CONSTITUTION AND LAWS
OF THE
LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AMERICA

INCLUDING
THE ACT OF INCORPORATION

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF BRITISH AMERICA (*CANADA)* HEREIN KNOWN AS; 53 VICTORIA, CHAPTER 105

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General Declaration

"And thou shalt teach men ordinances and laws, and thou shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do; moreover, they shall provide out of all the people, able men such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness, and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens" (Exodus, chapter xviii; Vs. 20 – 21)

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

The Loyal Orange Association is formed by persons desirous of supporting, and to the utmost of their power, the principals and practices of the Christian religion, to maintain the laws and constitution of the country, afford assistance to distressed members of the Association, and otherwise promote such laudable and benevolent purposes as may tend to the due ordering of religion and Christian charity, and the supremacy of law, order and constitutional freedom.

Its members associate in honour of King William III, Prince of Orange, whose name they bear, and whose immortal memory they hold in reverence. They revere the memory of that immortal Prince, not only as a patriot, a constitutional monarch, and a hero, but also as a true Christian; and hope in the adoption of his name, to emulate his virtues, by maintaining religion without persecution or trenching upon the rights of any.

The Orange Association lays no claim to exclusive loyalty, or exclusive Protestantism; but it admits no man within it's pale whose principals are not loyal, and whose creed is not Protestant. Disclaiming an intolerable spirit, the Association demands as an indispensable qualification, without which the greatest and wealthiest may seek admission in vain, that the candidate shall be deemed incapable of persecution or injuring anyone on account of their religious opinions; the duty of every Orangeman being to aid and

defend all loyal subjects of every religious persuasion in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights.

In many quarters, where the true nature of the Orange Association is not properly known, it's designs and objects have by some been misunderstood, and by others misrepresented. The Association is constituted upon the broadest principals of national freedom. It takes its stand upon the glorious principals of the Revolution of 1688; it lays its foundation in the field of British liberty; it disdains badge of faction, and knows no emblem save "The Altar and The Throne".

As the Prince of Orange was invited to England by a coalition of parties who united from a common sense of their sacred duty, to preserve their religion and liberties, so the Orange Association named after that immortal Prince, invites a similar combination, and calls upon Canadians to lay aside political feuds, and, like their illustrious ancestors, who signed and sealed the great Covenant of Freedom to sacrifice every private consideration, and establish a centralization of power to conserve the great blessings and privileges which we enjoy.

THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION

Qualifications for Membership

(1) TOWARD GOD...An applicant for admission should have a sincere love and veneration of his Heavenly Father; a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ as the only mediator between God and Man; and a firm reliance in the guiding, witnessing, and sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit.

(2) **TOWARD CROWN AND COUNTRY** …He should be loyal toward the Crown being Protestant, and the Dominion of Canada, the foundation of which is a Constitutional Monarchy. Ready to promote civil and religious liberty and uphold the rule of law in Canada

(3) TOWARD MANKIND …He should be of temperate and kindly habits, striving to be an example to others, as a true Christian citizen. He should abstain from swearing and profane language, from dishonesty and intemperance of every kind. He should seek the welfare of others, be just, considerate and tolerant in his judgment, especially toward those who are opposed in faith and principals; ready to assist those who are needy or oppressed, and to promote brotherly love.

The Glory of God, the honour of his Sovereign, and the good of his Country should be the motives of all his actions.

The Orange Association in Canada

The “General Declaration” and “Qualifications for Membership outline basically the Principals and Purposes of the Association. The date of the first Orange Lodge in Canada is not officially known. Suffice to say, members of the Order who were among the earliest British settlers to the then British North America, carried with them the conviction and desire to maintain and protect the heritage of civil and religious liberty emanating from Reformation days, and secured by the Glorious Revolution of 1688-90.

In 1830, Ogle R. Gowan convened a meeting in Brockville Ontario, when representatives of Lodges in attendance agreed to unite and form the Grand Orange Lodge. The necessary steps were taken and in 1832, a Warrant signed by the then Grand Master of the Empire, Ernest Duke of Cumberland, was received by Brother Gowan.

By 1860, as membership increased and territorial development expanded, it became necessary to delegate area responsibility to various jurisdictions. In 1881, a system of Life Insurance was inaugurated, which required almost ten years to be generally accepted. In April 1890, the Canadian House of Commons approved a Bill to Incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge. The Act being assented to, known as 53 VICTORIA CHAPTER 105, granted the petitioners, members of the Grand Orange Lodge, together with such members of the said Grand Lodge…are hereby constituted a body corporate.

Henceforth, the Orange Association was recognized a legal entity, with authority to institute Lodges throughout Canada, and to operate a Benefit Fund generally known as Orange Insurance. An amendment to the aforesaid act was approved by the House of Commons in Canada in 1926, known as 16-17 GEORGE V. 1926.

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Constitution and Laws of
The Loyal Orange Association of British America *(Canada)*

***NOTE**:* Where the term Grand Lodge or Grand Master appears, reference is to the Grand Orange Lodge. If Provincial Grand Lodge or Provincial Officers are intended, the terms are written accordingly.

Title

1. The title of the Association shall be;
"THE LOYAL ORANGE ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH AMERICA."

Imperial Council

2. With due reservation, and without waiver of its powers, privileges, rights and prerogatives as a Sovereign Grand Body, the Grand Lodge, with all its subordinate branches, acknowledges the Imperial Orange Council as the Supreme Court of the Orange Order, with the limitations set forth in its Constitution.

Grand Lodge

3. There shall be one Grand Lodge; its title shall be;
THE GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF BRITISH AMERICA *(CANADA)*

Provincial, County, District, and Primary Lodges

4. There shall be Provincial Grand Lodges, County, District, and Primary Lodges, having jurisdiction, territorial and otherwise, as hereinafter set forth.

(a) The legal name of the Provincial Grand Lodges shall be; "The Loyal Orange Lodge Number P – ", the letter P being followed by the number which shall be assigned thereto.

(b) The legal name of the County Lodges shall be; "Loyal Orange Lodge Number C— ", the letter C being followed by the number which shall be assigned thereto.

(c) The legal name of District Lodges shall be; "Loyal Orange Lodge Number D---", the letter D being followed by the number which shall be assigned thereto.

(d) The legal name of Primary Lodges shall be; "The Loyal Orange Lodge Number -----", (giving the number of the lodge).

(e) The number once assigned to a County, District or Primary Lodge, shall not, in the event of dissolution, be assigned to any new lodge, except as permitted in the proviso of Rule 25.

(f) The Ladies Orange Benevolent Association, as operated under a Charter granted by the Loyal Orange Association, is recognized as an auxiliary and entitled to representation as provided for in Rule 6, provided that such representatives are otherwise qualified to vote in the Grand Orange Lodge.
(g) The Loyal Orange Young Briton Association is recognized as a Branch of the Loyal Orange Association,
(h) The Junior Orange Association is recognized as a branch of the Loyal Orange Association, and may be operated by the Ladies Orange Benevolent Association, and/ or Loyal Orange Lodges

Powers of the Grand Lodge

5. The Grand Lodge shall be the guardian of the symbols and mysteries of the Association, the source of legislation and policy and the final arbiter in all matters of dispute. No changes shall be made in the signs, mysteries or forms except by its authority, and it shall have the power of trial, suspension or expulsion over all its members. Subject to its own rules

Who Shall Compose the Grand Lodge

6. The Grand Lodge shall be composed of its Officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Secretaries and Treasurers, Lecturers, Marshals, who have held their respective offices for one year; officers of Provincial Grand Lodges, Past Provincial Grand Masters, Past Provincial Deputy Grand Masters, Past Provincial Grand Chaplains, Secretaries, Treasurers, Lecturers, Marshals, Auditors, Deputy Grand Secretaries, and Deputy Grand Treasurers who have held their respective offices for one year. The Grand Master of the Grand Black Chapter of British America, *who may sit and vote as qualified by an office held in the Orange Association* Worshipful Commanders of Royal Scarlet Chapters (or in their absence the Deputy Commanders, or in the absence of both a proxy duly appointed in open Chapter and who must be a member of such Chapter), which have paid their annual dues; County Masters, Past County Masters, District Masters, Primary Lodge Masters; *and Past Masters of Primary Lodges shall be entitled to sit and vote and hold office* In the absence of a County, District, or Primary Master, or when either votes in any other capacity, the Deputy Master, or a proxy, duly appointed in open lodge and who must be a member of such lodge, may *sit and* vote as the representative of the County, District, or Primary Lodge but may not run for nor hold office unless otherwise

qualified the Secretary of the Insurance Department *and representatives shall be ineligible to vote or run for election to office unless qualified under the terms of rule #* All members of the Grand Lodge shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree, and shall be members in good standing in a Primary Lodge.

In addition to the foregoing, every Provincial Lodge shall be entitled to be specially represented at the Grand Lodge by one delegate for each full 200 members in good standing within its jurisdiction, as returned at the annual meeting of such Lodge. Such delegate or delegates shall be appointed at such meeting and must have attained the rank of a Past Master in a Primary Lodge

Biennial Meeting

7. A. The Grand Lodge shall meet in the month of June, every two years, except as hereinafter provided, at such place as shall be fixed upon at the preceding Biennial meeting, except in a case of emergency, when the Grand Master, with the consent of the Grand Lodge Executive, and two thirds of the Provincial Grand Masters, may change the place of meeting.

B. Be it resolved that the annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada be held in every Provincial Jurisdiction on a rotating basis.

Officers to be elected

8. At each Biennial meeting the Grand Lodge shall elect for two years, as provided in Rule 206 a Grand Master, whose title shall be "Most Worshipful Grand Master and Sovereign"; a Deputy Grand Master, a Grand Secretary, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Lecturer a Grand Marshal, two Deputy Grand Chaplains for each of the provinces, who shall have been nominated at the then next preceding annual meeting of their respective Provincial Grand Lodges. All the said officers shall, by virtue of their office, be members of the Grand Lodge, entitled to vote therein so long as they shall hold office, and until their successors have been elected and installed; and thence until the end

of the then present meeting. The M.W. Grand Master shall appoint a Grand Chaplain, and may appoint an Associate Grand Chaplain.

Quorum

9. No meeting of the Grand Lodge shall be held unless a quorum of 20 members be present, all of whom shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree.

Opening and Closing Degree

10. The Grand Lodge shall be opened and closed in the Royal Scarlet Degree. After disposing of any necessary business in that Degree on the first day, the Grand Lodge at its option may be reduced to and subsequently raised from an inferior degree.

Suggested Order of Business

11. At meetings of the Grand Lodge of Canada

FIRST DAY

1. Opening the Grand Lodge in the Royal Scarlet Degree.
2. Reading Scriptures.
3. Appointment by the Grand Master of the standing committee on Credentials.
4. Appointment by the Grand Master of a committee to nominate the standing committees.
5. Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture.
6. Business connected with the Royal Scarlet Degree.
7. Grand Masters Address.
8. Reading annual reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Auditors.
9. Report of the Secretary of the Benefit Fund.
10. Receiving and adopting the first report of the committee on Credentials.
11. Receiving and adopting the report of the committee appointed to nominate the standing committees.
12. Receiving Deputations and addresses of welcome.
13. Reading and receiving petitions, appeals and reports.
14. Referring petitions, appeals and reports.
15. Receiving and referring resolutions and notices of motion.
16. General business.

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS

1. Reading Scriptures.
2. Reading and adopting minutes of preceding day.
3. Supplementary report of committee on Credentials.
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5. Unfinished business.
6. General business.
7. Selection of next place of meeting.

8. Election of Officers.
9. Installation of Officers.
10. Reading and adopting minutes.
11. Closing Ceremonies.

12. The Standing Committees of the Grand Lodge shall be.

(a) Credentials
(b) Correspondence
(c) Finance
(d) Suspensions and Expulsions
(e) Constitution and Laws
(f) Insurance
(g) Resolutions
(h) Petitions and Appeals

Each of which shall be composed of five members. Their duties shall be as follows.

CREDENTIALS.
To examine all credentials and report the names of members who are present and entitled to vote.

CORRESPONDENCE.
To examine the reports of the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary as well as any correspondence and documents which may be referred to them, and report thereon.

FINANCE.
To examine the financial statements of the Grand Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors and report thereon, and to recommend the payment of appropriations.

SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS.
To examine and report upon all matters referring to suspension or expulsion.

PETITIONS AND APPEALS.
To investigate all petitions and appeals and report thereon.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS.
To consider and report the effect and expediency of any proposition to amend the Constitution. The committee on Constitution and Laws shall be appointed by the Grand Master immediately after the installation of officers, and their report received at the following session.

INSURANCE.
To consider the annual report of the Benefit Fund and report thereon. All members of Grand Lodge shall be eligible for appointment on this committee.

RESOLUTIONS.
To carefully consider all substantive resolutions submitted during the annual meeting unless some other disposition thereof is ordered, and report such as are deemed of sufficient importance to warrant discussion and action by Grand Lodge, with power to amend and adjust all matters of form and substance.

Substantive Resolutions on matters of policy shall be submitted on the first day of Grand Lodge meeting.

Travelling Expenses

13. The travelling expenses of the M.W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and the chairman of the committee on Constitution and Laws, in attending all meetings of the M.W. Grand Lodge, shall be paid.

Grand Council

14. The Grand Council of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada shall be composed of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Past Grand Masters of Canada. Provincial Grand Masters or their proxies shall be ex-officio members of the Grand Council for the purposes of the Biennial meeting Such meeting to be held at the same place prior to the Biennial meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge.

Duties of the Grand Council

15. The duties of the Grand Council shall be to watch the course of legislation in the Federal Parliament and the Legislatures; to consider all matters referred to the Council by any Provincial Legislation Committee, and to take such action as may be decided to be in the general interest of the Association; to consider an annual budget for submission to the Finance committee of the Grand Lodge, covering the estimated expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, The Deputy Grand Master shall make a report to the Grand Lodge during the Biennial meeting which shall include any recommendations from the Council meeting. The Grand Master shall be the Chairman of the Council, and the Grand Secretary shall be the Secretary.

The executive officers of each Provincial Grand Lodge are the Legislation committee for their respective jurisdictions.

Meetings of the Grand Council may be held as directed by the M.W. the Grand Master, and the necessary expenses of any member thereof attending at such council meeting shall be paid, but the expenses of any member of the Grand Council attending such meeting as representing a Provincial Grand Lodge shall be paid by the Grand Lodge which appointed him.

The Grand Masters Council meeting shall take place in June, during the year which the Grand Lodge does not meet in Sessions. Attendance will include the Provincial Grand Master and Grand Secretary. This meeting will have the same responsibilities and power as Grand Council

Endowment Fund

16. The Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge shall be charged with the duty of administering an Endowment Fund which shall be made up of contributions from time to time from any source, the income of which shall be utilized for the advancement of the aims of the Orange Association or as may be determined by the contributor. The Grand Treasurer shall keep an account of this Fund and invest at the discretion of the Grand Lodge Executive Subject to the terms of any contribution the Executive Committee shall, as and when it may deem advantageous, invest and keep invested any sum at the credit of the Fund in Government bonds or other securities as may be approved by said Committee. Unless by direction of a contributor the principal shall remain intact and only the revenue withdrawn and appropriated for the purposes of the fund, and then only by the direction of the Executive Committee. No part of the principal shall be used in the General Funds of the Association. The state of the Fund shall be certified annually by the Auditors, and the Executive Committee shall submit to each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge a detailed report of the operations of the Fund during the preceding year.

The Executive Committee is authorized, on behalf of, and as representing the Grand Lodge, to execute acknowledgements, releases or quittances to contributors for any donations, bequests or payments of money into the Fund.

Rules – Suspension of

17. At any meeting of Grand Lodge, to meet any present emergency, and with the approval of two thirds of the members present, a rule may be suspended. At any meeting of all other Lodges, this right shall be limited to a suspension of their own By-laws, general Rules of Order, or rules affecting their own interior economy.

Creating Debts

18. No lodge shall assume the purchase of land, or the erection of a building, for the completion of which debt will be created, unless the proposed undertaking has been first submitted to, and the ability to discharge the debt is established to the satisfaction of the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge. An offending Lodge shall, upon such

proof as he may deem sufficient, be liable to have its warrant summarily cancelled and called in by M.W. the Grand Master, and any member of the Lodge who in any way consents to or assists in the violation of this Rule shall be liable, upon a charge preferred in and tried by the next Superior Lodge, to suspension or expulsion.

Who Shall Grant Warrants

19. All Warrants shall be issued by the Grand Lodge, and shall be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary; and no meeting of any lodge shall be held unless under and by virtue of a warrant, nor shall a meeting of Primary Lodge be valid unless the warrant thereof be displayed therein, or in the building in which the Lodge meeting is being held.

Warrant Application

20. An application for a Primary Lodge Warrant must be made by not less than a total of 9 (nine) members, and non-members, who shall set forth the name of the brother they have selected to be Master, and the place where the meetings are to be held; or, if the applicants are not Orangemen, or if they have not obtained all the degrees, the Grand Master shall issue his dispensation to open a lodge, and initiate the charter members, and confer the several degrees on all charter members who have not already obtained them. Applications for Warrants or Renewals for Primary Lodges shall be made to the Grand Secretary through the District and County Masters and the Provincial Secretary, who must commend the same before they can be issued. Where no Provincial Grand Lodge exists, application shall be made to the Grand Secretary. An application for a District Lodge Warrant shall be made to the Grand Secretary by the County Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is to be held
and an application for a County Lodge Warrant shall be made by the Provincial Grand Lodge in whose jurisdiction it is to be situated; and an application for a Provincial Grand Warrant shall be made to the Grand Lodge. Upon an application for a Primary Lodge Warrant, a dispensation from the Grand Master to open the lodge shall issue in the first place, which shall be replaced by a proper warrant upon a certificate from the instituting officer, that the lodge has provided the proper paraphernalia and equipment, and has established the recognized system of books. No charge shall be made for the dispensation, but the fee for warrant shall accompany the application.

In the organization of a new Primary Lodge or the revival of a dormant Lodge, the M.W. the Grand Master may, by dispensation,

authorize the organizer or instituting officer to install officers, to receive applications, initiate and advance candidates without awaiting the usual probationary period and generally to do such things as are necessary to expeditiously establish the lodge in proper working order, such dispensation to be limited to a period not exceeding three months, and to be acted upon notwithstanding that the formal application for and the issue of the Lodge Dispensation may be in process of completion.

New Lodge Institution

21. Immediately after the institution of a new lodge or the re-organization of a dormant lodge, the Instituting or Presiding Officer shall forward, on a prescribed form, a report to the Grand Secretary, and also a duplicate report to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Fees for Warrants

22. The fee for a new warrant under the Incorporation Act for a Primary Lodge shall be one hundred dollars, which fee shall include the following supplies: The Warrant, 1 set of (4) Rituals, 2 Codes of Instruction, 1 Financial Secretary's Roll Book, ½ dozen Constitutions, 100 Application Forms for Admission, 12 Application Forms for Affiliation, 100 Notices of Meetings, 1 Seal. Fees for all Warrants, new or replacement for all Lodges is Twenty dollars, the fee in all cases must accompany the application to the Grand Secretary.

Re-issue of Ritual

23. After the organization of a Primary Lodge no copy of the Ritual shall be issued to it unless upon application under its seal accompanied by the return of original copies, or by evidence accounting therefore to the satisfaction of the Grand Secretary.

Dormant Lodge Procedure

24. When a Primary Lodge has become dormant the County Master shall take possession of its warrant, funds, books, records and effects and forward the same to the Provincial Grand Secretary with a report upon the matter. The warrant shall be transmitted to the Grand Secretary, who shall hold the same for a period of two years unless previously reclaimed. Any claim for rent or other lawful indebtedness standing against the property of the lodge shall be liquidated by the Provincial Grand Lodge, but only to the extent of the net value of such property. If the lodge is reorganized within the said period of two years, the Provincial Grand Secretary shall return to the W.M. all the

property held by him, after payment of any necessary expenses incurred and upon the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Secretary, the Grand Secretary shall, within the said period of two years, again issue the same warrant to the revived lodge. During the interval, all certificates for members of the Provincial Grand Lodge upon payment of the usual fee.

Dissolution of Primary Lodges

25. Should a dormant Lodge not become reorganized or revived within two years after it becomes dormant, the Grand Secretary shall immediately report the fact to the M.W. the Grand Master, whereupon the latter shall declare the said lodge to be dissolved and its warrants cancelled. In such case the said warrant shall not be re-issued or used for the purposes of any other Primary Lodge, except in the case when the said Lodge is once again reorganized with the proviso that it must operate within the same geographical location as the original lodge. If the dissolved Lodge had been operating under an Incorporated Warrant, its real property shall devolve as provided by section 7 of the Act of Incorporation, and all other property belonging thereto shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary to be utilized for the purposes of the Association. If the dissolved Lodge had been operating under an unincorporated warrant, all its property shall inure to, and be utilized for, the benefit of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Defaulting Lodges Disciplined

26. All Lodges, in default of paying dues and/or filing a return to Superior Lodges, shall if such defaults continue for two years or upwards the M.W. Grand Master may declare such lodge dormant or direct the surrender, cancellation or suspension of the warrant.

Re Balloting Out

27. In order to guard the Association against the possibility of improper persons continuing members thereof, it shall be competent for the Grand Lodge or the M.W. the Grand Master to order that the member or members of Primary Lodge shall undergo a new ballot, for which the members of such Lodge shall be specially summoned. Application for such re-ballot shall be made by the Primary Lodge to which such member belongs and under its seal. If upon such re-ballot two-thirds of the members present and voting are recorded against the members he shall be deemed rejected and thereupon his privileges as a member of the Association shall cease and he shall

not be re-admitted to membership except under the Rules governing rejected applications. Provided that 30 day's prior notice in writing of this proposed action must be given personally or by registered letter to the member in question, of the time and place when said business shall be dealt with; and unless written proof is given at said meeting of said notice having been given to the member, no action shall be taken.

Degrees

28. There shall be four Degrees in the Association, viz.: Orange, Blue Royal Arch Purple, and Royal Scarlet, which shall be conferred only in open lodge; the first three shall be conferred under an Orange Warrant, and the fourth under the authority of a Royal Scarlet Dispensation, except where there is no Royal Scarlet Chapter, in which case it may be conferred under the Orange Warrant. No Degree of the Association shall under any circumstances be conferred upon visiting Brethren from other Orange Jurisdictions, nor shall any Honorary Degree be granted. Any lodge that does not comply with this rule shall be liable to have its Warrant suspended or cancelled.

When Degrees May be Conferred

29. One month shall elapse between the conferring of each Degree, except where otherwise provided; but in no case shall it be lawful to confer any degree out of rotation. Except in cases of affiliated brethren form other jurisdictions, who, having attained the Royal Arch Purple Degree, may be required to receive the Blue Degree. No member shall be advanced to a higher degree without first being examined in open lodge and proving himself proficient in the work of the preceding degree, and with the approval of a majority of the members present.

Dispensation to Confer Degrees

30. The Grand Master and Provincial Grand Masters shall have power to confer, or authorize the conferring of degrees without awaiting the lapse of the usual probationary time. An entry of the authority by which degrees were so conferred shall be made in the Initiation or Degree Book of the lodge to which the member or members to be advance belong.

Degrees May be Conferred in Different Lodges

31. Upon payment of the fee, and upon presentation of a certificate to that effect from the Master of his lodge, in which he requests the Worshipful Master and members of another lodge to confer certain

degrees, a member may receive any degree conferrable under an Orange warrant in such other lodge, but an entry of such advancement shall be made in the Degree Book of his Lodge.

Fees for Degrees

32. Fees for different Degrees shall be as set by the Lodge conferring the Degree

Regalia

33. The regalia that shall be worn at all lodges meetings and in all processions shall be as follows:

For a Worshipful Master, two gavels crossed; Deputy Master, one gravel; Chaplain, an open Bible; Secretary, two pens crossed; Financial Secretary, a pen and a key crossed; Treasurer, two keys crossed; Marshal, two wands crossed; Lecturers, a closed book; First Committeemen, a scroll and a key crossed; Tyler, crossed swords; Sentinel, a sword. A Past Master's Jewel shall consist of a five-pointed star. On the star there shall be placed two gavels crossed. It shall be attached to a ribbon with clasps. The colour of the ribbon for a Past Master of a Primary Lodge, Orange; a District Lodge, Blue; County Lodge, Purple; and for Past Provincial and Grand Masters, Scarlet. Jewels may be worn with or in lieu of other regalia.

Certificates and Forms

34. The blank forms, as approved, and none other, shall be used by the Association, and the same shall be issued by the Grand Lodge and supplied by the Grand Secretary. Certificates must be signed by the Master and Recording Secretary, and must be sealed by the seal of the lodge issuing them.

Amendments to Constitution

35. No change shall be made in the Constitution and Laws of the Association except by a two-thirds vote of the members of Grand Lodge present and voting at its Biennial meeting, before the election of officers, nor unless notice thereof shall have been given in writing at the preceding annual meeting, the evidence if such notice being its publication in the Appendix to the proceedings of such Biennial meeting, nor shall any change be considered by the Grand Lodge until reported upon by the Committee on Constitutions and Laws. Except when specifically determined otherwise, all changes in the Constitution shall come into force on the first day of January next following their adoption by Grand Lodge.

Any proposed alteration to the Constitution which has been twice in succession rejected by the M.W. Grand Lodge shall not be re-introduced for consideration until six years from the date of its last rejection.

The Grand Secretary shall prepare and distribute to each Provincial Grand Secretary a sufficient number of copies of each amendment typed and sized in convenient form for insertion in the Constitution immediately after each annual meeting.

Amendment Report

36. Where a notice to amend the Constitution and Laws, regularly filed, has been favourably reported upon by the Standing Committee on Constitution and Laws, and such report has been adopted by the Grand Lodge, such action shall be deemed to give full effect to the proposed amendments, Should a notice of motion be reported upon adversely by the Committee on Constitution and Laws and the report is not approved by Grand Lodge, such decision shall not be sufficient to give effect to the proposed amendment, but a substantive motion at the same meeting, in terms of the notice , shall be competent.

GOL B.A. Officers Duties

Grand Master

37. The Grand Master shall, if present, preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge; if absent, the Deputy Grand Master shall preside, if both are absent, the Senior Provincial Grand Master if these are absent, the members present shall elect one of their number to preside; and the brother so elected shall, during his occupancy of the chair, exercise all the power and authority of the Grand Master.

Special meeting of Grand Lodge

38. The Grand Master may call a special meeting of the Grand Lodge, by giving the members fourteen days' notice by mail; but no business except that for which such special meeting has been called shall be transacted thereat. He may also call the annual meeting at an earlier, or postpone it until a later day, than that fixed Rule 7 of this Constitution. If he calls the annual meeting before the date fixed by Rule 7 of this Constitution, he shall cause notices to be mailed to the members at least two weeks previous to the date selected; and if he postpones the annual meeting, he will cause notice to be mailed to the members at least two weeks previous to the first day in the month of June.

Grand Masters Rulings

39. All questions submitted to the Grand Master for his decision or Ruling shall be signed by the Secretary and stamped with the seal of a subordinate lodge, such decisions and rulings will be presented by the Constitution and Laws committee at the Biennial meeting of the Grand Lodge for consideration the results of which shall be published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge each Biennial year.

Deputy Grand Master

40. The Deputy Grand Master shall occupy the deputy chair, and shall assist the Grand Master in the discharge of his duties.

Grand Chaplain

41. The Grand Chaplain shall conduct the religious services of the Grand Lodge.

Grand Secretary

42. The Grand Secretary shall be the custodian of the seals, warrants, warrant plates, registers, rituals, books, papers, correspondence, and other property of the Grand Lodge. He shall attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, keep a correct record of the proceedings, conduct the correspondence, attend to the issue of warrants, distribute the rituals, forms, reports and other printed matter; prepare for the use of the Committee on Credentials, at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, a list of the members, with the office or position held by each; present a report to the Grand Lodge at each Biennial meeting on the state and progress of the Association and the correspondence of the year; and remit to the Grand Treasurer, any money that may have come into his hands

Annual Password

43. On receipt of the Annual Password from the Imperial Orange Council, the Grand Secretary shall advise the Grand Master and, at the appropriate time, shall transmit the Word to Provincial Grand Secretaries who, in consultation with their Provincial Grand Masters, shall take such action as necessary to communicate the Password to all Primary Lodge Masters who have sent in their Returns and are not in arrears for dues. Where County or District Lodges function, the facilities of these offices will be used.

It shall be the duty of the Provincial Grand Treasurer to forward to all County and District Masters, on or before July 1st in every year, the names and numbers of all lodges in their jurisdiction that are affected as above, and no County or District Master shall in any circumstances communicate the Annual to said lodges until the requirements of this law have been fulfilled. In the case of isolated lodges, the Provincial Grand Treasurer must submit a list of those which are delinquent to the Provincial Grand Master, who shall be governed in a similar manner.

Grand Treasurer

44. The funds of the Association shall be lodged in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, who shall produce his books and vouchers at every annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, to be examined by the Finance Committee. No money shall be paid out by him except in pursuance of

a recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved by the Grand Lodge, or on the written order of the Grand Master or Grand Secretary with approval of the Executive Committee of Grand Lodge

Grand Lecturer

45. The Grand Lecturer shall repeat the lectures at the opening and closing of the Grand Lodge, and instruct the members in the secret work when called upon

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Grand Marshal

46. The Grand Marshal shall attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge, and make such arrangements as may be necessary for holding such meetings. He shall order and take charge of all processions and ceremonials in which the Grand Lodge shall take part

Grand Auditors

47. Chartered or Public Accountants as appointed by the Executive or Grand Lodge shall conduct an audit or non-audit engagement of the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and report at the meeting of the Grand Lodge.

Deputies

48. The Deputies when appointed by the Grand Master for the current sessions, of the Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer shall assist those officers in the discharge of their respective duties.

Powers of Grand Lodge Officers

49. The Grand Lodge Officers shall be ex-officio members of all lodges, and entitled to exercise the rights of membership, except in the distribution of funds, the election of officers, and the adoption or amendment of by-laws.

Executive Committee

50. The Executive Committee shall direct the affairs of the Association when the Grand Lodge is not in session; and its decision on any question shall be in force until the same is confirmed, amended or annulled by the Grand Lodge. It shall have during such time the same powers of trial, suspension or expulsion as are by Rule No. 5 given to the Grand Lodge.

Officers Liability

51. Every Officer or Committee Member of the Grand Lodge, or any other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Grand Lodge and their heirs, executors, administrators and estate and effects, respectively, shall from time to time be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, from and against (1) all costs charges and expenses whatsoever, which such officer or other person sustains or incurs in or about any action suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him for or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted by him in or about the execution of the duties of his office; and (2) all other costs, charges and expenses which he sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except such costs, charges or expenses as are occasioned by his own wilful neglect or default.

Honorary or Past Rank

52. The Grand Lodge may confer upon any member in good standing in the Association for distinguished service to the Order or other cause deemed sufficiently meritorious, any honorary or past rank subject to such terms as it may think proper.

PROVINCIAL RULES

Territorial Limits

53. Each Province into which Canada is now or may hereafter be subdivided for the purposes of civil government shall constitute the territorial limits of a Provincial Grand Lodge, excepting the Province of Ontario, which shall be divided into two Provinces as follows: That part of the Province of Ontario lying west of the County of Victoria and a straight line drawn south to Lake Ontario, with the exception of the territory west of a straight line drawn north and south Ignas on the C.P.R. (which territory is attached to the Province of Manitoba) shall constitute a Province to be known as the Province of Ontario West and that part of the Province of Ontario bounded on the west by the western limit of the County of Victoria and a straight line drawn south to Lake Ontario shall constitute a Province to be known as the Province of Ontario East.

Legal Name

54. That the Provincial Grand Lodges shall be designated as "The Provincial Grand Lodge for ……..." (giving the territorial name), and if any Provincial Grand Lodge becomes incorporated under the provisions of 5 Vic., Chapter 105, the corporate name thereof shall be "The Loyal Orange Lodge No. P." (giving the number of the lodge).

Primary Lodges Necessary

55. The Lodges necessary for a Provincial Grand Lodge to operate shall be determined by the Grand Lodge of Canada for the proper administration of the Association in that jurisdiction

Who Shall Compose the Provincial Grand Lodges

56. Provincial Grand Lodges shall be composed of their officers; Past Grand Masters; Past Provincial Grand Masters; Past Provincial Grand Officers; Past Provincial Grand Masters who have held office for one consecutive year; County and District Masters; Commanders of Scarlet Chapters (or in his absence of Deputy Commander, and in his

absence of duly appointed proxy who must be a member of the Chapter and in good standing in the Primary Orange Lodge); Past County and District Masters; and Past Commanders of Scarlet Chapters, and Masters and Past Masters of Primary Lodges; and the Secretary of the Insurance Department of the Grand Lodge, subject to the restrictions provided in section rule # 6. When the master of the county, district or primary lodge is absent, or being present, votes in some other capacity, the deputy master of such Lodge may represent it; and, in the absence of the Master and Deputy Master, then a proxy duly appointed in open Lodge, who must be a member of such Lodge, may represent it; and shall be entitled to sit and vote, but may not run nor hold office unless otherwise qualified. (all members of Provincial Grand Lodges shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree), and shall be members in good standing in a Primary Lodge. Provincial Grand Lodges with a membership of 500 or less and whose members are in possession of the Royal Scarlet Degree, shall be entitled to sit, vote and hold office in such Provincial Grand Lodges. (Subject to the terms of Rule # 59)

Meetings, Powers Dues Etc.

58. The Provincial Grand Lodges shall meet optionally within their respective Provinces annually or bi-annually in such places as they shall determine after their first meeting, at any time not later than the thirty-first day in the month of May; levy dues by capitation tax or otherwise; divide their territory into Counties, and make such by-laws for the management of their affairs as shall not be inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws. The power to reinstate expelled members shall be vested in Provincial Grand Lodges. In case of refusal, the brother concerned shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge.

Officers to be Elected

59. At the annual meeting the following officers shall be elected, as provided in Rule 206 A Master, a Deputy Master, a Junior Deputy Master, each of whom must have held the office of Worshipful Master in a Primary Lodge; a Chaplin, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Lecturer, a

Marshal, two Auditors, except where the financial books are audited by Charted or Public Accountants, Deputy Chaplains (at its discretion), a Deputy Secretary Deputy Treasurer and a Deputy Lecturer. All the foregoing officers must have the Royal Scarlet Degree, and shall be designated Right Worshipful Provincial Grand

Officers. A Provincial Grand Lodge may, by by-law duly approved, provide for the appointment and remuneration of an assistant to any of its officers.

Quorum

60. No meeting of a Provincial Grand Lodge shall be held unless a quorum of twelve be present, all of whom have the Royal Scarlet

61. The suggested order of business at meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodges shall be:

FIRST DAY

1. Opening the Provincial Grand Lodge in the Royal Scarlet Degree
2. Reading Scriptures
3. Appointing Committee to nominate the Standing Committees
4. Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture
5. Business connected with the Royal Scarlet Degree
6. Reduction of the Orange Degree (optional)
7. Grand Master's Address
8. Reading Annual Reports of Grand Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors
9. Receiving and adopting the Reports of the Committee to nominate the Standing Committees
10. Reading and Receiving Petitions, Appeals and Reports
11. Referring Petitions, Appeals and Reports
12. Notice of Motion
13. General Business

SECOND AND SUBSEQUENT DAYS

1. Reading Scriptures
2. Reading and adopting preceding day's minutes
3. Receiving Reports of Standing Committees
4. Unfinished Business
5. General Business
6. Selection of next place of meeting
7. Election and Installation of Officers
8. Raising the Lodge to the Royal Scarlet Degree
9. Reading minutes
10. Repeating the Royal Scarlet Lecture
11. Closing Ceremonies

NOTE – The election of officers shall not be held before the last day's sitting.

Committees

62. Standing Committees of the Provincial Grand Lodge may be:
(a) Credentials

(b) Correspondence
(c) Finance
(d) Suspensions and Expulsions
(e) Petitions and Appeals
(f) Returns
(g) Notices of Motion

Each of which shall be composed of a maximum of five members. Their duties shall be as provided for like Committees in Rule 12. The duties of the Committee on Returns shall be to examine the returns of the several County Lodges and report upon the statistics as to the membership in such County Lodge returns.

Legislation Committee

63. The Executive of the Provincial Grand Lodge shall be the Legislation Committee

Fees to Grand Lodge

64. Each Provincial Grand Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada shall pay to the Grand Treasurer, immediately after its respective Annual meeting in each year, the Per Capita Tax set by the Grand Lodge.

PROVINCIAL OFFICERS DUTIES

Provincial Grand Master

65. Each Provincial Grand Master shall, by virtue of his office, be a Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for his Province.

Who shall preside

66. If the Provincial Grand Master be present, he shall preside at all meetings of the Provincial Grand Lodge; if he be absent, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall preside; in his absence, the Junior Deputy Provincial Grand Master shall preside; and in the absence of the foregoing officers the lodge shall elect one of its number to preside, who shall, while occupying the chair, have all the powers of the Provincial Grand Master.

Deputy Provincial Grand Master

67. Any vacancy, caused by death, or otherwise, in the office of the Provincial Grand Master, shall be filled by the succession of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master; and in the event of his death or resignation, a Junior Deputy Grand Master shall fill the office.

Provincial Grand Secretary

68. Provincial Grand Secretaries shall furnish to the County and District Masters in their respective Provinces all blank forms of returns, etc. They shall transmit annually to the Grand Secretary, within two weeks after the Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, a report in writing, giving the names and Post Office addresses of the Provincial Grand Officers, County Officers, County Masters, District Masters, Worshipful Commanders of Royal Scarlet Chapters, Masters and Recording Secretaries of Primary Lodges for the current year, and the number of lodges in each County. They shall forward at the same time a statement of the County and District Lodges which have made their Annual Returns, as well as of those which have not done so, together with a list of the suspensions and expulsions for the past year, and a memorandum of the time and place selected for holding the next annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Provincial Grand Treasurer

69. The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall keep the books of accounts between the Provincial Grand Lodge and subordinate lodges; and he

shall forward to the Grand Treasurer, immediately after the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, all Grand Lodge dues. He shall furnish to the Credential Committee a list of all lodges in arrears for dues payable to or through his office.

Powers of Provincial Grand Lodge Officers

70. Provincial Grand Officers shall, within their respective jurisdiction, have all the powers and privileges vested in the Grand Officers, but in subordination thereto, and shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of the Grand Lodge. Provincial Grand Lodge Officers shall be ex-officio members of all Lodges within their respective jurisdictions and entitled to exercise the rights of membership therein, except in the distribution of funds, the election of officers, the adoption or amendments of by-laws, and balloting on candidates.

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COUNTY RULES

Territorial Limits

70. County Lodges shall exercise jurisdiction over the territory assigned to them by the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Lodges necessary for a County Lodge to operate shall be determined by the Provincial Grand Lodge for the proper administration of the Association in that jurisdiction.

Who Shall Compose County Lodges

71. County Lodges shall be composed of their Officers, District Officers, Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Recording and Financial Secretaries, Treasurer, Lecturer, Deputy Lecturers, Marshals, and Senior Committeemen of Primary Lodges Past Masters of County, District and Primary Lodges who have not withdrawn their certificates for more than two years, and are now in good standing in a Primary Lodge within the County and who have received the Orange, Blue and Royal Arch Purple Degrees.

Designation

72. County Lodges shall be designated as "Loyal Orange County Lodge in the County of ……..," and if any County Lodge becomes incorporated under the provisions of 53 Vic., Chapter 105, the corporate name thereof shall be " The Loyal Orange Lodge No. C," (giving the number of the lodge).

Annual Meeting

73. The annual meeting of a County Lodge shall be held no later than February 28th. and it shall be the duty of the County Recording Secretary to give at least (by announcement at every Primary Lodge meeting) one week's notice of such annual meeting to all members entitled to sit and vote in such County Lodge.

Quorum

74. Nine members shall form a quorum; and no meeting of a County Lodge shall be held unless that number be present.

Opening Degree

75. County Lodges shall be opened in the Royal Arch Purple Degree, but may be reduced at the option of the lodge.

Officers to be Elected

77. The members shall attend the annual meeting without notice, and shall elect for the ensuing year, as provided in Rule 206, a Master and

a Deputy Master, who must have held the office of Worshipful Master in a Primary Lodge, and shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree; a Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Marshal, two Auditors, and not more than two Deputy Lecturers. A County Lodge may adopt a by-law providing for the election of one or more Junior Deputy County Masters.

How Vacancy Filled

78. That except as provided by Rule 77, in the event of a vacancy occurring in an office by death, resignation or otherwise, the County Lodge shall, at its first meeting thereafter, proceed to fill such vacancy; and in case a member who is already an officer of the lodge is elected to fill a vacancy, his election shall render vacant the office then held by him, which later vacancy shall thereupon be filled forthwith.

Order of Business

79. The suggested order of business at Annual Meetings shall be:

1. Opening the Lodge in the Royal Arch Purple Degree
2. Reading of Scriptures
3. Repetition of Lecture
4. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, and signed by the Master
5. Appointing the Credential Committee, which shall report at once
6. Appointing Standing Committees Finance, Suspensions **Expulsions** and Returns
7. Address of County Master and reports of Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Finance Committee.
8. Report of Standing Committees
9. Reports from retiring District Masters (which shall be in writing)
10. Unfinished business
11. General Business
12. Election and Installation of Officers
13. Selection of next place of meeting
14. Repetition of Lecture
15. Closing of Lodge with Prayer

Standing Committees

80. At each annual meeting of a County Lodge there shall be four Standing Committees appointed - Finance, Credentials, and Suspensions and Expulsions – which shall each be composed of three members, whose duties shall be the same as those of similar committees of the Grand Lodge; and a Committee on Returns, whose duties shall be to go carefully over the returns from the lodges under their jurisdiction, correct all errors and irregularities, and prepare and present a tabulated statement to the County Lodge, so that a correct

report may be sent to the Provincial Grand Secretary. At all other meetings, a Committee on Credentials shall be appointed.

Establish District Lodge

81. Each County Lodge may establish within its territory District Lodges. County Lodges may review and alter boundaries of District Lodges Such action may be appealed to the Provincial Grand Lodge.

Fees and By-Laws

82. County Lodges may levy a fee, by capitation tax or otherwise, for County purposes, based upon the current year's return of membership from the several Primary Lodges within their jurisdiction and may arrange their order of business, unless at annual meetings, by by-laws, which must be approved by the Grand Master.

Twelfth of July Celebrations

83. County Lodges may pass by-laws, subject to approval of the Grand Master, regulating, governing and controlling any or all celebrations of the Twelfth Day of July by such Lodges and all subordinate Branches of the Association under their jurisdiction and upon the adoption and approval of such by-laws all District and Primary Lodges within such County shall conform thereto, and any such Lodge which at any time refuses to comply with such by-laws, or takes part in any celebration not authorized thereby, shall be liable to have its Warrant called in and cancelled by the Grand Master. Intoxicating liquor may not be sold or served under the auspices of the Loyal Orange Association prior to Twelfth of July Parade.

COUNTY OFFICERS DUTIES

County Master

84. If the County Master be present, he shall preside at all meetings of the County Lodge; if he be absent, the Deputy Master shall preside; if both be absent, the Senior District Master present shall preside; if no District Master be present, the Primary Master present of the Senior Primary Lodge according to the date of warrant shall preside, and during his occupancy of the chair he shall be vested with all the powers of the County Master.

Annual Returns

85. It shall be the duty of the County Master to see that the Annual Returns are properly made by the County Recoding Secretary, and forwarded to the Provincial Grand Secretary within one week after the holding of the annual meeting; also, that the County Treasurer forward to the Provincial Grand Treasurer all Provincial Grand Lodge dues; and no County Master shall be permitted to vote in a superior lodge unless the Annual Returns and dues of the County have been forwarded thereto.

Visitation

86. It shall be the duty of the County Master to visit at least once every year each Primary Lodge in his County which is not under the jurisdiction of a District Lodge, and his travelling expenses in performing this duty shall be paid by the County Lodge. On his official visit, the County Master, accompanied by the County Secretary, will inspect the books of the Primary Lodges which are not under the jurisdiction of a District Lodge. Lodges shall be notified by the County Secretary of the date of such County Master's inspection visit.

Deputy County Master

87. Any vacancy caused by death or otherwise in the office of County Master shall be filled by the succession of the Deputy County Master.

Absence in the Chair

88. If the Deputy County Master be present, he shall occupy the deputy chair, and assist the County Master in the discharge of his duties; should he be absent, the deputy chair shall be filled as provided for in Rule 85.

County Recording Secretary

89. The County Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal, minute book and papers of the lodge. He shall keep a record of the proceedings, issue all summonses, conduct the correspondence, make out the Annual Returns, and forward them to the Provincial Grand Secretary within one week after the holding of the Annual Meeting. In any County where a Royal Scarlet Chapter exists under a dispensation issued to the County Lodge and is not within the jurisdiction of a District Lodge, he shall notify the Scribe of such Chapter immediately after the Annual County Meeting of the names of all members of Primary Lodges in such County who have died or have been suspended or expelled.

County Financial Secretary

90. The County Financial Secretary shall keep the books of account between the County Lodge and the Primary Lodges; present an Annual Statement of the lodges in arrears and receive all monies and pay the same over to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting.

County Treasurer

91. The County Treasurer shall, immediately after the Annual County Meeting, forward to the Provincial Grand Treasurer all Grand Lodges dues.

Powers of County Officers

92. County Officers shall be ex-officio members of all District and Primary Lodges under their jurisdiction. They shall have the right to vote therein upon all questions, excepting the distribution of lodge funds, the election of officers, the adoption of by-laws and balloting on candidates; they shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of the Grand Lodge, and shall be designated "Worshipful", but only (excepting in the case of County Masters) while occupying such office.

County and District Lodges

93. Where both County and District Lodges exist in the same territory, they shall have co-ordinate responsibility for and right of supervision over their Primary Lodges, but this shall not confer co-ordinate power of discipline. The installation of officers of a Primary Lodge devolves primarily upon the District Master, and similarly of a District Lodge upon the County Master. While the duty of visitation is imposed upon both these officers, neither shall have an absolute right to preside over a Primary Lodge except at the request of the W.M. of that Lodge.

Territorial Limits

94. District Lodges shall exercise jurisdiction over the territory assigned to them by the County Lodge. Lodges necessary for a District Lodge to operate shall be determined by the Provincial Grand Lodge for the proper administration of the Association in that jurisdiction

Who Shall Compose District Lodges

95. District Lodges shall be composed of their officers, Masters, Deputy Masters, Chaplains, Recording and Financial Secretaries, Treasurers, Lecturers, Deputy Lecturers, Marshals, and Senior Committeemen of Primary Lodges, Past County Masters, Past District Masters and Part Masters of Primary Lodges being members of some Primary Lodge in the District, who have received the Degrees of Orange, Blue, and Royal Arch Purple.

Designation

96. The District Lodge shall be designated as "Loyal Orange District Lodge in the District of .....," and if any District Lodge becomes incorporated under the provisions of 53 Vic., Chapter 105, the corporate name thereof shall be "The Loyal Orange Lodge No. D……." (giving the number of the lodge).

Annual Meeting

97. The annual meeting shall be held at such time as be decided by the Provincial Grand Lodges in and for their respective territories.

Quorum

98. Seven members shall form a quorum; and no District Meeting shall be held unless that number be present.

Degree

99. District Lodges must be opened in the Blue Degree, but may be reduced at the option of the Lodge.

Officers to be Elected

100. The members shall attend the annual meeting without notice, when there shall be elected, as provided in Rule 206: A Master and Deputy Master, who must have held the office of Worshipful Master in a Primary Lodge, and shall have the Royal Scarlet Degree; a

Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Marshal, two Auditors, and a Deputy Lecturer.

How Vacancy Filled

101. Any vacancy caused by death or otherwise in the office of District Master shall be filled by the succession of the Deputy District Master.

Vacancy

102. Except as provided by Rule 101, in the event of a vacancy occurring in an office by death, resignation or otherwise, the District Lodge shall, at its first meeting thereafter, proceed to fill such vacancy; and in case a member who is already an officer of the Lodge is elected to fill a vacancy, his election shall render vacant the office then held by him, which later vacancy shall thereupon be filled forthwith.

Order of Business

103. The suggested order of business at Annual Meetings shall be:

1. Opening the Lodge in the Royal Blue Degree
2. Reading the Scriptures
3. Repetition of Lecture
4. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, and signed by the Master
5. Appointing Standing Committees
6. Reports of Committees on Credentials and Returns
7. Address of District Master and Reports of Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary Finance Committee and retiring Masters of Primary Lodges
8. Unfinished Business
9. General Business
10. Election and Installation of Officers
11. Selection of next place of meeting
12. Repetition of Lecture
13. Closing the Lodge with prayer

Committees

104. At each annual meeting of the District Lodge there shall be appointed by the lodge three Standing Committees – Finance and Credentials – which shall each be composed of two members, whose duties shall be the same as those of similar committees of the Grand Lodge; and a Committee on Returns, whose duties shall be to go carefully over all the returns from the lodges under their jurisdiction, correct all errors and irregularities, and prepare and present a tabulated statement to their District Lodge so that a correct report may be sent to the County Recording Secretary.

Dues and Fees

105. District Lodges may levy a fee, by capitation tax or otherwise, for District purposes, based upon the current year's return of membership from the several Primary Lodges within their jurisdiction.

By-laws and Meetings

106. District Lodges may meet as often as the members deem necessary, and may arrange their order of business, unless at annual meetings, by by-laws, which must be approved by the Grand Master.

DISTRICT OFFICERS DUTIES

District Master

107. If the District Master be present, he shall preside at all meetings of the District Lodge; if he be absent, the Deputy Master shall preside. In the absence of the Master and Deputy Master, the Master present of a Senior Primary Lodge according to date of warrant shall preside, and during his occupancy of the chair he shall have all the powers of the District Master.

Visitation

108. It shall be the duty of the District Master to visit every lodge under his jurisdiction at least once a year (for which the District Lodge shall pay his travelling expenses) and correct all irregularities and any infringements of the Constitution; and upon receiving information of any irregularity, he shall, without delay, investigate and correct the same. On his official visit the District Master, with the District Secretary, will inspect the books of all Primary Lodges under his jurisdiction. Lodges shall be notified by the District Secretary of the date of the District Master's inspection visit.

Summon Members

109. The District Master shall have power to cause any officer of a District or Primary Lodge to be summoned before the District Lodge for refusing to obey his orders; and the charge shall be investigated and the offender punished as the District Lodge may direct.

Open new Lodges

110. The District Master, or other qualified officer shall open all new lodges in his District, and install the officers thereof.

Annual returns

111. It shall be the duty of the District Master to see that the Annual Returns are properly made by the District Recording Secretary, and forwarded to the County Recording Secretary (or, where there is no County Lodge, to the Provincial Grand Secretary), within one week after the holding of the Annual Meeting; also that the District Treasurer has forwarded to the County Financial Secretary all dues; and no District Master shall be allowed to vote in a superior lodge unless the Annual Returns have been forwarded to the County Recording Secretary (or Provincial Grand Secretary, as the case may be), and the dues forwarded to the County Financial Secretary.

Deputy District Master

112. If the Deputy District Master be present, he shall occupy the deputy chair, and assist the District Master in the discharge of his duties. Should he be absent the deputy chair shall be filled as provided for in Rule 108.

District Recording Secretary

113. The District Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal, minute book and papers of the lodge. He shall keep a record of the proceedings, issue all summonses, conduct the correspondence, make out the Annual Returns, and forward the same to the County Recordings Secretary (or, where there is no County Lodge, to the Provincial Grand Secretary), within one week after the holding of the Annual Meeting. He shall immediately after the Annual District Meeting notify the Scribe of the Royal Scarlet Chapter operating within the jurisdiction of such District Lodge the names of all members of Primary Lodges in such District who have died or have been suspended or expelled. He shall also perform such other duties as the lodge may direct.

District Financial Secretary

114. The District Financial Secretary shall keep the books of account between the District Lodge and the Primary Lodges; present an annual statement of the lodge in arrears; receive all monies and pay the same over to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting.

District Treasurer

115. The District Treasurer shall be the custodian of the funds and shall pay all accounts passed by the lodge and certified by the Master.

He shall, at each annual meeting, present a statement of the financial condition of the lodge. He shall pay over to the County Financial Secretary, at or before the annual County meeting, all dues, and shall perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Powers of District Lodge Officers

116. District Officers shall be ex-officio members of all Primary Lodges within their jurisdiction; and shall have the right to vote on all questions, excepting the distribution of lodge funds, the election of officers, the adoption of by-laws, and balloting on candidates. They shall discharge duties similar to those assigned to the respective officers of Grand Lodge and Primary Lodges, and shall be designated "Worshipful", but only (except in the case of District Master) while occupying such office.

PRIMARY LODGE RULES

Number to form a Primary Lodge

117. Each Primary Lodge shall be composed of not less than Five members who have attained the Royal Arch Purple Degree, and shall meet monthly of oftener; and may at its option conduct its business in the Orange, Blue, Royal Arch Purple, or Royal Scarlet Degree. A lodge may by majority vote suspend their meeting.

Name of Primary Lodge

118. No Primary Lodge shall be named after any individual then living, and name selected by any Primary Lodge shall be submitted to and approved by the M.W. the Grand Master before it is adopted.

Quorum

119. Five members shall form a quorum; and no meeting of a Primary Lodge shall be held or continued unless that number be present.

Officers

120. The officers of a Primary Lodge shall be a Master, Deputy Master, (who shall both be in possession of the Royal Scarlet Degree) Chaplain, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Lecturer, Marshal, and Deputy Lecturer, and 1st committeeman (all of whom shall have the Royal Arch Purple and all preceding Degrees) two Auditors, and such other officers as the By-laws may provide. A Primary Lodge may, by by-law duly approved, provide for the election of the same officer to perform the joint duties of Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary.

Order of Business

121. (The following "Order of Business" is a suggested agenda for your guidance).

1. Opening the Lodge in due form
2. Reading the Scriptures
3. Repeating the Orange Obligation by the Master, or by the Master and all the Brethren together (Optional)
4. Repeating the Lecture of the Degree in which the Lodge is opened. (This may be omitted by order of the Master, in the event of its being given later in an initiation or advancement ceremony)
5. Roll Call of Officers
6. Reading, confirming and signing the Minutes (Confirmation should be by resolution)

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

(a) Business arising out of the minutes

(b) Reports of Committees
(c) Report and/or balloting on Applicants for Affiliation
(d) Introduction of Applicants for Affiliation
(e) Reports on Candidates for Admission to the Association
(f) Balloting on Candidates
(g) Initiation of Candidates
8. Reports of Members sick or in distress
9. GENERAL BUSINESS
(a) Reading and Consideration of Communications
(b) Bills and Accounts
(c) Propositions for Membership
(d) Applications for advancement to a higher Degree
(e) Insurance Business (Life Insurance on Members and Dependents)
(f) Sentinel Business (Subscriptions; Articles of Interest, etc., brought to the attention of Members)
(g) New Business
10. Remarks for the good of the Order
11. Election and Installation of Officers
12. Collection of Dues and Announcement of Receipts
13. Repeating the Lecture (Except in special circumstances)
14. Closing the Lodge in due form

Annual Meeting

122. The annual meeting shall be held no later than December 31st of the calendar year

How Vacancy Filled

123. In the event of a vacancy occurring in an office, the lodge shall, at the first meeting thereafter, proceed to fill such vacancy; and in case a member who is already an officer of the lodge is elected to fill the vacancy, he shall on accepting the same, vacate the office then held by him. If the vacancy be that of the Master, the Deputy Master, a Past Master, or some officer selected by the lodge, shall preside until the vacancy is filled.

Annual Returns

124. Each Primary Lodge shall make an Annual Return to the District Lodge within whose jurisdiction it is situated, according to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge. When there are no District or County Lodges, the Annual Returns of Primary Lodges shall be transmitted to the next highest lodge, and the said returns must be sent in on or before the 15th day of January.

Dues

125. Each Primary Lodge shall pay annually to the Provincial Grand Lodge, such dues as may be assessed by that body for M.W. and

Provincial Grand Lodge purposes, and to other Superior Lodges such dues as may be assessed by them. In case of default of payment, with the exception of Primary Lodge executive officers; members who have paid their Annual dues in their Primary lodges, and have proof of such payment, will be admitted to meetings in superior lodges even if their Primary Lodge is in default of capitation payment to said superior lodges In no case shall the Master of a Primary Lodge be permitted to sit and vote in any superior lodges, until the required dues have been paid in full; nor shall the Annual Password be communicated to the Master of such Lodge until this regulation has been complied with. The Provincial Grand Treasurer shall, before the Annual Meeting of each County Lodge concerned, and again on or before the 1st day of June, advise the County Master of the Lodges in his County which are in default.

Payment of Dues

126. All dues paid by Primary Lodges shall be for the year ending on the last day of the calendar year.

When Considered Dormant

127. Any Primary Lodge which shall not meet for six consecutive months, or which has upon its roll less than five members in good standing, shall be considered dormant, and it shall be the duty of the Master thereof to forthwith report the fact to the Provincial Grand Secretary. If the Worshipful Master of a Primary Lodge neglects his duty in this respect, the District Master shall attend to it as soon as the matter is brought to his attention.

Primary Lodges Disputes

128. Any dispute arising between Primary Lodges shall be referred to the District Lodge, if both be in the same District; but, if not, then to the County Lodge; if not within the same County, to the Provincial Grand Lodge; and if both be not under the jurisdiction of the same Provincial Grand Lodge, such dispute shall be referred to the Grand Lodge for adjustment.

Union of Primary Lodges

129. Where it is proposed to unite two Primary Lodges the procedure shall be as follows: the lodges shall, if possible, agree upon the terms of union, including the lodge number to be retained, the disposal of the property of the absorbed lodge, etc. In default of such agreement

within one month after a joint meeting shall have been convened by either lodge for the purpose, all details shall be deemed referred to the Executive of the next superior lodge (as defined under the Act of Incorporation), who shall reduce their findings to writing, and their decision shall be subject to an appeal to the Provincial Grand Master concerned, whose judgement thereon shall be final. Upon such agreement, decision or judgement, the amalgamation shall be deemed complete, and the members of the absorbed lodge then in good standing shall be members of the surviving lodge and added to its membership. If the joint meeting so agrees, the officers of the latter lodge shall remain in office until the end of the then current year; otherwise, a meeting of the united lodges shall be held forthwith and new officers elected and installed.

PRIMARY OFFICERS DUTIES

Master

130. The Master shall, if present, preside at all meetings; in his absence the Deputy Grand Master shall preside; but, should both these officers be absent, then a Past Master may preside, or some other brother selected by the lodge.

Custodian of Property

131. The Master shall be the custodian of all the property of the lodge, except as provided for in Rules Nos. 140-142-143

Annual Return

132. The retiring Master shall see that the Annual Return of the lodge is properly made out by the retiring Recording Secretary and forwarded to the District Recording Secretary within one week after the annual meeting, and that the dues are paid by the Treasurer to the District Financial Secretary within one week; and no Master shall be permitted to vote in the District, County or Provincial Grand Lodge unless the lodge has paid all dues and made its Annual Return.

Who receives the Annual

133. The Annual shall be communicated only by the Master of the member's Lodge (or, on such Master's written request, by the Master of some other Primary Lodge), and official Organizer (on the institution of a new Lodge or the revival of a Lodge not declared

dissolved), or some member of such Lodge duly authorized by such Master or Organizer. No member shall receive the Annual who has not paid his dues up to the end of the previous year This Rule shall apply generally and shall include the case of dual membership. The only authority, from which any member is entitled to receive the Annual, shall be the Master of his parent lodge, which means the Primary Lodge from which he derives the right to affiliate with another Primary Lodge under the rules governing dual membership or upon the request or direction of such Master.

Master responsible

134. The Master shall be responsible for the good government of the lodge, and shall see that the Constitution and Laws of the Association are observed.

Powers of Masters

135. The Master of a lodge may and shall, at the request of seven members, call a special meeting of which due notice of its object shall be given to all the members, and no other business shall be transacted thereat. Should the Master neglect or refuse to comply with such request within seven days after it has been submitted to him, then the duty shall devolve upon the Deputy Master, who shall act thereon within three days after notice of the request, and in case of his default the Master of the next Superior Lodge, or some member authorized by him, shall forthwith on notice of the request call such special meeting.

Ex - Officio Member

136. The Master of a lodge shall be ex-officio a member of all committees of the lodge.

Questions arising

137. Any question arising, which is not provided for by the Constitution shall be decided by the Master, subject to an appeal to the lodge, and afterwards to the Grand Master.

Deputy Master

138. The Deputy Master shall occupy the deputy chair, and shall assist the Master in the discharge of his duties.

Chaplain

139. The Chaplain shall conduct the religious services**.**

Recording Secretary

140. The Recording Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal, minute book and papers of the lodge. He shall keep a record of the proceedings, issue all summonses, conduct the correspondence, make out all returns and perform such other duties as the lodge may direct.

141. In the event of a member of a Primary Lodge moving outside the jurisdiction of the County in which his Lodge is located, it shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of such Primary Lodge to advise the County Secretary or Provincial Grand Secretary having jurisdiction over the territory to which such member has gone to reside, of the name and address of such member. On receipt of such information, it shall be the duty of the County Secretary or Provincial Grand Secretary to immediately notify the Lodges located in such territory nearest to the member's residence.

Financial Secretary

142. The Financial Secretary shall keep the books of account between the lodge and its members; prepare and present at the meetings in March, June, September, and December, a complete list of those in arrears. He shall make a demand upon each member in arrears for payment thereof at least once in each year, collect and receive all monies and pay the same over to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting.

Treasurer

143. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of the Funds, and shall pay accounts passed by the lodge and certified by the Master. He shall, when required, present a complete statement of the financial condition of the lodge. He shall forward to the District Financial Secretary, before or at the annual District meeting, all dues, and perform such other duties as pertain to his office.

Marshal

144. The Marshal shall see that the members are clothed in the proper regalia, take charge of the procession and ceremonies, and see that the Union Jack and the National Flag are carried at the head of all processions, including a parade for Divine Services.

Lecturer

145. The Lecturer shall repeat the Lecture at the opening and closing of the Lodge, and instruct the newly-initiated candidates and members in the secret work of the Order, as laid down in the Code of Instructions.

Sentinel

146. The Sentinel shall guard the entrances to the lodge, allow no one to pass until properly tested, but under no circumstances shall he open the door of the lodge.

Tyler

147. The Tyler shall guard the entrance to the lodge from the inside; answer the signals from the outer door, and ascertain their cause; permit qualified brethren to enter; report to the Deputy Master the names of persons presenting themselves for admission not having the necessary qualifications, and admit such when instructed by the Master. He shall keep the door of the lodge closed during the opening and closing ceremonies, the repetition of lectures, reading of minutes, while the chair is being addressed, and taking a vote

MEMBERSHIP

Committee on Character

148. On each and every application received for membership by initiation, the Lodge shall appoint a committee whose duty shall be to carefully investigate the character of such applicant and submit a report in writing of such investigation at a subsequent regular meeting.

Candidates for Membership

149. Candidates for membership (who must be at least sixteen years of age, unless under a dispensation from the Grand Master), and who are Protestant, and believe in the Trinity, shall make application in writing to the Primary Lodge of their choice and must be recommended by two members of the lodge, who shall sign the application, which shall be referred to the Committee to be reported upon at a subsequent regular meeting. If the Committee reports unfavourably upon the application further action thereupon shall be stayed and the applicant shall be considered as rejected. If a favourable report be presented a ballot shall at once be taken. If three ballots are cast against the admission of a candidate, he shall be rejected. An application cannot be withdrawn after it has been referred to the Committee. Rejected candidates may again apply for admission twelve months after the date of their rejection, and this requirement shall apply to application for affiliation as well as for initiation, but in no case, shall they make an application to two or more lodges at the same time. In case an applicant for membership by initiation or by affiliation on deposit of a resignation certificate, or on deposit of a certificate issued upon the surrender of a resignation certificate, is rejected in any Primary Lodge, the Secretary of such lodge shall at once notify the Secretary of the County Lodge, who shall advise every lodge in the County of the fact of such rejection. In the case of an applicant for admission who has been reported upon favourably and accepted after due ballot and made default in presenting himself for initiation within six months thereafter, his admission shall not be proceeded with except upon a fresh ballot. Members in good standing of a Junior Orange Lodge, attaining the age of sixteen (16) years, are eligible for Initiation into the Orange Degree without fee, Members in good standing in a Lodge of the Loyal Orange Young Briton Association prior to attaining the age of twenty-one (21) years are also eligible for transfer to and initiation in the Senior Lodge without fee, and without Ballot Box.

Admission of American Citizens

150. An American citizen resident in Canada may be admitted into membership upon complying with the following obligation.

"That I will render due courtesy to His Gracious Majesty, King Charles III, King of the British Commonwealth, His Heirs and Successors, as long as he and they support the Protestant Religion."

Fellowship Lodge:

151. A "Fellowship Lodge" may be instituted and administered by the Grand Lodge Office, for unattached and/or members residing at extreme distance from a Primary Lodge and for sincere Protestants who would like to support the Orange Association's principles and programme.

Rules Governing the Fellowship Lodge

1. The Fellowship Lodge is established for the purpose of bringing together unattached and/or Members residing at extreme distance from a Primary Lodge, and for sincere Protestants who would like to support the Orange Association's Principles and Programme. It shall be administered entirely by the R.W. Grand Lodge Executive Committee.
2. Former Members, or those desirous of becoming Members, are eligible to join the Fellowship Lodge when no Primary Orange Lodge exists within a 25-mile radius of their residences.
3. The fee for Initiation of new Members shall be set, from time to time, by the R.W. Grand Lodge Executive Committee, in compliance with Rule 187, Constitution and Laws, and is payable to the respective Provincial Grand Orange Lodge, half of which will be returning to the Lodge conferring the Orange Degree.
4. The Annual Dues shall include a yearly subscription to the Sentinel (so long as it is published), and shall be $20.00 per Member, or $10.00 for Senior Citizens (65 years of age and over)
5. Fee (if any) for the Royal Blue, Royal Arch Purple and Royal Scarlet Degrees are payable, by the Candidate, to the Lodge exemplifying them. The said Lodge will be required to advise the Office of the R.W Grand Secretary on the conferring of such Degrees on Fellowship Lodge Members.

6. Members of Dormant Lodges, subject to Paragraph 2, desirous of joining the Fellowship Lodge, will be required to request a Dormant Lodge Certificate in writing to the R.W. Grand Secretary. It shall remain on file with the office of the R.W. Grand Secretary so long as the person remains a member of the Fellowship Lodge. If, in the event, at some later date, he may wish to affiliate with a Primary Orange Lodge, the said Lodge will, on his behalf, request his certificate from the R.W. Grand Secretary. He must be in good standing in the Fellowship Lodge before the Certificate can be granted.
7. The Fellowship Lodge shall recognize all Titles, Offices and Degrees of former Primary Lodge Members, as presently provided for in the Constitution and Laws.

Association Benevolent Membership

152.

A The persons eligible for Associate Membership are as follows:

1. Any former member of any Primary Lodge of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada who was not expelled for any improper conduct;
2. The wife of any member of a Primary Lodge of the Association;
3. The husband of any member of The Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association; and
4. A lineal descendant of any member or former member of any Primary Lodge of the Association.
5. Any person who can adhere to the principals of the Loyal Orange Association

B To be elected to Associate Membership an eligible candidate must:

1 .be proposed and seconded by two members in good standing of a Primary Lodge of the Association.

2. subscribe to the essential qualifications for ordinary members of the Association;

3. have his or her application approved by the Executive of the Associate Membership; and

4. pay a membership fee of $10.00 to the Association, except such person purchase an Orange Insurance Policy

All monies received from Associate Benevolent Members shall be recorded and become part of the Operating Expenses of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada.

C --- Associate Benevolent Members shall be recognized as Sustaining Members, which status does not entitle such Members to enjoy the privileges of full Lodge Membership, except when application for full Membership is applied for and granted.

Applications for Associate Membership will be considered from persons who accept and sign the following statement:

"I, ……., do hereby declare that I have read and subscribe to the general qualifications for Membership in the Loyal Orange Association as found on page 4, Constitutions and Laws, that I am a Canadian and will at all times support the Laws and Government of this Country."

D --- The Executive of the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada, from time to time, shall constitute the Executive of the Association Benevolent Membership. Such Executive shall be responsible for keeping all records pertaining to the Associate Benevolent Membership.
E --- A report in respect of the Associate Membership shall be given by the Executive to the annual meeting of The Grand Orange Lodge.

Affiliation by Certificate

153. A brother who is in possession of a Resignation certificate who desires to resume active membership in the Association, shall present such certificate to the lodge from which he resigned or withdrew his membership He must surrender all claim to the certificate and make application on the official form and also declare that he has not been rejected within twelve months previous. The application may be received and balloted upon at the same meeting and a majority vote of the membership present shall decide its acceptance or otherwise, and in either event the Lodge shall retain the certificate. After a favourable ballot has been declared, The Recording Secretary shall immediately note, in writing, across the back and front, the words, "Received by L.O.L. No.___," with the date of such endorsement. The provisions will apply to applicants presenting certificates from any

Orange jurisdiction recognized by the Imperial Orange Council In all cases, for the purpose of identification, every applicant shall take an obligation that he is the person purporting to be named in the certificate and that he has been regularly admitted as an Orangeman. A member presenting a certificate from a Primary Lodge in the United States shall also be obliged, before acquiring membership rights, to take the obligation required of all candidates for initiation. (See Rule 150 Obligation for U.S. Citizens).

Note: *Transfer Certificates are exchanged only between Lodge Secretaries and not given to individuals.*

Constitution, By-laws and Bible

154. When a candidate has been initiated, or when a member joins by certificate, he shall receive a copy of the Constitution and of the By-laws of the lodge, and, upon initiation, a copy of the Holy Bible.

Life Membership

155. Deleted 2022 sessions. Any member who already has Life Membership will not be affected by the deletion of Rule# 155

Dual Membership

156. Members in good standing in Primary Lodges may, nevertheless, affiliate with any other Primary Lodge or Lodges within Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodges of Canada. Such affiliating members shall pay to these lodges all dues and assessments imposed upon their membership. Primary Lodges having members who have affiliated with them in dual membership, shall pay, for each such member, all annual dues and capitation taxes imposed by all Superior Lodges. Should a member of the Order, holding dual membership, be suspended or expelled for any cause (other than non-payment of dues, unless where action is taken for such default by his parent lodge) from any Lodge in which he holds membership, such suspension or expulsion, shall become operative in every lodge of which he is a member. A member holding dual membership, who is suspended for non-payment of dues in his dual lodge shall not, thereby, be under disability in his parent lodge.

Resignation in Case of Dual Membership

157. Where a brother is a member of two or more Primary Lodges, under the provision permitting dual membership, he may resign his membership in any or every such lodge (except in the lodge in which

he hold original membership) by written intimation to that effect and upon payment of all dues to such Lodge or Lodges up to such date, and of any per capita tax payable to Grand Lodge up to the end of the then calendar year, his membership in such Lodge or Lodges shall cease. Should the member desire to remain in membership in any lodge other than his parent lodge, he must transfer to such lodge by certificate in the regular way and subject to the conditions governing transfer certificates.

Membership Transfer Certificate

158. A brother who has removed, or intends to remove from the jurisdiction of his Primary Lodge to the jurisdiction of another Primary Lodge within Canada, and desires to transfer his membership thereto, may apply in writing to the lodge in which he holds original (but not dual) membership for a transfer certificate, which shall be immediately granted, subject to the terms that no charge is pending against him, and that all Lodge dues are paid up to the date of its issue. An appropriate fee as published in the M.W. Grand Lodge Report of Proceedings and Price List shall be paid for the certificate. The actual issue, however, of such certificate shall be made, and be conditional, upon the acceptance of his application for affiliation. Such application shall be made and filed by him with the Recording Secretary of the lodge applied to within thirty days from the date of his request for the "Transfer Certificate". A majority vote shall be sufficient to accept or reject the application, and the same may be taken concurrently with the presentation of the application if at a special meeting. The Recording Secretary shall at once notify the Master of the Lodge from which the brother hails of the result of the application. In case of acceptance, it shall be the duty of such Master to see that the certificate is forthwith duly signed, sealed and forwarded, by registered mail or personal delivery to the Recording Secretary of the affiliating Lodge. Upon such forwarding the brother shall be deemed to have ceased to be a member of his former lodge and to be added to the membership of the affiliating lodge. In case, however, of the rejection of his application, the brother shall be deemed to remain a member of the former Lodge to all intents and purposes as if a transfer certificate had not been applied for, and he shall not be regarded as, or subject to, any of the disabilities of a rejected applicant.

Where the Transfer Certificate is granted to a member who is leaving the jurisdiction of Canada, it should be applied for by the

primary lodge with which the Brother desires to affiliate, and obtained via Grand Lodge correspondence.

Resignation

159. A member in good standing and not under a charge may withdraw from his membership in the Association by resignation in writing addressed to his Primary Lodge and upon payment of all dues and impositions which may accrue up to the end of the then current year. He shall if requested receive a Resignation Certificate in the prescribed form which shall be evidence only of his standing at the date thereof and not available for the purpose of re-affiliation. All dues in respect of such member shall cease from the end of the then current year and until he rejoins a Primary Lodge.

Rejoining After Resignation

160. A brother who has severed his connection with the Association by resignation and desiring thereafter to be restored to membership, may apply in writing to the lodge from which resigned; the application to be accompanied by a fee of two dollars. A majority vote, which may be taken at the same meeting, shall decide the acceptance or rejection of the application. In case of rejection, the brother shall not be subject to the rules governing rejected applicants.

(a) Should be a brother who has withdrawn by resignation desire to affiliate with a Primary Lodge other than that from which he resigned, he shall apply to the lodge which granted his Resignation Certificate for a Transfer Certificate, which shall be granted as of the date of his resignation, and upon the surrender of his Resignation Certificate and payment of a fee of two dollars, the Transfer Certificate shall be forwarded as directed by the applicant to the Secretary of the lodge with which he proposes to affiliate. A majority vote, which may be taken concurrently with receipt of application, shall decide its acceptance or rejection. In the case of rejection, the brother shall not be subject to the rules governing rejected applicants.

Past Master's Certificate

161. A Primary, District or County Lodge may present to a qualified Past Master in good standing, as mark of honour, a Past Master's Certificate which may be procured from the Grand Secretary upon an application in writing from the Lodge The prescribed fee for the certificate, shall accompany the application.

Certificates from Dissolved Lodges

162. When a Primary Lodge has been declared dissolved, all certificates affecting members thereof shall be granted and issued by the Provincial Grand Lodge on payment of the prescribed fee.

Honorary Membership

163. For the recognition of members giving valuable service to the Order in Canada and/or their Lodge.

Note: Every Primary Lodge shall be responsible for and pay over as they mature the same dues and per capita tax to Superior Lodges in respect of each honorary member as in the case of an ordinary member, and such honorary members shall be accounted for in the annual returns of the Primary Lodge.

Affiliation in Absence of Certificate

164. Where, through the loss or destruction of the records, of any Primary Lodge, a brother is unable to obtain a certificate, the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, upon being furnished with a statutory declaration of the applicant, endorsed by an approved certificate, both authorized form, may empower the Worshipful Master of the proper Primary Lodge to receive and re-obligate the brother as a member by affiliation, subject to the usual requirements as to application and ballot.

OFFENCES – VIOLATIONS - PENALTIES

The Committee

165. The Committee shall be composed of the 1st. committeeman and up to 4 other elected or appointed members. They shall try all charges made against members, and shall report in writing the evidence taken and the results of their deliberations. They shall also deal with the restoration of suspended members as provided by Rule 176

Loaning Warrants

166. Any member who shall loan or use a warrant for opening or holding any lodge other than the one for which it was issued, or shall use it for holding a lodge outside the place or territory it was granted for, shall be deemed guilty of violation of his trust, and shall be suspended or expelled.

Warrants of Dissolved Lodges

167. Any member or members who shall, under any circumstances whatsoever, attempt to make use of any warrant of a lodge which has been dissolved under the provision of rules 25 for the purpose of creating a new lodge either in the locality in which the dissolved lodge existed, or in any other locality, shall be liable to expulsion from the Association.

Regalia / Alcohol

168. No member of the Association shall wear any authorized regalia of the Order while in possession of an alcoholic beverage under penalty of suspension.

Disreputable conduct

169. Any member who shall throw discredit upon the Loyal Orange Association by improper or disreputable conduct shall be deemed to be an unworthy member and may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the association.

Suspension or Expulsion

170. Suspension or Expulsion may take place for a violation of Obligation, or of the Constitution and Laws.

(In all cases of expulsion, a full statement of each individual case shall be placed before the M.W. Grand Lodge so that the Committee on Suspensions and Expulsions may be in a position to pass intelligently on same.)

Unauthorized Ceremonies

171. Only the duly approved Ritual and the Ceremonial of the Order shall be permitted to be used at any time, unless by special permission of the Grand Master, and then only after a full submission and disclosure to him of what is intended to be used by such permission Failure to obtain permission from the Grand Master could result in the suspension and/or cancellation of the Lodges warrant

L. O. Y. B. Suspension or Expulsion

172 When any person who is a member of an Orange Young Briton Lodge is suspended, or expelled from an Orange Lodge, The Master of the Orange Lodge from which such person is suspended or expelled shall notify in writing, under then seal of the lodge, the Master of such Orange Young Briton Lodge that such person was suspended or expelled from the Orange Association. It shall be the duty of the Orange Young Briton Lodge at their next meeting to strike off the roll of the lodge the name of the person who was so suspended, or expelled, from the Orange Association. When any person who is a member of an Orange Lodge is suspended or expelled from any Orange Young Briton Lodge, the Master of the Orange Young Briton Lodge from which such person is suspended or expelled shall notify in writing, under the seal of the Lodge, the Master of such Orange Lodge that such person was suspended or expelled from the Orange Young Briton Association. It shall be the duty of the Orange Lodge at its next meeting to cause an investigation to take place, when it may expel or otherwise deal with the brother as the majority may decide.

Illegal Publication

173. Any member who shall utter, print, publish, or be privy to the printing, publishing or circulating of any matter or thing derogatory to the Association, or the character of any of its officers; or who prints, publishes, circulates or offers or exposes for sale or distribution, either as his own production or with or on behalf of another, any book, pamphlet or document relating to the Orange Association, which is intended to be (or is) distributed to any person other than a member of the Association, without having first submitted the same to, and obtained the permission of the M.W. the Grand Master, in writing, shall be liable to suspension or expulsion.

Lodges Violating Liquor Restrictions

174. Any lodge which permits the use of spirituous or intoxicating liquors while in session shall upon conviction, forfeit its warrant, and in such event the Worshipful Master shall, on demand made by the Grand Master be responsible for the immediate delivery of the warrant to the Grand Secretary.

Failure to Pay Dues

175. Membership dues to Primary Lodges are payable on or before December 31st. of the current year. Members who have not paid their dues as of that date, are considered to be in arrears as of January 1st. of the following year. When a member of a Primary Lodge is in arrears for dues the Recording Secretary shall send such member a statement of his arrears of dues, together with a notification that on a date to be specified in such notification, the Lodge will, unless the said arrears are paid suspend him from active membership. This statement shall be delivered, by registered post to his last known place of residence thirty days previous to the date of suspension. These proceedings shall be reported to the Lodge by the Recording Secretary, and on the date specified, if the arrears have not been paid the member shall be suspended from the active membership, unless the Lodge by resolution extends the time of payment; provided that any member under suspension for a cause other than non-payment of dues shall not be suspended from membership for non-payment of dues until the expiration of his term of suspension for cause.

Restoration ---- Reinstatement

176. Any member under suspension for non-payment of dues shall, upon payment of all just dues, owing to his lodge up to the time of such suspension, be at once, upon a favourable report of the Lodge Committee, and without further action, restored to all the privileges of membership.

In all other cases a member under suspension or expulsion shall be fully restored when the terms of the sentence have been satisfied or upon the favourable decision of a superior lodge on appeal.

Appeals for Aid

177. No lodge shall make or circulate any appeal for financial assistance for any purpose unless with the approval and consent of the M.W. the Grand Master, and, if a Primary Lodge, on the recommendation of the Provincial Grand Master in whose jurisdiction

the appeal is to be circulated. In case of default, the M.W. the Grand Master is empowered to call in and cancel the warrant and declare the lodge dissolved upon such evidence as may satisfy him that this Rule has been violated. The W.M. and any other officer or member of the lodge who was a party to or consented to such unauthorized appeal shall be liable to be dealt with as upon a violation of the Constitution.

It shall be mandatory for Primary Lodges making appeals for funds for any purpose whatsoever, where the consent of the Grand Master has been given, to submit to the County Lodge, or in the case of isolated lodges, to the Provincial Grand Lodge, with its Annual Returns, an audited statement of all money received and all expenses connected with the collection of such funds, each year, until such funds have been disposed of. If such funds are not used for the purpose for which they were collected, or a start has not been made to do so within three years of the closing of the subscription list (and such fund shall be deemed closed if no contribution has been received within a period of three months from the date of the last subscription) the principle sum collected, together with accrued interest, less any legitimate expenses connected therewith, shall be forwarded to the Provincial Grand Treasurer immediately after the annual meeting of the Primary Lodge next ensuing, who shall place same in Trust Account opened for the purpose, and it shall be held there until such time as the lodge is ready to proceed with the project for which the money was collected. Should the lodge, however, not proceed with the project within two years after deposit with the Provincial Grand Lodge, the whole amount shall be transferred to an Endowment Fund, the principle of which may so be dissipated, but the income from the investment of such fund may be used by the Principal Grand Lodge (after the time limit above named) for educational, organizational or legislation purposes, and in no case be placed in the general funds of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

This Rule shall be retroactive in its operation.

Trials

178. Any member against whom a charge has been preferred shall receive from the Recording Secretary immediate notice thereof in writing, together with a copy of the charge, and also eight days' notice, in writing, of the trial. If the party complained of or complaining deems it necessary, he may require the Master of the lodge in which the charge has been made to summon the attendance of any member, whether connected with the Primary Lodge or not, as a

witness; and if such member does not attend, he shall be proceeded against for violation of his obligation **---** if in connection, he shall be tried by the lodge to which he belongs; but if not in connection he shall be tried by the lodge whose summons he has disregarded.

Procedure without Summons Trial Necessary

179. Except for non-payment of dues, no member shall be suspended or expelled for any cause until after due trial and conviction.

Notification of Trial

180. Any member charged with an offence, upon whom a summons cannot be served, or whose whereabouts is unknown to the Recording Secretary, may be proceeded against as if he had been regularly summoned, provided such summons shall have been mailed to or delivered at his last known post office address by registered letter.

Absence of Defendant or Complainant from Trial

181. If a member against whom a charge has been regularly made, and who has been summoned to attend the trial, fails to appear without giving sufficient reason, he shall be proceeded against as if he were present. Should the complainant fail to appear without giving sufficient reason, the lodge shall acquit the brother complained of, and may at its discretion fine or reprimand the complainant.

Trial of Certain Officers

182. Upon any complaint being made in writing by a member to a County Master against a District Officer or the Master or Deputy Master of a Primary Lodge, it shall be the duty of the County Master to call a meeting of the County Lodge at a convenient place, within one month after such complaint has been received, and to have the persons complained of and complaining summoned by the County Secretary, that the matter may be investigated.

Charges in Primary Lodge

183. Any offence charged against a member or officer of Primary Lodge, other than the Master or Deputy, shall, subject to the provision of Rule 18, be tried in such Primary Lodge.

Conviction or Acquittal

184. A trial followed by conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

Members under charges

185. The status of any member under charges shall not be affected until after conviction.

Penalty for Preferring Frivolous or Vexatious Charges

186. If, after investigation or enquiry, either of which shall, for the purpose of appeal, be deemed a trial, a charge is found to be frivolous and vexatious, the lodge may suspend the complainant after due trial

Subordinate Lodges shall not Try Officers

187. Except in the case of an officer of the Grand Lodge, which shall have full power in the premises, and in the cases governed by Rules 18 and 178, an officer of the Association shall be tried for any offence committed in his official capacity in the Lodge next superior to the Lodge of which he is an officer.

Jurisdiction of Trial

188. Except as provided for by Rule 178 and 183, the trial of every person charged with an offence shall be heard and determined in the lodge in which the offence is alleged to have been committed.

Evidence to be Taken in Writing

189. At the trial of a brother, the evidence shall be taken in writing, and subscribed to by the witnesses.

Verdict

190. The committee which investigates a charge shall submit the evidence taken, and their written finding and recommendation thereon, and the same shall become effective on being approved by a majority of the lodge.

Notification of Verdict

191. In all cases in which a brother is pronounced guilty of any charge, he shall, if not present, be notified forthwith thereof in writing, if it be practicable to do so.

Immediate Effect of Sentence

192. Sentences of suspension or expulsion immediately deprive the member sentenced of all membership privileges and this disability continues until good standing is recorded.

Duration of Suspension

193. Indefinite suspension shall not be imposed except for non-payment of dues; definite suspension shall not be imposed for a longer time than three years, or for a period less than three months.

Right to Appeal

194. In all cases where a trial has been had, either party shall have the right to appeal to the next superior lodge; and so on to the Grand Lodge.

How to Appeal

195. All decisions shall be final unless an appeal is made within two months to the Master of the next superior lodge, stating the reasons for appealing. The appellant shall also send a copy of such notice to the Secretary of the lodge whose decision is appealed, and. the Secretary of the lodge appealed to, who shall receive a copy of all evidence and documents. Appeals shall be made in writing.

Restoration of Suspended or Expelled Members

196. Any brother who has been suspended or expelled from the Association may apply to the lodge on which the case was first investigated; and should such lodge deem the applicant worthy, and the cause of suspension or expulsion removed, it may apply to the several higher lodges to have the brother reinstated; and sanction being obtained from the Provincial Grand Lodge or (on appeal) from the Grand Lodge in the case of expulsion, the brother shall be reinstated.

Social Club Restrictions

197. No Primary, District or County Lodge, upon forming a Social Club, may use the following in its name, on its stationary or in its advertisements **–** "Loyal Orange Lodge", "Orange Lodge" or "L.O.L. **–** nor shall the Social Club use any of the recognized signs or symbols **–** nor will the Social Club make application for a liquor permit or licence in the name of the Lodge or the Loyal Orange Association.

RULES OF ORDER GENERAL RULES, APPLICABLE TO ALL LODGES

Rules of Order

198.

1. The Master shall preserve order and decorum, and decide questions of order or practice, stating the rule applicable
2. The Master shall not take part in any debate, nor vote on any motion unless on an equal division, except in the election of officers, when he may cast a ballot. He may, however, express his views on any question being debated before his vote is taken
3. Every member shall, previous to speaking, rise and address the Master
4. When two or more members rise at the same time, the Master shall decide which is to speak first
5. When the Master is putting a question, no member shall speak or move about the Lodge Room
6. No member, while speaking, shall be interrupted, except to explain, or upon a point of order
7. When a member is called to order, he shall resume his seat until the question of order is decided; he may, however, be permitted to explain, but in no case to introduce new matter
8. When the ruling of the Master is appealed against, he shall, without debate, put the question in the following words: "Shall the ruling of the Master be sustained?" He shall have the right to state his reasons for his decision given
9. No member shall speak disrespectfully of the Monarch, or of any member of the Royal Family, or of the persons administering the Government of Canada or any of the Provinces; nor shall he use any improper language, nor speak beside the question in debate
10. No member shall speak more than once on the same question, nor longer than ten minutes without the permission of the lodge, unless in explanation, except the mover, who shall have the right to reply, after which the debate shall close. This Rule shall not be applicable when in Committee of the Whole.
11. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except when it was the next preceding motion.
12. No motion shall be received unless it be in writing and seconded, but it shall be optional with Primary Lodges to receive motions either verbally or in writing
13. A member may require the motion under discussion to be read for his information at any time during the debate, except when a member is speaking.
14. After a motion has been received by the Master, it shall be in possession of the lodge, but may be with- drawn at any time before decision, by permission of the lodge
15. When a question is being debated, no motion shall be received except to amend, to postpone, to lay on the table, for the previous questions, to adjourn or commit
16. On the call of five members the "previous question" shall be put, and, until decided, shall preclude all amendments or debate, and shall be submitted in the following words: "Shall the vote on the main question be now taken?"
17. All motions shall be submitted, in the order in which they are received, except to

amend, for fixing dates or naming sums, when that for the largest sum or the longest date shall be submitted first
18. All motions, before being debated, shall be read by the mover
19. No motion to reconsider shall be in order unless made by a member who vote with the majority
20. It shall be the duty of the Master when the motion is out of order to inform the lodge, and to cite the Rule applicable
21. No motion to amend an amendment to an amendment shall be received
22. The yeas and nays shall only be taken upon the request of seven members
23. Any member refusing to take his seat when ordered by the Master shall be suspended for the session
24. No lodge meeting shall be adjourned beyond the date fixed for its next regular meeting
25. In all unprovided cases the Master shall decide, but his decision shall be subject to the appeal of the lodge

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL LODGES

Opening a Lodge

199. Previous to the opening of a lodge, the Master shall cause everyone in the room to be tested and no one shall be allowed to remain who is not in possession of the Annual or vouched for by a member, who must be a member of the lodge to which said member belongs, and must know that he is square on the books of said lodge. In the case of visitors, the Master may require them to be proved by a test of their familiarity with the usual evidence of their connection with the Order.

Flags to be Displayed

200. The Union Jack and the National Flag shall be displayed in the lodge room at all meetings of the Lodge, together with other Flags not inconsistent with the principles of the Order.

Visitors

201. Members who have the current Annual, or are otherwise satisfactory vouched for as in good standing, may be admitted as visitors to the meeting of any lodge.

Committee of the Whole

202. It shall be competent for a lodge, if the majority of the members so decide, to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole to discuss any subject which may come before it; and in such case the Master shall

appoint a member to act as chairman. When a lodge is in Committee of the Whole, Rules of Order Nos. 10 and 12 shall not apply.

Bankruptcy

203.. Any member who is under the protection of the courts for Bankruptcy, cannot occupy, or be elected to the office of Treasurer in all lodges of the Loyal Orange Association in Canada. Any member who is occupying the office of Treasurer, and enters into Bankruptcy must resign the office of Treasurer.

Youth Police checks

204. Any member of the Loyal Orange Association, who deals with youth under the age of (16) sixteen years, under the auspices of the Loyal Orange Association, or any branch thereof, must complete and pass a Police check. These checks must be renewed every (3) three years, and must be kept on file with the Grand Secretary of Canada.

By-laws

205. Lodges shall have power, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, and after due notice to every member, to make By-laws for their internal government, and for the imposition and collection of fees for ordinary or benevolent purposes, which are not inconsistent with Constitution or By-laws of any superior lodge. The By-law of Primary Lodges shall be examined and approved by the Provincial Grand Master under whose jurisdiction the lodges are located; and the By-laws of District, County and Provincial Grand Lodges shall be examined and approved by the Grand Master before being promulgated.

Election

206. Candidates for office shall be nominated, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. If there be only one candidate, the Master shall cast a ballot for him, and declare him elected. In the event of there being more than one person nominated, the Master shall appoint scrutineers, who shall prepare ballot papers, and distribute one to each member. The members shall write upon the ballot papers the name of the candidate they prefer and return them to the scrutineers, who shall count the number of votes given to each, and report the result to the Master. Should there have been no election, balloting shall be resumed, the candidate receiving the smallest number of votes retiring after each ballot. Balloting shall be

continued until a majority of all the votes cast is given to one candidate. No nomination for election to office of an absent member can be received unless the consent in writing or otherwise assured is submitted with the nomination.

Eligibility for Office

207. No member shall be eligible to hold the office of District Master, Deputy District Master, County Master, Deputy County Master, Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Provincial Grand Master or Junior Deputy Provincial Grand Master without his first having held the office of Worshipful Master in a Primary Lodge, and having also the Royal Scarlet Degree.

Required for Office

208. No brother shall be eligible for election to an office in any lodge unless he is entitled to vote therein, is not in arrears for dues and is in possession of or entitled to the current Annual. A member presenting a certificate from any jurisdiction outside of Canada, showing that he has been admitted to the Royal Arch Purple Degree and becoming a member of a Primary Lodge, shall not be eligible to office therein until he has taken the Blue Degree, and Scarlet degree for Master or deputy

Installation of Officers

209. The officers-elect shall be installed by a Past Master or an Officer of a Superior Lodge.

Resignation from Office

210. When an officer of a Primary Lodge resigns before the expiry of his term of office, his functions as such officer shall cease immediately.

Voting

211. When a vote is being taken, whether by ballot or otherwise, all members present shall vote, unless the lodge by a majority of votes shall excuse them.

Powers of County and District Lodges

212. Where both County and District Lodges exist in the same territory, they have co-ordinate responsibility for and right of supervision over their Primary Lodges, but without powers of discipline. While the duty of visitation is imposed upon both these

officers, neither has an absolute right to preside over a Primary Lodge, except at the request of the W.M. of that Lodge.

Responsibility for Dues

213. Lodges having subordinate lodges under their immediate jurisdiction shall be responsible for the payment of all dues of the said lodges, until their warrants have been returned to the Grand Secretary, or notice of their having become dormant is given by the Secretary to the Provincial Grand Secretary.

Copy of Constitution

214. Every lodge shall keep on file a copy of the Constitution and of the Reports of the Grand Lodge; and the Secretary shall from time to time note in the book of the Constitution all changes made therein.

Members Shall Not Leave Without Permission

215. A member shall not leave a lodge without permission from the chair.

Lodge Funds

216. Primary, District, County, Provincial and M.W. Grand Lodge are the sole possessors of funds held in their treasury with the exception of funds being held in trust. A Lodge can use its own funds for any purpose it so desires, with the exception that funds cannot be used to assist or promote any cause, that is inconsistent with the principals of the Loyal Orange Association. A majority vote on the floor of the Lodge, is required at all times.

Rank of Past Master

217. Any brother who has been elected to, and has filled the office as Master of a Primary Orange Lodge for at least twelve months, shall rank as a Past Master. Provided that the said period of twelve months shall be deemed to have been served where the brother, elected to such office at one annual meeting of the lodge, has filled the same until the next succeeding annual meeting thereof.

Treasurer's Bonds

218. Treasures at all levels of the Orange Association must be bondable up to the amount of Lodge funds with which they are charged.

Auditors

219. The financial transactions of the Secretaries and Treasurers of all Primary, District and County Orange Lodges shall be audited and reported upon at their annual meetings, by two Auditors duly elected.

Constitutions Repealed

220. All former Constitutions and Laws of The Loyal Orange Association of British America are hereby repealed.

Order of Precedence

Grand Master - Past Grand Master, according to seniority - Deputy Grand Master
Provincial Grand Masters, by seniority - Grand Chaplin, - Secretary, - Treasurer, - Lecturer, Marshal - Grand Auditors - Deputy Grand Chaplains, - Secretary, Treasurers - and Lecturers - Past Deputy Grand Masters, by seniority - Past Provincial Grand Master, by seniority - Provincial Deputy Grand Masters, Provincial Junior Deputy Grand Masters, by seniority - Provincial Grand Chaplains, - Secretaries, - Treasurers, - Lecturers, - Marshals - and Auditors - Provincial Deputy Grand Chaplains - and Secretaries. Past Grand Lodge Officers (other than Past Grand Masters and Deputy Masters), by seniority, in the same order as before set forth for Grand Lodge Officers, Past Provincial Grand Masters) by seniority in the same order as before set forth for Provincial Lodge Officers, Deputy Grand Master taking precedence. - Worshipful Commanders of Scarlet Chapters, by seniority County Masters, by seniority - Past County Masters, by seniority - County Officers - District Masters, by seniority - Past District Masters, by seniority - Past County Officers Masters of Primary Lodges - Past District Officers - Officers of Primary Lodges Past Officers of Primary Lodges - Private members by seniority.

Lodges shall have precedence according to the date of their Warrants.

53 VICTORIA, CHAPTER 105
Assented to April 24th. 1890

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND ORANGE LODGE OF BRITISH AMERICA

Whereas the persons hereinafter named have by their petition, prayed to be incorporated under the name of "The Grand Orange Lodge of British America", and it is expedient to grant the Prayer of their petition: Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and Houses of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows.

1. N. CLARKE WALLACE. M.P. WOODBRIDGE: EDWARD F. CLARKE. M.P.P. TORONTO: W.W. FITZGERALD. Q.C. LONDON: THOMAS B. COLLINS. MILLBROOK. ONT: CLARK GORDON. SHERBROOKE. QUE: Lt. Col. A.J. ARMSTRONG. St. JOHN. N.B: REV. JAMES BLEASDALE. SAMBRO. N. S: E.F. PURDY. CHARLOTTETOWN. P.E.I: REV. J. HALLIWELL. M.A. VANKLEEK HILL. ONT: Lt. Col. Hon. MacKENZIE BOWELL, M.P. OTTAWA: T. KEYES. J.P. St. CATHERINES. ONT: Cap. W. ANDERSO. J.P. MOUNTAIN VIEW. ONT: W.J. PARKHILL. J.P. MIDLAND. ONT: J. KELLY. St. JOHN, N.B: E. FLOODY. CLINTON. ONT: REV. R.D. COOPER. D.D. INVERMAY. ONT: REV. R.D. HYLAND. M.A. WATFORD. ONT: REV. C.E. PERRY. LLOYDT OWN. ONT: REV. D. CASCADEN. FOREST ONT: REV.E.W. SIBBALD. LLOYDTOWN.ONT: REV.R.A. ROONEY. GARDEN HILL. ONT: REV.W. WALSH. M.A. BOLTON. ONT: REV.F. RYAN. B.D. FLORENCE. ONT: REV. J.H. HARRIES. M.A. WESTON. ONT: REV. W. MASSEY. M.A. HAMILTON. ONT: REV. N.H. MARTIN. M.A. CHATHAM. ONT: REV. W.H. FRENCH. B.A. COOKSTOWN. ONT: REV. P.T. MIGNOTT. B.A. ARTHUR. ONT. Maj. J. BENNETT. TORONTO. ONT. W. JOHNSON. BELLEVILLE. ONT: E.T. SCOTT. MONTREAL. QUE: Maj. H.A. WHITE. St. MARYS. ONT: Cap. J. WOODWARD. SHERBROOKE QUE: J.M. ROBINSON. PORTAGE LA PRARIE. MAN: Lt. Col. J. BARR. COVEY HILL QUE: Cap. J. NIBLOCK. MED. HAT. ASSINIBOIA: W. ROXOBOROUGH. J.P. FREDERICTON. N.B: Ald. W. NICHOLSON. HAMILTON. ONT: J.H. DELAMERE. MINDEN. ONT: Cap. I.JEKILL. LACHUTE. QUE: J.L. HUGHES. TOR. ONT: ORONHYATEKHA. M.D. TOR. ONT: Cap. J. WRIGHT. HULL. QUE: Hon. Sen. CLEMOW. OTTAWA. ONT: R. BIRMINGHAM. TOR. ONT: Maj. A.J. VANINGEN. NEWCASTLE. ONT: R. McGLAUGHIN. MONTREAL QUE: S.T. MOSHER. J.P. CARLTON. N.B. J.C. GASS. SHUBENACADIE. N.S: M. McLEOD. MILTON Stn. P.E.I: W.J. KERNAGHAN. WINNIPEG. MAN: W. JOHNSON. NEW WESTMINSTER. B.C: R. GORDON. TWEED ONT: Cap. J. McCAUGHEY. COBURG. ONT: W.M. LOCKHART. EVERETT. ONT: W. WHITE. TWEED. ONT: J.L. WILSON. WILSONCROFT. ONT: C. PALLING. ALLANDALE. ONT: J. MORROW. SILVER SPRINGS. MAN: Cap. J. GASKIN. KINGSTON. ONT: W. DOUGLAS EGLINTON. ONT: Cap. S. WETMORE. BURFORD. ONT: J. GRAHAM. TOR. ONT: W. MORTON. CAMPBELLFORD. ONT: Lt. J.S. MILLAR. M.P.P. NAPANEE. ONT: D. EWING. COBOURG. ONT: R.L. ALEXANDER. MOOSE JAW. ASSINIBOIA: H. PERKINS. GORRIE. ONT: Lt. Col. R. TYRWHITT. M.P. BRADFORD. ONT: Cap. W. ADAMSON. TOR. ONT: E.A. MILLS. CARLTON PLACE. ONT: Maj. S. HUGHES. M.P. LINDSAY. ONT: F. SOMERS. TOR. ONT: A. McKAY. M.P. HAMILTON. ONT: F.W. JOHNSON. GODERICH. ONT: Maj. A. CARMICHAEL. SPENCERVILLE. ONT: E. COCHRANE. M.P. BRIGHTON. ONT: J. THOMPSON. St. MARYS. ONT: Cap. A.J. SINCLAIR. CANNINGTON. ONT: W.A McCULLA. M.P. BRAMPTON. ONT: J. PEART. HAMILTON. ONT: G. McKNIGHT. MAGNETAWAN. ONT: A. McNEIL. M.P. WIARTON. ONT: A. HAMILTON. RIVERBANK. ONT: W.H. TAYLOR. AURORA. ONT: T.C. McAvoy. BALSAM. ONT: G. TAYLOR. M.P. GANANOQUE. ONT: A.A. ALMAS. HAGERSVILLE. ONT: W.H. LOWRIE. RUSSELL. ONT: C.N. SKINNER. M.P. St. JOHN. N.B:

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(a) To unite fraternally all persons entitled to membership under the constitution and laws of the Association, and the word "laws" shall include general laws and by-laws.

(b) To give all material aid in its power to distressed members and those dependent upon them.

(c) To educate its members socially, morally and intellectually, and to inculcate loyalty to Queen and Country.

(d) To enable the Association to establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members.

(e) To enable the Association to establish a benefit fund, from which, on satisfactory evidence of the death of a member, who has complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars shall be paid to the widow, orphans, dependants, or other beneficiary whom the member has designated, or to the personal representative or representatives of the member; or from which upon the completion of expectancy of life of a member as laid down in the said constitution and laws, such sum shall be paid to himself.

(f) To secure for its members such other advantages as are from time to time, designated by the constitution and laws of the Association.

2. The head office of the Association shall be in the City of Toronto, or such other place in Canada as is from time to time determined by the Association.

3. Subject to the constitution and laws of the Association, lodges under the names of Provincial Grand Lodges, County Lodges, District Lodges and Primary Lodges, may from time to time be established under the title designated in the warrant constituting such lodges; and the said lodges, if established within Canada, may themselves become bodies corporate under such provisions and conditions and with such powers as the Association by its constitution and laws from time to time determines; provided always that such powers shall not be in excess of those conferred on the Association by this Act; and each of such lodges shall be so incorporated under the corporate name of "The Loyal Orange Lodge Number (giving the number of the lodge) and upon being established and before proceeding to act as such corporation, the Association shall cause to be registered a full length in the registry office of the city, county, or registration division within which such lodge is established, a declaration stating the fact of such establishment, the date of the instrument effecting it and the corporate name of such lodge.

4. The value of the real property which the Association may hold shall not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, and in the case of the Provincial Grand Lodges and county Lodges, one hundred thousand dollars, and in the case of District Lodges, fifty thousand dollars, and in the case of Primary Lodges, ten thousand dollars; and the Association may by law determine the manner in which such real property shall be held and conveyed, subject always to the laws of the Province in which such real estate is situate, provided always that no part of the benefit funds shall be used in acquiring any such property.

5. The property of each lodge only, shall be liable for the debts and engagements of such lodge.

6. The surplus funds of the Association shall be invested in mortgages which are a first charge on land held in simple fee in Canada, or in deposits with or in registered debentures of loan and investment companies incorporated in Canada, or in debentures of municipal or school corporations in Canada, or in securities of the Dominion of Canada, or any of the Provinces thereof, or shall be

deposited in a chartered bank in Canada; but the Association shall sell such real estate and property as it acquires by the foreclosure of any mortgage, hypotheque, or lien, within seven years after it has been so acquired, otherwise it shall revert to the previous owner or to his heirs or assigns.

7. Whenever, under the provisions of the laws of the Association, any lodge, incorporated under the provisions of section three of this Act becomes dissolved, the property of such lodge shall become vested in the Association, and in the case of real estate shall be sold within three years after the dissolution of said lodge, and the proceeds of all such property shall be applied first in liquidation of the debts and liabilities of such lodge, and the surplus, if any, shall form part of the general funds and assets of the Association.

8. There shall be printed in legible type, and in red ink, upon every policy hereafter issued by the Association, or by the Provincial Grand Lodges as well as upon every application thereof, and upon every receipt given for payments in connection therewith, the following words: "The insurance undertaken by the Grand Orange Lodge of British America or by the Provincial Grand Lodges comes under the exception contained in section forty-three of "The Insurance Act", applicable to fraternal and benevolent association, and is not subject to Government inspection.

9. Every officer of the Association, and every other person who transacts business on behalf of the Association, and who issues, circulates or uses, or who causes to be issued, circulated or used, any policy of insurance or endowment certificate or application for membership on which the notice provided for in the next preceding section is not printed shall on summary conviction thereof before any two justices of the peace, or any magistrate having the power of two justices of the peace, incur and be liable to the penalties mentioned in the twenty-second section of "The Insurance Act", and every pecuniary penalty so recovered shall be applied in the manner provided by said section.

10. Within three months from the coming into force of this Act, a certified copy of the present constitution and laws of the Association, and of its form of insurance policy or contract, shall be deposited in the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, and of the

Superintendent of Insurance; and copies of any future changes or amendments thereto shall be so deposited within three months from their adoption by the said Association; and in default of compliance with any provision of this section, the Association shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for each day during which such default continues.

11. Nothing herein contained shall be held to exempt the Association from the effect of any legislation hereafter passed by the Parliament of Canada in respect to any insurance powers exercised by friendly societies.

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(An Act respecting the Grand Orange Lodge of British America)
As passed by
THE HOUSE OF COMMONS OF CANADA, 11th. MAY 1926

WHEREAS the Grand Orange Lodge of British America (hereinafter called "the Association") has by its petition represented that it was duly incorporated by chapter one hundred and five of the statutes of 1890 and has prayed that the said Act be so amended as to enable the Association to increase the amount which it may undertake to pay to the beneficiaries out of the benefit fund established in pursuance of the powers conferred on it by the said Act of Incorporation and to make certain further provisions for the more efficient exercise of the said powers; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as "The Grand Orange Lodge of British America Amendment Act, 1926".

2. Paragraph (e) of section one of the Act to incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, chapter one hundred and five of the statutes of 1890, is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefore:

"(e) To enable the Association to establish a benefit fund from which, on satisfactory evidence of the death of a member who has complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum or sums not exceeding five thousand dollars may be paid to the widow, orphans (including adopted children), dependents or other beneficiaries whom the member has designated, or to the persons legally entitled to receive the same in the event of their being no beneficiary expressly or by legal implication designated or to make like payment to a member becoming totally and permanently disabled, or upon his reaching such age or surviving a term of years as may be provided for by the rules of the benefit fund adopted by the Association or by paying annuities to its members in accordance with said rules".

3. Section one of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraphs:

"(g) To ensure the lives of dependent children of any member of the Association, and also members in good standing of Juvenile lodges of the Association and to adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary therefor, but nothing in this Act contained shall be deemed to authorize insurance of the lives of children contrary to the provisions of the law of any province in which such contract of insurance may be proposed.

"(h) To operate a system of group insurance of primary lodges of the Association and to adopt such rules as may be necessary therefor."

4. Section one of the said Act is further amended by adding thereto the following subsection:

"(2) All persons with whom the Association has entered into contracts of insurance prior to the date of coming into force of this Act, shall be deemed to have been, at the time of the making of such contracts, and to have thereafter continued to be, members of the Association, and, subject to the provision of the said contracts and of the constitution and laws of the Association, to have been and to be entitled to all the insurance benefits to which members of the Grand Orange Lodge of British America are entitled under the provisions of the Act mentioned in the preamble to this Act."

5. Section six of the said Act is hereby repealed and the following is substituted therefor:

"(1) The Association shall, acting by such committees as may be authorized by the said rules, invest its funds in accordance with "The Insurance Act, 1917," or any amendments thereto now or at any time hereafter in force, and subject to all restrictions contained in said Acts, but it shall not be lawful for it to invest the said funds in any securities which do not comply with the requirements of subsections one and two of section sixty of "The Insurance Act, 1917," nor in the preferred or common stock of any company whatever.

"(2) Any real estate acquired by the foreclosure of any mortgage, hypotheque, charge or lien shall be sold by the Association within seven years after it has been so acquired."

6. The rules of the benefit fund last filed before the passing of this Act in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance are hereby declared to be the existing rules of the Association respecting the said benefit fund, and to be binding upon the Association and every member thereof until repealed, altered or amended as provided by the said rules, and the present officers and executive shall continue to be the officers and executive with all the rights, powers, privileges, obligations and duties conferred or imposed upon them or it by the said rules until, in accordance with the provisions thereof, their successors shall be elected or appointed.

7. A copy of the said rules and of any further rule of the said benefit fund under seal of the Association and purporting to be signed by an officer of the said benefit fund shall be received as prima facia evidence of such rule in all courts in Canada.

8. The Association may make provisions in the said rules for granting loans on policies, and for granting paid up policies or other equities in lieu thereof in the case of members desiring to be relieved of payment of future premiums or any part thereof, and for paying cash surrender values for policies and for purchasing the interest of members in the said policies.

9. The affairs of the benefit fund of the Association, shall be administered by an executive consisting of the president who shall be from time to time occupying the office of Grand Master of the Association, and not less than four nor more than six members elected annually by a majority vote of the members present and voting at the annual meeting of the Association. The officers of the Association shall be the president, a vice president elected by the

executive annually from among themselves and a secretary and a treasurer, or a secretary-treasurer appointed annually by the executive, at such salary and on such terms as shall from time to time determined by the executive, but the said secretary and treasurer or secretary-treasurer shall not be members of the executive. Such other and additional officers may be appointed from time to time as may be determined by the rules of the benefit fund as set forth in the constitution and laws of the Association.

10. This Act shall not take effect unless and until accepted and approved by a resolution passed by a vote of the members of the Association at their next meeting following the passing of this Act, and evidence of such acceptance and approval satisfactory to the Superintendent of Insurance has been filed with such Superintendent, and if so accepted and approved, this Act shall come into force upon a subsequent day not more than three months after the date of such approval to be fixed for that purpose by the said resolution.

11. Notice of such acceptance and approval by the Association and by the said Superintendent and of the day so fixed shall be published by the Association in the" Canada Gazette."

12. Sections eight and nine of the said Act of Incorporation are hereby repealed.

LAWS RELATING TO AND GOVERNING REAL PROPERTY
Adopted at Grand Lodge Meeting, 1894, Pages 48, 49.

Whereas, under an Act to Incorporate the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, 53 Victoria Chap. 105, it is provided and power is given to the Grand Orange Lodge of British America, hereinafter called "The Association", to determine the manner in which real property shall be held and conveyed by the Association or any subordinate lodge established or constituted thereunder as provided by the said Act: And whereas it is expedient to declare and determine the manner in which such real property shall be held and conveyed; Therefore, be it resolved, declared and enacted as follows:

(1) The Association and any subordinate lodge established or constituted thereunder as provided by the said Act shall hold in its

corporate name any real property conveyed to it or any such subordinate lodge by deed, will or other conveyance upon the terms, conditions and trusts, mentioned in any such deed, will or other conveyance, and all such property shall be subject to the terms, provisions and conditions mentioned and set forth in the said Act.

(2) The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer shall constitute the "Executive Committee" of the Association, hereinafter called the "Executive Committee", and shall have the control and management of all the real property of the Association.

(3) The Executive Committee may rent or lease any real property of the Association in the same manner as any person or individual.

(4) The Executive Committee of Provincial Grand Lodges may rent or lease any real property belonging to them respectively in the same manner as any person or individual.

(5) The Executive Committee, upon a resolution being passed by the Association authorizing them so to do, by deed under their respective hands and the corporate seal of the Association, may sell and convey in fee simple or any less estate any real property belonging to the Association.

(6) The Executive Committee shall each year at the Annual Meeting of the Association, present a report in writing of all their dealings or transactions in real property and the value thereof.

(7) The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Junior Deputy Grand Master, Secretary and Treasurer of each Provincial Lodge established by the Association shall be the Executive Committee of each Provincial Lodge. "The Immediate Past Grand Master may also be included as a member of the Executive at the discretion of each Provincial Grand Lodge as provided for by their By-Laws.

(8) The County Master, Deputy County Master, County Recording Secretary and County Treasurer of each County Lodge established by the Association, shall be the Executive Committee of each County Lodge.

(9) The District Master, Deputy District Master, District Recording Secretary and District Treasurer of each District Lodge, established by the Association shall be the Executive Committee of each District Lodge.

(10) The Master, Deputy Master, Recording Secretary and Treasure of each Primary Lodge established by the Association, shall be the Executive Committee of each Primary Lodge.

(11) The Executive Committee of Provincial Grand Lodges, County Lodges, District Lodges and Primary Lodges, respectively, upon a resolution passed by such Lodges respectively, may in like manner as the Executive Committee of the Association, and for like purposes, with the consent of the Executive Committee of the Association, mortgage or absolutely convey any real property of such Lodges.

(12) The Executive Committee of each Lodge shall, at the Annual Meeting of such Lodge, present a report in writing of all their dealings or transactions in real property and the value thereof.

(13) That 25% of monies realised from the sale of Orange Lodge Halls (after all expenses have been paid) be paid to the Grand Orange Lodge of Canada. **(Grand Lodge, Vancouver, June 1998)**

Constitutional Ruling ----- Reference Property

The Laws relating to and covering real property are fully set out. Any sub – committee, therefore, appointed to transact any particular business on behalf of the lodge, would be responsible to and under the direction of the Executive Officers, who are the Worshipful Master, Deputy Master, Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

(Grand Lodge, Winnipeg, June 1966)