The right of each member to vote by ballot is vested in him; for the exercise of this right he can never be questioned, either by the Lodge, a member, or any

other Masonic authority. It is the exercise of a right which belongs to each individual member of a Lodge to cast a ballot as the conscience and Masonic light of such member commands. But it should never be exercised to gratify personal malice, spite, revenge, or any private animosity, or unkindness, or for personal objection of one member, which is individual only to the applicant, and does not affect his character as a member of society. The black ball is to protect the Lodge, the craft, and the fair fame of the fraternity of Freemasons, and on such grounds it is a duty to cast a black ball, if the members so voting believe that the initiation and membership of the applicant would bring reproach on the fraternity, by reason of the unfitness of such applicant to become a Freemason.

# A Rejected Applicant for Initiation and Membership—Further Proceedings.

SEC. 66. When a person applying for initiation and membership in a Lodge is rejected, the Secretary shall record on the minutes of the Lodge the name, age, occupation, and residence of such applicant, and the fact of his rejection, and communicate the same, under seal of the Lodge, to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 67. After the expiration of six months from the date of his rejection, the rejected applicant may make a second application for initiation and membership in the Lodge that rejected him; which petition shall be received, subject to each and every rule of action by the Lodge as in the case of a first petition. If the applicant is again rejected, the same course shall be followed

by the Secretary as in the case of the first petition and rejection; stating in addition, on the notice to the Grand Secretary, "second rejection."

Sec. 68. After the expiration of one year from such second rejection the applicant may petition the same Lodge in writing, stating therein that he understands he has been twice rejected therein, and asking the Lodge to permit him to make a third petition to it for initiation and membership. On receipt of this petition, the Lodge shall order the same to lie over for one month, and notice shall be given to all the members that at the next stated meeting the Lodge will act on said petition. At the next stated meeting the Master shall direct the Secretary to read the petition; and when the same is read, the Master shall direct a ballot to be taken on a resolution then offered to grant the applicant the privilege of presenting a third petition. If the ballot on the resolution is unanimous, the applicant may make a third petition, subject to the same rules in all respects as apply to a first petition for initiation and membership. applicant is again rejected, this rejection ends all action by the Lodge in the case.

# Trials and Appeals.

SEC. 69. When a charge or charges are made against a brother, a member of any Lodge, they must be in writing. Each charge must be specific, stating the matter complained of, and to each charge there must be added such special matter in the nature of a specification as will bring the subject complained of to the understanding of the Lodge, great care being taken that

nothing is put in writing that violates the landmarks of Freemasonry. After the charge or charges are prepared by an experienced brother, or submitted to such for examination as to the special care required, the same shall be presented at a stated meeting of the Lodge, and shall be read by the Secretary.

SEC. 70. Then a motion may be made to refer the same to the Committee on Grievances, or to a special committee to report if a trial is necessary, or that one should be had. If, however, the Lodge deems it best, a majority vote shall cause said charge or charges to be sent to a special committee to try the brother on said charges and specifications.

SEC. 71. If the Lodge resolves to raise a committee to try the brother, the Master shall appoint said committee.

#### Public Ceremonies.

SEC. 72. A Lodge cannot participate in any public ceremony, unless it so participates as a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. If it appears as a Lodge, the officers must wear their appropriate regalia, and the members with Lodge aprons, white gloves, full suit of black clothes, and black silk hats, which is the Masonic dress. A Lodge cannot so appear in public without the permission of the Grand Master first had and obtained, on a statement made by the Master of the purpose of such public parade.

SEC. 73. When a Lodge is called out to attend the funeral of a member, it shall have precedence of all other associations and societies. The funeral ceremonies for

a deceased brother, as established by the Grand Lodge, are to be found under the title of "Public Ceremonies."

#### Visitors.

SEC. 74. Visitors unknown to the Master, may be admitted into Subordinate Lodges, upon the voucher of some brother present that he has Masonic knowledge that the visitor is a Master Mason, or after examination by a committee of the Lodge, provided no member objects. Visitors known to the Master, may, at all times, be admitted by him.

SEC. 75. A brother who is not a member of a Lodge, shall not be permitted to visit any Lodge under this jurisdiction more than once, except by permission of the Lodge.

#### ARTICLE XVIII.

### Amendments.

SEC. 1. No amendment or alteration of the Ahiman Rezon shall be made unless proposed in writing at a Grand Communication, and shall be considered at the Quarterly Communication in December next succeeding; nor shall any amendment or alteration of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge be made, unless proposed in writing at one stated Quarterly Communication, and acted upon at the next or some subsequent communication. In either case, notice of such proposed alteration or amendment shall be given to the Subordinate Lodges, and shall receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.

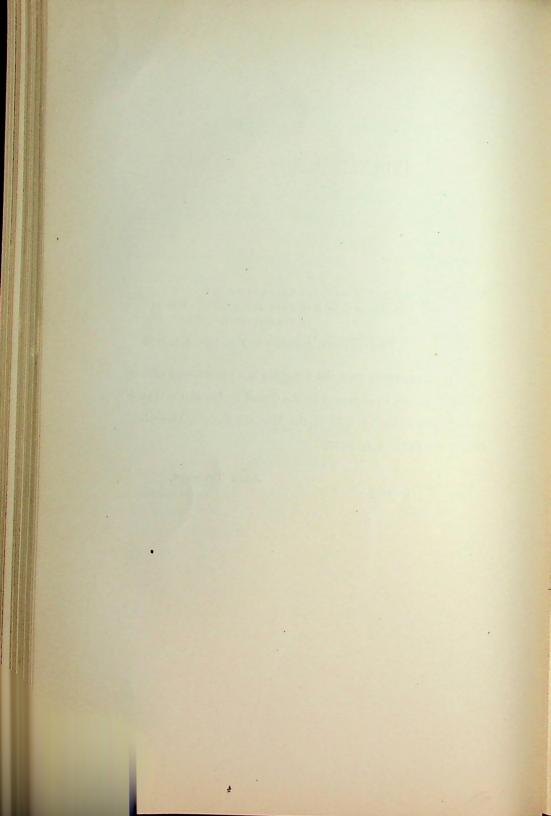
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OF THE GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
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PHILADELPHIA, January 8th, A.D. 1878, A.L. 5878.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of the Ahiman Rezon, as approved by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication held at the Masonic Temple, December 5th, A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877.

[SEAL.]

JOHN THOMSON, Grand Secretary.



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#### SECTION I.

#### PRAYERS USED IN LODGES.

No. 1.

A Prayer used among the Primitive Christian Masons.

The might of the Father of Heaven, and the wisdom of His glorious Son, through the grace and goodness of the Holy Ghost, being three persons in one godhead, be with us at our beginning, and give us grace so to govern us here in our living, that we may come to His bliss that never shall end. Amen.

#### No. 2.

### Prayer at the Opening of a Lodge.

Most Holy and Glorious Lord God, Thou Great Architect of heaven and earth, who art the giver of all good gifts and graces, and hast promised when two or three are gathered together in Thy name, Thou wilt be in the midst of them: In Thy name we assemble and meet together, most humbly beseeching Thee to bless us in all our undertakings, that we may know and serve Thee aright, that all our doings may tend to Thy glory and the salvation of our souls.

#### No. 3.

#### Prayer at the making of a Brother.

We beseech Thee, O Lord God, to bless this our present undertaking, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may dedicate his life to Thy service, and become a true and faithful brother among us. Endue him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that he may, through the influence of the pure principles of our Fraternity, be better enabled to display the beauties of holiness to the honor of Thy great name. Amen.

#### No. 4.

#### Prayer to be used at Closing a Lodge.

May the blessings, of heaven rest on us, and on all regular Freemasons! May we practice out of the Lodge those principles of religion and morality we are taught within it! May every moral and social virtue cement us in the bonds of peace and fraternal love, and procure Thy gracious favor, O, blessed Lord God, who livest and reignest in indescribable glory and happiness, forever and ever. Amen.

# SECTION II.

#### 1. Charge to the Grand Master at his Installation.

Let me congratulate you, Right Worshipful Sir, on being raised to the high station of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging. The brethren look with confidence to your experience and wisdom as enabling you to fill that chair, dignified and illustrated by a long line of noble Grand Masters, with honor to yourself, and advantage to the fraternity. You go up to it endeared to us all by bonds of brotherhood, in maintaining which you have never been found wanting by any Mason. You carry with you our hopes and prayers that the Father of light, of life, of love, may endow you with His good and perfect gifts; that His wisdom may enlighten your mind; that I-lis power may strengthen your hands; that His goodness may fill your heart, and so you will be steadfast in justice and liberal in charity, qualities which do more become your place than all its outward symbols.

Let me congratulate you, the Grand Officers and other brethren, on the election of our Grand Master. As it is *his* duty to *command*, according to our constitution, so it is *ours* with readiness to *obey*.

If we look outside of the Lodge, we will find that upon this right to command, and duty to obey, not merely is all civil society organized, but so is the very frame of the physical and moral government of God. What is the Ruler among men? What is the Almighty Maker among the stars of heaven? What He is among the angelic host, the angels of knowledge and power, that, in a Masonic sense, is this Grand Master of this Grand Lodge among us, his brethren. He is in authority over us, and therefore is ordained of God. He says to this man, Come, and he cometh; to that man, Go, and he goeth. And it is well for us to be so mastered. In this obedience we learn our higher duties, and prepare for admission, after life ended, into the Temple "not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

While we respect ourselves, venerate our brother-hood, practice the principles we are taught at the altar which represents the footstool of the throne of the Eternal, the surest evidence we can give of our faith and our work, is so to testify of them that among the brethren the highest claim of merit is for him who honors Masonry, obeys its landmarks, usages, and customs, is dutiful to the Grand Lodge and honors its Grand Master.

And all the brethren will say Amen, so mote it ever be with the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.

# 2. Charge to the Master of a Lodge at his Installation.

Worshipful brother, you have been of too long standing, and are too good a member of our Lodge, to require now any information as to the duty of your office. What you have seen praiseworthy in others, we doubt not you will imitate; and what you have seen blameworthy you will in yourself avoid.

We have, therefore, great reason to expect that you will be constant and regular in your attendance on the Lodge, faithful and diligent in the discharge of your duty; and that you will make the honor of the Supreme Architect of the universe, and the good of the craft, the chief objects of your regard.

While we are confident that you will give all due heed to the laws and regulations of our brotherhood, as more particularly becoming your present station, we trust that you will, at the same time, require a due obedience to them from every member, well knowing that without this, the best laws are useless.

For a pattern of imitation, consider the sun, which, rising in the east, regularly diffuses light and life to all within his system. In like manner, it is your province to spread the light of Masonry among the brethren of the Lodge. Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry, and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it. Charge them to practice out of the Lodge those duties which they have been taught within it; and, by amiable, discreet, and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the excellence of the institution. So that when any one is said to be a Freemason, it may be also said of him that he is one to whom the burdened heart may pour out its sorrows, and not be betrayed; to whom distress may prefer its suit, and not be rejected; and who was never prevented by any difference of faith or opinions from being the friend of good and true men of all professions; whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is filled with benevolence; who listens to

the warnings of temperance, and to the voice of humility. In a word, that he is one whose life is the daily proof of his love of God, and of his regard for men. Tell them that whatever eloquence they may exert in speaking of the excellence of Freemasonry, it is their example only which can recommend it to the esteem of the world.

From the knowledge, Worshipful Sir, we already have of your zeal and abilities, we rest assured that you will discharge the duties of your important station, in such a manner as will redound to your own honor, as well as to the honor of the Lodge over which you are elected to preside.

#### 3. A Charge at the Opening of a Lodge.

As useful knowledge is the great object of our desire, we ought to apply with zeal to the practice and profession of Freemasonry. The ways of wisdom are beautiful, and lead to pleasure. Knowledge is attained by degrees, and cannot everywhere be found. Wisdom seeks the secret shade, and the lonely cell, designed for contemplation. There enthroned she sits, delivering her sacred oracles. There we are to seek her, and to pursue the real bliss. Though the passage be difficult, the farther we trace it the easier it will become.

If we are united, our brotherhood must flourish. Let all private animosities, therefore, if any should exist, give place to peace and good fellowship. Uniting in the same grand design, let us be happy ourselves, and endeavor to contribute to the happiness of others. Let us promote the useful arts, and by that means, mark our superiority and distinction. Let us cultivate the moral virtues, and improve in all that is good and amiable.

Let the genius of Freemasonry preside over our conduct, and, under her sovereign sway, let us preserve a nobleness and justness of understanding, politeness of manners, and evenness of temper. Let our recreations be innocent, and pursued with moderation; and never let us suffer irregular indulgences to expose our character to derision and contempt. Thus, shall we act in conformity to our precepts, and support the name we have always borne, of being a respectable, regular, and uniform society.

#### 4. A Charge at the Closing of a Lodge.

Brethren, you are now about to quit the sacred retreat of *friendship* and *virtue*, to mix again with the world. Amidst its concerns and employments, forget not the duties you have heard so frequently inculcated and forcibly recommended in this Lodge. Be, therefore, diligent, prudent, temperate, discreet. And remember also, that around this altar you have solemnly and repeatedly promised to befriend and relieve, with unhesitating cordiality, so far as shall be in your power, every brother who shall need your assistance; that you have promised to remind him, in the most tender manner, of his failings, and aid his reformation; to vindicate his character when wrongfully traduced; and to suggest in his behalf, the most candid, favorable, and palliating circumstances, even when his

conduct is justly reprehensible. If you faithfully observe these duties, the world will observe how Freemasons love one another, in obedience to the will of God.

Remember always, brethren, that these solemn rites of which you have been partakers, and your parts in them, are as binding on your consciences out of the Lodge as within it. They are links in that chain made in life, for eternity.

And these generous principles are to extend farther. Every human being has a claim upon your kind offices. So that we enjoin it upon you to "do good unto all," while we recommend it more especially to those who are of the "household of the faithful."

#### 5. Charge at Initiation.

Brother,—You are now admitted, by the unanimous consent of this Lodge, a fellow of our most ancient and honorable fraternity—ancient, as having subsisted from time immemorial—and honorable, as tending in every particular to do honor to those who conform to its noble precepts. The greatest monarchs and most exalted heroes and patriots, of all ages and countries throughout the known world, have been encouragers of Freemasonry; and many of them have presided as Grand Masters of Masons in their respective jurisdictions; not thinking it any lessening of their highest dignities to level themselves with their brethren in Masonry, and to act upon the same square as they did.

The world's great Architect is our Supreme Grand Master; and the unerring rule He has given us, is that

by which we work; religious disputes are never suffered within the Lodge; for, as Masons, we worship God as our consciences require, and thus we are united as in one sacred band.

There are three general heads of duty which Masons ought always to inculcate, viz.: to God, our neighbor, and ourselves; to God, in never mentioning His name but with that reverential awe which a creature ought to bear to his Creator, and in looking upon Him always as the God over all; to our neighbor, in acting upon the square, or doing as we would be done by; to ourselves, in avoiding all intemperance and excesses, whereby we may be rendered incapable of following our work, or led into behavior unbecoming our laudable profession, and in always keeping within due bounds, and free from all guilt.

In the State, a Mason is to behave as a peaceable and dutiful citizen, conforming cheerfully to the government under which he lives.

He is to pay a due deference to his superiors; and from his inferiors he is rather to receive honor than to extort it. He is to be a man of benevolence and charity, not sitting down contented while his fellows (much more his brethren) are in want, when it is in his power (without prejudicing himself or his family) to relieve them.

In the Lodge he is to behave with all due decorum, lest the beauty and harmony of its workings should be disturbed or broken; he is to be obedient to the Master and other officers set in authority over him, and is to apply himself closely to the business of

# 7. A Charge at Raising.

Brother, your zeal for our institution, the progress you have made in its mysteries, and your steady conformity to its useful regulations, have pointed you out as a proper object for this peculiar mark of the favor of the brethren.

Duty, honor, and gratitude now bind you to be faithful to your trust; to support the dignity of your character on all occasions; and strenuously to enforce, by precept and example, a steady obedience to the tenets of Freemasonry. Exemplary conduct, on your part, will convince the world that merit is the just title to our privileges, and that on you our favors are not undeservedly bestowed.

In this respectable character you are authorized to restrain the irregularities of less informed brethren; to correct their errors; to fortify their minds with resolution against the snares of the insidious, and to guard them against every allurement to vicious pracces. To preserve unsullied the reputation of the aternity ought to be your constant care; and, therefore, it becomes your province to caution the inexperienced against a breach of fidelity.

The laws and regulations of the fraternity you are to support and maintain, and be ever ready to aid in their execution. You are to look impartially upon the offences of your brethren; in the decision on every breach of the regulations, you are to judge with candor, to admonish with friendship, to reprehend with justice.

In our private assemblies, you may now offer your opinions on whatever subjects are presented for decision. You are free to introduce any motion which you may suppose will be for the advantage or honor of the fraternity. By the exercise of these rights and privileges, you may improve your rational and intellectual powers, qualify yourself to become a useful member of society, and vie with skilful brethren in an endeavor to excel in everything that is good and great. You are to relieve the necessities of your brethren, to the utmost of your power and ability, without prejudice to yourself or your private concerns. Do this in a cheerful spirit, for our Great Master has said, "He loveth a cheerful giver."

On no account are you to injure a brother, or to see him injured, but you are to apprise him of all approaching dangers, and consider his interest as inseparable from your own.

To your inferiors you are to be courteous and teach obedience; to your equals, kind and true; to your superiors, obedient with honor. Universal benevolence you are zealously to inculcate; and, by your well ordered conduct endeavor to show how false are the slanders which have been uttered against this venerable institution. The ancient landmarks of Freemasonry you are carefully to preserve, and not suffer them on any pretence to be broken, impaired, weakened, altered, or destroyed; or countenance any departure from our established usages and customs.

Your virtue, honor, and character are concerned in supporting with dignity the respectability of your

Masonic profession. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows to God, or betray your trust; but be true and faithful, and imitate the example of that *celebrated artist* whom you have this evening represented. Thus you will render yourself deserving of the honor which this Lodge has conferred, and worthy of the confidence that it has reposed.

#### SECTION III.

### MANNER OF CONSTITUTING A LODGE,

AND THE PROGRAMME OF THE CEREMONIES OF CONSECRATION AND INSTALLATION.

On the day and hour appointed for constituting a new Lodge, the brethren thereof will assemble in the Lodge room.

The Grand Master and his officers (or the brother authorized by the Grand Master for the purpose, with such other brethren as he shall call to his assistance) meet at the same time in some place convenient to the Lodge room.

The officers of the new Lodge are then to wait upon the Grand Master, and state they are the officers named in the warrant, and ask the Grand Master's pleasure; the Grand Master will request the Deputy Grand Master to make the necessary examination, on which duty he will immediately enter, and on its completion, the proposed officers of the new Lodge will return to the Lodge room.

The officers and charter members of the new Lodge are then to send a messenger to the Grand Master, who will address him as follows:

Right Worshipful Grand Master,

The officers and brethren of Lodge No. have instructed me to inform you that the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, having granted them a warrant to open and hold a Lodge in the they are desirous that the Lodge

should be consecrated and constituted, and the officers installed, agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the craft; for which purpose they are now met in the Lodge room, by order of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and await his pleasure.

The Grand Master will answer: Brother,

Be pleased to inform the officers and brethren of Lodge, No. , that the Grand Master and his officers will forthwith attend them to comply with their desires.

The messenger returns to the Lodge room and makes his report, and the brethren prepare for the reception of the Grand Officers.

The Lodge or floor cloth is to be placed near the centre of the Lodge room, with the three vases or pitchers thereon, containing the elements of consecration; corn, wine, and oil.

The room will be opened and untyled, all the brethren present seated; the chairs of the officers remaining vacant. The officers and the charter members of the new Lodge in the northeast part of the room.

While the officers of the Grand Lodge enter the Lodge room, instrumental music may be performed.

When the Grand Officers enter the room the brethren will rise and remain standing, until otherwise directed.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master and his Grand Officers proceed to the east. The Grand Master taking that station, the other Grand Officers on the second step from the floor in front of the station, facing the west.

The Grand Master will direct the Grand Officers to take their respective stations and places. The Grand Lodge will be then opened.

#### PRAYER.

The might of the Father of Heaven be with us now at our beginning, and teach us so to govern us here in our living and working, that we may come to His bliss which never shall have an end. Amen.

After the prayer, the brethren will sing the

ANTHEM.—" Unto Thee, great God, belong."

Unto Thee, great God, belong Mystic rites and sacred song; Lowly bending at Thy shrine, We hail Thy Majesty divine.

Glorious Architect above, Source of light and source of love, Here Thy light and love prevail: Hail! Almighty Master, hail!

The Grand Marshal will then direct the officers and members of the new Lodge to form in an oblong square in front of the Grand Master, when the Deputy Grand Master will address the Grand Master as follows:

Right Worshipful,

A number of brethren, duly instructed in the mysteries of Freemasonry, having a desire to form a Lodge, have, for that purpose, made application to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, who have

granted them a regular warrant: the brethren now attend before your worship, according to your instructions, and are desirous that their Lodge should be consecrated and constituted, and their officers installed, agreeably to the ancient usages and customs of the fraternity.

The Grand Master will answer Right Worshipful Brother,

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania having been pleased to grant a warrant to the brethren of this new Lodge, conferring on them the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted Lodge, I shall proceed, with pleasure, to comply with their request.

And then addressing the Grand Secretary—Brother Grand Secretary,

Be pleased to read the warrant granted by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for the constitution of Lodge No.

The Grand Secretary will then read the warrant. When the warrant shall have been read, the brethren will sing the

ODE—"Hail! Mysterious, Glorious Science."

Hail! Mysterious, Glorious Science,
Which to discord bids defiance,
Harmony alone reigns here.
Come, let's sing to Him that raised us
From the rugged path that mazed us,
To the Light that we revere.
Hail! Mysterious, Glorious Science,
Which to discord bids defiance.

[Or any other suitable selection.]

The Lodge is then uncovered by the Grand Stewards.

#### Consecration.

The ceremony of consecration will then be entered upon by the following prayer:

## Consecration Prayer.

Great Architect of the Universe! Maker and Ruler of all worlds! deign, from Thy celestial temple, from realms of light and glory, to bless us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke Thee to give us at this, and at all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications.

Permit us, Oh Thou Author of light and life, to erect this Lodge, and now solemnly to consecrate it to the honor of Thy glory.

Glory be to God Eternal.

## Response by the brethren.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens take their stations around the Lodge or floor cloth. The Deputy Grand Master in the east, the Senior Grand Warden in the west, and the Junior Grand Warden in the south, in front of the vessels containing the corn, wine, and oil. The Deputy Grand Master will take up the vessel of corn, the Senior Grand Warden the vessel of wine, the Junior Grand Warden the vessel of oil, and at the proper time sprinkle the elements of consecration on the Lodge.

(Continuation of Consecration Prayer.)

Be pleased, O Lord, to vouchsafe that as we now sprinkle the elements of consecration over this Lodge, they may be the harbingers of Thy bounties to the brethren, and that they and all of us may be blessed by Thy goodness with the corn of nourishment,\*—the wine of refreshment,—and the oil of joy.

Grant, O Lord, that those who are now about to be invested with the government of this Lodge may be indued with wisdom to instruct the brethren in all their duties.

May brotherly love, charity, and truth always prevail amongst the members of this new Lodge, and may these bonds of union continue to strengthen the Lodges throughout the world.

Bless all our brethren, wherever dispersed, and grant speedy relief to all who are oppressed or disressed.

We affectionately commend to Thee all the memers of Thy whole family. May they increase in the knowledge of Thee, and in the love of each other.

Finally, may we finish all our work here below with Thine approbation, and then have our transition from this earthly abode to Thy heavenly temple above, there to enjoy light, glory, and bliss, ineffable and eternal

Glory be to God on High.

. Response by the brethren.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen! so mote it be! Amen!

<sup>#</sup> After each of the words "nourishment," "refreshment," and "joy," there should be a short pause, while the respective officers sprinkle the elements.

The Grand Chaplain then dedicates the Lodge as follows:

To the memory of holy St. John, we dedicate this Lodge. May every brother revere his character and imitate his virtues.

Glory be to God from Everlasting to Everlasting. Response by the brethren.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen! so mote it be! Amen.

Here solemn music may be introduced.

The Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, will then return to their respective stations.

The Grand Master will then say:

Brethren, we shall now proceed, according to ancient usage, to constitute these brethren into a regular Lodge.

#### Constitution.

The officers of the new Lodge being in possession of their respective clothing and jewels, though not yet invested or clothed with them, will present them to their Master, who will present them, together with his own, to the Deputy Grand Master, who will present them to the Grand Master.

The Deputy Grand Master will then present the Master elect of the new Lodge to the Grand Master, saying:

Right Worshipful,

I present you brother , whom the members of the new Lodge, now to be constituted, have chosen for their Master.

The Grand Master will ask them if they remain satisfied with their choice.

The brethren of the new Lodge will bow in token of assent.

The Grand Master will then inquire of the Deputy Grand Master, whether he has examined the Master elected by the members and nominated in the warrant, and has found him well skilled in the noble science and the royal art.

The Deputy Grand Master will advance with the Master elect, and present him in front of the Grand Master's pedestal, saying:

Right Worshipful Grand Master,

I present you my worthy brother, , to be installed Master of this new Lodge. I find him to be of good morals, and of great skill, true, and trusty; and as he is a lover of the whole fraternity wherever dispersed, I doubt not that he will discharge his duty with fidelity towards his Lodge, and in strict conformity to the requisitions of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master will then address the Master elect, saying:

Brother,

Previous to your installation and investiture, it is necessary that you should signify your assent to those ancient charges and regulations which point out the duty of a Mason.

The Grand Master will then request the Grand Secretary to read a summary of the ancient charges, which are as follows:

#### CHARGES.

## Summary of the Ancient Charges on the Installation of a Master.

- 1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
- 2. You agree to be a peaceable citizen 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 honorably by all men.
- 5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rules and patrons of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their stations; and submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren when convened, in every case consistent with the constitutions of the fraternity.
- 6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.
- 7. You agree to be cautious in carriage and behavior, courteous to your brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.
- 8. You promise to respect genuine brethren and to discountenance impostors and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.
  - 9. You agree to promote the general good of the

fraternity, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the art.

- 10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed; and strictly conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge, or general assembly of Masons, that is not subversive of the principles and groundwork of Freemasonry.
- 11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovations in the landmarks of Freemasonry.
- 12. You promise a regular attendance on the committees and communications of the Grand Lodge on receiving proper notice; and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry on convenient occasions.
- 13. You admit that no new Lodge shall be formed without permission of the Grand Lodge; and that no countenance be given to any irregular Lodge, or to any person clandestinely initiated therein, being contrary to the ancient charges of the craft.
- 14. You admit that no person can be regularly made a Mason in, or admitted a member of any regular Lodge without previous notice, and due inquiry into character.
- 15. You agree that no visitors shall be admitted into your Lodge without due examination, and producing proper vouchers of their having been initiated into a regular Lodge.

The Grand Master will then say: .

Brother,

These are the regulations of free and accepted Ma-

sons. Do you submit to these charges, and promise to support these regulations, as Masters have done in all ages before you?

The Master elect will answer:

Right Worshipful, I do.

The Grand Master will then say: Brother.

In consequence of your cheerful acquiescence in, and promise of conformity to, the ancient charges and regulations of our Craft, you are now to be installed Master of this new Lodge, in full confidence of your care, skill, and capacity to govern the same.

All the brethren present, not Past Masters, will then withdraw for a few minutes; and during their absence the Master will be installed by the Deputy Grand Master in ancient form.

The members who have withdrawn will then return and take their seats, a march being performed during their entrance.

The various implements of the profession, as emblematical of our conduct in life, will be then explained by the Grand Master to the Master after the following manner:

The holy Bible, that great light in Masonry, will guide you in the path of truth, direct you to the temple of happiness, and point out to you the whole duty of man.

The square teaches us to regulate our actions by the principles of morality and virtue.

The compasses, to limit our desires in every station, that rising to eminence by merit, we may live respected and die regretted. The rule directs that we should punctually observe our duty, press forward in the path of integrity, and inclining neither to the right nor left, keep eternity in view.

The line teaches the criterion of moral rectitude, and to avoid dissimulation in our conversation and actions.

The book of constitutions you are to search at all times, and to cause it, as well as your By-laws, to be read by your members, that none may pretend ignorance of the excellent precepts it enjoins.

#### Installation.

The officers and members of the new Lodge will then form a procession in the northeast part of the room, preceded by the Master and Wardens, who will pass in a single file round the Lodge room, conducted by the Grand Marshal, passing in a slow pace the chairs of the Junior Grand Warden in the south, and the Senior Grand Warden in the west. When the Master reaches the east, he will halt in front of the Grand Master's pedestal facing the west, and the officers and members will each one salute him as they pass in the usual manner.

As the procession passes the Grand Master, he will say:

Brethren! Behold your Master!

During the procession, on notice given by the Grand Master, the following Ode to Masonry will be sung:

Hail, Masonry divine!
Glory of ages, shine,
Long may'st thou reign;

Where'er thy Lodges stand,
May they have great command,
And always grace the land,
Thou art divine!

Great fabrics still arise,
And grace the azure skies,
Great are thy schemes;
Thy noble orders are
Matchless beyond compare;
No art with thee can share,
Thou art divine.

Hiram, the architect,
Did all the craft direct
How they should build;
Solomon, great Israel's king,
Did mighty blessings bring,
And left us room to sing
Hail, royal art.

The brethren having resumed their seats, the Master of the new Lodge will present, severally, his Wardens and other officers, naming them and their respective offices.

The Grand Master will inquire of the brethren if they remain satisfied with each and all of them; they will bow in token of assent.

The jewels and clothing of the several officers are then to be delivered by the Grand Master to each of the Grand Officers, according to their rank, and the Subordinate Officers are to be installed and invested with their jewels and clothing by each Grand Officer of corresponding rank.

Each officer as installed, will be conducted by the

Grand Marshal to the Grand Master, who will deliver to each of them a short charge.

Charge to the Senior Warden.

Brother:

You are appointed Senior Warden of this new Lodge, and are now invested with the insignia of your office.

The level demonstrates that we are descended from the same stock, partake of the same nature, and share the same hope; and though distinctions among men are necessary to preserve subordination, yet no eminence of station should make us forget that we are brethren. He who is placed in the lowest spoke of fortune's wheel, may be entitled to our regard, because a time will come, and the wisest knows not how soon, when all distinctions, but that of goodness, shall cease, and death, the grand leveller of human greatness, shall reduce us to the same state.

Your regular attendance at the meetings of the Lodge is essentially necessary. In the absence of the Master, you are to govern this Lodge. In his presence you are to assist him in the government of it. I firmly rely on your knowledge of Masonry, and attachment to the Lodge for your faithful discharge of the duties of this important trust.

Look well to the west!

Charge to the Junior Warden.

Brother:

You are appointed Junior Warden of this new

Lodge, and are now invested with the insignia of your office.

The plumb admonishes us to walk uprightly in our several stations, to hold the scale of justice in equal poise, to observe the just measure between pleasure and intemperance, and to make our passions and prejudices coincide with the line of our duty.

To you is intrusted the reception of candidates, also the superintendence of the craft, during the hours of refreshment. It is therefore indispensably necessary that you should not only be temperate and discreet in the indulgence of your own inclinations, but carefully observe that none of the craft be suffered to convert the purposes of refreshment into intemperance and excess.

Your regular and punctual attendance is particularly requested, and I have no doubt but that you will faithfully execute the duty which you owe to your present appointment.

Look well to the south!

At the conclusion of the Charges, will be sung, by two of the brethren, the following duet:

DUET—" God of the Fatherless."

Solo.

When the sun gloriously comes forth from the ocean,
Making earth beautiful, chasing shadows away,
Thus do we offer Thee our prayer of devotion,
God of the Fatherless! guide, oh! guide us to-day.

DUET.

When o'er the western hills the sunset tints blending,
Show us how quickly fades all that on earth seems bright;
Then to unfading realms our prayer ascending,
God of the Fatherless! guard, oh! guard us to-night.

## Charge to the Treasurer.

Brother:

You are appointed Treasurer of this new Lodge. It is your duty to receive all the moneys of the Lodge, keep just and regular accounts of the same, and pay them out at the Worshipful Master's will and pleasure, with the consent of the Lodge.

I trust your regard for the fraternity will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

## Charge to the Secretary.

Brother:

You are appointed Secretary of this new Lodge. It is your duty to observe the Worshipful Master's will and pleasure; to record the transactions of the Lodge in an exact and Masonic manner, and to pay over such moneys of the Lodge as you may receive, into the hands of the Treasurer.

Your good inclinations to Masonry and this Lodge will, I hope, induce you to discharge the duties of your office with attention and fidelity, and by so doing you will merit the esteem and applause of your brethren.

Charge to the Senior and Junior Deacons.

## Brothers:

You are appointed Deacons of this new Lodge. It is your province to attend on the Master and Wardens, and to act as their proxies in many of the active duties of the Lodge, and you also act as assistants in the immediate practice of our rites.

These wands as badges of your office, I intrust to your care, not doubting your vigilance and attention.

#### Music.

Concluding Charge by the Grand Master.

# Worshipful Master:

The Grand Lodge having committed to your care the superintendence and government of the brethren, who are to compose this new Lodge, you cannot be insensible of the obligations which devolve on you as their head, nor of your responsibility for the faithful discharge of the important duties of your office.

The honor, reputation, and usefulness of your Lodge will materially depend on the skill and assiduity with which you manage its concerns; whilst the happiness of its members will be generally promoted, in proportion to the zeal and ability with which you propagate the genuine principles of our institution.

For a pattern of imitation, consider the great luminary of nature, which rising in the east, regularly diffuses light and lustre to all within its circle. In like manner, it is your province to communicate and spread instruction and light to the brethren of your Lodge.

Forcibly impress upon them the dignity and high importance of Freemasonry, and seriously admonish them never to disgrace it. Charge them to practice out of the Lodge those duties which they have been taught in it, and by amiable, discreet, and virtuous conduct, to convince mankind of the goodness of the institution; so that when any one is said to be a member of it, the world may know that he is one to whom the burdened

heart may pour out its sorrows, to whom distress may always prefer its suit; whose hand is guided by justice, and his heart expanded by benevolence. In short, by a diligent observance of the By-Laws of your Lodge, the constitutions of Freemasonry, and, above all, the Holy Scriptures, which are given as the rule and guide of your faith, you will be enabled to acquit yourself with honor and reputation, and lay up a crown of rejoicing when time shall be no more.

Brothers Senior and Junior Wardens:

You are too well acquainted with the principles of Freemasonry, to warrant any fear that you will be found wanting in the discharge of your respective duties.

Suffice it to mention, that what you have seen praiseworthy in others, you should carefully imitate, and what in them may have appeared defective, you should in yourselves amend.

You should be examples of good order and regularity; for it is only by a due regard to the laws in your own conduct, that you can expect obedience to them from others.

You are assiduously to aid the Master in the discharge of his trust, diffusing light, and imparting knowledge to all whom he shall place under your care.

In the absence of the Master, you will succeed to higher duties; your acquirements must therefore be such as that the craft may never suffer for want of instruction.

From the spirit which you have hitherto evinced, I entertain no doubt but that your future conduct will be

such as to merit the applause of your brethren, and the testimony of a good conscience.

Brethren of Lodge No.

Such is the nature of our constitution that as some must, of necessity, rule and teach, so others must of course learn to submit and obey. Humility in both is an essential duty. The officers who are appointed to govern your Lodge, are sufficiently acquainted with the rules of propriety and the laws of the institution, to avoid exceeding the powers with which they are intrusted, and you are of too generous dispositions to envy their preferment.

I therefore trust that you will have but one aim, to please each other, and unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

Finally, my brethren, as this association has been formed and perfected in so much unanimity and concord, in which we greatly rejoice, so may it long continue. May you long enjoy every satisfaction and delight which disinterested friendship can afford. May kindness and brotherly affection distinguish your conduct as men and as Masons. Within your peaceful walls may your children's children celebrate with joy and gratitude, the transactions of this auspicious solemnity. And may the tenets of our profession be transmitted through your Lodge, pure and unimpaired, from generation to generation.

After the delivery of the foregoing charge, the Grand Master will pronounce as follows:

In the name of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, I now constitute and form you, my good brethren, into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. From henceforth I empower you to act as a regular Lodge, constituted in conformity to the rites of our Craft, and the charges of our ancient and honorable fraternity; and may the Supreme Architect of the universe prosper, direct, and counsel you in all your doings.

## Response by the brethren:

Amen! So mote it be.

The Grand Marshal will then make proclamation three times in the following manner:

In the name of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, I proclaim this new Lodge, by the name of , No. , duly constituted.

The brethren will then sing-

PSALM-" With one consent let all the earth."

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.

O enter then His temple gate,

Thence to His courts devoutly press,

And still your grateful hymns repeat,

And still His name with praises bless.

The Grand Master will then direct the Lodge, or floor cloth, to be covered by the Grand Stewards.

The ceremony of closing will now succeed with the following

#### PRAYER.

Supreme Architect of universal nature, we render Thee our thanksgiving and praise for the Masonic institution, as members of which we have at this time been assembled, and for the protection and aid afforded us in the important work we have just completed.

We thank Thee that the occasion of solemnly consecrating and installing this new branch of the Masonic family has afforded us fresh inducements, and laid us under stronger obligations to the practice of virtue and morality, and to the observation of all Thy precepts and commandments.

May these obligations, oh! blessed Father, have their full influence and effect upon our minds.

Teach us, we pray Thee, the true reverence of Thy great and mighty name; inspire us with firm and unshaken resolution in every virtuous pursuit.

May the solemnities of this day increase our love of Masonry, and have a beneficial tendency to the improvement of our conversation and conduct in the Lodge, and in our walk through life.

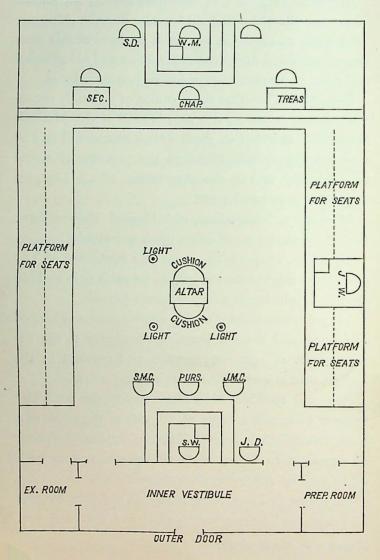
And oh! as Thou didst aforetime appear unto Thy servant Moses in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in our hearts a flame of devotion to Thee, of brotherly kindness to each other, and of charity to all mankind.

And now to Thee, King immortal and invisible, the only wise God, be everlasting glory and honor. Amen.

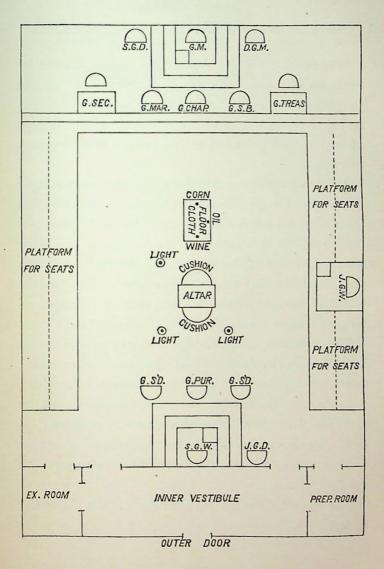
Response by the brethren:

Amen! So mote it be. Amen!

Note.—For the better understanding of these solemn ceremonies the following diagrams are added hereto, as part of the instructions for the brethren.



FLOOR FORM OF LODGE ROOM.



FLOOR FORM FOR CONSTITUTING A LODGE.

## SECTION IV.

## CEREMONY AT GRAND VISITATIONS.

Whenever the Right Worshipful Grand Master intends to visit a subordinate Lodge officially for the purpose of inspecting its condition, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, of the intended visitation, at least fifteen days previous thereto.

The Lodge is opened in the third degree, the Right Worshipful Grand Master directs the Grand Marshal to enter the Lodge, and announce to the Worshipful Master that he is in waiting, prepared to pay the Lodge a Grand visitation, the Worshipful Master responds; the Grand Marshal then returns and reports to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, that the Lodge will be prepared to receive him in minutes' time.

The Deacons of the Lodge are placed inside the Lodge room, at each side of the door of entrance, facing each other, with their wands crossed touching near the top; the brethren arrange themselves on the right and left of the Deacons in two lines, facing inwards, leaving a space between the lines of about six feet, extending from the door of entrance toward the east.

The Grand Officers then enter in the following order:

Grand Marshal.
Grand Tyler and Grand Pursuivant.
Grand Stewards.
Grand Deacons.
Grand Chaplain and Deputy Grand Secretary.
Past Grand Officers.
Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer:
Grand Wardens.
Deputy Grand Master.
Grand Master.
Grand Sword Bearer.

They proceed toward the east. On the entrance of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, the procession halts, the Grand Officers open their ranks to the right and left, facing inwards, the Right Worshipful Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the other Grand Officers, pass through in regular order. When they arrive at the east, they form across the room, upon the platform, facing west, the elective Grand Officers, as near as convenient to their respective stations, the appointed Grand Officers on the floor near to the platform, on the north and south sides of the room, facing each other.

The grand honors are then given; after which the Worshipful Master of the Lodge surrenders his station to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, together with the warrant of constitution of the Lodge and the gavel. The Right Worshipful Grand Master then directs the Grand Officers to take their respective stations and places, and the officers of the Lodge resign their stations and places to the corresponding Grand Officers.

He then requests the Grand Secretary to make his report on the minutes of the Lodge.\* After which the Right Worshipful Grand Master may make such observations as, in his judgment, the circumstances and situation of the Lodge may require, and he may also deliver an address.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then resigns the station to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, handing back the warrant and the gavel, or hiram; the other Grand Officers vacate their respective stations and places, which will then be resumed by the officers of the Lodge.

Should the Grand Officers retire before the Lodge is closed, the same ceremony must be observed as at the entrance, with the exception of the grand honors.

<sup>\*</sup> Prior to the Grand visitation, the minute-book of the Lodge must be delivered to the Grand Secretary when demanded, in order to enable him to examine the same, and make report thereon.

## SECTION V.

## CEREMONIES

ON

# LAYING THE CORNER-STONE

OF A

## MASONIC HALL.

I. The procession will be formed on , under orders from the Grand Marshal.

II. The procession will halt when the left arrives at
. The Grand Officers and members of
the Grand Lodge will then pass through, the line being in
open order, facing inwards, and the Brethren uncovered.

III. The Grand Lodge and the Grand Officers take the positions assigned them, the Grand Officers at their stations and places.

IV. When order is obtained

1. The Grand Chaplain makes the

## Opening Prayer.

We come before Thee, Thou Great and Eternal God and Father, maker of worlds and ruler of men, to offer to Thee our adoration and praise, our prayers and thanksgiving. We pray Thee to bless the work now begun, with the corn of strength, the wine of refreshment, and the oil of joy. We implore Thee to bless the great brotherhood of Freemasonry here, and ever-where, and give to it unity, harmony, and prosperity. We ask Thee of Thy great mercy to preserve and protect us, and have compassion for those who suffer, and be the God of the widow and fatherless of our brethren. Be pleased to teach us our work, that we may ever revere Thy holy name, and obey Thy divine laws, so that in all our labors we may have respect to those in authority over us, as they and we are accountable to Thee, the only wise God, blessed forever. Look down from heaven, Thy dwellingplace, O Thou who created the earth and the sea, the sun, moon, and stars, and pour out upon this fraternity of men like blessings which aforetime Thou didst upon our fathers. O thou omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent God, hear us, be with us, and grant us Thy salvation. And when we shall have ended our labors on earth, may Thou, O Father of light and love, who art plenteous in mercy, guide us up to Thy throne, that we may, with those in white raiment and crowns of glory, with harps in their hands, sing the songs of joy, and deliverance, and redemption, throughout the endless ages of eternity. Amen.

After which may be sung the following or any other appropriate anthem:

## 2. A Masonic Anthem.

In every clime, from age to age,
Masons performed their mystic rite,
Craftsmen, scholar, poet, sage,
Met, and beheld Masonic light.
In every clime, in every nation,
Masons their Temple built in peace,
From corner-stone to dedication,
No discord caused their work to cease.

Apprentice, Craft, and Master Mason, Each his allotted task performed, And in whatever place or station, Devoted faith his work adorned.

Strong in this faith, in bonds united,
Which hostile men essay to sever,
Our solemn vows to each are plighted,
To be a Brotherhood forever.

# 3. The Grand Marshal then proclaims—Silence—Silence Silence!

V. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master addresses the Grand Master.
Right Worshipful Sir:

The Grand Lodge of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, having been invited to lay the corner-stone of the members and brethren are now here assembled for the purpose of performing that impressive ceremony. The Lodge, at a regular Communication, held

requested you, Right Worshipful Sir, to perform this work. The necessary arrangements have been made by the Committee of the Lodge intrusted with their preparation, and I have now the pleasure to present to you the Chairman of that Committee.

 The Chairman of the Building Committee then addresses the Right Worshipful Grand Master.
 Right Worshipful Sir:

The Committee charged with the duty of preparing the Corner-stone, and making the arrangements for its being laid, have completed their labors. It is now ready, Right Worshipful Sir, to be made the Corner-stone of this new Hall.

## VI. Invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

Supreme Architect of Heaven and earth, we render Thee our thanksgiving and praise for the Masonic fraternity, its establishment, and its prosperity, and as members of which we are now assembled to praise Thee and magnify Thy holy name. Teach us, we pray Thee, to feel and know our dependence on Thee always, that by all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may give Thee glory, for Thou art our Father and our God. And O, as Thou didst aforetime appear unto thy servant. Moses in a flame of fire, out of the midst of a bush, enkindle, we beseech Thee, in our hearts a flame of true devotion and reverence for Thee, brotherly kindness for each other, and charity to all mankind. And now to Thee, King Eternal, the only wise God, be both honor and glory from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

Response by the brethren:

Amen! So mote it be. Amen!

VII. The Right Worshipful Grand Master directs the Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer to place the coins, and other valuable gifts in the Corner-stone.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer having deposited the articles in the box placed in the cavity of the Corner-stone, addresses the Worshipful Grand Master: Right Worshipful Sir:

The coins and other valuable presents, set apart to be placed in the Corner-stone of the new Masonic Hall, are now duly deposited there; and your directions have been faithfully obeyed.

VIII. The Right Worshipful Grand Master then directs the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary to read a list of the articles so deposited, the resolutions of the Lodge in relation to the new Hall, the list of the Building Committee, and the list of Lodges and Grand Officers.

## IX. A Masonic Anthem.

Sons of the Mystic tie,
Brothers in Freemasonry,
Your voices raise,
In joyous anthem of triumphant praise
To the Great Architect of all,
On Him we call,
For He, 'tis He alone,

Who in our hearts is the foundation stone.

While here to-day

A corner-stone we lay

Our Temple's symbolry,

Of God and Virtue, Science, Masonry,

Faith, Hope, and Charity,

Lights in our Fraternity

Beam as the light above.

Then may th' Almighty Father, God, his love,

Send to us as a dove,

To bless us all,

To bless us all,

Great Architect! on Thee, on Thee we call,

Sons of the Mystic tie,

Brothers in Freemasonry

Your voices raise;

In this your anthem of triumphant praise.

[Or any other appropriate Anthem.]

X. The Right Worshipful Grand Master then addresses the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

It is my will and pleasure, that the Corner-stone of the New Masonic Hall be now laid. You will announce the same to the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, that he may announce it to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, with directions to proclaim the same to the brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

1. The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master then addresses the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden. Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden:

It is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure, that the Corner-stone of the New Masonic Hall be now laid. You will announce the same to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, with directions to proclaim the same to the brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

2. The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden then addresses the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden. Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden:

It is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure, that the Corner-stone of the New Masonic Hall be now laid. You will proclaim the same to the brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

3. The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden then says:

Brethren, take notice, it is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure, that the Cornerstone of the New Masonic Hall be now laid on this site; you will therefore govern yourselves accordingly.

4. The Right Worshipful Grand Master then addresses the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, you will see that the Craftsmen have well and truly prepared the Corner-stone to be laid by me.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master then proceeds to the Stone with the Square, tests and tries it, then returns to his station and says:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, I find the Cornerstone of this Masonic Hall Tried and True, Trusty and Square, and that the Craftsmen have worked well. The Right Worshipful Grand Master then says:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, and Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, you will proceed to the Corner-stone, while the workmen and laborers are laying it in its proper position, at the northeast angle of the foundation, you will try it with the Plumb, Level, and Square, and report to us if it is well and duly prepared.

The Grand Officers proceed as directed.

The Corner-stone is then lowered to its bed, and placed in proper position.

The Junior Grand Warden tries it with the Plumb, and says:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, I find the Corner-stone Plumb; and returns to his station.

The Senior Grand Warden, tries it with the Level, and says:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, I find the Corner-stone level; and returns to his station.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master tries it with the Square, returns to his station, and says:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, I find the Cornerstone of this new Masonic Hall, Plumb, Level, and Square, and that the Grand Officers have approved the work.

# MUSIC-Grand Hallelujah Chorus.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,
The kingdom of this world is become
The kingdom of our Lord,
And He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Senior and Junior Grand Deacons then go to the Corner-stone, the Senior Grand Deacon carries the Gavel, the Junior Grand Deacon carries the Trowel.

XI. The Right Worshipful Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Marshal and Grand Sword Bearer, then proceeds to the Corner-stone, takes the Trowel from the Junior Grand Deacon, and having spread the cement, the covering stone is fixed in its place by the workmen. He then takes the Gavel from the Senior Grand Deacon, strikes the Corner-stone three times therewith, and returns to his station, the other Grand Officers return to their places, the Grand Master then says:

We, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, declare this Corner-stone to be Plumb, Level, and Square, and so duly laid according to the Ancient

Usages, Customs, and Landmarks of Freemasonry, and may the Great Architect of heaven and earth bless the work here begun, and make it memorable to the latest generations.

#### MUSIC.

Now the corner-stone is firmly laid,
Here shall the Temple stand:
The glory of our noble Craft,
Let God be praised;
He is always gracious
To His servants.
Exalt and glorify Him evermore;
The corner-stone now firmly laid.
Let God be praised.
Amen, "so mote it be."

[ Or any other that is suitable.]

The Grand Stewards then proceed to the Corner-stone, one bearing the vessel containing the Corn, the other the vessels containing the Wine and Oil.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, with the Right Worshipful Grand Wardens, then proceed to the Corner-stone, and the Grand Steward, presenting to the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the Cornucopia, he drops the Corn on the Stone, and says:

May plenty be showered down on the people of this ancient Commonwealth, and may the labors of the Craft be refreshed by the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

The Grand Steward then presents the Wine to the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, who pours it on the Stone, and says:

May the health of the Craftsmen employed in

erecting this Temple be preserved to them, and may the Supreme Architect bless and prosper their labors. The Grand Steward then presents the Oil to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, who drops Oil on the Stone, and says:

May the Supreme Ruler of the World vouchsafe unity, peace, and prosperity to the people of Pennsylvania, and to the nations of the earth; preserve and protect the Fraternity of Freemasons; make the virtues of the Craft a lesson to the world, and the labors of the Craftsmen easy, and their burdens light.

The Grand Officers return to their stations and places.

#### MUSIC.

Come, Father of the poor, to earth; Come with Thy gifts of precious worth Come, light of all of mortal birth!

Whate'er without Thy aid is wrought, Or temple proud, or wisest thought, Is vain without Thy blessing sought.

O grant us, Lord, who trust in Thee And hold the faith in unity,
Thy precious gift of charity.

XII. The Chairman of the Building Committee then presents the Architect to the Grand Master, saying Right Worshipful Sir:

Let me present to you Brother , chosen to be the Architect of the New Masonic Hall. He has his Craftsmen ready for the work, and desires you to give him the designs from the trestle-board, and the tools of the workmen.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then hands him plans and tools, and intrusts him with the work.

#### XIII.

#### MUSIC.

Jerusalem the golden
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppressed,
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there!
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Zion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng:
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene:
The partners of the blessed
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
And there from care released,
The shout of them that triumph,
The song of them that feast;
And they who with their Leader
Have conquered in the fight,
Forever and forever
Are clad in robes of white.

XIV. The Grand Marshal then proclaims— Silence—Silence!

## Brethren:

Take notice that Brother , Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, has this day, at this place, laid the Corner-stone of the New Masonic Hall.

Repeat three times, and after the third time add—Wisdom! Strength!! Fraternity!!!

XV. An Oration may then be delivered

XVI. ANTHEM.

With one consent let all the earth
To God their cheerful voices raise;
Glad homage pay with awful mirth,
And sing before Him songs of praise.

Convinced that He is God alone,
From whom both we and all proceed;
We, whom He chooses for His own,
The flock that He vouchsafes to feed.

O enter then His temple gate,

Thence to His courts devoutly press;

And still your grateful hymns repeat,

And still His name with praises bless.

For He's the Lord, supremely good,

His mercy is forever sure;

His truth, which always firmly stood,

To endless ages shall endure.

XVII. Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

May the blessings of God Almighty, who made the heaven and the earth, and all worlds, and they who dwell therein, be with us all, and remain with us, now and forever. Amen.

XVIII. The bands will then play the Grand March; after which, the Grand Officers, and the different Subordinate Lodges, under charge of their Marshals, return to their respective places of meeting.

## SECTION VI.

# CEREMONIES TO BE OBSERVED AT THE DEDICATION OF A MASONIC HALL.

On the day appointed for the celebration of the ceremony of dedication, the brethren of the different Lodges will be convened in suitable localities, where they will be formed, and proceed to the place of formation of the procession at the hour designated.

Every officer must wear the jewel of his office.

The procession is formed under orders of the Grand Marshal, and moves over the route previously arranged by the proper Masonic authority. When the head of the procession arrives at its destination it will be halted, and the ranks opened to the right and left, in two lines, facing inward, when the Grand Officers will pass through, followed by the members of the different Lodges in inverse order. The Grand Officers on entering the Hall will proceed to a room near to or adjoining the Lodge room. The brethren (Master Masons) of the subordinate Lodges will proceed directly into the Lodge room, and take position on either side thereof, being careful to leave the middle of the floor vacant, in order that sufficient space be left for the processions and other ceremonies.

# Instrumental Music.

While the Grand Officers enter the Lodge room, the brethren will rise and remain standing until seated by the Right Worshipful Grand Master. The Grand Officers will enter in the following order:

Grand Marshal.

Grand Tyler and Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards.

Grand Deacons.

Grand Chaplain and Deputy Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Officers.

Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

Grand Wardens.

Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master.

Grand Sword Bearer.

On the entrance of the Grand Master, the Grand Marshal will command—

Halt! Open order, inward face.

The Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the other Grand Officers, in reverse order, will pass through; the elective Grand Officers will take position on the platform in the east, and the appointed Grand Officers on the floor near to the platform, on the north and south sides of the room, facing each other.

The Grand Marshal will advance in front of the Altar and remain there until he makes the following proclamations—

Silence—Silence!

By virtue of the authority in me vested, I hereby proclaim Brother , Right Worshipful Grand Master of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

## Music.

By virtue of the authority in me vested, I hereby proclaim Brother , Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

All the other elective Grand Officers are then proclaimed in regular order, according to rank, interspersed with instrumental music between each proclamation.

The procession of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be now formed by the Grand Marshal, in the northeast angle of the room, right in front, facing east.

# Instrumental Music,

While the procession moves three times round the Lodge room.

The Grand Stewards will then place the Lodge or floor cloth with the vessels of Corn, Wine, and Oil upon it, in the centre of the room, and cover it.

The Grand Master takes the Oriental Chair.

The other Grand Officers take their respective stations and places.

The Grand Lodge is then opened.

# Vocal Music-Anthem.

The Chairman of the Building Committee then advances with the Architect, in front of the station of the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and addresses him as follows:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, let me present to

you Brother , the Architect of this building, who has completed the labors confided to his care, and now desires to surrender the implements intrusted to him when the Corner-stone was laid, and to return the designs furnished him from the trestle-board, which he has faithfully carried out to the entire satisfaction of the Building Committee.

The Architect then addresses the Grand Master as follows:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, returning my thanks for the honor conferred when I was chosen to be the Architect of this building, I have respectfully to inform you that the work is now completed, and to return to you the implements intrusted to me when the Corner-stone was laid, and to express the hope that the designs upon the trestle-board which have been furnished to me, from time to time, will be found to have been faithfully carried out.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then addresses the Architect as follows:

Brother , let me congratulate you, my brother, upon the successful completion of your arduous labors, and to assure you of the entire approval of the Grand Master, of the manner in which you have executed the important trust confided to you.

Vocal Music may be here introduced.

The Grand Secretary then says:

Right Worshipful Grand Master, it is the desire of the Fraternity to have this new Hall dedicated to Freemasonry, according to ancient usage and custom.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then directs the Grand Officers to assist in the ceremony, and the Grand Stewards to uncover the Lodge or floor cloth, and illume the lesser lights.

# Instrumental Music,

While the Grand Stewards are attending to this duty. The procession of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will now be formed by the Grand Marshal, in the northeast angle of the Lodge room, right in front, facing east.

# Music,

While the first procession is made three times round the Lodge room.

When the Grand Master arrives at the east, the procession halts, and remains standing.

# Consecration Prayer.

Almighty and ever glorious and gracious Lord God, Creator of all things, and Governor of everything Thou hast made, mercifully look upon Thy servants, now assembled in Thy name, and in Thy presence, and bless and prosper "all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee." Graciously bestow on us Wisdom, in all our doings; Strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the Beauty of harmony and holiness in all our communications and work. Let Faith be the foundation of our Hope, and Charity the fruit of our obedience to Thy revealed will.

"O, Thou preserver of men!" graciously enable us now to consecrate this Hall, which we have erected, to the honor and glory of Thy name, and mercifully be pleased to accept this service at our hands.

May all who shall be lawfully appointed to rule in it according to our constitutions, be under Thy special guidance and protection, and faithfully observe and fulfil all their obligations to Thee and to the Lodge.

May all who come within these consecrated walls have but one heart, and one mind, to love, to honor, to fear, and to obey Thee, as Thy majesty and unbounded goodness claim; and to love one another, as Thou hast loved us. May every discordant passion be here banished from our bosoms. May we here meet in Thy presence as a band of brethren, who were created by the same Almighty parent, are daily sustained by the same beneficent hand, and are travelling the same road to the gates of death. May we here have Thy holy word always present to our minds, and may virtue, love, harmony, and peaceful joy reign triumphant in our hearts.

May all the proper work of our institution, that may be done in this Hall, be such as Thy wisdom may approve, and Thy goodness prosper. And, finally, graciously be pleased, O Thou sovereign Architect of the Universe, to bless the craft wheresoever dispersed, and make them true and faithful to Thee, to their neighbor, and to themselves. And when the time of our labor is drawing near to an end, and the pillar of our strength is declining to the ground, graciously enable us to pass through "the valley of the shadow of death," supported by "Thy rod and Thy staff," to those mansions beyond the skies where love, and peace, and joy, forever reign before Thy throne. Amen.

Response by the brethren—said or sung.

"Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good-will towards men."

The Right Worshipful Grand Master ascends the platform in front of his station, and says:

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Grand Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all honor and glory, I dedicate this Hall to Freemasonry.

The Grand Chaplain then strews Corn (the vessel containing which will be handed to him by the Grand Steward stationed at his right) over the Lodge or floor cloth, and the grand honors are given under the direction of the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Master then returns to his place in the procession.

# Music,

While the second procession is made three times round the Lodge room.

When the Right Worshipful Grand Master arrives at the east, the procession halts, and remains standing, the Grand Master ascends the platform in front of his station, and says:

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Grand Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all honor and glory, I dedicate this Hall to Virtue and Science.

The Grand Chaplain then sprinkles Wine (which will be handed to him by the Grand Steward stationed upon his left) upon the Lodge or floor cloth, and the grand honors are given as before. The Grand Master again resumes his place in the procession.

# Music,

While the third procession is made three times round the Lodge room.

When the Right Worshipful Grand Master arrives at the east, the procession halts, and remains standing, the Grand Master ascends the platform in front of his station, and says:

In the name of the Supreme and Eternal God, the Grand Architect of Heaven and Earth, to whom be all honor and glory, I dedicate this Hall to Universal Benevolence.

The Grand Chaplain then pours Oil (the vessel containing which will be handed to him by the Grand Steward, stationed on his left) on the Lodge, or floor cloth, and the grand honors are given as before.

# Music.

The Grand Master returns to the Oriental Chair, and the other Grand Officers resume their respective stations and places.

Invocation by the Grand Chaplain.

O Lord God, there is no god like unto Thee, in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, Who keepest covenant and mercy with Thy servants, who walk before Thee with all their hearts.

Let all the people of the earth know, that the Lord is God; and that there is none else. Let all the people of the earth *know* Thy *Name*, and fear Thee.

Let all the people know that this house is built and consecrated to Thy name.

But will God, indeed, dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven, and heaven of heavens, cannot contain Thee; how much less this house that we have built?

Yet have Thou respect unto the prayer of Thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer of Thy servant and Thy people.

That Thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place consecrated to Thy name.

And hearken Thou to the supplication of Thy servant, and of Thy people; and hear Thou in heaven, Thy dwelling-place; and when Thou hearest, forgive.

Response by the brethren.

The Lord is gracious, and His mercy endureth forever.

Blessing, by the Grand Chaplain.

Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto His people. The Lord our God be with us, as He was with our fathers. Let Him not leave us nor forsake us: That He may incline our hearts unto Him, to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and His statutes, and His judgments, which He has commanded.

Response by the brethren.

Glory be to God on high, on earth peace, good-will towards men.

The Grand Master then directs the Grand Stewards to cover the Lodge or floor cloth, and extinguish the lesser lights.

Instrumental Music,

while the Grand Stewards are attending to this duty.

An oration, or an address may now be delivered.

### Vocal Music-Anthem.

The Grand Lodge is then closed.

# Prayer.

The Grand Master then leaves the Oriental Chair, and the Grand Marshal forms the procession (right in front) of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Grand Officers of other Grand Lodges.

The procession moves three times round the Lodge room, and then retires to the place whence it set out, and is dismissed.

Instrumental Music, during the procession.

After the procession has withdrawn from the Lodge room, the brethren will retire promptly and in good order.

## SECTION VII.

# MASONIC CEREMONIES

FOR

# LAYING A CORNER-STONE OF A PUBLIC BUILDING.

The proper authorities for the erection of the building, with the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, assemble at

and march in procession to the site of the new building.

When the procession reaches the west end of the platform prepared for the Grand Lodge, it will halt, open to the right and left, facing inward, and the Right Worshipful Grand Master, preceded by the Grand Sword Bearer, and followed by the Grand Lodge Officers, the proper authorities, and the members of the Grand Lodge, advance through the opened ranks to the east of the platform.

As the procession enters and advances the band will play a march.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master directs the Grand Officers to take their appropriate stations and places.

The President, or the Chairman of the constituted authorities delegated to erect the public building or hall, presides.

The Grand Marshal proclaims—
Silence!—Silence!

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master addresses the Right Worshipful Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Sir:

The duly constituted authorities for the erection of the for , have requested you to perform the ceremony of laying the Corner-stone. The necessary arrangements have been made by the authorities, and I have now the pleasure to present to you their President.

The presiding officer addresses the Right Worshipful Grand Master:

Right Worshipful Sir:

The Committee charged with the duty of preparing the Corner-stone have completed their labors, and it is now ready to be laid.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master replies:
Mr. President:

Thanking the authorities represented by you for the honor paid to the craft, in the invitation to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to lay the Corner-stone of the , we shall now proceed to perform that duty, according to our ancient usages and customs.

Invocation by the Grand Chaplain:

O, Thou Supreme Architect of the Universe, in Thy name we assemble upon this day, and we lift our hands and our hearts unto Thee, O Creator and Father. Deign to look upon us from the throne of Thy majesty, even upon us, the unworthy supplicants of Thy favor. Thou hast taught us to look unto Thee in all the undertakings of life; to count upon Thy help in every

laudable enterprise. We invoke Thy presence. We invoke Thy blessing upon the work of our hands to-day.

We beseech Thee, our God, let Thy blessing continue upon our nation and commonwealth. Bless the President of these United States, the Governor of this great State, the legislative and judicial officers of the land and nation, and all who are united with them in authority. May they all be men of God, in whom Thou canst find delight, and by whom Thou wilt bring upon the people great prosperity.

And now, O great Architect of the Universe, remember Thy servants who have been called to the performance of the important duties now devolving upon them. Lend Thine aid and bestow Thy benediction as they shall prepare and lay the Corner-stone of the edifice here to be erected, for "except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it." May the structure knit together by this stone, in the beauty and grandeur of its material parts, typify the abiding presence of that right-eousness which alone exalteth a nation.

O, Thou Sovereign Architect of the Universe, have respect unto the prayer of Thy servant, and to his supplication, and enkindle, we beseech Thee, in our hearts a flame of true devotion and reverence for Thee, brotherly kindness to each other, and charity to all mankind.

And to Thee, the one only living and true God, we will ascribe all power and majesty and dominion now and ever more, world without end. Amen.

Response by the brethren.

Amen. So mote it be. Amen.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then directs the

Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer to place the documents, coins, and other valuable articles in the Cornerstone.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer having deposited the articles in the box placed in the cavity of the Corner-stone, addresses the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

Right Worshipful Sir:

The coins and other valuable presents, set apart to be placed in the Corner-stone of the new building, are now duly deposited there; and your directions have been faithfully obeyed.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then directs the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary to read a list of the articles so deposited.

## Instrumental Music.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then addresses the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master. Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

It is my will and pleasure that the Corner-stone of the new building be now laid. You will announce the same to the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, that he may announce it to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, with directions to proclaim the same to the brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master then addresses the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden: Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden:

It is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and

pleasure that the Corner-stone of the new building be now laid. You will announce the same to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, with directions to proclaim the same to the brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden then addresses the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden: Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden:

It is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure that the Corner-stone of the new building be now laid. You will proclaim the same to the brethren, that all present may govern themselves accordingly.

The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden proclaims—

## Brethren:

Take notice, it is the Right Worshipful Grand Master's will and pleasure that the Corner-stone of the new building be now laid. You will therefore govern yourselves accordingly.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then addresses the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

# Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

You will see that the Craftsmen have well and truly prepared the Corner-stone to be laid by me.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master then proceeds to the Stone with the Square, tests and tries it, returns to his station, and says:

# Right Worshipful Grand Master:

I find the Corner-stone of this new building Tried and True, Trusty and Square, and that the Craftsmen have worked well. The Right Worshipful Grand Master then says:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, and Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden,

You will proceed to the Corner-stone, while the workmen and laborers are laying it in its proper position, at the northeast angle of the foundation; you will try it with the Plumb, Level, and Square, and report to us if it is well and duly prepared.

The Grand Officers proceed as directed.

The Corner-stone is then lowered to its bed, and placed in its proper position. The Junior Grand Warden tries it with the Plumb, and says:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

I find the Corner-stone Plumb; and returns to his station.

The Senior Grand Warden tries it with the Level, and says:

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master:

I find the Corner-stone Level; and returns to his station.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master tries it with the Square, returns to his station, and says:

Right Worshipful Grand Master:

I find the Corner-stone of this new building Plumb, Level, and Square, and that the Grand Officers have approved the work.

## Instrumental Music.

The Senior and Junior Grand Deacons then proceed to the Corner-stone, the Senior Grand Deacon carrying the Gavel and the Junior Grand Deacon carrying the Trowel.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master (preceded by the Grand Marshal and Grand Sword Bearer) then proceeds to the Corner-stone, takes the Trowel from the Junior Grand Deacon, and having spread the cement, the covering stone is fixed in its place by the workmen. He then takes the Gavel from the Senior Grand Deacon, and striking the Corner-stone three times therewith, returns to his station, the other Grand Officers return to their places, the Grand Master then says:

We, Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, declare this Corner-stone to be Plumb, Level, and Square, and so duly laid according to the Ancient Usages, Customs, and Landmarks of Freemasonry, and may the Great Architect of Heaven and Earth bless the work here begun, and make it memorable to the latest generations.

# Instrumental Music.

The Grand Stewards then proceed to the Corner-stone, one bearing the vessel containing the Corn, the other the vessels containing the Wine and Oil.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, with the Right Worshipful Grand Wardens, then proceed to the Corner-stone, and the Grand Steward, presenting to the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the Cornucopia, he drops the Corn on the Stone and says:

May plenty be showered down on the people of this ancient Commonwealth, and may the labors of the Craft be refreshed by the Great Giver of every good and perfect gift.

The Grand Steward then presents the Wine to the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, who pours it on the Stone, and says:

May the health of the Craftsmen employed in erecting the new building be preserved to them, and may the Supreme Architect bless and prosper their labors.

The Grand Steward then presents the Oil to the Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden, who drops Oil on the Stone, and says:

May the Supreme Ruler of the World vouchsafe unity, peace, and prosperity to the people of Pennsylvania, and to the nations of the earth; preserve and protect the Fraternity of Freemasons; make the virtues of the Craft a lesson to the world, and the labors of the Craftsmen easy, and their burdens light.

The Grand Officers then return to their stations and places.

# Instrumental Music.

The Chairman of the Building Committee then presents the Architect to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, saying:

Right Worshipful Sir:

Let me present to you , the Architect of the new building. He has his Craftsmen ready for the

work, and desires you to give him the designs from the trestle-board, and the tools of the workmen.

The Right Worshipful Grand Master then hands him plans and tools, and intrusts him with the work.

## Instrumental Music.

The Grand Marshal then proclaims— Silence!—Silence!—Silence!

## Brethren:

Take notice, that Brother , Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, has this day, at this place, laid the Corner-stone of the

Repeat three times, and after the third time add—Wisdom! Strength!! Fraternity!!!

An Oration may now be delivered. Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

Instrumental Music.

The Grand Lodge then returns to its place of meeting.

### SECTION VIII.

# GRAND PROCESSION ON PUBLIC OCCASIONS.

Band.

Grand Marshal.

Each Lodge in the following order, the Junior Lodge in front:

Tyler.

Members.

Pursuivant.

Masters of Ceremonies.

Deacons.

Chaplain.

Past Masters.

Treasurer and Secretary.

Wardens.

Worshipful Master.

Band.

Grand Tyler.

Building Committee,

Architect,

when required.

Members of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Officers of other jurisdictions.

District Deputy Grand Masters.

Grand Pursuivant.

Grand Stewards.

Grand Deacons.

Grand Chaplain and Deputy Grand Secretary.

Past Grand Officers.

Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

Grand Wardens.

Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master.

Grand Sword Bearer.

### SECTION IX.

# MASONIC BURIAL SERVICE.

No Mason can be interred with the formalities of the fraternity, unless he has been advanced to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and at the time of his decease was a member of a Lodge and in good standing, unless by a dispensation from the Grand Master.

The Master of the Lodge to which he was attached, having received notice of a brother's decease, and that it is the desire of his family or friends that he be interred with Masonic ceremonies, should summon the Lodge, and, at his discretion, invite the members of other Lodges to attend.\*

All the brethren must appear in Masonic dress, viz.: full suit of black, with white gloves, and black silk hat, a blue ribbon attached to the left lapel of the coat, and each carrying in his hand a sprig of evergreen.

The brethren should assemble in the Lodge room, and, at the appointed time, open a Lodge in the *Third Degree*, confining the following service to the Lodge room exclusively.

<sup>\*</sup> In case of the decease of a brother of a distant Lodge, where a Masonic funeral is desired, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge to whom the request for their performance is made, shall proceed in like manner as if the deceased had been a member of his own Lodge.

#### LODGE SERVICE.

Worshipful Master: Brother Senior Warden, for what purpose are we assembled?

SENIOR WARDEN: To honor the memory of our brother, whom death has taken from us, and to pay the last sad rites of mortality.

Worshipful Master: Brother Junior Warden, what sentiments should inspire the souls of Masons on occasions like the present.

JUNIOR WARDEN: Calm sorrow for the absence of our brother who has gone beyond us; earnest solicitude for our own eternal welfare; and a firm faith and reliance upon the wisdom and goodness of the Great Architect of the Universe.

Worshipful Master: Brethren, commending these sentiments to your earnest consideration, let us invoke the assistance of Almighty God in these our solemn ceremonies.

Prayer by the Chaplain: O, Almighty and Eternal God! There is no number of Thy days or of Thy mercies. Thou hast sent us into this world to serve Thee, but we wander far from Thee into the path of error. Our passions are violent and distempered; our understandings are weak; our bodies frail, and our wills perverse. Look thou upon us, our Father, in mercy and pity, and enable us so to live, that when we come to die we may lie down in the grave as one who composes himself to sleep, and with a firm and abiding trust in Thy mercy, may the gloom and dread of dissolution be dispelled. Be with us now, and sanctify the solemnities of this occasion to our hearts,

that we may serve Thee in spirit and understanding, and to Thy name shall be ascribed the praise forever. Amen.

Worshipful Master: My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle, and are spent without hope, the eye of him that hath seen me shall see me no more; as the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.

Senior Warden: Is there not an appointed time to man upon earth? Are not his days also like the days of an hireling? As a servant earnestly desireth the shadow, and as a hireling looketh for the reward of his work, so am I made to possess months of vanity, and wearisome nights are appointed to me.

JUNIOR WARDEN: As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth, for the wind passeth over it and it is gone, and the place thereof shall know it no more.

Worshipful Master: The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

SENIOR WARDEN: "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not."

JUNIOR WARDEN: What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? Shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?

Worshipful Master: Thus saith the Lord: I will ransom them from the power of the grave. I will re-

deem them from death! O, death! I will be thy plague! O, grave! I will be thy destruction!

Senior Warden: Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him.

JUNIOR WARDEN: For He knoweth our frame, He remembereth we are dust.

Worshipful Master: Oh! that my words were now written. Oh! that they were printed in a book; that they were graven with an iron pen and lead, in the rock forever; for I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though, after my skin, worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

The brethren will then sing the following Ode; during the singing of the first verse, the Junior Warden will leave his station, and extinguish the light in the south; in the second verse, the Senior Warden the light in the west; and in the third verse, the Worshipful Master the light in the east, remaining at their several positions until after the singing of the fourth verse, when they will resume their stations.

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When autumn's leaves shall gently fall Unmarked to mother earth, The soul shall hear our Father's call, And rise to heavenly birth.

No burning tear, no mournful sigh,

Can pass the silent tomb;

There love's sweet blossoms ne'er shall die,

But find a dearer bloom.

No painful thought, no anxious care, Can e'er invade thy rest; The bliss above thy better share, In heaven's own glory blessed.

Rest! Brother! Rest! thy journey o'er, Immortal life begun; Now safely reached a calmer shore Beyond a changing sun!

After singing, a eulogy may be delivered, or appropriate remarks made by the members in regard to the deceased, after which the Worshipful Master will continue.

Worshipful Master: Here we have no abidingplace; soon the places that now know us shall know us no more forever. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.

SENIOR WARDEN: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them.

JUNIOR WARDEN: For we know if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Worshipful Master: Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his. Let us pray.

CHAPLAIN: Our Father and Creator, the darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. Thou hast vouch-safed to call us Thy children, and dost most graciously permit us to call Thee Father. Behold us, we pray Thee, hear us with a father's compassion, as we now lift our hearts to Thee. Thou art our only refuge and strength,—our glory and confidence. Thou givest for a little while and then takest away; the flower is cut down in the tender bud; death spares not the innocence

of childhood, or the hoary head of righteousness. O, our Father, let not our faith in Thy goodness be shaken by the mysteriousness of Thy ways; but sustain us, O righteous Father, in our good resolutions and in the steadfast performance of life's duties; look upon us in mercy, and accept with indulgence the little service we may be enabled to render to the cause of virtue, charity, and truth; let the death of our brother impress upon our minds the solemn thought that we too must soon pass away; give us, we beseech Thee, Thy grace, that we may spend our fleeting hours in Thy service, and when life's journey is over may we each hear the welcome sound, "Well done, good and faithful servant." And unto Thee be all the glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

RESPONSE: So mote it be.

The Worshipful Master will then close the Lodge.

# MASONIC FUNERALS.

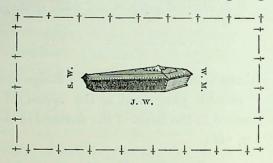
Ceremonies to be observed going to and while at the grave.

THE brethren should assemble at the Lodge room, or some other suitable place, and at the appointed time promptly proceed to the house of the deceased in the following order, viz.:

Worshipful Master.
Wardens.
Treasurer and Secretary.
Chaplain,
Deacons.
Masters of Ceremonies.
Members.
Pursuivant and Tyler.

On arriving at the house, the above order will be reversed, and continue until the procession reaches the place of interment, when the brethren will take open order to the right and left, facing inward, giving sufficient space to allow the funeral procession to pass between the open lines to the grave. The brethren will uncover during the time the procession is passing through, and remain in their positions until the religious ceremonies at the grave have been concluded, when the Worshipful Master, followed by the officers and members of the Lodge, in the above order, with closed ranks, shall proceed to the grave, the Worshipful Master taking his station at the

head of the grave, the Senior Warden at the foot, and the Junior Warden at the side and left of the Worshipful Master; the members will then quietly form a square about the grave as in the following diagram.



The brethren being in position, the Worshipful Master, assisted by the Senior and Junior Wardens, will perform the following service in a deliberate and solemn manner, being careful not to hurry it, and, if possible, to have it fully committed to memory.

Worshipful Master: Our brother has reached the end of life, and we have come in the performance of a duty which the dearest ties of friendship and love enjoin, that of laying his body in the dust; and as we bedew his grave with becoming tears, let us be impressed with the lesson of our own mortality. How honorably he sustained the cares of life, we can all attest; let us, therefore, preserve his memory, and dwell on what was good and amiable in his character. That our brother was faultless cannot be supposed, but he has now appeared before the Almighty Judge; let the silent sorrows of our hearts register only our brother's worth. Farewell, my brother; thou hast gone to meet thy God, and may He approve thee. May we be faithful, and

when our end approaches, may our eyes like thine be closed in peace. Farewell! till the Grand Summons; then, brother, we will rise and greet thee. Let us pray.

CHAPLAIN: Almighty and Everlasting God, let it please Thee, in Thy fatherly goodness, to inspire us with profound reverence for Thyself, with a clear apprehension of our relations to Thee, and with a humiliating sense of our utter helplessness and dependence. Standing as we now are in the very presence of death, we would feel and confess the justness of the divine decree, "dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return." We would feel, in all its solemn weight, the truthfulness and the force of Thy word, as it says to us in warning accents, "Man dieth, and wasteth away; yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" We thank Thee for the life of our brother, whose mortal part we commit to the earth, in the hope of a glorious resurrection, and we devoutly beseech Thee to quicken us who tarry awhile longer, and "so teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Quicken us, "that whatsoever our hand findeth to do, we may do it with our might." Teach us that divine charity which "thinketh no evil, rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;" that we may secure the commendation of our Lord and Master; that to us it may be said, "For I was a hungered, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." Let Thy fatherly care and protection be over those composing the immediate family of our departed

brother, and supply all their wants. Bless us who are here in the performance of this mournful duty; may the sorrows caused by this temporary separation be compensated by a joyous hope of an unending fellowship in heaven. Heavenly Father, pardon our sins, be our *strength* in weakness, be our *guide* in our blindness, and be our *life* in death. Glory be to God on High.

RESPONSE BY ALL: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

Worshipful Master: This scroll, on which is inscribed the name of our departed brother, I now deposit in his grave. [Drops the scroll in the grave.] He has passed away, nevermore to return. Again we are admonished of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty of death, the inevitable fate of all things living; let us hope that his name is registered in the Book of Life.

This lambskin, or white leathern apron, is an emblem of innocence and the badge of a Freemason. It is more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle, more honorable than the Star and Garter, or any order instituted by man. This emblem I also deposit in the grave of our deceased brother. [The Worshipful Master drops it in the grave.] By this we are reminded of the universal dominion of death; the arm of friendship cannot resist the king of terrors, nor the charms of innocence elude his grasp; this grave,—that coffin,—this circle of mourning friends, remind us that we too are mortal, and soon our bodies will moulder in the grave. [The Worshipful Master holding up a sprig of evergreen.] This evergreen is an emblem of our faith in the immortality

of the soul; it teaches that we have an immortal part within us which will survive the grave, and never, never die; this also I deposit in the grave. Alas! my brother. [Drops the sprig in the grave.]

Senior Warden: Farewell my brother. [Depositing the sprig.]

JUNIOR WARDEN: Farewell my brother. [Depositing the sprig.]

The members will then in succession quietly approach the grave, and *silently* dropping the evergreen, retire, and be dismissed.

The above Masonic ceremonies must take immediate precedence after the religious services, and when performed the Lodge must leave the grounds.

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to his own use or the use of some other person or persons, a gold hunting case
watch and chain, the property ofall
this at
Second. In that, that the said Brother did, on or about the date in the last
specification mentioned, receive into his possession as bailee or trustee, a gold
hunting case watch and chain the property of
and afterwards, to wit, on or about the same day, did feloniously appropriate
the same to his own use, or to the use of some other person or persons not the
owner thereof, with intent to defraud the real owner of said watch and chain;
all this at
Third. In that, that the said Brother did, on or about the above-mentioned
date, receive and take into his possession a gold hunting case watch and chain,
the property of knowing the same to have
been stolen, with the intent and purpose of depriving the owner thereof of
the possession and use of the same; all this at
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A copy of the charge and specifications must be made by the Secretary,
attested by his signature, with the seal of the Lodge, and served upon the ac-
cused with the following
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# SUMMONS

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Brother
Filed this, 18, A.L 58
, Secretary of Committee.
Lodge, No
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
18
I hereby certify, Tha on the day of A.D.
18, at the
State of , I served the within summons, also the
charges and specifications referred to therein [by delivering to and leaving with said brother a copy thereof, or by leaving such copy at his residence with
an adult person].
Member of said Lodge.
The accused brother may, if he choose, accept service of the summons by
indorsing on the same the following:
I hereby admit due service of the within summons, also of a duly certified copy, under the seal of the Lodge, of the charges and specifications referred to herein, this
SUBPCENA.
, Lodge, No,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS
, 18
To
You are hereby notified and required to appear before the committee here-
tofore appointed to try the charges preferred by Brother
against Brother
at
on the day of

as a witness therein, on behalf of said
By order of the Committee,
Secretary of Committee.
(To be indersed on the back.)
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то
(Also)
Lodge, No,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,
18
I hereby certify, That on the
18, I served the within subpæna on
by delivering to and leaving with him a copy thereof, in the
county of
,
Member of said Lodge.
Or, if service be accepted,
I hereby accept service of the within subpœna, at
thisday of A.D. 18

#### FORM OF TRIAL.

A committee appointed to try any charge or charges against a member, shall organize and appoint a secretary, who shall keep full and accurate minutes of all the proceedings of said committee, obtain from the secretary of the Lodge the charge or charges and specifications, and be responsible to the Lodge for the safe-keeping of the original papers obtained by him, or intrusted to his care. The chairman of the committee shall fix a time for the

meeting of the committee, naming the day of the month, the day of the week, and the hour of the day, and the place where the committee shall meet. He shall direct the secretary to make a copy of the charge or charges and specifications, to which shall be attached a certificate of the secretary of the Lodge, and the seal of the Lodge, setting forth that the said copy is a true copy of the charge or charges and specifications, and also attach his signature as secretary of the Lodge, with the seal of the Lodge, to a notice signed by the chairman and secretary of the committee; which notice shall contain a statement of the day of the month, the day of the week, the hour of the day, and the place where said committee will meet to try the brother on the charge or charges and specifications. This notice and copy of the charge or charges and specifications, attested as aforesaid, shall be served on the brother charged, by the hand of a brother, by delivering the same to him personally, if he can be found, not less than three days before the meeting of the committee; if he cannot be found, then by leaving the same at his place of residence, as recorded in the book kept by the secretary of the Lodge of the places of residence of the members. the brother charged cannot be found, and has then no place of residence that is known, then the brother selected to serve said notice, and copy of the charge or charges, shall make a written statement of these facts, and present the same to the committee at its meeting as aforesaid. The committee shall then adjourn till another day, and take such measures to have said notice and copy served on the said brother charged, as will enable the committee to have Masonic information that said notice

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and copy were served, and notice of the day of the month, the day of the week, the hour of the day, and the place where said committee will meet. If at that meeting all reasonable efforts to serve such notice and copy have failed to reach the brother charged, and no one appears to represent the said brother, the committee shall take all the testimony offered to sustain said charge or charges and specifications, and make thereon a report to a stated meeting of said Lodge, whereupon the Lodge may either proceed to act on such report and finding of said committee, or postpone action to a stated meeting to be named; and if in the meantime no information has been received as to the place of residence of said brother charged, and there is no reasonable assurance that the said brother can be served with further notice, the Lodge shall proceed to act on the report and finding of said committee; provided two stated meetings of such Lodge have been held between the meeting at which the committee to try the brother was appointed, and the stated meeting at which final action is had on the report and finding of said committee.

If the brother is served with said notice, and the copy of the charge or charges and specifications, as herein above provided, and the said brother appears at the meeting of the said committee, and presents good ground for delay, the committee may postpone further action to a day and place and hour, certain, of which the said brother asking for delay shall in writing accept notice, to be filed with the secretary of the committee; notice shall be given of the adjourned meeting of the committee to all parties and witnesses then known to the committee.

The secretary of the committee shall make full and

accurate minutes of all these proceedings. At the next meeting of the committee, the parties all being notified under the seal of the Lodge, as all and every notice must be attested, both as to the day of the month, the day of the week, the hour of the day, and the place where the said committee will meet; the committee shall proceed to hear all the witnesses for the complainant and for the brother charged, the same being reduced to writing, and signed by each and every witness. After hearing all that may be said by the parties, or a Master Mason representing either, or both of them, each party being allowed a brother Master Mason to be present to advise him, or them, the committee shall convene privately and find as to the said charge or charges and report their finding to the Lodge. The brother charged shall have notice of the stated meeting at which said report is to be made to the Lodge, under the seal of the Lodge, and he may be present at such meeting, and shall have the privilege of addressing the Lodge in the case, but shall retire therefrom before action of the Lodge is had. At such stated meeting the committee shall make its report, and then the Lodge shall act on the same, as it may deem proper, either at that meeting or the next regular stated meeting of said Lodge.

The report of the committee must conclude with a resolution finding the charge or charges proved, or not proved, or proved as to part of the charges, and not proved as to others, specifying the same, or not proven as to all the charges. The Lodge will then act on the resolutions of the committee, and if the same are rejected in whole or in part, or adopted in whole or in part, the Lodge must by resolution accurately define its said action.

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The penalty to be inflicted for Masonic offences is suspension, or expulsion absolutely, and not suspension for any particular specified period.

When the Lodge has finally acted on the case, the secretary of the committee shall hand to the secretary of the Lodge all the papers, minutes of the committee, copy of notices served on the parties, and the original papers intrusted to him.

When the brother charged is informed by the Master attested by the secretary, under seal of the Lodge, of the final action of the Lodge in his case, he may appeal to the Grand Lodge within six months thereafter. If the appeal is made to the Grand Lodge, it must contain a copy of the whole proceedings before the committee, with the cause claimed for an appeal, and be sent to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge. Said copy of the proceedings must be certified by the chairman, or secretary of the committee that tried the case, that the same appears to be a correct copy of all the proceedings; or the Worshipful Master shall direct the secretary to prepare the papers for said appeal.

Any brother, member of the Lodge, who believes that a wrong has been done to the interests of Freemasonry by the action of the Lodge, may appeal to the Grand Lodge within six months after the action of the Lodge, and the form and character, and requirements of said appeal shall be the same as if the appeal was made by the accused against the action of the Lodge in his case.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

, A.L. 58
To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge,
No, Free and Accepted Masons.
SIRS AND BROTHERS:
Your committee appointed to try the charge (or charges) preferred against
Brother, on theday of
18, having heard all that was offered before them by the parties, do find
from the evidence
On specification first of charge first, ]
On specification first of charge first,  "" second ""  Guilty, or not guilty.  "" third ""
After passing upon each specification to the first charge, add
On charge first (guilty, or not guilty). And offer the following
resolution—
Resolved, That Brother is (not) guilty, and recom-
mend that (the charge or charges be dismissed or) that he be expelled (or sus-
pended) from this Lodge.
(The same course must be pursued upon the several specifications to each
charge, if there is more than one, and upon each charge.)
The accompanying papers contain the minutes and proceedings of the com-
mittee, and the evidence taken before them, with the signatures of the several
witnesses to their testimony.
Committee.
Committee.
NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.
, Lodge, No,
FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.
18 A T. 58
18, A.L. 58
To
SIR AND BROTHER: Take notice that the Committee appointed to try the
charge (or charges) preferred against you on theday

f		completed their labors, and will present
		ed meeting to be held in the usual place
		day of, 18, at
		if you think proper.
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	Fraternall	y yours,
	*******	,
		Chairman of Committee.
	Attest,	
	***************************************	,
		Secretary of Committee.
	(To be indor	sed on the back.)
I hereby certi	fy, That I served a r	notice, of which the within is a copy, on
		by giving the same to him
		with an adult person), on the
	, 18	,,
		,
		Secretary of Committee of Trial.

In case the member on trial, or the accuser, shall feel aggrieved by the admission of improper, or the rejection of proper evidence, he may at the time except to the ruling of the Committee (which ruling and exception shall be entered on the minutes of the Committee), and may present to the Lodge in writing, at the time the report of the Committee is made, his exceptions; stating as briefly as may be the ruling of the Committee, and the ground of his objections; which, if sustained by the minutes of the Committee, shall be first considered, and if the action of the Committee be reversed, the case shall, without vote, be referred back to the Trial Committee for further consideration; all the rulings of the Committee to be acted upon before the reference is had; if, however, the exceptions are not sustained, the Lodge shall proceed to act upon the report. In acting upon exceptions, each party may be heard briefly, but general debate is not permitted.

#### APPENDIX.

# FORMS FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

## [ No. 1. ]

FORM OF A RECOMMENDATION FOR A GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATE, TO BE SIGNED BY THE MASTER, AND COUNTERSIGNED BY THE SECRETARY, UNDER THE SEAL OF THE LODGE.

To , Esq.,

Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

We do hereby certify that brother is a Master Mason,  $\binom{\text{now}}{\text{late}}$  a member in good standing, of Lodge No. , held in . We therefore recommend him as worthy of obtaining a Grand Lodge certificate.

Witness our hands and the seal of the said Lodge, this

day of A.D. A.L.

[L. s.] W. M. Attest, Sec.

# [ No. 2. ]

#### FORM OF A GRAND LODGE CERTIFICATE.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to all ancient, regular, free and accepted Masons, throughout the globe.

# UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

We do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, brother A. B., now a member of Lodge, No., under our jurisdiction, hath been raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, and hath performed all his works amongst us, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren; he is therefore recommended as such.

In testimony whereof, we have delivered to him this certificate; and that the same may not be of use to any one else, we have caused him to sign his name in the margin, NE VARIATUR.

Given at Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, the	day of
A.L.	

G. M.	D. G. M	ſ.
S. G. W.	J. G. W	7.
G. T.	G. Sec.	

## [ No. 3. ]

Form of a Grand Lodge Certificate for Brethren made by Dispensation.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to all ancient, regular, free and accepted Masons throughout the globe.

## UNION, HEALTH, HAPPINESS.

We do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, brother A. B., being otherwise fully qualified, but unable to abide the usual time among us, has been duly entered, passed, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, by dispensation, in

Lodge, No. , under our jurisdiction; he is therefore recommended as such.

In testimony whereof, we have delivered to him this certificate, and, that the same may not be of use to any one else, we have caused him to sign his name in the margin, NE VARIATUR.

Given at Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, the	day of
A.L.	
G. M	DGM

G. M.	D. G. M.
S. G. W.	J. G. W.
G. T.	G. SEC.

## No. 4. 7

LODGE CERTIFICATE FOR MEMBERS TRAVELLING.

Whereas brother , a Master Mason, and member of Lodge, No. , held at under a warrant from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, is about to leave the State for a limited time: We, the officers of the said Lodge, grant to him this testimonial of his good standing with the fraternity: to be and continue in force until he return among us, unless sooner revoked.

Witness our hands, and the seal of the Lodge, this day of A.D. A.L.

Years, Profession, Residence, Signature

Ne Variatur.

Profession.

Years,

Signature of

Ne Variatur. Residence, W. M. S. W.

[L. S.] J. W. SEC.

Attest,

# [ No. 5. ]

LODGE CERTIFICATE, OR DIMIT.

Whereas brother , a Master Mason, and late a member of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, held a , under a warrant from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, has regularly withdrawn from the said Lodge, and conformed to its By-laws: We, the officers thereof, grant to him this testimonial of his conduct as a worthy brother during his continuance among us, and recommend him to the favorable consideration of the Masonic fraternity.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge, this day of A.D. A.L.

W. M. S. W.

[L. s.] J. W. Sec.

#### No. 6. 7

#### PETITION FOR WARRANT, ETC.

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

We, the undersigned, being regular Master Masons, formerly members of the Lodges mentioned against our respective names, and at this time not members of any Lodge, pray for a warrant of constitution, empowering us to meet as a regular Lodge, at to be called , and there to discharge the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the forms of the Fraternity and the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge. And we have chosen, and do recommend brother to be Master, brother to be Senior Warden, and brother to be Junior Warden of the said Lodge. The prayer of this petition being granted, we promise strict conformity to the ancient landmarks of the Craft, and the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

RECOMMENDATION BY THREE OR MORE WELL-KNOWN AND APPROVED MASTER MASONS.

We recommend that the prayer of the above petition be granted.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE NEAREST LODGE.

At a meeting of Lodge, No. , held at on the day of A.D. A.L.

On motion made and seconded,

Resolved, That the above petition be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

[L. S.] W. M. Attest, Sec.

#### No. 7.

#### WARRANT FOR A NEW LODGE.

Grand Master,
Deputy Grand Master,
Senior Grand Warden,
Junior Grand Warden.

#### To all whom it may concern.

The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging, in ample form assembled at Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania:

WISDOM, STRENGTH, FRATERNITY.

Know ye, that we, the said Grand Lodge of the most ancient

and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old constitutions, revived by his Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, in the kingdom of England, in the year of the Christian era nine hundred twenty-and-six, and in the year of Masonry four thousand nine hundred twenty-and-six), by virtue of the powers and authorities vested in us, do hereby constitute and appoint our worthy and well-beloved brethren Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, and No. Junior Warden, of a Lodge to be called to be held , or within five miles of the same. And we do further authorize and empower our said trusty and to admit and make Free well-beloved brethren Masons according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the royal craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world, and not contrariwise. And we do further empower and , and their successors, to hear and appoint the said determine all and singular, matters and things relating to the craft within the jurisdiction of the said Lodge, with the assistance of the members of the said Lodge. And lastly, we do hereby authorize and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren.

to install their successors, being first duly elected and chosen, to whom they shall deliver this warrant, and to invest them with all the powers and dignities to their offices respectively belonging; and such successors shall in like manner, from time to time, install their successors, etc., etc. Such installation to be made upon or near St. John the Evangelist's Day, during the continuance of this Lodge, forever. Provided always, that the said above-named brethren and their successors pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and the ordinances thereof, otherwise this warrant to be of no force or effect.

Given in open Grand Lodge, under the hands of our Right
Worshipful Grand Officers and the seal of our Grand Lodge, at
Philadelphia, this day of , A.D. one thousand
eight hundred and , and of Masonry five thousand eight
hundred and

G. T. G. S. Attest, ...

FORM OF AN APPLICATION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons:

The undersigned respectfully prays that he may be initiated into the mysteries of Free Masonry, and become a member of your Worshipful Lodge.

He declares that he is free by birth, unbiassed by the improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other improper motives; that he is prompted solely by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge, and freely and voluntarily offers himself a candidate. He further declares his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and that he has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted

Lodge, and if his application be approved he will cheerfully conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity.

Witness my hand, this

day of

, A.D. 18

Age,

A. B.

Residence,

Occupation,

Recommended by

# 「 No. 9—A. ↑

FORM OF AN APPLICATION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP WHERE THE APPLICANT HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY REJECTED IN THE SAME LODGE.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Members of Lodge, No. :

The undersigned respectfully prays that he may be initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and become a member of your Worshipful Lodge.

He declares that he is free by birth, unbiassed by the improper solicitations of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other improper motives; that he is prompted solely by a favorable opinion conceived of the institution, and a desire of knowledge, and freely and voluntarily offers himself a candidate. He further declares his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and if his application be approved, he will cheerfully conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity. Your petitioner further showeth that he was rejected in this Lodge on or about the

day of , A.D.

day of

, A.D. 18

Witness my hand, this Recommended by

A. B.

Aged, Occupation, Residence,

#### [ No. 9-B. ]

FORM OF PETITION OF AN APPLICANT FOR PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP AFTER A SECOND REJECTION.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Members of Lodge, No.

The undersigned respectfully represents that he has been informed that on or about the day of , A. D. 18 , he was rejected as a petitioner for initiation into the mysteries of Freemasonry and membership in your Worshipful Lodge for the second time; that he is still desirous to be initiated into said mysteries and become a member of your Lodge; and believing that the objections which existed against him previously do not now exist, he prays that he may be permitted again to present his petition for initiation and membership, promising to cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and customs of the Fraternity.

Witness my hand this

day of

, A. D.

A. B.

Age, Occupation, Residence,

## [ No. 10. ]

Form of an Application from a Brother for Membership

To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge, No.

The undersigned, a  $\left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} E & A \\ F & C \\ M & M \end{smallmatrix} \right\}$  initiated in

Lodge, No.

held , and last a member of Lodge, No. , held , as may be seen by reference to the inclosed certificate, respectfully prays that he may be admitted a member of your Worshipful Lodge.

Witness my hand, this day of , A.D. 18 A.L. 58

Recommended by A. B.

Profession, Age, Residence,

#### [ No. 11. ]

FORM OF A REPORT ON A PETITION FOR INITIATION AND MEMBERSHIP, OR MEMBERSHIP ONLY.

To the Worshipful Master, Officers, and Brethren of Lodge,
No. :

The Committee appointed on the to make the necessary inquiries relative to  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} A.~B.~an~applicant~for~initiation~and\\ membership~;~or,\\ Brother~A.~B.,~a \left\{ \begin{smallmatrix} E.~A.\\ F.~C.\\ M.~M. \end{smallmatrix} \right\} ~and~an~ap- \right\}$ 

plicant for membership, have performed that duty, and beg leave to report  $\begin{cases} \frac{(\ln \text{ favor of}}{\text{against}} \end{cases}$  the prayer of the petition being granted.

A. D. 18 A.L. 58
Committee.

Note.—In case an applicant for initiation is physically disqualified according to the Ahiman Rezon (title Members), the report should state the fact, and recommend that the applicant have leave to withdraw his petition: said withdrawal should be forthwith reported to the Grand Secretary.

#### [ No. 12. ]

FORM OF A COMMISSION FOR A REPRESENTATIVE.

To brother , a Past Master Mason, and member of Lodge, No. , under the jurisdiction of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Free and Accepted Masons.

At a stated meeting of Lodge, No. , held at on the day of , A.D. 18 , A. L. 58 , you were elected the representative of this Lodge, in the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Witness our hands, and the seal of the Lodge, this day of A.D. , A.L.

[L. s.] W. M. SEC.

No. 13. 7

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General Return FROM	UFIN PROM  LODGE, NO. , FREE AND A  WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, FROM	LODG GRAND LOD	Lodge, No. Lodge of Pen	, FREE	AND ACA, FROM	CEPTEI	, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, HELD AT SYLVANIA, FROM , 18 to	педр Ат to	UNDER TH	UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE RIGHT 18	ог тие Вісит
The number of n Add those subseq Deduct those sub	The number of members when this Lodge was constituted was	go was consti	ituted was	cceased			For particulars see below.	Account of dues to be pro rated per month for each member, and for every initiation.	,enhora II months, ,, ot ,, ,, e ,, ,,	" 5 " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "
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NAMES. Signal	Profes- sion. Residence.	When Admitted.	Degree. Initiated.	When Initiated.	When Passed.	When C	When When Candidatesre- Passed. Raised. Jected, when.	Members sus- pended, when.	Members ex- pelled, when.	Members ex- Members with- Members de- pelled, when. drawn, when. ccased, when.	Members de- ceased, when.
OFFICERS ELECTED or , Treasurer , Treasurer , Treasurer that the foregoing contains a abovementioned; also a just certify, that at an election hing the next St. John's Day. In Testraoyr will Lis. A.D. 18	E da jui	Is:  18:  Secretary. Secretary. Lodge, No. st and true Return of the nemb of true account of the dues owing on the day above stated, the abo tor. I have hereunto set my han stand in the year of Masoury 58	18: , Secretary. Lodge, No. rrn of the mem' of the dues owir o stated, the ab	, Free and pers of row the over-named and ca	, Worshipful , Worshipful , Accepted Ma Lodge No. said Lodge to I Brethren wer used the seal o	, Worshipful Master; , Worshipful Master; , Jodge No. , and, and, and, and, and, and, and, an	ster; and of the In Right Worsh ily elected off e said Lodge , Man	, Worshipful Master; , Senior Warden; , Ree and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, bers of Lodge No., and of the Initiations, Admissions, etc., in the said Lodge during the time period in the Said Lodge to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, during the same period; and I do further toove-named Brethren were duly elected officers of the said Lodge for the term of twelve months succeed-only and caused the seal of the said Lodge to be affixed at Lodge, No.  Society of Master of No. Lodge to be affixed at Lodge, No. Lodge No. Lodge No.	, Senior Warden; , Bub Right Worshipful C Admissions, etc., in the nd Lodge, during, the se said Lodge for the te cd at Lodge, No.	, Jun , Jun , Jun cand Lodge of F cand Lodge, du ame period; and ru of twelve mo day of	, Junior Warden; , Junior Warden; , during the time; ; and I do further months succeed-

IN Testinony wherever, I have bereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the said Lodge to be affixed at A.D. 18 , and in the year of Masoury 53 , Secretary of Attest, Lodge No. NOTE.-The above form is used only for the first return after the constitution of a Lodge.

# No.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL то тие 27тн ог Dесемвев, 18 , FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, HELD AT THE GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA, FROM THE 27TH OF DECEMBER, 18 General Return FROM

, was.

Deduct those subsequently Resigned, Suspended, Expelled, or Deceased (for names and par-Add those subsequently Initiated or Admitted (for names and particulars see below) ......

ticulars see below) .....

The number of Members, according to the last Return, on the 27th of December, 18

Leaves.....

Cts. Dolls. The Dues to be remitted direct to the Grand Sec'y, each... Total of Grand Lodge Dues ... Initiations, at \$ members at \$ Ten per cents..... Dues on

RETURN OF PARTICULARS ABOVE REPERRED TO-ALSO OF CANDIDATES REJECTED-AND OF BRETHREN PASSED AND RAISED DURING THE PERIOD HEREIN EMBRACED, WHO HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE RETURNED AS INITIATED AND ADMITTED.

ceased, when, Members de-Members ex- Members with-pelled, when drawn, when. Members sus-pended, when. When Candidates re-Raised, jected, when. When Passed. When Initiated. Degree. When Admitted. Residence. Age. Profession. NAMES.

n all cases where membership has ceased, give the date when the membership commenced as well as when it ceased.

Worshipful Master;

Junior

Senior Warden

Treasurer; OFFICERS ELECTED on the

I, Worshipful Master of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify, to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, that the foregoing contains a just and true Ekturn of the members of Lodge No. , and of the Initiations, Admissions, etc., in the said Lodge, daring the said Lodge, arms and true account of the Dues owing from said Lodge to the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, during the sane period; and I do further certify, that at an election hed on the day above stated, the above-named Brethren were duly elected officers of the said Lodge, for the term of twelve months succeeding the next St., John's Day.

In Testinoxy wire Reper, I have bereauto set my hand, and caused the said Lodge to be affixed at the A.D. 18, and in the year of Masonry 58.

A.D. 18, and in the year of Masonry 58. Secretary. Warden;

Nore.—It is recommended to the Lodge to preserve among its records a duplicate of every annual return, or to enter the same in their book of minutes at the end Lodge, No. , Secretary of of each year.

Attest,

## [ No. 15. ]

FORM OF A DISPENSATION TO CONSTITUTE A LODGE, AND RETURN THERETO.

We, , Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To our worthy brother

## Greeting:

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor, and constancy in the Craft, we do, by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, hereby authorize and empower you to call to your assistance a sufficient number of known and approved Past Master Masons, in

, to open and constitute a new Lodge, to be held there; and to proceed to the installation of our worthy brother

master elect, and others, the officers of a new Lodge, there to be established and constituted, to be called and known by the name of Lodge, Number, Free and Accepted Masons, according to the most ancient and honorable custom of the royal Craft, in all ages, and amongst all nations in the known world, and not contrariwise: And make report to us, hereunto annexed, of your proceedings.

This dispensation to remain in force for months from the date hereof, and no longer.

Given under our hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, ir the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of Anno Domini A.L.

[L. S.] W. M. Grand Secretary.

I do hereby report, That in pursuance of the powers deputed in the above dispensation, on the day of Anno Domini , Anno Lucis , in conjunction with a sufficient

number of known and approved Past Master Masons, I did open and constitute the Lodge called

Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, and installed the officers thereof, according to ancient usage and form.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand at

this day of

A.D.,

A.L.

To

Esq.,

A. B.,

Right Worshipful Grand Master of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

## No. 16.

PETITION FOR DISPENSATION TO ENTER, PASS, AND RAISE.

To , Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The petition of

Respectfully showeth,

That your petitioner entertains a high opinion of the ancient and honorable Fraternity of Free Masons, and is desirous of becoming a member thereof; but being about to leave the State, he is unable to wait the usual delays required by the By-laws of a Lodge.

He declares he is free by birth, unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends, and uninfluenced by mercenary or other improper motives. He further declares his belief in the existence of a Supreme Being, and that he has not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge, and if the petition be granted, will cheerfully conform to the ancient customs and usages of the Craft, and therefore prays that you will be pleased to grant a dispensation authorizing him to be entered, passed, and raised to

the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Lodge,
No. , Free and Accepted Masons. A. D.

Witness my hand, this day of

Age, A. B.

Residence,

Occupation,

We, the officers of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, beg leave to recommend the above petitioner to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, as a person who, in our opinion, is worthy of being initiated into the mysteries of our ancient and honorable fraternity.

W. M.

S. W.

Granted.

S. M.

J. W.

## No. 17.

FORM OF DISPENSATION TO ENTER, PASS, AND RAISE.

We\*

Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To the Worshipful Master of

Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons,

Greeting:

By virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, we do hereby authorize and empower you to enter, pass, and raise,

in your Lodge, to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, it appearing that he is about to leave the State, and cannot await the usual delays required by your By-laws. If the same meets the approbation of your Lodge, this shall be your sufficient warrant for so doing.

<sup>\*</sup> When the case requires, insert A. B., Esq., District Deputy Grand Master, acting for, etc.

Given under our hand and seal at

this day of

in the year of

our Lord 18 , and of Masonry, 58

Attest,

G. M.

[L. s.] G. S.

# [ No. 18. ]

FORM OF A PETITION FOR A DISPENSATION TO PASS THE CHAIR.

To\* Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The petition of

Respectfully showeth,

That your petitioner is a Master Mason, and a member of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, held at

That he is desirous of being further advanced in Free Masonry, and therefore prays that you will be pleased to grant a dispensation, authorizing his being passed to the chair.

And your petitioner, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.

Philadelphia,

A. B.

We, the officers of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, beg leave to recommend the above petitioner to the Right Worshipful Grand Master, as a worthy brother, and deserving of the favor by him prayed for.

W. M.

S. W.

Granted,

J. W.

A. B., Grand Master.

<sup>\*</sup> Here insert, when the case shall require it, A. B., Deputy Grand Master, acting for, etc.

#### No. 19.

FORM OF A DISPENSATION TO PASS THE CHAIR.

We,\* Right Worshipful

Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To the Worshipful Master and Past Masters

of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons,

Greeting:

By virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, we do hereby authorize and empower you to pass to the chair brother , a Master Mason, and a member of your Lodge, who has been duly recommended to us by your Lodge, as worthy thereof, and is desirous of being further advanced in Free Masonry. And for so doing, this shall be your sufficient warrant. Given under our hand and seal at this day of in the year of our Lord 18 , and of Masonry, 58 .

Attest,

G. M.

[L. S.]

G. S.

# [ No. 20. ]

DISPENSATION TO A LODGE TO CONTINUE ITS LABORS, AFTER THE DESTRUCTION OR LOSS OF ITS WARRANT.

We, , Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and Members of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, held in

Greeting:

Whereas, our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, by warrant

<sup>\*</sup> When the case requires, here insert A. B., Esq., District Deputy Grand Master, acting for, etc.

under the hands of the then Right Worshipful Grand Officers, and seal of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, bearing date the day of in the year of our Lord one thousand hundred and , and of Masonry five thousand hundred and , and recorded in the Book of Warrants, , authorized the holding of a Lodge under their page jurisdiction in , or within five miles thereof, to be called , which Lodge was duly constituted on the , and the labors thereof carried on agreeably to the ancient landmarks, so far as our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge has information respecting the same:

And whereas, it has been represented to us, that the said warrant has been

Now, therefore, by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, we do hereby authorize, empower, and request you, the present, and succeeding Worshipful Master, Wardens, and members of the said Lodge, No., to continue your Masonic labors in the same full and complete manner to all intents and purposes, as you could, or might legally have done, if your said warrant had not been , and was still in existence, agreeably to all the usages, rules, and regulations of the ancient craft, and especially to those of our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and not contrariwise.

This dispensation to continue in force until the next Grand Communication of our said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, and until her pleasure in the premises shall have been made known to you.

Given under our hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of in the year of our Lord, one thousand hundred and and of Masonry, five thousand hundred and

[L. S.]

G. M.

Attest,

G. SEC.

#### No. 21.

DISPENSATION TO ENABLE A LODGE TO FORM A PROCESSION.

We , Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To the Worshipful Master of

Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, held in

Greeting:

Whereas, Your Worshipful Lodge has prayed us for permission to form a Masonic procession, and attend divine service on the

St. John the Baptist's Day.

St. John the Evangelist's Day.

The day appointed for opening and consecrating the new Lodge room.

The day appointed by the President of the United

States, as a day of humiliation and prayer.

The day appointed as a day of thanksgiving.

Therefore, by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, we do hereby authorize you to form a Masonic procession of the members of your Lodge, and other Free and Accepted Masons of good standing, for the purpose aforesaid, at

And for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, in the year of our Lord one this day of thousand eight hundred and , and of Masonry, five thousand eight hundred and

[L. S.]

G. M.

G. SEC.

Attest,

[ No. 22.

FORM OF A REGISTER OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS RECOMMENDED TO BE KEPT BY EVERY LODGE.

. 81	REMARKS.	
	Dues.	
commencing	Remaining.	
100	Ceased.	
	Admitted.	
, held at	Initiated.	
Lodge, No.	Number of Members Initiated, Admitted. Ceased. Remaining. Dues.	
	Secretary.	
nd Lodge, by	Treasurer.	
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eturns mad	Senior Warden.	
Abstract of the General Returns made to the Grand Lodge, by	Day of Worshipful Senior Junior Treasurer. Secretary.	
Abstract of t	Day of Election.	

REMARKS. Ceased, when and how. 18 & Raised. commencing Passed. Initiated. No 22-Continued. , held at Degree. Lodge, No. Admitted. Residence. Register of the Members of Age. Profession. NAME.

#### No. 23.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO REPRESENTATIVE NEAR ANOTHER GRAND LODGE.

OFFICE OF THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, OF PENNSYLVANIA.

MASONIC HALL, PHILADELPHIA,

A. L. 5889.

WISDOM.

STRENGTH.

FRATERNITY.

By virtue of the authority vested in us, we,
Right Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons,
of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging,
reposing full faith and confidence in your skill in the Royal
Art, and high personal character, by these presents do appoint
you
, our
representative, near the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free
and Accepted Masons of

Given at Philadelphia, under our hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Grand Master Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, etc., etc.

# [ No. 24. ]

COMMISSION TO A BROTHER TO VISIT FOREIGN GRAND LODGES AND LODGES.

To the Right Worshipful and Worshipful, the Grand and Subordinate Lodges of the most ancient and honorable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the two hemispheres:

We, Esq., Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging,

Send greeting:

Health, stability, and happiness.

Whereas, it is the intention of our worthy and respectable brother of the , a member of Lodge, No. , under our jurisdiction, and of our Grand Lodge, to travel into {distant countries.} We, therefore, in order to promote as far as in us lies, a brotherly communication with the different Lodges in the {world, United States,} do hereby request and require our said brother.

to visit the Grand and subordinate

Lodges of Ancient Masons in the different {countries, states, which he may travel, and producing these, our credentials, to assure them of our most fraternal regards, and of our dispositions to cultivate a mutual correspondence, and to give to said Grand Lodge, Lodges, or brethren, such information as may be requisite concerning the state of the craft with us, conceiving that it will manifestly tend to promote order, harmony, and reciprocal affection over the globe. Not doubting but that this our brother will meet with all due attention wherever he shall make himself known, and promising all due respect and attention to foreign brethren in like manner recommended to us, we have caused him to sign his name in his usual signature, in the margin hereof, ne variatur, and herewith we commit him to the protection of the Great Architect of the universe.

Given under our hand, and the seal of our Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, this day of , in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and , and of Masonry, five thousand eight hundred and

[L. s.] G. M. G. Sec. G. Sec.

#### No. 25.

#### DEPUTATION TO VISIT LODGES.

We, Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of all the Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons held in the

Greeting:

By virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, we do hereby authorize, empower, and request, our faithful and beloved brother , a Past Master Mason, and member of Lodge, No. , under the jurisdiction of our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, in our name and behalf, to visit all the said Worshipful Lodges, to examine and inquire into their state and proceedings, and to make report thereon.

Also in our name, and on our behalf, to deliver to the said Lodges respectful, affectionate, and brotherly addresses; recommending harmony and union amongst the brethren, and the strictest adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry. And also, for the purposes aforesaid, to congregate the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the said Lodges, at such times and places, and within the limits of the respective Lodges, as to him shall appear fit. This authority to continue in force for the term of months from the date of these presents, and no longer.

Given under our hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, this day of in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and , and of Masonry five thousand eight hundred and

[L. s.] G. M.

Attest,

G. SEC.

#### [ No. 26. ]

FORM OF A COMMISSION TO A DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

We, , Esq., Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonie jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To our trusty and well-beloved brother, a Past Master Mason, and a member of under the jurisdiction of our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge:

WISDOM, STRENGTH, FRATERNITY

Reposing the greatest confidence in your zeal, fervor, and skill in the Masonic art, we do, by virtue and in pursuance of the powers and authorities in us vested, hereby nominate, constitute, and appoint you, our said beloved brother, our District Deputy Grand Master in and for the Masonic District of Pennsylvania, comprising the following counties, to wit:

And we do hereby invest you with the rank and dignity of a District Deputy Grand Master of our said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge; and we do hereby authorize and empower you, in the name of our said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, to visit respectively all the Worshipful Lodges now constituted, or which may hereafter be constituted within the said district, as often as may be convenient, or you may judge necessary; to inspect their labors, and examine and inquire into the state of the said Lodges and their proceedings, and to give them all due Masonic advice and instruction. Also, in our name and on our behalf, to deliver to the said Lodges respectful, affectionate, and brotherly addresses, recommending harmony and union among the brethren, and the strictest adherence to the true and acknowledged principles of Ancient Masonry. And also, for the purposes aforesaid, to congregate and assemble together severally the Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and brethren of the said Lodges, at their respective

places of meeting, and at such times as to you shall appear fit. And we do further authorize and empower you, in the name of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of our said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, to grant dispensations to enter, pass, and raise persons to the degree of Master Mason, and for passing brethren to the chair in any of the Lodges now constituted, or hereafter to be constituted within the said district, and to make return of the same, with all the fees collected therefrom. And that you annually make report to our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge your proceedings in the premises. This power and authority to be and continue in force during our continuance in office, unless sooner superseded or revoked, hereby revoking all former commissions that may have issued from us, or any of our predecessors in office, to any person or persons, vesting in them the like powers and authority within the said district.

Given under our hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and , and of Masonry five thousand eight hundred

and

G. M.

Attest,

G. SEC.

# [ No. 27. ]

JRM OF A DISPENSATION TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION.

We, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge, No.
Free and Accepted Masons, held at
under the jurisdiction of our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

# Greeting:

In consequence of an emergency, and by special request of your

Lodge, duly certified to us, we do hereby authorize and empower you, by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, to hold an election for at your next regular stated meeting, and to fill any vacancies which may arise by reason thereof; Provided, however, That due and timely notice be given to the members of your Lodge of such election.

And for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our hand and seal this day of A.D. 18 , and of Masonry 58 .

[L. S.]
G. M.
Attest,
G. SF

#### [ No. 28. ]

FORM OF SPECIAL ELECTION RETURN.

I, , Worshipful Master of Lodge, No. , Free and Accepted Masons, held , under the authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify to the said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, that at an election held by virtue of a dispensation from , on the day of the , the following brethren were duly elected officers of the said Lodge for the remainder of the term ending on St. John's Day in , 18 W. M. S. W. . J. W. TREAS. SEC.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the said Lodge to be affixed, at , places of meeting, and at such times as to you shall appear fit. And we do further authorize and empower you, in the name of the Right Worshipful Grand Master of our said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, to grant dispensations to enter, pass, and raise persons to the degree of Master Mason, and for passing brethren to the chair in any of the Lodges now constituted, or hereafter to be constituted within the said district, and to make return of the same, with all the fees collected therefrom. And that you annually make report to our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge your proceedings in the premises. This power and authority to be and continue in force during our continuance in office, unless sooner superseded or revoked, hereby revoking all former commissions that may have issued from us, or any of our predecessors in office, to any person or persons, vesting in them the like powers and authority within the said district.

Given under our hand and seal, at the City of Philadelphia, in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this day of in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and , and of Masonry five thousand eight hundred

and

G. M.

Attest,

G. SEC.

# [ No. 27. ]

FORM OF A DISPENSATION TO HOLD A SPECIAL ELECTION.

We, Right Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

To the Worshipful Master and Brethren of Lodge, No.

Free and Accepted Masons, held at
under the jurisdiction of our Right Worshipful Grand Lodge.

# Greeting:

In consequence of an emergency, and by special request of your

Lodge, duly certified to us, we do hereby authorize and empower you, by virtue of the powers and authorities in us vested, to hold an election for at your next regular stated meeting, and to fill any vacancies which may arise by reason thereof; Provided, however, That due and timely notice be given to the members of your Lodge of such election.

And for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under our hand and seal this day of A.D. 18 , and of Masonry 58 .

[L. s.] G. M. Attest, G. Sec.

#### [ No. 28. ]

FORM OF SPECIAL ELECTION RETURN.

, Worshipful Master of Lodge, I, , Free and Accepted Masons, held , under No. the authority of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify to the said Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, that at an election held by virtue of a dispensation from the , on the day of , the following brethren were duly elected officers of A.D. 18 the said Lodge for the remainder of the term ending on St. John's , 18 Day in W. M.

S. W. J. W. TREAS. SEC.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the said Lodge to be affixed, at the day of A.D. 18 , and in the year of Masonry 58 .

Attest, Master of Lodge, No.
Secretary of Lodge, No.

## No. 29.

FORM OF MONTHLY RETURNS FROM SUBORDINATE LODGES.

18

To the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary,

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Free and Accepted Masons:

Right Worshipful Sir and Brother: At a stated meeting of Lodge, No. , held at , this day of , 18 , the following named petitioned this Lodge for initiation and membership.

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.

Note.—And no ballot can be had upon any such petition until the Grand Secretary has reported to the Lodge that there is nothing on the record against such petitioner.

#### THE FOLLOWING NAMED PETITIONED FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Degree.	Formerly of Lodge No. at

#### THE FOLLOWING NAMED WERE REJECTED:

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.	Degree.	1st, 2d, or 3d bailot.	Unfavorable Report.

Note.-When rejected on ballot granted by the Grand Lodge, so state.

#### THE FOLLOWING NAMED WERE EXPELLED:

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	When admitted or initiated.	For what cause expelled.

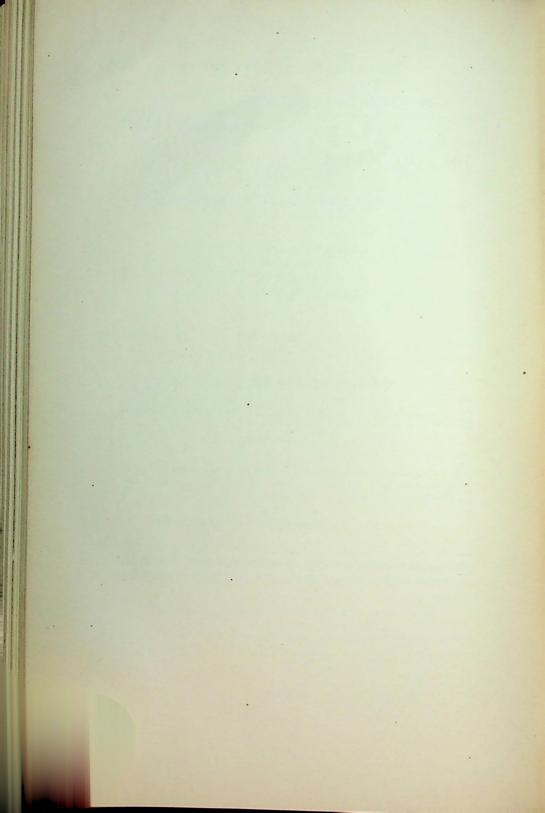
#### THE FOLLOWING NAMED WERE SUSPENDED:

Name.	Age.	Occupation.	When admitted, or initiated.	For what cause suspended.

[L. S.]

Secretary of Lodge, No.

Note.—All withdrawals of petitions should also be reported to the Grand Secretary, and if for disqualification on account of physical defects, it should be so stated.



## DECISIONS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

#### March 16, 1829.

Committee report that a Lodge has the right to summons for the purpose of installation, or any other purpose vitally affecting its interests, or the interest of any of its members.

#### March 6, 1843.

The Grand Officers, a Committee to whom was referred the petition of a number of brethren in relation to an election for officers, reported—

That the election in December last was set aside, the same having been conducted contrary to their By-Laws and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge; and the said Lodge was directed to hold another election for officers at their next stated meeting.

The reasons for the above decision are obvious. The By-Laws of a Lodge are sacred, and may not be set aside at will; on this occasion they seem, by common consent, to have been disregarded. To sanction the election under such circumstances would be, in effect, to encourage the Lodge in the violation of its own By-Laws, a step which no good Mason could approve, and the strictness of the Fraternity will not permit the Committee to adopt. It is the special and bounden duty of the Worshipful Master of a Lodge to enforce the By-Laws; yet how often does a false delicacy prevent him so doing! When the question is one of a pecuniary nature, he should permit them on no account

to be infringed. If a Brother, who is able, neglects to comply with them, the fault is his own, and he should not complain. If a Brother is unable to pay, the Lodge has the power to relieve him, and on proper representation will remit.

The Committee notice with regret the too prevailing neglect in the Lodges under this jurisdiction to enforce (when there is ability in a Brother to liquidate his dues) the salutary provision in the By-Laws prerequisite to the exercise of the privileges of suffrage, a requisition wisely intended by our Masonic ancestors to supply the Fountain of Charity, and effectually promote the noblest object of the Masonic family.

So far as the officers of the Grand Lodge have the power to put a stop to this evil (a growing one), its exercise may be looked upon as certain, for in every case in which the matter is presented for their consideration, the By-Laws will be maintained, and all practices contrary to their spirit and letter meet with no favor. Complaints by those who may feel themselves aggrieved, should be made in reasonable time, and according to the rules of the Craft, otherwise the chance of redress will be considerably diminished.

In every instance when a violation of the By-Laws is permitted by the W. M. of a Lodge, a protest should be promptly entered at the time, and notice given of an intention to apply to the Grand Lodge, and this application should be presented in form, at the Quarterly Communication succeeding the occurrence; the case then coming up, will be fresh for investigation, and the facts be of easy access.

The action of the Grand Officers, so far as the same may be invoked by the Grand Lodge, will be equally prompt and decisive: their duty is a plain and simple one, to preserve the Landmarks of the Fraternity, and frown upon every attempt to violate and oppose them. They would be unworthy of the exalted posts they occupy, if, for the sake of convenience or any false notion

of expediency, they countenance, in a single instance, a departure from the written or unwritten law.

It appeared also, in the course of this examination, that some of the Lodges are in the habit, at the meetings for election, of setting aside, by vote, the article in their By-Laws requiring the payment of dues previous to voting. This course is fully as reprehensible as the other, if not more so, and at war with the principles of Free Masonry.

The practice also of admitting members by the Junior Warden, when the Lodge is called off to prepare for the election, is improper, because members are admitted contrary to the Constitution, which says: "No member can be admitted without the knowledge and consent of the Worshipful Master;" and in many instances the members so admitted are permitted to vote without paying their dues, as the dues are collected previous to going into the election.

The Lodges so acting deliberately practice a wrong, as must be apparent to every Brother. A course so pernicious in its effects, and striking at the prosperity of the Craft, should at once be abandoned, and never permitted to occur again.

## September 4, 1843.

Resolved, That petitions asking a remission of dues be referred to the Committee on Finance.

## July 1, 1850.

The following resolution was brought before the Grand Lodge, but no action was taken thereon, viz.:

Resolved, That in future the approbation of the members of a Subordinate Lodge to a dispensation be ascertained by ballot, as in case of a petitioning candidate.

 was given as follows, viz.: That a dispensation merely does away with the time required by the By-Laws of the Lodge and the rules of Masonry (and should be granted in only very urgent or pressing cases), but it required the approbation of the Lodge to be given with unanimity, and that the usual mode is to take the voice of the Lodge; but to ballot in a case of this kind is contrary to ancient usage, and never has been so done to the best of his recollection.

#### June 7, 1852.

Resolved, That the regalia of Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, procured from and after the passage of this resolution, shall be as follows, to wit:

#### APRONS.

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

FELLOW CRAFT—A plain, white lambskin, similar to that of the Entered Apprentice, with the addition only of sky-blue rosettes at the bottom, and blue strings.

MASTER MASON—The same with sky-blue lining and edging, one inch and a half deep on the bottom and sides, and one inch deep at the top and round the flap, an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels.

Officers—Master Mason's apron with the emblems of their offices in silver or white in the centre of the apron.

MASTER—The Master Mason's apron with the emblem of his office in white or silver in the centre, and in lieu and in the places of the three rosettes, 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.

PAST MASTER—The same as the apron of the Master of the Lodge, with the Past Master's emblem in white or silver in the centre.

#### JEWELS.

Master, .							The Square.
Past Master,	T	he Squ	are	and th	ne Dia	igram	
		of the	47tl	1 Pro	p. 1st	Book	
		of Euc	elid o	engra	ved on	a sil-	
		ver pla	ate p	enden	t with	nin it.	
Senior Ward	en,						The Level.
Junior Ward	len						The Plumb.
Treasurer							The Cross Keys.
Secretary							The Cross Pens.
Deacons,							The Dove.
Masters of C	erei	nony,					The Cross Rods.
Tyler, .							The Sword.

The above named Jewels to be in silver, and suspended from the neck by a light-blue ribbon.

Resolved, That no Brother shall on any pretence be admitted into the Grand Lodge, or any Subordinate Lodge, without the regalia appropriate to his rank.

Resolved, That these resolutions be printed, and a copy furnished by the Grand Secretary to each Lodge under this jurisdiction.

## October 2, 1854.

The following report was read and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the communication from

Brother ———, in relation to his non-advancement in Lodge No. ——, beg leave to report—

That they have found the facts as set forth in said communication substantially correct, to wit: That he applied for initiation and membership in said Lodge, and after the accustomed inquiries, was balloted for, approved, and initiated; that subsequent to his initiation, a protest was entered against his advancement by a Brother of the Lodge, and that a Committee was appointed to inquire into his case, and report thereon; said Committee reported that they could not recommend the Brother to further advancement. The Lodge refused to accept the report of the Committee, and passed a resolution directing the Secretary to give him notice to attend at the next stated meeting of the Lodge for advancement. By direction of the W. M. this notice was not given to the complainant, and in this emergency he appeals to the Grand Lodge. It may be here stated on behalf of . the W. M. that his impression was that it required the unanimous voice of the Lodge for advancement; hence his instructions to the Secretary.

Your Committee, after having given the subject all the consideration its importance demands, are unanimous in their opinion that after an applicant for initiation and membership has been approved and initiated, he is a member, and as such, entitled to his remaining degrees, unless objected to, and charges preferred against him in the open Lodge; notice of these charges, if practicable, is to be given to the applicant. The Lodge may act on the charges directly, or refer them to a committee to inquire, and report at the earliest stated meeting possible. If referred, the Lodge is to be notified of the time when the report of the Committee will be acted upon.

A majority of the members present shall decide whether the objections have been sustained. If a majority decide that the objections have not been sustained, the Lodge will proceed to advance the applicant. The broad principle being unanimity

before initiation, and a majority to govern in all matters concerning a Brother afterwards. In accordance with the foregoing views, your Committee offer the following resolutions, viz.:

Resolved, That Lodge No. —— be instructed to confer the remaining degrees upon Brother ———, unless they shall for good and sufficient cause shown, rescind the resolution to do so already adopted by them.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was Resolved, That the opinion contained in the report on Brother ———'s case be adopted, as the principle on which similar cases shall be settled in future.

#### September 5, 1853.

On motion duly made and seconded, the following was adopted, viz.:

The members of the Subordinate Lodges should rise at the entrance of *Grand* Officers, of Past Grand and Deputy Grand Masters, and Worshipful Masters of Lodges.

The members of the *Grand Lodge* rise at the entrance of Past Grand Masters.

## June 4, 1855.

The following report was read, and on motion duly made and seconded, adopted:

TO THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The Committee on Landmarks, to whom was referred the

That no unworthy or improper motives or feelings are imputed to the W. M. of No. ——, in the course he pursued; on the contrary the protest and complaint itself states that the refusal of the W. M. of No. ——, to admit Brother ———, was based upon the plea that his admittance would mar the harmony of the Lodge. There is no denial in the complaint that his admission would have had that effect; even if it would, it was not only the right but duty of the W. M. of Lodge No. ——, to refuse to admit Brother ——— on the night in question.

The good order and harmony of a Lodge are intrusted to the W. M. for the time being; and it is his duty so to exercise the powers intrusted to him as should best promote these objects.

For this purpose he has power to refuse admittance to any visitor whose admission will destroy the peace and harmony of his Lodge, but at the same time he is responsible to the Grand Lodge for the exercise of that power in a paternal and Masonic manner.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Signed by the Committee on Landmarks.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was further resolved, That the principles set forth in the said report be confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

## December 15, 1856.

The Grand Secretary brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge the wish of — Lodge, No. —, that they be permitted to divide the initiation fee into three payments, and take a portion from the applicant as he progresses through the F. C. degree and Master Mason.

The Grand Lodge decided that the fee could not be divided.

That the whole sum was due and payable as soon as the candidate was initiated.

That if, after an applicant's initiation, he did not see fit to take the F. C. and M. M. degrees in the Lodge in which he was initiated, he would have to pay an extra charge into the Lodge which conferred said degrees upon him subsequently.

#### February 2, 1857.

The following Report was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

Your Committee have given the subject all the attention its painful and delicate nature requires; and they regret to say that

While your Committee deeply sympathize with ————— and his friends in his and their disappointment, the regulation which excludes him is coeval with the existence of the Fraternity, and cannot be dispensed with.

### February 2, 1857.

The following Report was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging.

The Committee on Landmarks, to whom was referred the communication from ———— Lodge, No. ———, asking for instruction and decision, respectfully report:

That the communication submitted to them involves the question, whether an applicant for initiation and membership, who has presented a petition in due form, which has been referred to the proper Committee, who have reported favorably, and their report been accepted and the Committee discharged, and the candidate balloted for and duly approved; but before he is actually initiated, such information is received by some of the members of the Lodge as to satisfy them that he was not worthy, and was not under the tongue of good Masonic report. Whether, under these circumstances, it is too late to prevent his initiation? In other words, whether a candidate who is discovered to be

unworthy at the last moment must then be initiated nevertheless?

A moment's reflection will satisfy the Brethren that no man can enter the Lodge who is not under the tongue of good Masonic report; it is never too late to exclude any such. In fact, the door of Masonry cannot be opened to them, although they stand upon the very threshold and knock ever so loudly. And if such a one cannot even enter the Lodge, much less can be become a member.

All which is respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee.

#### June 6, 1859.

The following was adopted:

To the Right Worshipful,

the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the form of a Lodge certificate to be given to a Brother who, after suspension or expulsion, has been regularly and lawfully placed in good Masonic standing, shall be as follows, to wit:

Witness our hands and the seal of the Lodge, this --- day of —, 18-, A.L. 58-. \_\_\_\_, W. M. \_\_\_\_\_, S. W. SEAL. \_\_\_, J. W. \_\_\_\_\_, Secretary.

#### December 17, 1860.

Attest,

At an extra Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, held at the Masonic Hall on the 17th instant, the Committee on By-Laws presented a report, to the following extracts from which, and the resolutions accompanying the same, your attention is specially invited.

The Committee on By-Laws respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the necessity of enforcing upon the Subordinate Lodges a strict attention to the requirements of the Ahiman Rezon, in reference to their By-Laws, and greater care and regularity in the form in which they are submitted to the Grand Lodge.

"By the Ahiman Rezon, in the Article on 'Duties of Lodges,' it is provided as follows:

"'Every Lodge has power to frame By-Laws for its own government, provided they be not inconsistent with the general regulations of the Grand Lodge. The By-Laws of every Subordinate Lodge shall be submitted for the revision of the Grand Lodge, and when approved, a copy must be deposited in its archives. Such By-Laws shall be delivered by the Grand Secretary to the Committee on By-Laws, and by them are reported to the Grand Lodge for its approbation, and until approved are not valid.'

"Some of the Lodges, it is believed, from facts which have come to the notice of the Committee, have entirely neglected to observe the requirements of the above provision, and are actually working under By-Laws which have never been submitted to the Grand Lodge, though in some instances adopted by the respective Lodges several years since. This is wholly irregular; every set of By-Laws and every amendment to existing By-Laws should be forwarded by the Secretary of the Lodge, immediately upon their adoption, to the Grand Lodge, under cover, to the Grand Secretary.

"The very words of the amendments proposed should in all cases be given; and the exact place in the article or section to be amended, in which any proposed alteration is to be made, should be specified.

"When 'extracts' from 'the Constitution and Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge' are printed, the only proper source from which such 'extracts' can be taken is the present Ahiman Rezon, as adopted A. L. 5877; and the 'extracts' should be literal, and refer to the page of the printed volume upon which they are to be found.

"The requirement that a copy of the By-Laws, when approved, must be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge is ever more generally neglected or disregarded. A strict compliance indispensable to a proper supervision of the Grand Lodge over the proceedings of the Subordinate Lodges, and to a prompt and efficient discharge of the duties incumbent upon this Committee.

"The form and manner in which By-Laws and amendments are submitted to the Grand Lodge for its approval is in many cases exceedingly loose and objectionable. Sometimes a printed copy is sent, and if any alterations are made by the Grand Lodge, it involves the mutilation and disfigurement of the whole edition. And it is believed that frequently no regard whatever is paid to the action of the Grand Lodge in the premises. Oftentimes By-Laws or amendments are sent to the Grand Lodge written upon loose sheets of paper, not attached together in any way; and in very many instances their adoption by the Lodge is not certified to the Grand Lodge, even by the Secretary's signature.

"The Committee respectfully submit the following resolutions, and ask their adoption by the Grand Lodge:

"1st. Resolved, That upon the adoption by any Subordinate Lodge of any By-Laws or amendments, alterations, or additions thereto, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such Lodge immediately to forward to the Grand Lodge, under cover, addressed to the Grand Secretary, two copies of such By-Laws, amendments, alterations, or additions, certified by him under the seal of the Lodge; and his certificate shall embody so much of the minutes of the Lodge as relates to the proposal and adoption of such By-Laws, amendments, alterations, or additions; such certificate to be on the same paper with, or securely attached to, said copies respectively, one of said copies to be returned to the Lodge by the Grand Secretary, with a statement of the action of the Grand Lodge thereon, and the other to be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge.

"2d. Resolved, That no Subordinate Lodge be allowed to print any By-Laws or amendments, alterations, or additions thereto, until the same have received the approval of the Grand Lodge; and that when printed the same shall state upon the title-page the fact of such approval, with its date.

"3d. Resolved, That it be enjoined upon the Subordinate Lodges to promptly forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of the By-Laws, and of every amendment, alteration, or addition thereto, when approved (if printed, a printed copy), to be deposited in the archives of the Grand Lodge; and that such of the Lodges as have not already done so, be required forthwith to forward to the Grand Secretary a copy of their respective By-Laws, as approved by the Grand Lodge, and now in force (if printed, a printed copy).

"4th. Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to prepare, and send as early as practicable, a circular to each of the Subordinate Lodges, calling their attention to the above recommendations, and containing a copy of these resolutions; and

that such circular be read in open Lodge, and spread at length upon the minutes."

"Whereupon the report was accepted, and the resolutions unanimously adopted."

#### June 3, 1861.

The following report from the Committee on Landmarks was read, viz.:

To the R. W. Grand Master,

Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Landmarks, to whom was referred the application of —— Lodge, asking information and direction in the case of a candidate for initiation and membership, who was duly approved at a meeting of said Lodge, but before his initiation at a subsequent meeting objection was made by a member to his admission, and propounding certain questions in relation to the same, respectfully report—

The following, in answer to the proposed interregatories, which will also embrace the information and direction required by the Lodge.

To the first question. Should not all charges affecting the character of a candidate after his election or approval be made in open Lodge, and in the usual form, specifying the particulars?

Answer. The recognized practice of the Grand Lodge has heretofore been, and our general regulations in this respect requiring, in the most peremptory manner, among other qualifications, that of "Good Report," have fully warranted the conclusion, that this course should not be insisted upon or demanded, and that without the full and free exercise of the privilege of objection, at any time previous to initiation, the harmony of the Lodge cannot be maintained, or the introduction of bad material prevented; that the open objection to an applicant before the Lodge at any time previous to initiation is sufficient to close the door against his admission without reasons being assigned by the

objector; that the reasons which have influenced his decision are with himself and his own conscience, and should be regarded as equally sacred with the right to the use of the black ball at the time of ballot; unanimity before initiation, and a majority to advance, being the settled principle on which the action of the Lodge is based.

To the second question. Has not the Worshipful Master the right to enter a candidate after a unanimous ballot, or advance one already entered, unless specified charges are brought against the applicant in open Lodge?

Answer. The Worshipful Master has the undoubted right to enter in such case, and the principle above stated in reply to the first question will govern the proceedings afterwards.

Third question. Is the mere objection (whether factious or otherwise) made by a member to the initiation or advancement of a candidate, stated privately to the Worshipful Master, sufficient to compel him to stop the proceedings when the W. M. is satisfied no valid impediment exists?

The answer to this question will be found in the replies to the preceding ones, in which the discrimination between the initiation of a candidate and his right to be advanced when initiated is laid down and recognized as a settled principle and usage of the Craft.

Fourth question. If a member has the right to arrest proceedings, as above stated, by simply objecting, how long a time should the Lodge be compelled to suspend its action, or await the withdrawal of said objection, and what course of action should the Lodge take?

To this question we answer, so long as the member objecting persists in his determination.

To this question we answer, that the petition cannot be withdrawn; the applicant is in the position of a rejected candidate, and cannot therefore renew his application so long as this disability continues.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee.

After considerable interchange of opinion, on motion of Past Grand Master, Brother ———, and duly seconded, the following resolution was adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That it is the fundamental regulation of this Grand Lodge that the objection of any one member of the Lodge shall be sufficient to prevent the initiation of a candidate even after approval; and after initiation, the advancement shall be within the control of the Lodge itself, and that the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

### June 3, 1861.

To the R. W. Grand Master,
Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge.

That in this, as well as in all other cases of a similar nature, where an applicant residing in a foreign jurisdiction has been rejected, either by a failure to obtain a unanimous or other vote necessary to his acceptance, upon his application for initiation, or upon the ballot for any of the subsequent degrees in Masonry, and who has subsequently removed from such jurisdiction and become a permanent resident under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, upon satisfactory evidence being furnished from the Lodge in which such rejection occurred, that the regulations of

the Grand Lodge having jurisdiction therein, and the By-Laws of said Lodge do not prohibit the applicant from applying to any other Lodge for the same purpose, that then, and in all such cases, the clause contained in our form of application for initiation and membership may be modified so as to read thus:

"That I do not now, or at this present time, stand rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge."

And such application may be received by any Lodge under this jurisdiction, with full authority and power to proceed lawfully to act upon the same.

They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted as the sense of this Grand Lodge for its future government in such cases, and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Which report and the resolution attached were, on motion duly made, adopted *nemine contradicente*.

#### June 1, 1863.

The Committee on Appeals offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz.:

Resolved, That the power of a Lodge to reconsider a vote of suspension of a member be confined to the meeting at which the vote of suspension is passed.

#### March 5, 1866.

The Committee on Landmarks offered the following resolutions, which were adopted, viz.:

1st. Resolved, That no member of the Masonic Fraternity, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, has the right to visit any assemblage or collection of individuals, claiming to be Masons, when such assemblage or meeting is not sanctioned by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that any

communion of Masonic intercourse with such clandestine assemblage or meeting is a plain, palpable, and flagrant violation of the most solemn duties and obligations of the Craft.

2d. Resolved, That if hereafter any member of the Masonic Fraternity should violate the solemn duties imposed on him, it would become the duty of the appropriate Masonic tribunal to bring the offender to trial, in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and to expel such offender, and deprive him of all communion with the Craft throughout the world.

## June 2, 1869.

The following report from the Committee on Landmarks waread, and on motion approved, and accompanying resolution adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging:

The Committee on Landmarks, to whom was referred the communication from Lodge, No. , in regard to the application of for initiation and membership to Lodge, No. , respectfully report:

That the present rule and regulation requires that the Secretary of every Lodge shall report to the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary the names of all applicants, and the action of the Lodge thereon; and also, that before any Lodge acts on an application the Secretary shall request the Right Worshipful Grand Secretary to state what objections, if any, exists on the books of the Grand Lodge.

This being the present rule, as directed by Right Worshipful Grand Master Henry M. Phillips, it is now obligatory, and this Committee therefore have no power over it, as it is not a Landmark. It is, however, obligatory as a rule, having been so established by the Right Worshipful Grand Master.

As to the real question involved, however, in the communication referred to this Committee, it is of opinion that it is only necessary to quote the Landmark, which cannot be altered. It is as follows: "No Master should take a 'prentice that is not the son of honest parents, a perfect youth without maim or defect in his body, and capable of learning the mysteries of the art." This is the Landmark. It is not necessary to say, as a Landmark, it is beyond the power of any Masons to alter or change it.

Your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WILLIAM BARGER,
Chairman of Committee on Landmarks.

#### December 27, 1869.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report:

The communication from Lodge, No. which was referred to this Committee, requested action in vindicating the customs and usages of the Fraternity, which it was thought had been violated by Lodge, No. in admitting to membership and conferring the degrees of Freemasonry upon who stood as a rejected applicant in at that time re-Lodge, No. siding in Philadelphia, made application to Lodge, , for initiation and membership, in March, 1863, and in April, 1863, notwithstanding the favorable report of the committee, he was, upon ballot, rejected; a second ballot was taken in .

July, 1864, when he was again rejected, and notice of his rejection was duly forwarded to the Grand Secretary. He was well aware that he had been rejected, and a Past Master of ' , had frequent conversations with him on the subject, telling him that his rejection prevented him from ever becoming a Freemason. He afterwards moved to an adjoining county, and in October, 1865, he made application for initiation and membership to Lodge, No. . This application was in the usual form, and contained the declaration "that he had not heretofore been rejected by any regularly constituted Lodge." He was approved in November, 1865, initiated in December, 1865, crafted in January, 1867, and was made a Master Mason in February, 1867. The Secretary of Lodge, No. stated that he had sent (by mail, he believed) the usual notice of the application to the Grand Secretary, but it was never received; had it been received, that officer could have promptly communicated to Lodge, No. , the fact of his prior rejection, and of his existing disability, but the miscarriage of this notice left Lodge, No. , without this important information.

had received his second degree (and before re-After Lodge, No. ceiving the third), a Past Master of had applied for admission to Lodge, hearing that , wrote to the Secretary of that Lodge for information, but not mentioning the fact condemning the character of of his rejection. This communication was considered by the Woraccordingly received the shipful Master as unofficial, and (a member of this remaining degree. The counsel of Grand Lodge) did not deny the main facts as alleged, the defence of his conduct being rested solely upon his allegation, that he did not intend to deceive, and did not know that his last application contained the statement that he had never been rejected, and J. H. G., upon examination before your Committee, emphatically denied such knowledge; but it was proven before your Committee that (as already stated) he was told after his first rejection, that it

constituted a perpetual bar to his admission, and he did not pretend that he had ever mentioned this fact to any member of Lodge, No. ; and, under the circumstances, the suppression of such a fact is, in verification of a maxim, equivalent to the utterance of a falsehood; moreover, it was proved to your Committee, that when the application for Lodge, No. , was handed to him, he examined it carefully for some time, and appeared to read it before he signed it; and it is a very violent presumption to assume that he signed two applications without reading the contents, especially as he is admitted to be a man of intelligence, and he appears to have very many friends in the Fraternity who have expressed their regret at his present Masonic condition. There is but one course that can be taken; had his admission been innocently obtained, he still would be required to withdraw, as he cannot remain a Mason without the assent of the Grand Lodge, which would not be given without a request for it from Lodge, , whose rights have been infringed; but, admitted as he was, through the influence of a falsehood, he should be promptly expelled from Masonry, and to this effect your Committee report a resolution.

To prevent similar occurrences, your Committee recommend the establishment of a regulation, requiring the Grand Secretary to acknowledge promptly (which he may do through a printed form) the receipt of all notices of suspensions, expulsions, rejections, or applications for admission, and that no action shall be taken by a Lodge on any such subject, until after receipt of such acknowledgment, which shall be reported to the Lodge and entered upon the minutes.

Your Committee submit the following:

Resolved, That now a member of Lodge, No. , be expelled from the fraternity of Freemasonry, into which he unlawfully obtained admission, and that Lodge, No. , do declare him to be expelled, and strike his name from its roll of members as an expelled Mason.

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee on Appeals also offered the following resolutions, which were adopted by the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That all reports of the Committee on Appeals shall, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Lodge, together with the action thereon, be certified to the Lodges respectively whose conduct forms the subject of inquiry, shall be read by the Worshipful Master at the first stated meeting of the Lodge, and shall be fully entered upon its minutes.

Resolved, That the receipt of official communications between the Grand Secretary and the Secretary, or other officer of a Lodge, shall be promptly acknowledged; that without such acknowledgment no Lodge shall take action upon the subject of any such communication or notice, and every such acknowledgment of the Grand Secretary shall be stated to the Lodge at its first meeting, and be duly entered upon the minutes.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be forwarded to each Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

#### June 7, 1871.

The Committee on Appeals made a report as follows, white was adopted, viz.:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of , late a member of Lodge, No. respectfully report:

That this is the second appeal made by , from the action of Lodge, No. , in expelling him, the charges in each case being the same.

On the first occasion the Committee reversed the action of the Lodge, and reinstated the appellant, because the member preferring the charges against him was upon the committee to examine into them, and was a witness in their support. In the present instance the committee was the same (being the standing committee of the Lodge), with the exception of the member alluded to, another brother taking his place, he having ceased to be an officer of the Lodge. The appellant still complains of the organization of that committee, and that it was not an impartial one; that his resignation was tendered, and the Lodge refused to receive it. According to the By-Laws they had a right to

hold it over for one month. On the night he was reinstated by virtue of the decision of the Grand Lodge, the charges were renewed, and his resignation tendered with the result as stated. The second committee took the testimony, after notice, and in the presence of the appellant, and reported it back to the Lodge without any recommendation as to the course to be taken by the Lodge, when a motion was made in it to expel , and duly carried.

The Committee on Appeals, while not desirous of investigating facts already passed upon by the Subordinate Lodge, with a view to ascertain whether there had been any want of testimony to justify the finding and expulsion, have carefully examined it, and given due weight to all that has been offered in behalf of the appellant, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of Lodge, No. , in expelling , be and the same is hereby sustained.

Signed,

Chairman.

#### September 4, 1872.

In answer to a question in writing by some members of the Grand Lodge, the Right Worshipful Grand Master made the following decision:

QUESTION. A person having received the E. A. degree in a Lodge in this jurisdiction, can any other Lodge confer the remaining degrees upon him, on a request for such purpose being made by the Lodge which initiated him, and of which the applicant is still a member?

Decision. That there is no authority in the Regulations of the Grand Lodge for one Lodge to confer degrees on members of another Lodge. An E. A. must receive the degrees of F. C. and M. M. in the Lodge in which he was entered, unless he first resigns his membership in that Lodge, and regularly apply for and be elected to membership in another Lodge, which can then confer upon him the remaining degrees. The same rule must govern a F. C. Mason. A Lodge does not obtain authority to confer degrees on a member of another Lodge by the request of that Lodge.

#### March 5, 1873.

The Special Committee on the appeal of Brother against Brother , Worshipful Master of Lodge, No. , offered the following report, which was accepted, and the resolution adopted:

WHEREAS, The charges made against the Worshipful Master of Lodge, No. , on examination appear in no wise to relate to the action or Masonic conduct of the said Worshipful Master, as the Master of his Lodge, and as the brother has served out his time as the Master, therefore if any grounds of complaint exist, it is against the brother as a Master Mason and member of Lodge, No.

The Committee unanimously agree to offer the following.

Resolved, That the complaint and charges of Brother against the Worshipful Master of Lodge, No., be dismissed, and Brother directed to make his complaint and charges against Brother before Lodge, No.

Respectfully submitted.
Signed,

Chairmar.

## June 4, 1873.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report in the case of the appeal of against Lodge, No., which was approved, and the resolutions adopted, as follows:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The cause for this appeal and protest is found in the following facts, admitted to be as stated in the case presented.

Mr. , a highly honorable and respectable citizen of , within the jurisdiction of Lodge, No. , made the usual application, on petition, for the rights and privileges of Freemasonry to said Lodge at its meeting held April, 1872.

The petition took the course prescribed by the regulations of the Grand Lodge.

He was balloted for and approved July, 1872. At a special meet-

ing of the Lodge held in July (two weeks later), Mr. was made ready for the ancient ceremonies. The Worshipful Master having been informed of this fact, directed the Junior Warden to perform his duty.

At this point in the proceedings, Brother objected to further action in this case.

The Worshipful Master, after hearing the objection, decided that as Mr. was already prepared, he thought it would not be proper to stop in the midst of the ceremony of initiation and dismiss the candidate from that point; that he could not conscientiously do so; that if Brother had made his objection before the degree was in part conferred, his objection would have been considered; that after conferring the degree was completed, he could prefer charges, if he had any, and they would be acted upon at the proper time, etc.

Brother then retired from the Lodge, and the Worshipful Master initiated Mr.

Against this decision, and the proceedings consequent thereon,

Brother protests, and appeals to the Grand Lodge for
redress.

The arguments made before your Committee in support of this decision of the Worshipful Master are, that the degree of preparation is one part, and the proceedings which follow chronologically are severally other parts, till the whole is consummated, and this constitutes the entirety of the degree. It is further argued by the respondents that the decision of the Grand Lodge, "No man can enter the Lodge who is not under the tongue of good Masonic report, although they stand upon the very threshold, and knock ever so loudly," does not apply to one who has passed the threshold into the preparing room; that once in the preparing room he has passed this threshold, and the degree has begun, and it is too late to make any objection. This is the gist of the respondents, argument, made to justify the action of Lodge, No., after the appellant's objection was made.

It is with deep regret your Committee cannot sustain this view

of the reasons presented on behalf of the Lodge. It is a Lodge of high character, one of the oldest in the jurisdiction, composed of members who are an honor to the craft, and presided over by officers of great purity of Masonic character and intentions, but it has erred unintentionally in the case under consideration.

This Grand Lodge has decided too often to be now a subject for either question or doubt, that the initiation makes the member of the Lodge, and initiation is conferred and consummated in, by, and through that ceremony in which the candidate and the Worshipful Master only participate, and it is that ceremony alone, and distinct from all that precedes or follows, which makes the degree. That being the degree, an objection up to the point of beginning that ceremony is in time to stop, put an end to all further proceedings, and the member making an objection cannot be questioned as to either his motive or his reasons.

The preparing for an act is not a part of an act itself. The line that circumscribes preparation, separates it very widely from that threshold to which the Grand Lodge decision already quoted, refers; for, from the preparing room to that threshold there are many trials to be undergone, before any candidate is in a condition to enter upon that ceremony which alone makes the degree.

The Masonic definition and interpretation of preparation is, being ready, in a state of readiness, for something that in itself is wholly independent of this state of readiness, to undertake, perform, undergo, or receive, what may not be attained, notwithstanding perfect preparation.

According to the Landmarks, usages, and customs of Freemasonry, your Committee are required to sustain the appeal in this case. The Grand Lodge has heretofore so decided, as fully appears in its decisions, February 2, 1857, Ahiman Rezon; and June 3, 1861, A. R.

Your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Brother against the action of
Lodge, No. , in conferring on Mr. the rights and privileges of Free
masonry, be sustained, and the case remitted to Lodge, No.

to be taken up again by said Lodge, as of the time the same Lodge had ballotted for and approved said Mr. as worthy of initiation and membership; and that all the proceedings heretofore had in said Lodge in the case of said Mr. from and after said ballot and approval, are declared null and void.

Respectfully submitted,
Signed, , Chairman
Committee on Appeals.

#### December 28, 1874.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, which was approved, and the resolution adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The appeal of Brothers and from the decision of the Worshipful Master of Lodge, No., who decided that a proposed new section of a By-Law, relating to special meetings, was out of order. A committee had reported the section, and when it came up for discussion and action the Worshipful Master, considering that it conflicted with the directions of the Ahiman Rezon, ruled it out of order, and from this decision the brethren have made their appeal.

That the section was in violation of the law of the Grand Lodge is clear, and indeed it was admitted by the appealing brethren to be so, but they insisted, however, that it was the Worshipful Master's duty to allow the Lodge to pass upon it, and that its invalidity or unconstitutionality (taking the Ahiman Rezon as the Constitution) did not justify him in pronouncing it out of order; that order, under the parliamentary law, did not pertain to the merits of a proposition, but simply to those rules universally recognized, which regulate business and enforce decorum, and that this was not a point of order which the Worshipful Master had the right to decide.

Such is not the law anywhere, and most certainly it is not the Masonic law; it is the bounden duty of the Worshipful Master to enforce the laws of the Grand Lodge; to submit to the Lodge a proposition in violation of them, and run the risk of its adoption, would subject the Worshipful Master to a just criticism.

The ordinary rules of order for the purpose of governing the proceedings are accepted only when they are in harmony with the higher regulations, and as our Grand Lodge is the source of all authority where it has spoken, any attempt to contradict or oppose its edicts must be promptly put down by the Worshipful Master of the subordinate Lodge.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved. That the action of the Worshipful Master of Lodge, No. , in deciding it to be out of order to discuss a proposed By-Law which was in conflict with the directions of the Ahiman Rezon, was entirely right and proper, and that the appeal from his decision be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted, Signed,

Chairman pro tem.

#### December 1, 1875.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, which was approved, and the resolution adopted:

To the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Brother from the action of Lodge, No. , in the matter of charges and action thereon of said Lodge, made against Past Master, ask leave respectfully to report that the undisputed facts of the case may be summed up as follows:

made application for initiation and membership in Lodge, No. , that objections were interposed, and the petition of said was withdrawn. Subsequently the said made application to Lodge, No. ; that said Lodge com-

municated, as required by the rules of the Grand Lodge, with , Lodge, No. , on the subject. Lodge. Lodge, No. . addressed , in reply to the No. information sought. At this time Brother was the Worshipful Master of Lodge, No. , and as Worshipful Master he knew there were serious objections on the part of Lodge, No. , as well as Lodge, No. , both of the same city, to the initiation of said

Notwithstanding said Masonic information by the said
he accompanied said to a meeting of Lodge, No.
, and was present thereat when said was ballotted for,
and approved, and initiated, without either expressing any objection, or asking and ascertaining from Lodge, No.
, if it had received the reply of Lodge, No.
, of which
he was then the Worshipful Master, to the request of
Lodge, No.
, as to the propriety of Lodge, No.
, taking action on the petition of said

Charges for this unmasonic conduct of Brother were made against him in Lodge, No. , after he had served his term of service as Worshipful Master. The Lodge appointed a committee to investigate the said charges preferred against Brother C. A. S., and the committee found by its report that the said charges were sustained.

A resolution suspending said from membership was reported to said Lodge, and after full discussion of the resolution, the Lodge refused to adopt said resolution. These facts do not appear to be questioned.

The gist of the offence against Masonic law, usage, and landmarks, of which is charged with having committed, is
limited to the single act of his being present in Lodge,
No. , when, and at a regular stated meeting thereof, he witnessed the favorable action of said Lodge on the petition of an
individual who was ballotted for, and approved, and found worthy
of initiation and membership in said Lodge, when he, the said

knew from lawful Masonic information, that insurmountable obstacles existed, which, if communicated to the said Lodge, No. , by him, the said would have stopped the proceedings on the part of Lodge, No.

This is a very grave Masonic offence. It is one which the Grand Lodge holds to be inexcusable, and the Landmark of Masonry visits with the penalty which must exclude the guilty from all association with the Fraternity.

Ignorance, inexperience, or lack of knowledge, or want of Masonic light, cannot for a moment be permitted to exempt one guilty from the penalty. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge has not the power in such a case to exempt one shown to have violated a Landmark from the punishment which can only follow the commission of the offence. It is beyond the power of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge. An attempt to exercise such a power is impossible of a successful result. It is a Landmark that has been violated, and the Grand Lodge has no authority over the penalty for violating a Landmark. None! The case stands beyond the reach of remedy.

Your Committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Lodge, No. , be directed to expel from membership.

Respectfully submitted, Signed,

Chairman of Committee.

#### December 27, 1876.

The Committee on Appeals made the following report, which, on motion, was accepted:

To the Grand Lodge:

The Committee of Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of Brother , of Lodge No. , from the action of that Lodge in his case, asks leave respectfully to report:

The charges against Brother turn on the single specification of perjury, alleged to have been committed by him in his capacity as an officer of a bank, in swearing to certain statements as to the condition of said bank, and thereby injuring some brother Masons who were directors of that institution. The other charges need not be considered, as the Grand Lodge has over and over again, from case down to the present time, decided these could not be considered by Masonic authority in order to obtain Masonic penalties.

The charges of perjury fail in this case, because there is no evidence submitted by the Lodge that the act complained of was perjury at law.

Your Committee are unanimous in deciding that if in any transactions, by a member of the Lodge, he commits wilful, deliberate perjury, it matters not in what transaction, whether in business relations with Masons or with the profane, and the crime is proved either in the courts of the country or before his Lodge, or any regularly constituted Masonic tribunal, such a person is disqualified, both in morals or in Freemasonry, from continuing his membership in the Lodge, and he should be expelled. Perjury is such a heinous moral offence that it utterly vitiates the Masonic relations, and destroys the tie which binds the Brotherhood; and he who is guilty is unworthy of the respect, confidence, and association of Freemasons, and must be driven out of a Fraternity which places such paramount, sacred,

and solemn reliance in the honor, truth, and veracity of all its members.

With the expression of this unanimous opinion by your Committee, that no possible misunderstanding of its meaning may exist, your Committee sustain the appeal of Brother

On behalf of the Committee.

RICHARD VAUX, Chairman pro tem.

#### December 5, 1877.

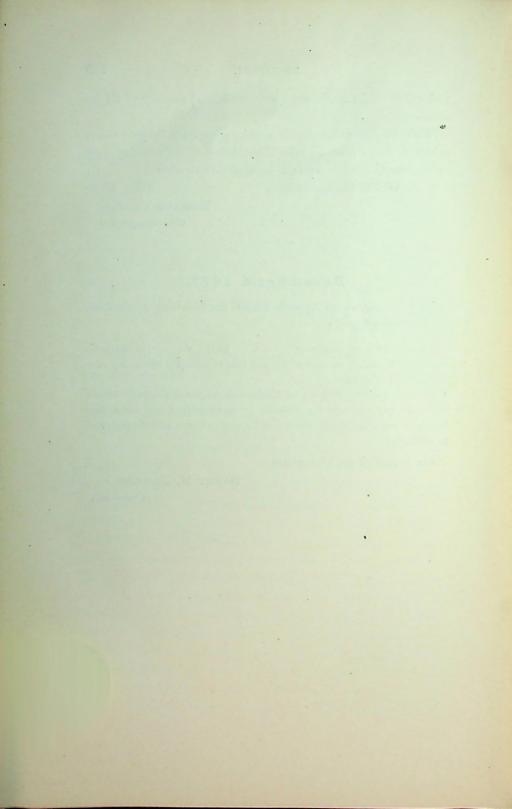
The Committee on Appeals offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the action of Lodge, No. , in admitting Honorary Members, was erroneous, and that it promptly strike any such from its roll of members.

Resolved, That the Worshipful Master and the Lodge erred in taking a ballot for any applicant for initiation or membership before the written favorable report of the Committee of Inquiry had been actually presented to the Lodge.

On behalf of the Committee.

HENRY M. PHILLIPS, Chairman.



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