

REVISED  
CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
**Grand Lodge of F. & A. Masons**  
OF THE  
STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
ALSO THE  
EDICTS  
NOW IN FORCE.



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# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

## GRAND LODGE OF MICHIGAN.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SEC. 1. The style of this Grand Lodge shall Style.  
be "The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted  
Masons of the State of Michigan."

SEC. 2. The members of the Grand Lodge Members.  
are the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters who  
are members of subordinate Lodges, and Past  
Masters of any Lodges in this State who are  
members of subordinate Lodges, and who have  
been elected and presided over a Lodge one year  
or more, to be honorary members thereof, with-  
out the right to vote, excepting the last Past  
Master, who shall be a full member thereof, and  
the W. Master, Senior and Junior Wardens of  
subordinate Lodges, or of such representatives  
as may occasionally be appointed in the room of  
Masters or Wardens unable to attend.

SEC. 3. There shall not be any Grand Lodge How formed.  
opened for work, unless there be present a rep-  
resentation from at least nine subordinate work-  
ing Lodges.

Annual  
meeting.

SEC. 4. The annual meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held on the second Wednesday in January, in such place as may be determined at the Grand Annual Communication, at which meeting the Grand Officers shall be installed. And special meetings may be called by the Grand Master, but no regulation, affecting the general interests of the Craft, shall be changed except at the annual meeting.

Officers.

SEC. 5. The Officers, to be elected by the Grand Lodge, are: The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Visitor and Lecturer, Grand Chaplain, Senior and Junior Grand Deacons, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword-bearer, Grand Pursuivant, and Grand Steward and Tiler.

Their rank  
and titles.

SEC. 6. The Grand Officers shall be titled and rank in the following order, to wit :

1. The Most Worshipful Grand Master.
2. The Rt. Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.
3. The Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.
4. The Worshipful Junior Grand Warden.
5. The Most Reverend Grand Chaplain.
6. The Grand Secretary.
7. The Grand Treasurer.
8. The Senior Grand Deacon.
9. The Junior Grand Deacon.
10. The Grand Marshal.
11. The Grand Sword bearer.
12. The Grand Pursuivant.
13. The Grand Steward and Tiler.

## ARTICLE II.

## OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GRAND LODGE.

SEC. 1. Every Brother deputed to represent a Master or Warden, or the entire Lodge, in case the Master and Wardens are all absent, shall be furnished with a certificate of his appointment, under the seal of the Lodge appointing him, and the attestation of the Secretary thereof.

Mode of appointment.

SEC. 2. Representatives shall be chosen from among the members of the Lodge appointing them.

SEC. 3. No Master, Warden, or Representative from any subordinate Lodge shall be permitted to sit in that capacity in the Grand Lodge, at the annual Grand Communication, until all the dues from such Lodge, to the Grand Lodge, are paid; provided that a Grand Lodge can be otherwise formed.

Lodge dues to be paid.

SEC. 4. Lodges in the Upper Peninsula, so called, of this jurisdiction, shall have the right to be represented by proxies to Brethren, not members of their respective Lodges, provided such persons shall be members of some Lodge in this jurisdiction.

Represented by proxies.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1. The M. W. Grand, Master, R. W. Deputy Grand Master, W. Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, the M. Rev. Grand Chaplain, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, and

Mode of election and term of Sec.

the Grand Visitor and Lecturer shall be elected by ballot, and shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes shall be necessary to a choice in each case above enumerated.

Who are eligible.

SEC. 2. The several Grand Officers shall be chosen from among the working members of the subordinate Lodges, but no such member shall be eligible to an office, if by his election thereto he shall be raised to a higher degree than he may have attained in his said Lodge.

Withdrawal from mem: in sub: Lodge, vacates office in G. L.

SEC. 3. Any Grand Officer who shall, during the term for which he was chosen, withdraw from the Lodge of which he was a member at the time he was elected to such office, shall thereby vacate said office, and his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge.

Right of voting in the G. L. defined.

SEC. 4. Each regular member of the Grand Lodge (except Masters and Wardens) shall, as such, be entitled to one vote, and each subordinate Lodge represented therein, to three votes, which shall be given by the Master and Wardens or by their Representatives; but no Representative from a subordinate Lodge shall be allowed to vote in each of the respective capacities of member and representative, but shall be restricted to a single vote, as one or the other.

Lodges U. D.

SEC. 5. Lodges U. D. are considered merely as Agents, and their officers are not privileged with a vote in the Grand Lodge, until the said Lodge shall have received its Warrant, and the officers thereof been duly installed. They may

be allowed to speak to all questions, and shall be entitled to the same mileage and per diem attendance as Members.

## ARTICLE IV.

### OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

SEC. 1. The Grand Master has authority to convene the Grand Lodge whenever it shall appear to him that the interests of the Craft render the same necessary or expedient, and in case of the death or removal of a Grand Officer, or the refusal of any Grand Officer elect to serve or be personally installed therein, he shall have power to fill such vacancy by the nomination, appointment, and installation of any brother otherwise eligible to the same. He is invested with the power of granting dispensations at his discretion, during the recess of the Grand Lodge, to convene any subordinate Lodge at his pleasure; preside therein; inspect the proceedings of the same, and to require a strict conformity to the rules of the fraternity. But he is prohibited from making Masons at sight.

Powers and duties of G'nd Mast'r defined

SEC. 2. In case of the death or absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside at the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and shall exercise all the powers, and become liable to perform all the duties of the Grand Master.

Deputy Grand Master.

SEC. 3. The Grand Warden, in case of the death or absence of the Grand Master and Dep-

Grand Warden.

uty Grand Master, shall, according to seniority, preside at the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and assume the prerogatives and duties of Grand Master, for all regular and necessary purposes. They shall assist in the administration of the affairs of the Grand Lodge, and diligently preserve and maintain the ancient land-marks of the Order throughout the jurisdiction.

Grand Secretary.

To file petitions, &c.

Authenticate all papers issued by G. L.

Attend Grand Lodge and G. Master.

Keep sundry accounts.

SEC. 4. It is made the duty of the Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Lodge; to register all warrants, dispensations, certificates, and the names of all the members of subordinate Lodges returned for registry; to furnish the chairman of every committee with the files, records, and papers in his custody relating to the business of such committee; to receive, file and record all petitions, applications and appeals, and sign and certify all instruments issued by authority of the Grand Lodge. To receive, credit and record all moneys paid into the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same without delay to the Grand Treasurer. He is charged with all the correspondence of the Grand Lodge, under direction of the Grand Master, and, in conformity with the established usages of Masonry, he shall attend upon the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, when required, with all records and papers that may be necessary for the transaction of business. He shall keep an account of all penalties incurred, and report the same to the Grand Lodge. He shall countersign all drafts upon the Grand Treasurer, keep an accurate account with



the several Lodges under this jurisdiction; have charge of the seal; issue summons' when directed by the Senior Officer of the Grand Lodge; countersign, when required, all diplomas granted by subordinate Lodges, and certify to the regularity and good standing of such Lodge, and shall affix thereto the seal of this Grand Lodge, and shall be entitled to receive for the same the sum of fifty cents. He shall give early notice to the Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge, of any changes which may take place in its officers, accompanied with specimens of their hand writing and true signatures, and shall, at the same time, request a reciprocation of similar documents, and shall do and perform all such duties as are incidental to his office, and incumbent on him by general usage; and shall receive such compensation as the Grand Lodge may direct.

Issue summons.

Fees for diploma.

To notify correspondents of G. Lodge.

Compensation

SEC. 5. The Grand Treasurer shall keep a just and fair account of all moneys received and paid by him on account of the Grand Lodge, and shall exhibit a statement of such receipts and payments at its annual meeting. He shall promptly pay the drafts of the presiding officer of the Grand Lodge, attested by the Grand Secretary, out of any moneys in his hands belonging to the Grand Lodge, and, whenever required by the Grand Master, shall give security for the faithful performance of his trust.

Grand Treasurer.

Render accounts.

Pay drafts.

May be required to give security

SEC. 6. The Grand Chaplain shall perform G. Chaplain.

the religious services and solemnities of the Grand Lodge.

G. Sword  
bearer.

SEC. 7. The Grand Sword-bearer shall carry the Sword in procession, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

G. Marshal to  
conduct pro-  
cessions, &c.

SEC. 8 The Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation, conduct all the processions of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

Gd. Stewards.

SEC. 9. The Grand Stewards shall provide suitable refreshments when directed so to do by the Grand Lodge, and shall superintend the provision to be made for festivals.

Gd. Deacons.

SEC. 10. The Grand Deacons shall perform their proper masonic duties, and assist within the body of the Grand Lodge.

G. Pursuivant

SEC. 11. The Grand Pursuivant shall communicate with the Grand Tiler, announce in due masonic form all applications for admission, and have in charge the jewels and regalia of the Grand Lodge.

Gd. Tiler.

SEC. 12. The Grand Tiler shall guard the door of the Grand Lodge on the outside, report all persons claiming admission, and see that none enter unauthorized. He shall summon the Grand Lodge when required, and discharge such other official duties as it may from time to time direct, for which service he shall be entitled to an equitable compensation from the Grand Lodge.

Summon Gd.  
Lodge.

Compensation

Shall not vote

He shall have no vote therein during his continuance in office, and no brother below the degree of Master Mason shall be eligible to the office.

## ARTICLE V.

## OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SEC. 1. No subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction shall hold more than one regular meeting in each lunar month, except the festivals of St. John's, and no candidate shall be balloted for in less than ten days after his petition shall have been referred.

Regular Meetings.

Ballotting for Candidates.

SEC. 2. A subordinate Lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Secretary, Treasurer, Senior and Junior Deacons, Tiler, and as many members as may be convenient.

Who shall constitute a Lodge.

SEC. 3. No Brother shall be eligible to the office of Master of a Lodge, unless he shall previously have been a Warden of a regular Lodge, except in case of the formation of a new Lodge, when no past or former Warden can be found among its members.

Who shall be eligible to the office of W.M.

SEC. 4. The Master and the Senior and Junior Wardens shall be annually elected by ballot at the regular Communication of the Lodge next preceding the festival of St. John, the Evangelist, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master during vacation. They shall hold their offices for one year, and until others are elected and installed in their stead. Each member of the Lodge in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote, and, in case of a tie, the presiding officer shall have an additional vote.

Election of Masters and Wardens.

Their term of office.

Who shall vote.

SEC. 5. When all have voted who have a right and desire so to do, the Secretary shall carefully

Secretary to canvass the votes.

examine and count the ballots, and report the result to the Lodge, and the Brother having a majority of the votes shall be declared elected. All the other officers of the Lodge, not named in the preceding section, shall be elected or appointed in such a way and manner as each Lodge may for itself direct.

Other officers,  
how chosen.

SEC. 6. By the term jurisdiction is understood the geographical centre between contiguous Lodges.

Jurisdiction.

SEC. 7. No Lodge shall initiate a candidate who has not resided six months within the jurisdiction of said Lodge, or who resides within the accredited jurisdiction of another Lodge, or who has been previously rejected by another Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, unless said candidate shall produce the written recommendation of the three highest officers of the Lodge in which he was rejected, or from whose jurisdiction he shall hail; nor shall any candidate be admitted a member of any other Lodge than that to which he first applied, within one year from the time of such application, without a written recommendation to that effect from seven members of the Lodge (including the Master and Wardens,) in which the same was so rejected. It shall be the duty of each Lodge under this jurisdiction, to communicate all rejections to contiguous Lodges as well as to the Grand Lodge; accurate records of which shall be kept by each Lodge transmitting the same.

Regulations in  
regard to the  
initiation  
of Candidates.

Rejected  
Candidates.

Duty of Lo'gs  
in regard to  
rejected  
Candidates.

Candidate can-  
not withdraw  
his petition.

SEC. 8. No candidate for initiation can with-

draw his petition after the same has been referred to a committee, without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present.

SEC. 9. Every candidate for advancement in any Lodge under this jurisdiction, shall first be examined in open Lodge as to his proficiency the degree or degrees previously conferred.

Examination of Candidates for advancement.

SEC. 10. No Lodge under this jurisdiction shall confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, (unless the candidate be a Clergyman,) for any less sum than fifteen dollars, and the fees for each degree shall be paid in cash at the time of receiving the same. No credit shall be allowed.

Fees for the degrees

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Lodge (in addition to his other duties) to transmit to the Grand Secretary at least two weeks before the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge in each year, a return of the officers and members of his Lodge, and also of all resignations, withdrawals, or deaths which may have taken place since the preceding return, in conformity with the forms hereto annexed, and keep on file a duplicate thereof.

Secretary of sub. Lodge to make returns to G. Lodge.

SEC. 12. No case of suspension or expulsion shall be made public in any way, either written, printed, or oral, unless otherwise directed by a majority of two-thirds of the members present at the time of such expulsion, and upon a concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at the time of any such expulsion it shall be proper for

Case of suspension and expulsion not to be publish'd

any Lodge to publish the name of any expelled member with the cause of such expulsion.

Term of membership.

SEC. 13. No Mason can be a member of more than one Lodge at the same time—nor shall any member be permitted to withdraw from his Lodge until all dues to the same are paid or remitted.

Who may visit.

SEC. 14. No Mason residing within the accredited jurisdiction of a working Lodge shall visit the same more than three times without becoming a member thereof, (unless sojourners) except they be members in good standing of some Lodge within this jurisdiction.

## ARTICLE VI.

### MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS.

Received by recommendation from other Lodges.

SEC. 1. No Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft initiated or passed in any Lodge within this jurisdiction, shall be passed or received into any other Lodge than that in which he was so initiated or passed, without a recommendation from the same to that effect.

Proposition & ballot for candidates.

SEC. 2. No candidate for initiation shall be proposed and balloted for at the same meeting, nor balloted for at any other than a regular communication.

Who can be members.

SEC. 3. None but Master Masons can be members of a Lodge.

Power of sub. Lodges in regard to differences among its members.

SEC. 4. Each subordinate Lodge shall have power to hear and determine on matters of difference between its own members and suspend

or expel with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present. In case of suspension two-thirds of the members may restore, but in one of expulsion an unanimous vote shall be requisite to a restoration.

SEC. 5. Any Brother deeming himself aggrieved by the decision of his Lodge, may appeal, in writing, to the Grand Lodge, by whom such order shall be taken relating thereto as the nature of the case may require.

Aggrieved members may appeal to the Gd. Lodge.

SEC. 6. Every Lodge within this jurisdiction shall have and enjoy full power to regulate its internal police by the adoption of a constitution, by-laws, and other regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, or the ancient usages of the fraternity.

Lodges may adopt constitution and by-laws.

SEC. 7. No Lodge can surrender its charter to the Grand Lodge without first taking the same steps at a regular meeting thereof, which, by its constitution or by-laws would have been required for amendments to said instrument, or for its total abrogation; and that in all cases, written notice of the intention to surrender a charter should be given to every member of said Lodge, within its jurisdiction, at least one month preceding the regular meeting at which action is proposed to be had.

How Lodges may surrender their Charter.

SEC. 8. Lodges are required upon the expulsion of a Brother for any other cause than non-payment of dues, forthwith to make a report of their proceedings in the case to the Grand Secretary, in order that in the event of an appeal, the

In case of suspension or expulsion Lodge to report to G. Lodge.

Grand Lodge may be enabled to come to an immediate decision thereon.

Lodges how  
forfeit their  
warrants.

SEC. 9. Any Lodge neglecting to assemble for one year, or to make returns and pay its dues for two years, shall forfeit its warrant and surrender the same to the Grand Secretary.

Funerals and  
processions.

SEC. 10. There shall be no funeral or other procession of Masons under this jurisdiction except by permission of a regularly constituted Lodge or of the presiding officer thereof.

Revenues of  
Gd. Lodge.

SEC. 11. The revenues of this Grand Lodge shall be derived from the following sources, to wit:

Fees for war-  
rants, dispen-  
sations, &c.

For every warrant to form a new Lodge,	\$50 00
For every dispensation to form a new Lodge, (to be applied as part of the fees for a warrant, in case the Lodge shall be warranted at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.)	20 00
For a dispensation to confer three degrees at one meeting,	10 00
For a dispensation to confer any one degree,	5 00
For every Grand Lodge certificate, including Secretary's fees,	1 00
For every person initiated,	1 00
For every Master Mason from without the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge admitted as a member of a Lodge within the same,	1 00
Subordinate Lodges shall pay annually for each of its members (honorary members, Secretaries and Clergymen excepted.)	.25



**SEC. 12.** It shall be the duty of the committee of accounts to report to the Grand Lodge annually the state of its funds.

Committee of accounts.

**SEC. 13.** It shall be the duty of all Lodges under this jurisdiction to be particularly careful to admit no candidate of bad moral character or intemperate habits within their Lodges, and whenever that vice shall appear among their own members, it shall be the duty of the Lodge, forthwith, to appoint a suitable committee to wait upon such Brother and forewarn him or them of the evil consequences, and if not reclaimed, after a reasonable time, such Lodge or Lodges shall forthwith proceed to make out a summons for such offenders, to appear before the Lodge to answer for such unmasonic conduct, and unless such offender shall satisfy the Lodge that he will abandon those habits, (and in that case they may stay further proceedings until sufficient opportunity be given to test the sincerity of the promise,) they shall proceed to suspend him for a limited time, and when that shall have expired, if not reclaimed, then they shall proceed to expel him from all the benefits of Masonry.

Vice and Intemperance.

**SEC. 14.** The use of distilled spirits or fermented drinks in Lodge rooms, at Lodge meetings, is of evil example and productive of pernicious effects, the same is therefore expressly and absolutely forbidden under any pretence whatever.

Use of spirits in Lodges forbidden.

Powers and  
Jurisdiction  
further defined

SEC. 15. This Grand Lodge shall have, exercise and enjoy, full and complete appellate and corrective powers, in all cases relative to the fraternity, within the State of Michigan. It shall have power to assess such contributions, from time to time, as the welfare of the Craft may require, and to warrant and organize Lodges within this State. All warrants for Lodges shall be prepared by the Grand Secretary and signed by the Grand Officers.

Of clandestine  
assemblies—  
intercourse  
forbidden.

SEC. 16. No Lodge or Assembly of Master Masons which shall hereafter be formed within the State of Michigan, shall be deemed legal without the sanction of this Grand Lodge being first obtained. Masonic communication either public or private between Lodges and their members under this jurisdiction, and such illegal Lodge or Assembly, and any member or members thereof, is strictly forbidden under the penalty of expulsion from the Lodge and exclusion from the benefits of Masonry.

Gd. Steward's  
Lodge.

SEC. 17. The Grand Lodge shall have power, whenever it shall deem the same expedient, to constitute and organize a Grand Steward's Lodge of Charity, according to the usages of Masonry; and also to elect a Grand Visitor and Lecturer, and define his duties.

Gd. Visitor.

Of amend-  
ments.

SEC. 18. All amendments and additions to this constitution must be submitted and approved

at a previous meeting to that in which they are acted upon or a copy of such alteration, addition or amendment must be served on and left with the Master of each of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, at least two months previous to being acted upon.

Attest:

*Jas. Fenton,*

*Grand Secretary.*





# BY-LAWS.

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**ART. 1.** At every communication of this Grand Lodge previous to the transaction of business, the Lodge shall be opened in proper form.

**ART. 2.** The Lodge to be opened within half an hour of the time appointed in the constitution, or in the notification in the case of an extra meeting, or as soon thereafter as a sufficient number shall appear.

**ART. 3.** No person shall be admitted in the Grand Lodge before his name shall be announced and leave given by the presiding officer; nor shall any Brother be admitted into the Grand Lodge, but such as are members, representatives or members of a subordinate Lodge, or admitted as a witness, petitioner, or by a vote of this Grand Lodge.

**ART. 4.** After reading the proceedings of the last meeting, the appointment of committees shall be first in order; then the presenting and hearing petitions; the reports of committees previously appointed, and the unfinished business; and no new motion or other business shall be received without first obtaining leave of the Grand Lodge, until the former is disposed of.

**ART. 5.** The committees to be appointed at each stated meeting of the Grand Lodge, in pursuance of the preceding article, are :

<p>A Committee of Grievances,          A Committee of Accounts,          A Committee of Examination, and          A Committee of Foreign Correspondence.</p>	}	<p>To consist of three          members each.</p>
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The three first to report before closing the Lodge and the latter at the next regular meeting of the Grand Lodge; and to whom, in the mean time the Grand Secretary shall transmit the proceedings and other communications received from the several Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge.

**ART. 6.** All committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master, unless otherwise specially directed by the Grand Lodge. In case of a ballot, a majority of votes shall be necessary to a choice.

**ART. 7.** When a member is about to speak, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address himself to the "Most Worshipful Grand Master."

**ART. 8.** If a member, in speaking, or otherwise, shall transgress the rules of the Grand Lodge, any member may call him to order, and he shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain. The Grand Master shall decide all questions of order, without debate, with the right of appeal from his decision to the Grand Lodge, in all cases where the imperative charges assented to by the Grand Master at his installation are not thereby infringed. And any member called to order may be either permitted to proceed, or shall be censured, or fined, as may be determined upon.

**ART. 9.** No motion for reconsideration shall be in order,

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unless made within twenty-four hours after the question shall have been decided; nor shall it be in order, unless moved by one of the majority.

ART. 10. No member or Lodge shall vote on any question in the event of which he or it is immediately interested; nor shall any member vote if he was not present when the question was stated.

ART. 11. Every motion requiring to be recorded, shall be in writing.

ART. 12. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the presiding officer, or read by the Grand Secretary, if in writing, and the question of consideration, shall then first be decided.

ART. 13. When the reading of any paper is called for, and objected to by a member, it shall be determined by vote.

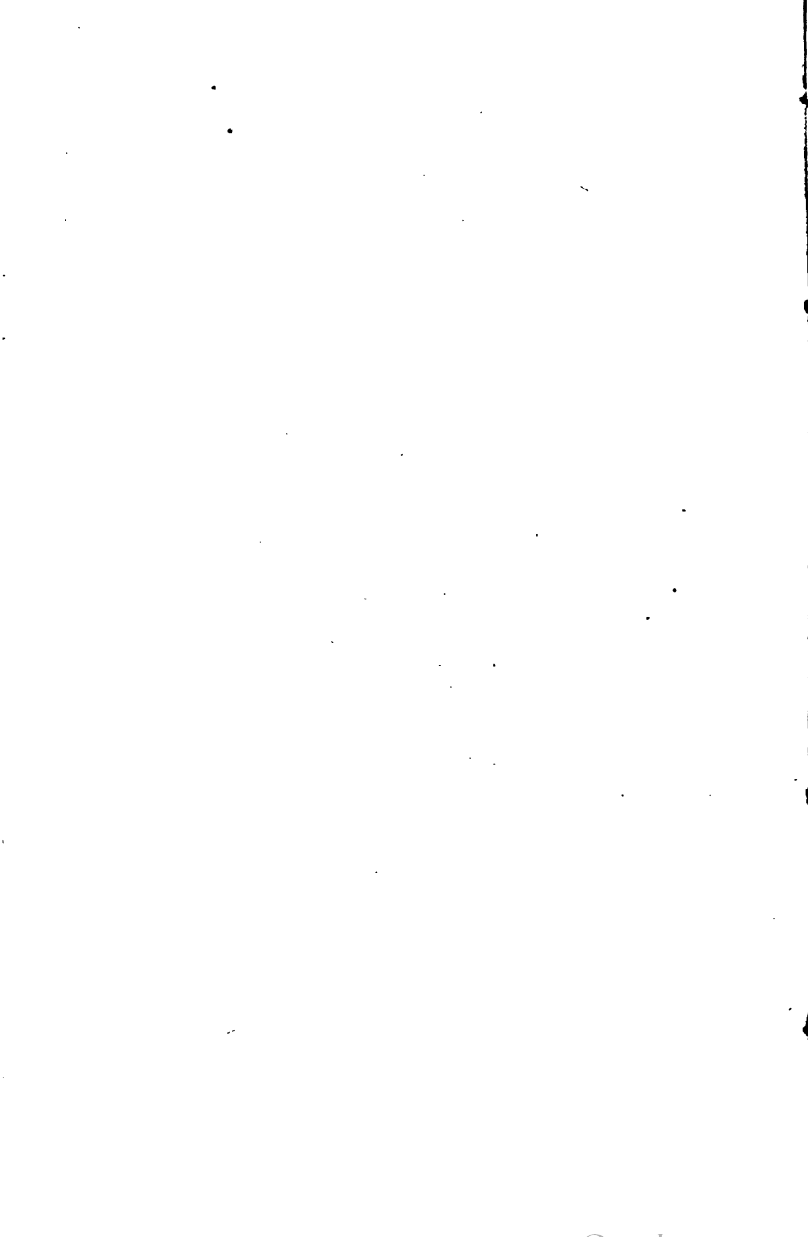
ART. 14. No new motion or proposition except to adjourn shall be admitted while a question is pending before the Grand Lodge.

ART. 15. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject, unless he obtain the consent of the Grand Lodge.

ART. 16. All reports of committees shall be made in writing, and signed by at least a majority of the committee.

ART. 17. Any of the above By-Laws may be amended, or, when necessary, postponed for the time being, on the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, or a majority of the Lodges.

ART. 18. The usual Rules of Parliamentary practice governing American legislative bodies are not objectionable in Grand or subordinate Lodges, so far as they do not conflict with the peculiarities of the Masonic Institution, or with the well known prerogatives of its officers





**EDICTS**  
OF THE  
**GRAND LODGE OF F. & A. MASONS,**  
OF THE  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN.**

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I.

Passed, January 9, 1845.

*Resolved,* That this Grand Lodge do adopt the work approved and recommended by the National Convention of Grand Lodges, held at the city of Baltimore, in the month of May, A. L. 5843, and that this Grand Lodge recommend to the subordinate Lodges under its jurisdiction the said mode of work, as is at this time practiced in Detroit Lodge No. 2.

II.

Passed, January 12, 1847.

*Resolved,* That Stoney Creek Lodge have the power to fix upon some other point within the township of Avon, than the village of Rochester, for holding their communications, and to remove their Lodge thereto.

## III.

Passed, January 14, 1847.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge approves of the "Crafts man," compiled by Bro. C. Moore, of Cincinnati, and recommend it to be used by the Lodges within this jurisdiction.

## IV.

Passed, January 13, 1848.

WHEREAS, It is understood by members of this Grand Lodge, that presiding officers of some of the subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, have been in the habit of presiding in said Lodges with a regalia foreign and entirely unknown to many of its members, therefore,

*Resolved*, That no presiding officer in any subordinate Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, is entitled to wear any other regalia, except that of a Master Mason; and any attempt to introduce any other, is an innovation upon the long established usages of Masonry, and one that cannot receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge, and is hereafter expressly prohibited.

## V.

Passed, January 14, 1848.

*Resolved*, As the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that any Master Mason, in good standing, within the accredited jurisdiction of any subordinate Lodge, and not a member thereof, or of any other Lodge, or been rejected by any other Lodge, may become a member of any Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, if the Lodge applied to shall see proper to receive him.

## VI.

Passed, January 10, 1850.

*Resolved*, As the sense of this Grand Lodge, that Masonic usage and principle, would authorize and require a subordinate Lodge to retrace their steps when found to have acted erroneously, therefore,

*Resolved*, That any subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, who have incorporated in their By-Laws any provision which prohibits said Lodges from reconsidering any vote or resolution, be requested to have the same expunged.

## VII.

*Resolved*, That one Representative from each subordinate Lodge which shall be represented in this Grand Lodge, be allowed six cents per mile for traveling fees, computing one way only, by the most usually traveled route; and one dollar per day for the time he shall actually attend the sitting of the Grand Lodge, to be paid on the certificate of the Auditor of Accounts.

*Provided*, That no Representative shall be paid a greater amount than the Lodge he represents shall have paid into the funds of this Grand Lodge, for the current year. And provided also, that no Representative be paid as the Representative of more than one Lodge.

Passed, January 10, 1850.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Officers be paid the same per diem and mileage as Representatives.

Passed, January 13, 1845.

## VIII.

Passed, January 10, 1850.

*Resolved*, That it is necessary for a Master Mason, when elected to preside over a Lodge, before entering upon the duties of his office, to receive a proper qualification, and that qualification shall be, to bind him faithfully and impartially to discharge the duties of a Master of a Lodge, together with the ancient charges and regulations, as laid down in Cross' Monitor and Moore's Craftsman, and nothing more; and that any Present or Past Master, who has received the aforesaid qualifications, be authorized to perform the said ceremony, when requested.

## IX.

Passed, January 10, 1850.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge respectfully recommend to the M. W. Grand Master, that no new Lodge be hereafter organized within the distance of ten miles of any other Lodge now at work in this jurisdiction, unless for special causes shown.

## X.

Passed, January 9, 1851.

*Resolved*, That every Brother ought to be a member of some Lodge, nor is it proper that any number of Brethren, should withdraw or separate themselves from the Lodge in which they are made, or were afterwards admitted members, without sufficient cause; although the right is an inherent one, and can never be restrained by any power whatever; still such a separation would be improper, unless the Lodge becomes too numerous for working; in which case a sufficient number may with-

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draw, with the approbation of their Lodge, in order to form a new one. *But before application can be made to the Grand Lodge, they shall pay all dues to their Lodge, and give them notice in writing, that they intend to apply to the Grand Lodge for a Dispensation to form a new one. The Lodge shall then certify to the Grand Lodge the cause of the application, and, at the same time, shall recommend the most fitting Brethren, as Master and Wardens, before they can obtain the Dispensation.*

## XI.

Passed, January 16, 1852.

*Resolved, That no ballot, either for candidates or degrees, shall be had in any but a Master's Lodge, and that no ballot shall be had for more than one degree at the same time.*

## XII.

Passed, January 16, 1852.

*Resolved, That for the present the funds of this Grand Lodge, should be loaned on first rate real estate security, on short time, in sums not to exceed, in any one case, the sum of \$400, by and under the direction of the Grand Treasurer, without in any case seeking to hold the present Grand Treasurer responsible for the duty hereby devolved upon him beyond a judicious discharge of his duty.*

## XIII.

Passed, January 16, 1852.

*Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized, and fully empowered, in the name of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Michi-*

gan, to collect, by legal proceedings or otherwise, any debt due the Grand Lodge, whenever, in his opinion, the interest of the Grand Lodge shall require such action.

## XIV.

Passed, January 12, 1854.

*Resolved*, That we believe it to be inconsistent with the principles of Ancient Free Masonry, for any Lodge to hold its regular or any other meeting on the Holy Sabbath for the initiating, passing, or raising a candidate, or for any other business except on funeral occasions or in cases of charity.

## XV.

Passed, January 12, 1854.

*Resolved*, That previous to entering upon his duties the Grand Visitor and Lecturer shall be examined by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary as to his competency for said duty, and if he prove himself qualified shall receive from them a certificate to that effect, and that without such certificate he shall not be entitled to any compensation whatever, neither shall he be permitted to lecture to any Lodge in this jurisdiction.

## XVI.

Passed, January 11, 1855.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge will not grant a Charter to a new Lodge unless the petition shall be accompanied with a certificate from the M. W. Grand Master or the R. W. Grand Visitor and Lecturer showing that the three first officers thereof are competent and duly qualified to perform the work required of them respectively and that they are conversant with the ancient charges and landmarks.

## XVII.

Passed, January 10, 1856.

*Resolved*, That the following Masonic clothing and insignia be established as the standard in this jurisdiction; and that all Lodges and Brethren, hereafter procuring new clothing, be recommended to have the same made in conformity with the following description, to wit:

## JEWELS.

The jewels of officers of the Grand Lodge, as well as of subordinate Lodges, shall be the same as are now in use, of a pattern to be found in the Grand Secretary's office.

## COLLARS.

Of officers of subordinate Lodges, to be of light blue ribbon or velvet, four inches broad.

The collar of the Grand Master shall be of purple, four inches broad, with narrow edge of gold lace, embroidered with acacia and pomegranate on the outside, and ornamented in the centre with pomegranate embroidered in gold.

Other Grand Officers, present and past, wear collars of purple ribbon, four inches broad, with narrow edging of gold lace cord.

## APRONS.

**ENTERED APPRENTICE.**—A plain white lamb skin or linen, from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, square at bottom and without ornament, white strings, with a flap or fall to be triangular in shape.

**FELLOW CRAFT.**—The same, with the addition only of two sky-blue rosettes at the bottom.

**MASTER MASONS.**—The same, with sky-blue lining and edging, one and a half inch deep, and an additional rosette on the fall or flap, and silver tassels. No other color, or ornament, shall be allowed, except to officers of Lodges, who may have the emblems of their office, in silver or white, in the centre of the apron.

**GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND LODGE, PRESENT AND PAST.**—Aprons of the same dimensions, lined with purple, and ornamented with gold and blue strings; they must have the emblems of their office in gold or blue, in the centre.

The apron of the DEPUTY GRAND MASTER to have the emblem of his office in gold or embroidery, in the centre, and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered in gold, on the edging.

The apron of the GRAND MASTER is ornamented with the blazing sun, embroidered in gold, in the centre; on the edging, the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

The MASTERS and PAST MASTERS of Lodges to wear, in lieu and in the place of the three rosettes on the Master Mason's apron, perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two inches and a half each, and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, or silver, half an inch broad, and, if ribbon, of the same color of the lining and edging of the apron. If GRAND OFFICERS, similar emblems, of Garter-blue or gold.

### XVIII.

Passed, January 16, 1856.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge that section IX, article 5, of the Constitution, be so construed that there shall be in fact an examination in open Lodge, of each candidate for advancement; separate and distinct from all or any examinations during the conferring degrees.

### XIX.

Passed, January 10, 1856.

*Resolved*, That the amendment to section 4, article II, of the Constitution, adopted at this session of the Grand Lodge, be so construed as to require the appointment of proxies from the Upper Peninsula, in the precise manner prescribed by section 1 of the same article of the Constitution.

### XX.

Passed, January 16, 1856.

*Resolved*, That subordinate Lodges have disciplinary con-



control over non-affiliated Masons residing within their respective accredited jurisdictions, and that they have a right to demand and receive dues from such non-affiliated Masons, and to suspend them for the non-payment of the same.

## XXI.

Passed, January 10, 1856.

The following code of By-Laws, is recommended by the Grand Lodge, to subordinate Lodges, for their adoption :

## B Y - L A W S

OF

LODGE NO.

OF

FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

HELD IN

County.

ARTICLE I. The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, and Tiler, all of whom shall be elected annually, by ballot, at the next regular meeting preceding December 27th, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

ART. 2. The regular meetings of this Lodge shall be held on the——day of——. The hour of assembling shall be —— o'clock, — M.

ART. 3. All applications for initiation or for membership shall be made in writing, signed by the petitioner, specifying his age, residence and occupation, and recommended by two members of the Lodge; they shall be presented at a regular meeting, and if received, be referred to a committee of three members for inquiry and report, and lie over until the next regular meeting; provided that no candidate shall be balloted for unless his petition shall have been referred ten days.

ART. 4. The fees for conferring the degrees of this Lodge shall be —— dollars.\* A *unanimous* vote must be had in favor of the applicant for each degree, or for admission to membership; and in no case shall a ballot be taken until the money required for the fee shall be in actual deposit.

ART. 5. After a petition has been received and noted upon the minutes, it shall not be withdrawn without the consent of three-fourths of the members present. If only one black ball appears, a second ballot may be taken, but in no case shall a third ballot be had.

ART. 6. Every candidate for passing or raising, shall, before the degree is conferred, be examined in open Lodge, in the degree already taken, and shall be found to possess a competent knowledge of that degree, before he progress.

ART. 7. Each member shall pay annually the sum of——dollars into the funds of the Lodge, at or before the regular meeting for the election of officers.

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\* Not less than fifteen.

ART. 8. Any member who shall be in arrear for one year's dues shall be suspended; and if, within a reasonable time thereafter, he does not remove the suspension by the payment of the dues, he shall be expelled.

ART. 9. Any member in good standing (not in arrear for dues,) shall be entitled to a Diploma, on proper application, and paying the Secretary one dollar for the use of the Lodge.

ART. 10. The Master and Wardens shall be, *ex-officio*, a committee of Charity, and have power, during recess of the Lodge, to draw orders on the Treasury for any sum not exceeding — dollars, for the relief of any one applicant.

ART. 11. No Brother shall be suspended or expelled for un-Masonic conduct of any description whatever, except for the non-payment of dues, unless it be upon written charges and specifications, made out and filed with the Secretary, who shall furnish the accused Brother a copy thereof, (if of a nature to be reduced to writing,) at least ten days previous to the trial, with notice of the time and place of trial. It is the privilege of the accused to take any proof or testimony to be heard in evidence that he may desire, upon giving three day's notice to the Master of the Lodge; and in all cases when the hearing comes on, the whole testimony shall be reduced to writing, and be carefully preserved by the Secretary of the Lodge. *Provided*, That when a Brother, charged as aforesaid, shall abscond, proceedings may be had in his absence, without notice.

ART. 12. Any Brother feeling himself aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge, pronounced against him, may, at any time within one year thereafter, take an appeal to the Grand Lodge; and on his application, it shall be the duty of the

Secretary to make out and forward to the Grand Secretary a certified copy of the proceedings had in his case, with the original testimony, so far as the same shall have been reduced to writing.

ART. 13. The W. Master shall, at the time of his installation, appoint a standing committee of three members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to take cognizance of the conduct of Brethren within the jurisdiction of the Lodge—reconcile difficulties that may arise among the Brethren,—and, when proper, prefer charges and specifications for the action of the Lodge.

ART. 14. When the Lodge is opened, the following order of Business shall be observed: 1st—Reading of the minutes. 2d—Reading and referring petitions. 3d—Receiving reports of committees. 4th—Balloting for candidates or for admission. 5th—Conferring degrees. 6th—Receiving and considering resolutions. 7th—Considering unfinished business. 8th—Disposing of such other business as may lawfully come before the Lodge.

ART. 15. Any Brother becoming a member of this Lodge, shall express his assent to these By-Laws by subscribing his name thereto.

ART. 16. No alteration or amendment of these By-Laws shall be made, unless the same be proposed in writing, at a regular meeting, when it shall be entered upon the minutes and lie over until the next regular meeting, when it shall require the sanction of three-fourths of the members present, and the approval of the Grand Lodge, for its adoption.

## XXII.

Passed, January 15, 1857.

*Resolved*, That permission be and is hereby given to

Northville Lodge No. 47, to hold their meetings at Plymouth corners instead of Northville.

## XXIII.

Passed, January 15, 1857.

*Resolved*, That in all cases where the By-Laws of a subordinate Lodge provide for balloting for candidates, a single member can only object to the initiation of candidates in the manner provided for in those By-Laws.

*Resolved*, That at any time before the initiation of a candidate, upon the objection of any member of the Lodge, upon the statement of his reasons for said objection, the Lodge may determine as to whether he shall be initiated or not.

## XXIV.

Passed, January 15, 1857.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to have seven hundred copies of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge printed and bound, and that two copies be sent to each Lodge, and that he be directed to sell the same at cost price to any Master Mason applying for the same.

## XXV.

Passed, January 16, 1857.

*Resolved*, That it is the right of all Lodges working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to admit or reject visiting Brethren, as they in their discretion may deem best.

## XXVI.

Passed, January 15, 1857.

*Resolved,* That hereafter this Grand Lodge will not grant a Charter or Warrant, unless the petition praying for the same shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that they have, or can secure, a suitable place for holding meetings.

# FORM OF RETURNS.

Returns of Officers and Members of Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_ held at

\_\_\_\_\_ for the year ending December 27th, A. D. 185, A. L. 585 .

NO.	NAMES.	MASONIC GRADE.	DATE OF INITIATION.	DATE OF RAISING.	DATE OF MEMBERSHIP.	DUES TO G. LODGE.	REMARKS.
1	A. B.	W. M.				25	
2	C. D.	S. W.				25	
3	E. F.	J. W.				25	
4	G. H.	Sec'y.				00	
5	I. K.	Treas.				25	
6	L. M.	S. D.				25	
7	N. O.	J. D.				25	
8	P. Q.	Tiler.				25	
9	R. S.	M. M.	March 21,	April 21,	April 21,	1	Withdrew April 17.
10	T. U.	P. M.				25	Died December 25.
11	V. W.	M. M.				00	Clergyman.
12	W. X.	E. A.	May 13,			1	
13	X. Y.	F. C.	May 13,	June 24,		1	Expelled July 21.
14	Y. Z.	E. A.	May 13,			1	Suspended August 14.
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## RECAPITULATION.

Initiated, _____	Raised, _____	Admitted, _____
Resigned, _____	Rejected, _____	Suspended, _____
Expelled, _____	Died, _____	

The regular meetings of this Lodge are held on \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ in each month.

I hereby certify, that the within is a true and perfect return of all the matters and things required to be reported annually by the regulation of the Grand Lodge.

*Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the Lodge,  
 this 27th day of December, A. L. 585 .*

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*Secretary.*



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