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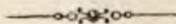
OF

DUNLAP CHAPTER

OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

CHINA, MAINE.



ORGANIZED FEBRUARY 14, A. L. 5861,

Under a Dispensation Dated January 21, 1861, A. L. 5861, and in the Year
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DUNLAP ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER.

ARTICLE I.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS, STATED CONVOCATIONS.

SECTION 1.—This Chapter shall consist of a High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, Secretary, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner, Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vails, Chaplain, two Stewards, and Sentinel, together with such members as are and shall be constitutionally elected.

SECTION 2.—The Stated Convocations of the Chapter shall be holden on Wednesday, after each full moon. Special Convocations may be called by the High Priest, at his discretion, or in his absence by the King and Scribe.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, DUTY OF STANDING COMMITTEE AND INSTALLATION.

SECTION 1.—The Officers shall be elected annually, at the Stated Convocation in June. The election shall be by written votes; and to constitute an election each officer must receive two thirds of the votes cast.

SECTION 2.—Provided, however, that the Chaplain, Stewards, and Sentinel may be appointed by the High Priest.

SECTION 3.—A Standing Committee, consisting of three, shall be chosen at said Convocation, in the same manner as the officers are chosen, whose duty shall be to examine and settle the Treasurer's and Secretary's accounts annually, and report thereon in writing to the Chapter at the Annual Convocation, and before the choice of officers; also to examine all accounts against the Chapter, from time to time, as they may be presented for payment, and if found justly due to approve the same.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS OF THE APPENDANT DEGREES.

SECTION 1.—The officers of the Chapter shall officiate in the Lodges holden for conferring the Appendant Degrees according to rank, as follows, viz :

The High Priest as R. W. Master.

King as W. Senior Warden.

Scribe, as W. Junior Warden.

Captain of the Host, as Marshall, or Master of Ceremonies.

Principal Sojourner, as Senior Deacon.

Royal Arch Captain, as Junior Deacon.

Master of the Third Vail, as Master Overseer.

Master of the Second Vail, as Senior Overseer.

Master of the First Vail, as Junior Overseer.

The Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Senior and Junior Stewards, and Sentinel, as officers of corresponding rank.

ARTICLE IV.

MODE OF APPLICATION, BALLOTING, FEES, COM. OF INQUIRY.

SECTION 1.—Any brother desirous of receiving the Degrees conferred in this Chapter, must signify his request in writing; and before said application is presented to the Chapter, it must be countersigned by one or more Royal Arch Masons, recommending the applicant, and accompanied by a deposit of ten dollars; and before being advanced to the degree of Mark Master Mason, he shall deposit the further sum of thirteen dollars; but if he has regularly and constitutionally received the Past Master's degree, then ten dollars. Said application must be presented to the Chapter at a Stated Convocation, referred to a committee of inquiry, and lie over at least one month for the consideration of the members, unless the candidate is bound on a voyage to foreign parts, or on a long journey, when a less time may intervene between the application and balloting for him, or unless the Grand High Priest grant a dispensation therefor.

SECTION 2.—Each candidate, before he is balloted for, shall sign the following declaration, viz:

I, A——— B———, of ——, by occupation ——, having received the degree of Master Mason in —— Lodge, and being desirous of further light and knowledge in the sublime art, do voluntarily offer myself a candidate for the mysteries of Royal Arch Masonry. In doing this I declare upon my honor, that I am unbiassed by friends and uninfluenced by unworthy motives; that I am solely prompted by a favorable opinion conceived of the Institution, and a sincere wish to become more serviceable to my fellow creatures; and that I will cheerfully conform to the ancient established usages of the Order; as witness my hand, this —— day of ——, A. D. 18—, or of Masonry 58—.

The foregoing declaration shall be accompanied by the following certificate, which shall be signed by three Royal Arch Masons :

We the subscribers hereby certify, that we are acquainted with A—— B——, named in the above declaration ; that we believe him to be of regular and upright conduct, fair fame, sober life, and good moral character. We do therefore recommend him, as a Master Mason worthy and well qualified to be exalted to the august degree of Royal Arch Masonry.

Witness our hands, this —— day of ——, A. L. 58—.

SECTION 3.—No candidate for membership or exaltation shall be balloted for, unless his name be on the notification for the convocation, at which the ballot is to be taken.

SECTION 4.—All ballots taken, for the admission of candidates for the degrees, or for membership, must be unanimous, and shall be in open Chapter ; and no ballot shall be taken on such application, unless there be present on the occasion at least nine Royal Arch Masons. If the candidate is rejected his deposit shall be returned to him.

SECTION 5.—A Companion may become a member of the Chapter on the evening of his exaltation by signing the By-Laws.

SECTION 6.—Whenever any Companion who has not been exalted in this Chapter, or any companion who shall fail to sign the By-Laws on the evening of his exaltation, shall make application for membership, said application shall be referred to a committee of inquiry, consisting of three members, who shall report thereon as soon thereafter as practicable, and a ballot may be taken on said application, at the next stated Convocation from the time the same was presented, and no sooner.

SECTION 7.—All Committees of Inquiry shall be appointed by the presiding officer, and it shall be their duty to make diligent inquiry, and endeavor to obtain correct information respecting the character of all candidates whose application either for the degrees or for membership shall be referred to them.

ARTICLE V.

MEMBERSHIP.

Every Royal Arch Mason admitted to membership in this Chapter must sign the By-Laws. If he has received only a part of the degrees in the Chapter he shall pay the sum of one dollar, and two dollars if he has received all of the degrees elsewhere. If exalted in this Chapter he shall be entitled to a diploma, for which he shall pay one dollar.

ARTICLE VI.

OF THE GENERAL CONCERNS OF THE CHAPTER.

SECTION 1.—No disputes concerning nations, politics or religion shall in any case be permitted in the Chapter. Any companion who shall violate this provision, or be guilty of any dishonest, immoral or unmasonic conduct, shall, for the first offence, be reprimanded by the High Priest; if he repeat such offence he may be suspended or expelled.

SECTION 2.—All transactions and proceedings of this Chapter shall be kept inviolably secret; and it shall be the duty of every member to notify the High Priest in open Chapter of all such violations as may come to his knowledge. Any member who shall reveal the name of a Companion who may have opposed in this Chapter the

admission of a candidate for the degrees, shall be suspended or expelled. If any visiting Companion shall be guilty of the violation of this article he shall be ever after excluded from a seat in this Chapter.

ARTICLE VII.

ASSESSMENTS AND FUNDS.

SECTION 1.—Assessments may be made upon the members, of such sums as the Chapter shall at any stated Convocation, by a majority vote, decide, provided that previous notice of such intended assessments shall be given on the summons calling said Convocation.

SECTION 2.—There shall be an annual assessment upon the members of this Chapter, of one dollar each, to be paid on or before the annual Convocation in June, and previous to the election of officers; and no member who shall neglect to pay his assessments shall be eligible to office, or allowed to ballot or vote upon any question, until such assessments shall first be paid or remitted.

SECTION 3.—All monies given or bequeathed to the Chapter, not otherwise appropriated by the donor, together with all monies received from exaltations over and above the dues to the Grand Chapter, and expense account, shall from time to time be paid over to the Board of Trustees, to be by said Trustees invested as they may consider most advantageous to the institution.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF TREASURER, SECRETARY, AND TYLER.

SECTION 1.—The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all monies belonging to the Chapter, and give a receipt therefor. He shall pay out such sums as the

Chapter shall by vote direct; and also such bills and accounts against the Chapter as the Standing Committee shall approve, so far as the money belonging to the Chapter in his hands will enable him. At the expiration of the year, and oftener, if called upon by the Standing Committee, he shall render a just and fair account of all the property belonging to the Chapter in his hands, and of all monies received and paid out on account of said Chapter; and at the close of the year (unless he shall be re-elected) shall deliver to his successor in office the balance of money remaining in his hands, together with all other property that may have been entrusted to his care while in office by the Chapter, taking receipts therefor.

SECTION 2.—The Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Chapter; collect and receive all monies due the Chapter, and pay them over to the Treasurer; shall furnish the chairman of every committee with a copy of the vote of their appointment; shall seasonably notify the members of all convocations of the Chapter; shall record the names of all members and visitors attending the same. He shall appropriate a suitable place in the Book of Records for entering every member's name, showing the time he was elected a member, when he ceased to be such, and his place of residence. He shall keep on file all applications for advancement or membership; and shall make a report to the Chapter in writing of the names and residence of all members who have not paid their dues, which report he shall make at the annual Convocation and before election of officers; and as a compensation for his services shall receive such a sum as the Chapter shall establish annually.

SECTION 3.—The Sentinel shall attend in season at

every Convocation, shall have the hall ready for the meeting of the Chapter, shall distribute the notifications previous to each Stated and Special Convocation when requested so to do by the Secretary; and as a compensation for his services shall be paid fifty cents for every evening's attendance. He shall exhibit his bill once a year at least to the Standing Committee for their approval and allowance.

ARTICLE IX.

SECTION 1.—Royal Arch Masons who have been eminently useful to the Institution generally, or to this Chapter particularly, may be, by unanimous ballot of the members present, exempted from all assessments and other dues, and may enjoy all the rights and privileges of other members.

SECTION 2.—All motions in relation to the Special appropriation of the funds of the Chapter, or alteration of the By-Laws, and remitting the dues, shall be made in writing, and read in the Chapter before any action shall be had thereon.

SECTION 3.—No amendment or alteration in the foregoing By-Laws shall be made at the Convocation at which it is proposed, nor until after it has been considered by a Committee, and notice of a proposed amendment has been given on the notification of the Convocation at which it is to be considered, nor unless by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLE X.

TRUSTEES.

SECTION 1.—The High Priest, King, and Scribe, Treasurer and Secretary, of Dunlap Chapter for the time being, shall constitute a Board of Trustees of said Chapter, whose offices shall continue during their continuance as officers of said Chapter; and the election of any person to any of said offices in said Chapter shall be considered a legal election as Trustee, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SECTION 2.—All monies belonging to the Charity Fund except interest and income shall from time to time be invested in stock or securities, as the Board of Trustees may direct; and all monies arising from interest and income, when not required for charity, shall be added to the Charity Fund at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. All monies bestowed in acts of charity and benevolence shall be paid by the Treasurer, by order of the Committee of Charity, and the Treasurer shall at each annual Convocation, and before the choice of officers, and as much oftener as may be required, render a true and particular account of the funds, and the manner in which the same have been appropriated and disbursed.

ARTICLE XI.

COMMITTEE OF CHARITY.

There shall be appointed by the High Priest, with the approbation of the Chapter, at the annual Convocation of the Chapter, a Committee consisting of three, whose duty shall be to grant relief in such cases as they may deem

proper ; and they shall have authority to draw orders on the Treasurer for that purpose, not exceeding the amount of five dollars in any one case ; they shall also draw orders on the Treasurer for all monies voted by the Chapter for charitable purposes.