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Freemasons.

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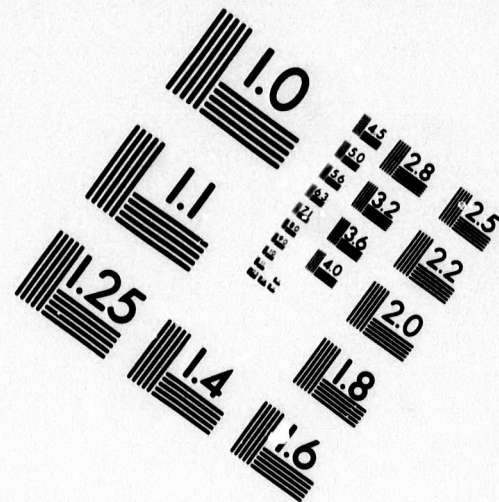
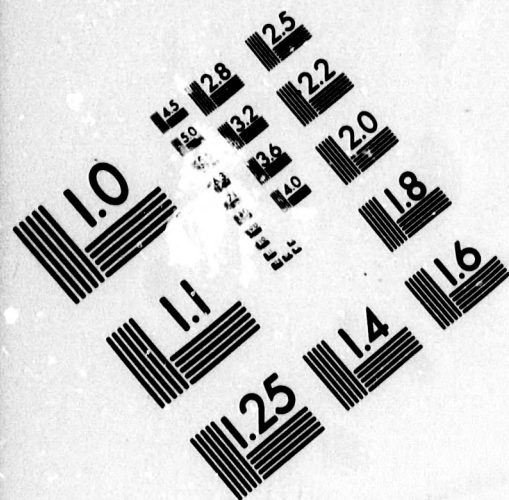
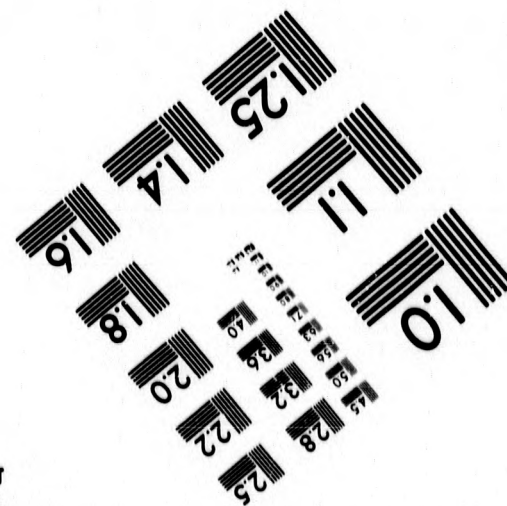
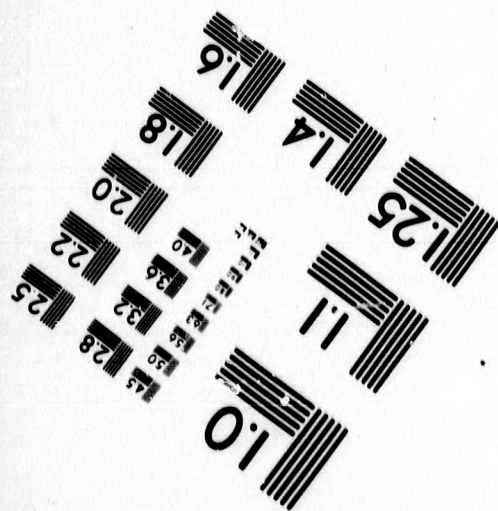
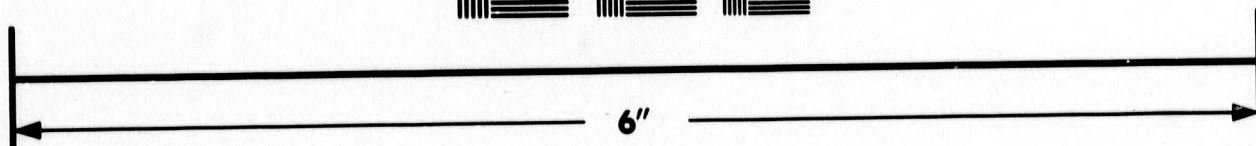
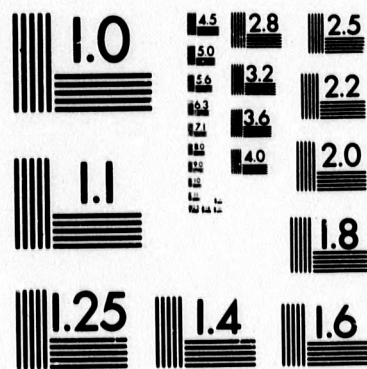


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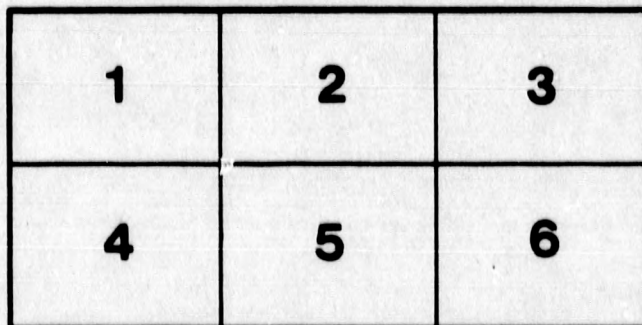
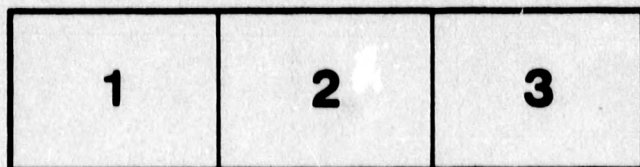
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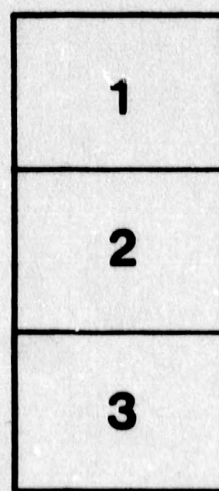
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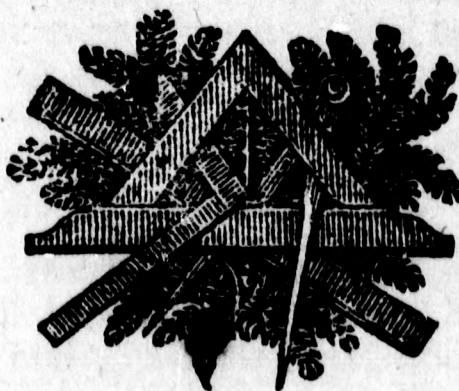
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FOR THE
REGULATION
OF
**SAINT JOHN'S LODGE,
NUMBER XXIX.**

HELD AT
SAINT JOHN, NEW-BRUNSWICK.
DULY CONSTITUTED BY WARRANT FROM THE
Grand Lodge
OF
NOVA-SCOTIA.



SAINT JOHN, N. B.
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1827.

That a Master, Treasurer, and Tyler for the
Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot on
the second night of the month, and on the same
night a Lay fellow, when the Minutes are read,
shall be elected, and shall be installed in the
Office, and put in actual charge, who shall
be required to report to the Grand Lodge
at the next meeting, and shall be required
to report to the Grand Lodge at the next meeting.

BY-LAWS, &c.

I.

THAT this Lodge shall be held on the first Tuesday of every Calendar Month, at Masonic Hall, or such other place, within the City, as the Worshipful Master and a majority of the Members present at any regular meeting, may determine. The hours of meeting to be as follows : viz.—From the Vernal Equinox to the Autumnal Equinox, at Seven o'clock in the Evening ; and from the Autumnal Equinox aforesaid, to the Vernal Equinox following, at Six o'clock. Lodges of Enquiry may at any time be called by order of the Worshipful Master, or, in his absence, by the Senior Warden.

II.

THAT a Master, Treasurer, and Tyler, for this Lodge, shall be Elected annually by Ballot, on the regular night in November, and on the Saint John's Day following, when the Minutes are confirmed, the Master elect shall be installed in the Chair, according to ancient usages ; after which he is to appoint his Wardens and other Officers, and regularly install them, as also the Treasurer and Tyler, before elected, into their respective Offices.

III.

It is the joint expectation of the Members of this Lodge, that punctual attendance will at all times be given at their regular communications, as also at Lodges of Emergency, when thereunto required by summons; and any Member so far forgetting the respect due to his Brother and the Lodge, as not to appear in clean and decent apparel, shall, for the first offence, be admonished by the Master in the Chair, and for a second offence of a similar nature, he may be ordered to leave the Lodge for the evening, and should he on a third occasion be guilty of the like disrespect, by the voice of a majority of the Members present, he may be suspended until he make due submission, and promise amendment.

IV.

THAT any person wishing to be made a Mason in this Lodge, must make application in writing—be proposed in open Lodge by a Member—and deposit at the time he is proposed, Twenty Shillings. If he be admitted, this shall be considered as part of what he is to pay into the fund—(if he be rejected, the money to be returned; but should the Candidate decline coming forward, the money to be forfeited to the Lodge)—He shall stand on the Books one month, that strict enquiry may be made as to his character; (unless proposed at an emergency, and the character of the individual so well known by the Members, as to preclude the necessity of further enquiry;) then to be balloted for on the next regular Lodge night, when, on the ballot being taken, if one negative appear, he shall

he declared duly admitted, unless the Brother making the objection, rise and state to the Lodge, reasons for the applicant's being refused, to the satisfaction of a majority of the Members present ; but two negatives shall exclude, without any reason being assigned.

In balloting for a Brother to become a Member, if two negatives are against him, he shall be admitted, unless satisfactory reasons are assigned, as before, for his being rejected ; but three negatives shall exclude without any reason being given.

V.

THAT every Candidate, after being balloted for and accepted, shall, before he is admitted, pay or cause to be paid into the hands of the Secretary, the sum of Five Pounds Five Shillings, (which sum entitles him in due course to the Master's Degree,) of which the Twenty Shillings deposited at the time of his application, shall be deemed a part ; and should an Emergency be called for giving either of the Degrees, at the request of a Candidate, he shall defray the whole of the expence.

VI.

A BROTHER desirous of becoming a Member of this Lodge, must produce a certificate of his good conduct from a Lodge to which he formerly belonged—be proposed by a Member in open Lodge, and shall stand on the Books one month, that strict enquiry may be made as to his character, unless proposed at an emergency, and his character so well known by the members as to render

further enquiry unnecessary ; then to be balloted for as by the 4th article, on the next regular Lodge night, and if admitted, he shall pay into the funds Fifteen Shillings, as also his proportion of the evening's expences.

VII.

EVERY person initiated into this Lodge, shall be considered a Member on receiving the Degree of a Master Mason, from which time his Dues shall commence ; nor shall any Member be allowed to withdraw his Membership, or declare off, without paying up all his Dues.

VIII.

If any Member shall presume to come into the Lodge in a state of intoxication, use profane or immoral language, or shall behave with disrespect to the Master, Wardens, or Brethren of this Lodge, in any manner so as to disturb the peace and harmony of the Brethren, he shall for the first and second offence, be admonished by the Master in the Chair, and for a third of the like nature, he shall be suspended, and reported to the Grand Lodge for expulsion.

IX.

IN all debates concerning the affairs of the Lodge, complaint made, or questions that may arise, every Brother shall stand up while he speaks, and address himself to the Master ; and if more than one speak at a time, the Master shall order the first who stood up, to proceed, and the

rest shall immediately sit down and be silent, until such Brother has done ; and no private alterations or disputes are to be suffered during Lodge hours—the Master and Wardens shall be strictly attended to, and punctually obeyed in their official capacities, nor is any Brother to quit the Room without leave from the Master.

X.

EVERY Member of the Lodge shall pay into the funds the sum of One Shilling and Four-pence per month, and the Secretary is hereby required to make out and lay before the Lodge, at the regular Lodge night preceding the 24th June and 27th December, of each year, a statement of all Dues owing to the Lodge, at which times it is expected every Member will attend and pay his Dues in full, or forward them to the Secretary, that the Books may be cleared ; and every Member who does not, within three months after the period above stated, pay his Dues, shall not, upon any occasion, be allowed to vote in the Lodge, until the same is paid ; and if his whole Dues are not paid by the following Saint John's Day, he shall be suspended and reported to the Grand Lodge for expulsion, unless some cause appears to satisfy the Lodge, and they grant further indulgence.

XI.

IF at any time, on a ballot being taken for the admission of a Candidate or Member in this Lodge, the person applying be rejected, it is required of every Brother present, (as well Members as Visiting Brethren,) that they do not, on

the honor of a Mason, at any time, or under any circumstances, disclose the name or names of the Brethren who oppose the admission; and any Brother offending against this rule, if he be a Member of the Lodge, shall be suspended from Membership, and his name taken from the list of Members—and if a Visiting Brother, he cannot be again allowed to visit this Lodge, or become a Member thereof; and that any Brother present may not plead ignorance of this By-law, the Master shall direct this clause to be distinctly read in open Lodge, immediately after a negative passes, and previous to any communication being made to the applicant that he is rejected.

XII.

THAT a Brother under the Degree of a Master Mason, shall not be permitted to walk in procession at a funeral in this Lodge, nor shall any Visitor be admitted without the consent of the Master in the Chair. A Brother that is not a Member of a Lodge, cannot visit more than once, during his cessation from the Craft—Sojourners excepted.

XIII.

ON the regular night of meeting in November, a Committee of three Members shall be nominated by the Master, and approved by a majority of the Members present, to examine the Secretary and Treasurer's accounts, and report on the same to the Lodge, on the 27th of December following; and it shall be the duty of said Committee to see that the accounts are correctly and properly adjusted, and that no accounts are paid by the Trea-

surer, unless duly authorized by the Lodge, and signed by the Master.

XIV.

THAT a standing Committee of five persons be appointed, whose duty it shall be to investigate into the characters of all persons applying for initiation, and also into the characters of Masons applying to become Members, on the report of which Committee, or of any three of them, given in writing, the Lodge may proceed to ballot for admission.—And during the recess of the Lodge, all applications for Charity shall be made to this standing Committee; and if in any case, assistance may be required previous to the regular Lodge night, the Master may, on the favorable recommendation of any three of said Committee, order a sum not exceeding Two Pounds, to any one applicant, to be paid by the Treasurer, who is hereby authorized to pay the same from the funds.

XV.

THAT these rules and orders shall be read by the Secretary, or some other Brother of the Master's appointing, as often as occasion shall require, in the Lodge; and that every Brother shall furnish himself with a copy of the same.

XVI.

EVERY Member, on his admission, shall sign these Laws, and shall observe and keep them and all such as shall hereafter be enacted, as well as all the Laws, Orders, and Regulations laid

down in the last edition of the Book of Constitutions of Masonry, and such as shall hereafter be made or published by authority of the Grand Lodge; and if any Member of this Lodge break any of these Rules or Orders, he shall, by the voice of a majority of the Members present at any meeting, be suspended and reported to the Grand Lodge for expulsion. If any Member refuse or neglect to sign these By-laws, when requested so to do by the Secretary, he shall not be suffered to vote on any questions that may come before the Lodge, until he shew his compliance by putting his name thereto.

XVII.

THAT if any Member be found guilty of any misdemeanor, not directly specified in the foregoing Rules and Orders, he shall be dealt with according to the discretion of the Master and a majority of the Brethren present, whose decision, nevertheless, shall be subject to an appeal to the Grand Lodge.



CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER,
FOR THE

Provinces of Nova-Scotia and New-Brunswick, and the Ma-
sonical Jurisdiction thereunto appertaining.

Held under the sanction of the Grand Lodge of Nova-Scotia.

Section 1. The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain; and also of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes for the time being of the several Chapters over which it shall preside, which comprises all Royal Arch Chapters held within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova-Scotia, either by virtue of the warrant of a private Lodge, or under the sanction of any other Grand Lodge already had and obtained; and also of the Past Grand Officers, Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of the said Grand Chapter, and Past Chiefs of Private Chapters—And the said enumerated Officers shall be the only members and voters in this Grand Chapter.

Section 2. The Grand Chapter shall be holden at the Mason Hall at Halifax, on the first Wednesday in February and August in each and every year; and the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, and in their absence the Grand King or Scribe for the time being, may at any time call a special meeting, to be held at the Mason Hall aforesaid.

Section 3. The Chiefs of the Grand Chapter shall be the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Senior and Junior Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge of Nova-Scotia for the time being; and the other Officers shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting which shall take place in February in each year.

Section 4. The Grand Chapter shall have the sole Government and Superintendence of the several Royal Arch Chapters, and Lodges of Most Excellent Master Masons, within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova-Scotia; to assign their limits, regulate their mode of working, and settle controversies that may happen between them or the members thereof; and shall have power under its seal and the sign-manual of the Grand High Priest, or in his absence the Deputy Grand High Priest attested by the Secretary, to constitute new Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and preparatory Lodges of Most Excellent Master Masons within the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nova-Scotia.

Section 5. No Warrant for the Institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons shall be granted, except upon the Petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons; which petition shall be accompanied by a Certificate from the Officers of the Lodge, nearest the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened; vouching for the moral characters and masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Chapter to grant their prayer.

Section 6. The Grand High Priest, and in his absence the Deputy Grand High Priest, shall have the power and authority whenever they shall

deem it expedient (during the recess of the Grand Chapter of which they are Officers) to grant Letters of Dispensation under their respective hands and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners, required by the fifth section of this Constitution; empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for a certain specified term of time; provided, that the said term shall not extend beyond the next meeting of the Grand Chapter; and provided further, that the same fees as are required by this Constitution for Warrants, shall be first deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter.

Section 7. And in all cases of such dispensations, the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priests, respectively, who may grant the same, shall make report thereof, at the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter, when that Body may either continue or recall the said dispensations, or may grant the Petitioners a Warrant of Constitution; and in case such Warrant shall be refused, the fees that may have been paid, shall be refunded, excepting only such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by means of the application.

Section 8. The Grand Chapter shall possess authority, upon the institution of new Royal Arch Chapters or preparatory Lodges of Most Excellent Master Masons, within its jurisdiction, to inspect and approve of the Bye Laws and Regulations of such Chapters and Lodges.

Section 9. No Warrant shall be granted for instituting preparatory Lodges of Most Excellent Master Masons, independent of a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

Section 10. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter shall make an annual communication to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, containing all such matters as may be deemed necessary for the information of the Grand Lodge; and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter shall also transmit to the Grand Lodge a copy of its Constitutions and Regulations.

Section 11. No Companion can belong to a Royal Arch Chapter, unless he be a subscribing member of a regular Lodge; any member suspended or excluded by a Royal Arch Chapter for unmasonic conduct, must be reported to the Grand Chapter, and any member suspended or excluded by a private Lodge, cannot be permitted to visit or belong to a Royal Arch Chapter within this jurisdiction.

Section 12. Any private Chapter however formed, whether under the Warrant of a private Lodge, or otherwise, which shall refuse to conform to this Constitution, shall be suspended and forbid working until it make due submission: and upon refusing to comply with such suspension, the members thereof shall be reported to the Grand Lodge for expulsion.

Section 13. And for the purpose of diffusing a knowledge of the Lectures in the Royal Arch and Most Excellent Masters Degree, and promoting a uniform mode of working in the several Chapters and Lodges throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; the Grand High Priest and Deputy Grand High Priest, are hereby authorized and empowered to visit and preside in any and every Chapter of Royal Arch and Preparatory Lodge

of Most Excellent Masters within said jurisdiction, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Fraternity may require; always adhering to the ancient landmarks of the Order.

Section 14. No person shall be admitted to the Degree of a Royal Arch Mason, unless he has regularly and faithfully attained the three progressive degrees, has duly passed the Chair and been received and acknowledged Most Excellent Master; nor until his name has been on the Books of a regularly-warranted Lodge Twelve Months as a Master Mason, prior to his application for that purpose. He must also produce to the Chiefs of the Chapter previous to his exaltation, a Certificate signed in open Lodge, (the form of which is hereunto annexed) to be signed by the Masters and Wardens of the Lodge.

Section 15. And every Royal Arch Mason who shall hereafter be exalted without complying with the regulations contained in the foregoing sections, shall be deemed to be illegally made; and all Masonic communication is hereby interdicted and forbidden, between the Royal Arch Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, or any member of either of them, and any Chapter which may so illegally make Royal Arch Masons and the individual so exalted.

Section 16. There shall be paid into the funds of the Grand Chapter, for the granting of a warrant the sum of Three Pounds Ten Shillings; for every Companion who may be registered in the Books of the Grand Chapter, Two Shillings and Six-pence; and for every Grand Chapter Certificate, Seven Shillings & Six-pence; Two Shillings

and Six-pence whereof shall be paid to the Grand Secretary for drafting the same.

Section 17. A correspondence shall be maintained with the Grand Lodge of England, and a copy of this Constitution transmitted to the Grand Secretary of the same; and a Report shall be made annually of the names of all Companions who shall be registered in the Books of this Grand Chapter.

Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Nova-Scotia:—

These Laws and Regulations are to be considered as part of the Rules and Orders of the Grand Lodge of Nova-Scotia; a due attention to which is strictly enjoined to be observed. And it is hereby ordered that they be inserted in the Book of Bye-Laws of every Lodge within this Jurisdiction, in order to refer to, whenever wanted.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE.

To the Presiding Chiefs of the Chapter of Excellent Royal Arch Masons, under the sanction of

Whereas our trusty and well-beloved Brother
a Geometrical Master Mason and Member
of our Lodge, has solicited us to recommend
him as a Master Mason, every way qualified
for passing the Royal Holy Arch: We do hereby
certify, that so far as we are judges of the
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obtained the unanimous consent of our Lodge
for this Recommendation.

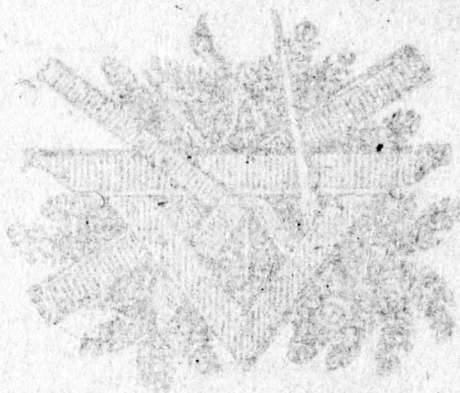
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