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## ON DRUIDISM



*Every Druid is bound by the inherent principles of Druidism to be a good and moral man, a good and peaceable subject, a good husband, and a good father. No man can be prevented from becoming a Druid on account of Religion, provided he believes in the glorious Creator of Heaven and Earth, and practices the sacred duties of Morality.*

*The object of Druidism is to unite the virtuous and good of all sects and denomination of men—be their religion what it may—in the sacred bonds of Brotherhood, so that, while sojourning in this world, they may render mutual aid and assistance to each other.*

*A Lodge is a place where Druids meet to instruct and improve themselves in those sacred truths and moral precepts which have been handed down by the Druids from the earliest antiquity, and which good Druids in all ages and in all countries have delighted to practice ; a place where political or religious discussions are never permitted to enter ; but where Druids meet to cultivate harmony, and to maintain charity, that they may live in unity and brotherly love.*

*Nothing tends more to the advantage of society than placing the executive government upon a fair basis ; by so doing, men lay aside all views of private ambition, and only think of their interests as members. To this end it has been determined that the executive power for the government of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales of the United Ancient Order of Druids shall for ever remain with the Grand Officers, and the representatives of the various Lodges in the Grand Lodge. This collective body, when assembled, shall constitute the Grand Lodge, and its Officers are named in the following order, viz. :—The G.P., G.V.P., G.S., G.T., and G.G.*



United Ancient Order of Druids.

Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

Leadstone Lodge No. 206

This is to Certify that

Frances Tinds

Was duly initiated a Member of the above

Lodge, on the 11 day of Sept 1884

Chieffer Arch Druid.

Alg Wood Vice=Arch.

Thos. Williams. Secretary.

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# CONSTITUTIONAL AND BRANCH LAWS

OF THE

United Ancient Order of Druids' Friendly Society.

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## Grand Lodge of New South Wales.

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### *Title and Objects of the Order.*

1.—That the Order in this Colony, as in England and elsewhere, shall be styled the UNITED ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS. Its objects shall be—

- I.—To provide a certain weekly allowance in cases of sickness or accident to contributing members.
- II.—To provide surgical and medical aid and medicine to members, their wives and children up to 17 years of age.
- III.—To provide surgical and medical aid and medicine to the widowed mothers and family up to 17 years of age of unmarried members.
- IV.—To provide a certain sum on the death of a member or his wife, for the purpose of paying the burial expenses.

### *Place of Meeting.*

2.—That the business of the Grand Lodge be transacted at such place as the Grand Officers and Board of Directors may from time to time appoint, due notice of which shall be given to all parties concerned.

### *Constitution.*

3.—This Order shall be unlimited in number of members, also in number of Lodges, and shall possess the power of legislating and adjudicating upon all matters relating to its general government, rule, and welfare.

4.—It shall be governed by five (5) Grand Officers and Board of Directors constituted as follows. The Grand Lodge shall consist of Grand President, Grand Vice-President, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Guardian, and representatives from each Lodge, as per rule 5. The Board of Directors shall consist of the before-mentioned five Grand Officers; and nine past Arches elected at each Annual Meeting (of the Grand Lodge) from the representatives.

*Meetings of the Grand Lodge.*

5.—The General Meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be held half-yearly, on the first Wednesday in February and August, at 10 a.m., at the place appointed, such meeting to consist of the before-mentioned Grand Officers, and representatives from each Lodge as follows:—Every Lodge that shall return to the Grand Lodge

Under 40 financial members .. ..	1 representative
40 and under 60 members .. ..	2 do.
60 „ 100 „ .. ..	3 do.
101 and upwards .. ..	4 do.

No Lodge to be entitled to send more than four, and in no case shall any representative have more than one vote.

No business shall be transacted by the Grand Lodge unless two-thirds of the representatives are present.

*Distant Lodges.*

6.—Lodges distant more than 20 miles from the Grand Lodge Rooms, that cannot comply with rule 5 in regard to sending their own representative, may make application to the Board of Directors prior to the first Friday in December in each year to appoint a duly qualified representative to act on its behalf. The Board of Directors shall have sole power to appoint representatives for country lodges.

*Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge.*

7.—The Board of Directors shall have power to call a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge by circular, setting forth the business to be transacted at such Special Meeting. Fourteen clear days' notice must be given to all representatives of such Meeting.

*Meeting of the Board of Directors.*

8.—The Board of Directors shall meet on the first Friday in every month, at 8 p.m., at the Grand Lodge Room for the transaction of business, seven to form a quorum. All members absent without a written apology shall be fined 2s. 6d.

*Formation of Lodges.*

9.—The Board of Directors shall have sole power to establish Lodges. Every Lodge shall be bound by these laws, but have power to make by-laws for their own management, provided such by-laws are in conformity with these laws and the Friendly Societies' Act, and subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

*Communications to be sealed.*

10.—All communications from the Grand Lodge and Board of Directors shall be impressed with the seal thereof.

## QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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### *Grand Lodge Officers.*

11.—None but past Arches, who have served as representatives for twelve months, shall be eligible for the various Grand Lodge Offices.

### *Election of Grand Lodge Officers.*

12.—The election of Grand Lodge Officers shall take place at the Annual Grand Lodge Meeting in February, to be chosen from the representatives immediately after the Auditors' Report is accepted; but the Officers elected shall not be installed until the close of the Meeting. If a representative elected to any Grand Lodge Office be not present at the installation, the President shall install such officer at the first Board Meeting.

### *Representatives.*

13.—None but Past Arches shall be eligible for the office of representative, except in newly opened Lodges, who shall have the privilege to send representatives from their present Officers for the first twelve months. The representatives to the Grand Lodge shall be elected by the various Lodges on the first summons meeting in January in each year. Representatives to be elected for twelve months, and receive twelve shillings per day while attending the Grand Lodge Session, and twopence per mile for each mile over 15 miles from the place of meeting each way; their expenses to be paid by their respective Lodges. Representatives appointed by the Board of Directors shall receive the same remuneration as representatives of City Lodges; the amount to be paid by the Grand Lodge and charged to the Lodge for which the representative has been appointed. Fines—absent at roll call, 1s.; failing to attend without a written apology, 2s. 6d.

### *Mode of Election.*

14.—The election of the various Grand Lodge Officers shall be conducted by ballot. Previous to the election two Scrutineers shall be elected by show of hands, from the representatives present, to conduct the ballot.

### *To Fill Vacancies.*

15.—Should any vacancy occur in the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors shall elect a member to fill the vacancy. Should a vacancy occur among the Grand Lodge Officers, the vacancy shall be filled from the body of the representatives present at a Special Meeting called for that purpose. Any member (duly qualified) shall be eligible for the vacant office.

### *When Grand Lodge Officers may vote.*

16.—Grand Lodge Officers shall have a vote at all the Grand Lodge Meetings, except the President, who shall have the casting vote only when required.

*Past Presidents to have a Seat at the Board of Directors.*

17.—All Past Presidents shall be entitled to a seat at the Board of Directors for the first twelve months after the termination of their office as President, and shall have all the privileges of the Board.

## DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

*Grand President.*

18.—He shall be the senior officer of this Order. He shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and Grand Lodge. He shall be Chairman of all Committees appointed by the Grand Lodge and Board of Directors. He shall at all times enforce due obedience to the laws and regulations of the Order. He shall see the work of the Grand Lodge is performed uniformly and in its entirety. He shall sign conjointly with the Grand Secretary, all orders upon the Grand Lodge Trustees and Grand Treasurer. He shall see that the Annual and Half-Yearly Balance Sheets are prepared for presentation at the Grand Lodge Meetings; and shall have power to examine all books, documents, regalia, &c., in all Lodges in the Grand Lodge.

*Grand Vice-President.*

19.—He shall be the second senior officer of the Order. He shall attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge and Board of Directors, for the purpose of assisting the President to maintain due decorum; he shall take the votes upon an open division, and declare the same to the President. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall act as President for the time being.

*Grand Secretary.*

20.—The G.S. shall be the medium of communication between the Lodges and the Grand Lodge. He shall attend all meetings of the Grand Lodge and Board of Directors, and take minutes of the business. He shall receive all monies from the several Lodges, and give a receipt for the same on printed form (see appendix A.) and pay over the same to the Grand Treasurer within three (3) days; he shall keep the books and accounts of the Grand Lodge, and prepare a balance sheet half yearly, and submit the same to, and attend the meetings of the Auditors. The balance sheet, business sheet, and Auditors' report shall be printed and circulated throughout the Order, at least 14 days prior to the annual and half-yearly meetings of the Grand Lodge. He shall when required by the Board of Directors, or upon an order signed by the G.P. or Trustees, produce all books and documents in his possession, relating to the Lodges or Grand Lodge. He shall procure from the Secretary of each Lodge, the Annual

and Quinquennial returns, required by the Friendly Societies' Act. He shall make out the Annual and Quinquennial returns of the Grand Lodge, and forward them to the Registrar of Friendly Societies, together with the Lodge returns, not later than the end of March in each year, as required by the 37th Vic., No. 4, sec. 75. He shall keep a register of the Christian and surname, age, trade and also whether married or single, of every member belonging to the Order. He shall keep a roll book, and keep the same regularly posted up. He shall furnish each Lodge quarterly with the names of all persons who during each three months have been expelled or ceased to be members of the Order. He shall receive such salary as the Grand Lodge before his election shall determine. All communications to the Grand Lodge and Board of Directors shall be addressed to the G.S. He shall be Secretary of all Committees appointed by the Grand Lodge and Board of Directors. For neglect of any duty he shall be fined a sum not exceeding 10s. for each offence. The business transacted at the Grand Lodge to be printed and circulated among the Lodges at least twenty-eight days after the closing of the Grand Lodge Session.

*Grand Treasurer.*

21.—He shall receive all moneys from the G.S., to whom he shall give a receipt on a printed form provided for the purpose, bearing the Grand Lodge Seal, and shall only spend the same on an order signed by the President and G.S., after such account has been passed by the Board of Directors (funeral claims always excepted). He shall not hold in hand at any one time more than Thirty pounds (£30), any amount over this sum shall be banked by the Trustees. He shall attend the Annual and Half-yearly Audit, and produce an account of all moneys received or disbursed by him. He shall receive such salary as the Grand Lodge (before his election) shall determine.

*Grand Guardian.*

22.—He shall attend to keep the door during the Grand Lodge Meeting, and shall admit no one without the password, except on the order of the Grand President or Presiding Officer. He shall be fined 2s. 6d. for violation of this law.

*Grand Lodge Officers ex officio Members.*

23.—The Grand Lodge Officers shall be *ex officio* members of all Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge; they shall not, however, vote on any question in any Lodge but that of which they are financial members.

*Officers absent—office to be vacant.*

24.—Should any Grand Lodge Officer or Member of the Board of Directors be absent two (2) successive meetings, without a written apology (except through illness), or become unfinancial in his own Lodge, his office shall be considered vacant, and be filled according to Law 15.

*Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer to find Guarantee.*

25.—The G.S. and G.T. shall each become bound in a bond under a policy of fifty pounds (£50); in a Guarantee Society the cost of same to be paid by the respective Officers, for the faithful fulfilment of their respective offices, and for rendering a true and just account thereof respectively, pursuant to 37 Vic. No. 4, sec. 37, such bonds in each case to be given to the Trustees (for the time being) of the Grand Lodge, and when executed, to be deposited with the said Trustees.

*Appointment of Trustees.*

26.—Three Trustees shall be elected at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge after the registration of these laws, who shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge. In the event of any of the Trustees dying, resigning, or being removed from office, another or others shall be elected at a Special or General Meeting of the Grand Lodge, to supply the vacancy. Every resolution appointing Trustees shall be sent to the Registrar of Friendly Societies in Sydney, under the hands of such Trustees, three members, and countersigned by the Secretary, pursuant to 37 Vic, No. 4, sec. 28. In the event of a Trustee resigning or being removed from his office, and refusing or neglecting to assign or transfer any property of the Order, such Trustee shall be expelled, and cease to have any claim on the funds of the Order, on account of any contributions paid by him. Each Trustee shall receive 10s. 6d. per annum for his services.

*Trustees to invest Money.*

27.—The Trustees shall, from time to time, with the consent of the Grand Lodge, to be had and testified by resolution, signed by the two (2) principal officers of the Grand Lodge, lay out and invest such part of the funds as may not be required for immediate or usual accruing liabilities thereof, in the name of such Trustees, and in the securities authorised by the 42nd clause of 37th Vict., No. 4.

*Representatives to have Certificates of Appointment.*

28.—Each representative attending the Grand Lodge meeting shall be provided with a certificate of appointment signed by the three (3) principal officers, and impressed with the seal of the Lodge represented by him except in cases of those appointed by the Board of Directors, whose certificate shall be signed by the three principal Grand Lodge Officers. Each representative shall deposit his certificate with the G.S., previous to taking his seat. No member shall be allowed to retire after the business of the meeting has commenced without the consent of the President.

*Fines against Grand Officers.*

29.—Any Grand Officer absent at roll-call shall be fined 2s. 6d.; absent whole Meeting, 5s.—except an apology in writing be received.

*Grand Lodge Meetings open to Members.*

30.—The Meetings of the Grand Lodge shall be open to all brothers of the Order, but they shall not be allowed to occupy the places set apart for representatives, nor to interfere with the business of the Meeting.

*Grand Lodge Auditors.*

31.—The Grand Lodge shall appoint three (3) Auditors to examine the accounts of the Grand Lodge and Balance Sheets of the various Lodges. The accounts of the Grand Lodge shall be audited half-yearly, Each Auditor shall receive not less than One Guinea for every audit. Auditors absent from Audit Meeting without a written apology, shall be fined 5s. One to retire half-yearly, but shall be eligible for re-election.

*Trustees cannot be Auditors*

32.—No member who is a Trustee shall be elected as an Auditor.

*Special Auditors.*

33.—Special Auditors shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for the purpose of auditing the accounts of any Lodge or Lodges, Any balance sheet from Special Auditors shall not be received by a Lodge unless signed by them. Auditors so appointed shall furnish the Board of Directors with a report of each audit, in order that it may be examined by the Board at its first Meeting after such audit. Any Auditor appointed under this law shall receive for his services the sum of not less than One Guinea (21s.) for each audit; such sum to be paid by the Board of Directors, but made a charge on the Lodge whose accounts have been audited; provided that such Lodge accounts are found to be incorrect. The Board of Directors shall have power to call for all books and accounts of any Lodge for examination at any time or place they may deem it necessary.

*Funds of the Grand Lodge.*

34.—The Grand Lodge shall have two (2) funds, to be styled respectively the Funeral Fund and the Management Fund, which shall be kept separate and distinct, and a general balance sheet shall be published half-yearly, showing the liabilities and assets. The Funeral Fund shall be for the sole purpose of paying funeral claims The Management Fund shall be for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge Each Lodge shall pay, on or before the first half-yearly Meeting, for entrance to the Funeral Fund, according to the following scale per member :—

17 years to 30	..	..	2s. 6d.
31 " " 35	..	..	5s. od.
36 " " 40	..	..	10s. od.

Should the Funeral Fund fall below Five hundred pounds (£500) levy shall be made to make up the deficiency as follows:—On the death of a member, not more than One shilling (1s.), member's wife Sixpence (6d.), such levy not to apply to Lodges who have not been established twelve months. Any member having been returned

unfinancial one or more quarters, and afterwards being returned financial, the levies due as aforesaid shall be due and payable for the quarter so returned. No returns are required on account of honorary members.

*Registering Wife to Funeral Fund.*

35.—Every newly initiated member, if married, may register his wife for funeral allowance, provided her age does not exceed forty (40), years; and he shall sign a declaration stating that, to the best of his belief and knowledge, his wife is free from any constitutional disease, and in good health, and pay a fee as follows:—

Under 25 years	..	..	..	£0	2	6
25	„	to	30	0	3	6
31	„	„	35	0	5	0
36	„	„	40	0	7	6

*When Returns must be sent in.*

36.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Lodge to forward to the G.S. (on printed forms to be supplied by him) at least twenty-one days prior to the third Wednesday in January, April, July, and October respectively in each year, a return of all newly initiated, financial, suspended, transferred, or reinstated members, with the amount of the member's arrears opposite their names. The G.S. shall send a bill of the amount due by each Lodge to the Secretary fourteen days previous to the third Wednesday in January, April, July and October. Should any Lodge neglect fully to comply with this rule, or should it be discovered that the arrears of a member or members have been intentionally understated, the Lodge, in each case, shall be fined five shillings.

*Payment of Accounts due by Lodges.*

37.—It shall be imperative upon the G.S. and G.T. to attend the place of business of this Society on the third Saturday in April and October at 8 o'clock in the evening, for the purpose of receiving money due from the Lodges, on account of funeral and management levies, &c. The books to be closed at the expiration of two hours from the time of opening; and any Lodge, neglecting to pay the amount due to the Grand Lodge before the books are closed, shall be fined 5s.; and if not paid within fourteen days, the Lodge shall stand suspended from funeral benefit until the whole amount owing be paid to the Grand Secretary; and the defaulting Lodge shall be dealt with as may be deemed expedient by the Board of Directors. The money shall not be entrusted to any one but a member whose expenses shall be paid by the Lodge sending him. In the case of distant Lodges the money may be sent by cheque or post office order made payable to the Grand Secretary, but such distant Lodges may be subject to the same fine as other Lodges, if the money be not received within the time before named. The accounts to be paid quarterly, the January and July accounts to be paid at the annual and half-yearly meeting.

*Who shall grant Dispensations.*

38.—The Board of Directors shall have power to grant all dispensations for the opening of new Lodges, such dispensations to be signed by the Grand Officers.

*Applications for Dispensations.*

39.—All applications for dispensations to establish new Lodges, shall be made to the Board of Directors. All monies on prospectus to be sent with the application (Schedule B). No new Lodge shall be allowed to be opened, or old one revived, unless without being able to initiate at least twenty members, with the immediate prospect of more. Upon the opening of a new Lodge, it shall be at the option of the Board of Directors to fix the hour of opening such Lodge. The Grand Officers shall be allowed all reasonable expenses from the management funds of such Lodge and the Grand Lodge equally. The Board of Directors may appoint Two past officers of the Order to act as A.D. and Secretary, for the purpose of instructing the newly-made members in Lodge business, the term of their attendance not to be less than three months, their reasonable expenses to be paid by the Lodge to which they were appointed.

Any person applying for a prospectus and obtaining 20 names, shall, on the opening of such Lodge receive the sum of £5 for expenses incurred in forming such Lodge.

*Settlement of Disputes.*

40.—If any dispute shall arise between any member or person claiming through or under a member, or under the rules of the Society, or the executors, administrators, nominee, or assigns of a member, and the Trustees, Treasurer, or other officer of the Society, or the Committee thereof, it shall be referred to arbitration.

41.—At the first meeting of the Grand Lodge, after these rules are certified by the Registrar, and at every subsequent Annual Meeting, seven past Arches shall be elected as an Arbitration Committee; and, to each case of dispute, the names of the Arbitrators shall be written on pieces of paper and placed in the ballot box, and the five whose names are first drawn out by the complaining party, or by some one appointed by him or her, shall be the Arbitrators to decide the matter in difference. All appeals to the Arbitrators must be made in writing through the Grand Secretary within one month from the date of the decision of the Lodge or shall be considered invalid, and cannot be heard. Each appeal must be accompanied by a fee of one guinea. The Arbitrators shall have the discretionary power of taking evidence in private, and may clear the room of all witnesses during the hearing of an appeal. The Arbitrators may—

1. Order a fresh inquiry.
2. Substitute fines for expulsion.
3. Reduce the amount of fine.
4. Quash decision.

42.—No member personally concerned in any appeal shall be allowed to adjudicate upon the same.

43.—This Committee shall have power to award costs against an appellant, or his Lodge, which shall be chargeable to his Lodge and added to his arrears. In the event of establishing his case his money to be refunded.

*Decision Final.*

44.—The decision of the Arbitrators shall be final, except in the case of ordering a fresh enquiry, in which case either party may again appeal. Any member making an appeal to the Arbitrators may be represented by another member of his own Lodge.

*Absent Members or Witnesses Fined.*

45.—Any Arbitrator not attending (except through sickness) at the time fixed for meeting, or any member of the Order duly summoned to give evidence, and neglecting or refusing so to do, shall be fined 5s. which may be recovered under law 70.

*To fill Vacancy.*

46.—In case of a vacancy occurring on the Arbitration Committee, the Board of Directors shall appoint some duly qualified Past Arch to fill the vacancy.

*Appeals Direct to the Grand Lodge.*

47.—Should a dispute arise between the Board of Directors and any Lodge or Officer, the party aggrieved by the action of the Board may appeal to the Grand Lodge against such action, providing always that such appeal shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors in writing fourteen days previous to a meeting of the Grand Lodge, setting forth the grounds of appeal. Such appeal to be accompanied with a fee of two guineas. In the event of the appeal being upheld the fee to be returned.

*Funeral Money when paid.*

48.—Should any financial member who has been fifty-two weeks in the Order die from any cause whatsoever, his widow, next of kin, nominee, executor, or executrix shall at his death receive the sum of Twenty-five pounds (£25) from the Funeral Fund, and should any member's wife die, she having been twelve months registered on the Funeral Fund, he shall receive the sum of Fifteen pounds (£15.) No member's wife to be admitted to the Funeral Fund should she be over forty years of age. Widows of deceased members upon payment of 2s. 6d. per quarter to the Funeral Fund during her widowhood, her executors shall receive the sum of Seven pounds ten shillings (£7 10s.) at her death. If in arrears two (2) quarters, or marrying, she shall forfeit all claim under this clause. The funeral money to be paid by the Grand Officers to the Secretary of the Lodge (who shall deduct all arrears) to which the member belonged within 48 hours after certificate is received by the G.S.

*Application for Funeral Donation*

49.—When a member or his wife dies, notice must be sent to the Secretary of the Lodge to which the member belongs, together with a medical certificate of death, the form of which is set forth in the Schedule H hereunto annexed. This certificate, together with an application in the form of Schedule I, hereunto annexed, being presented to the Grand Secretary, the funeral allowance shall be paid by the Grand Officers, provided the member appears financial on the books of his Lodge. On the decease of a wife, the Lodge may, before passing the funeral money, demand the production of the marriage certificate, or a declaration of such marriage, made before a Justice of the Peace.

*Lodge to Bury when a Member leaves no Representative.*

50.—Should a member die whose representatives would be entitled under these laws to a payment for funeral expenses, but who leaves no known representative to whom such payment can be made, the officers of the Lodge to which he belongs shall conduct the funeral and pay all reasonable expenses incurred during his illness so far as the funeral allowance will afford. Should any balance remain it shall revert to the Grand Lodge Funeral Fund.

*Registration for Second Wife.*

51.—Should any member's wife die, and the Grand Lodge have paid the funeral claim, in such case the member, if he marry again, and apply to register her on the Grand Lodge Funeral Fund (she being under 40 years of age), he shall pay to his Lodge on behalf of the Grand Lodge the sum of Two guineas (£2 2s.) as a registration fee, and sign a declaration as per Schedule C. He shall, if his wife die after a period of twelve months from such payment, be entitled to receive the sum of Seven pounds ten shillings (£7 10s.) from the Funeral Fund. Any member marrying a second time shall be subject in all respects as to certificate of marriage as set forth in these laws.

*Turn-over Lodges.*

52.—Any Lodge, or number of Lodges, wishing to join this Order and enjoy all its advantages, may do so by applying to the Board of Directors, giving all necessary information and particulars therewith, viz. ; total number of applicants, average age, name of the Society to which previously attached, and place where located. The average age in all such cases not to exceed thirty-five years.

*Withdrawal of Lodges.*

53.—In case any Lodge should wish to withdraw, it shall be allowed to do so on giving three calendar months' notice at a half-yearly or annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, and paying all just dues and demands, and it shall forfeit all claims on the Grand Lodge Funds.

*Compulsory Closing of a Lodge.*

54.—If at any time any Lodge, after being opened twelve months, shall be reduced to less than twenty financial members, or be unable to hold a meeting for three consecutive Lodge nights, for want of a quorum, the Board of Directors may take charge of such Lodge, and forthwith close it ; paying all the liabilities of the same out of the funds of the Lodge. If there be not sufficient funds to pay the liabilities (sick pay excepted), a levy shall be made upon each member of the Lodge to cover such liabilities. Any of the members of the Lodge so compulsorily closed desiring to remain in the Order, must pay up all their arrears due to the Lodge. The Board of Directors shall then furnish them with a clearance, which they must deposit in a Lodge of the Order within three months of the closing of the Lodge, paying all contributions, levies, &c., due since the clearance was issued ; and the Grand Lodge shall be answerable for all sick pay for a period of twelve months from the date of the issue of such clearance.

55.—The surplus funds, after paying all liabilities of any Lodge closed under this Law shall belong to and be paid into the Management Fund of the Grand Lodge.

*Payment of Sick Pay to Members of a Lodge Compulsory Closed.*

56.—Any member of a Lodge compulsorily closed, who, at the time of the closing of the Lodge, shall be receiving sick pay, the Grand Lodge Officers shall transfer him on to the doctor's list of some other Lodge, paying the same Lodge for his medical attendance and medicine, and also pay to him, through the Lodge, all sick pay due to him ; he (the sick member) paying his contributions, levies, &c., into the Lodge, which shall be forwarded by the Secretary receiving the same to the Grand Secretary with the next Grand Lodge dues.

57.—No Lodge shall be allowed to refuse to receive sick members under this Law.

*Amalgamation or Dissolution.*

58.—Any Lodge desirous of amalgamating with another Lodge shall, subject to the permission of the Board of Directors first had and obtained, be allowed to do so, provided it transfer the whole of its funds and property to the Lodge which agrees to receive it. In case of an alteration, amalgamation, or dissolution of any Lodge, notice thereof, signed by the four principal Officers of the Lodge, shall be sent through the Grand Secretary to the Registrar of Friendly Societies within seven days thereafter.

59.—No two Lodges shall be allowed to amalgamate until they shall have both been in existence fifty-two weeks.

60.—Any two Lodges amalgamating without the consent of the Board of Directors, shall each be fined in a sum not exceeding £5.

61.—Any and all cases where a Lodge shall amalgamate with another, the Dispensation form must be returned to the Grand Secretary.

62.—Any members who voted in a minority against their Lodge breaking up or seceding from the Order, or against non-compliance with the decision of the Grand Lodge for which such Lodge shall have been suspended or expelled, and who openly protested against such proceeding, shall, on satisfactory proof thereof being made, be still recognised as members of the Order, and may be transferred to some other Lodge under Law 54, the share of the funds of the late Lodge which they receive being paid into the Grand Lodge Management Fund; or should they be inclined to join any other Lodge, such other Lodge may receive them on payment of such share of funds, and all contributions that may be due.

*Clandestinely Plotting the Dissolution of Lodges.*

63.—Any member of this Order clandestinely plotting, contriving or otherwise attempting to break up and dissolve any Lodge, in this Order, with the view of the Lodge joining some other Society, or for any other unjustifiable purpose, on due proof being afforded to the Board of Directors, shall be expelled; and any Lodge so breaking up or dissolving shall forfeit all claims to the Grand Lodge Funds.

*Holding Unauthorised Meetings, and Issuing Documents on Grand Lodge Business.*

64.—No written or printed circulars or documents, with reference to Grand Lodge Business, shall be allowed to be circulated in the Grand Lodge without the authority of the Board of Directors; nor shall any representative or other meetings of Lodges, collectively, be held for the discussion of Grand Lodge business otherwise than authorized by these rules. Each Lodge violating this Rule shall be fined £3 for each infringement.

*Lodge Meetings.*

65.—All Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall hold their meetings at least once in each calendar month; to be opened by eight o'clock p.m., and close not later than 10.30, except on Quarterly or Special Meetings. Lodges violating this rule to be fined 5s.

*Removal of Lodges.*

66.—No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting, or change its Lodge night, without the sanction of the Board of Directors; and any infringement of this Rule shall be dealt with by the Board of Directors.

*Certificate of Age.*

67.—Each member, prior to initiation, shall produce a register of his age, or, if not practicable, shall make a declaration in accordance with the form annexed to these Rules, marked D. Any Lodge admitting a member without a register, or without a declaration as aforesaid, shall be fined £1, and the member's probation dated from the time of his compliance. If it should be proved at any time that a member had knowingly made a false declaration of age, he shall be expelled the Order.

*Expenses of Management.*

68.—Every Lodge shall pay a proportionate sum, per member quarterly, towards defraying the necessary expenses of management, and a separate account shall be kept of such contributions and expenses, and shall be audited in the same way as the other accounts of the Grand Lodge.

*Sick Allowance.*

69.—The sick benefit shall be defrayed solely from the respective funds of the Lodges in this Grand Lodge according to the Branch Laws : and each Lodge shall be provided with a book, in which shall be entered the name of each sick claimant, with the date of declaring on and declaring off and the total amount received for Sick allowance, in order that a general return may be made out by the G.S. at the periods required by the 37th Vic., No. 4, Sec. 45.

*Fines.*

70.—All fines incurred by breach of any of these rules, shall be applied to the management expense fund ; and those rules where no fines are specified, shall be left to the decision of the Board of Directors, such fine not to exceed £3, and each Lodge shall be held responsible for the payment of fines due from its representatives, or members, and if not paid to the succeeding half-yearly meeting, the same shall be placed to their arrears, and claimed from the Lodge (whether paid by the member or not) at the next half-yearly meeting, and the member dealt with as his Lodge may direct. All fines in appendix, for which no rule is specified, shall be recoverable as herein provided.

*Clearances.*

71.—Any member of this Grand Lodge who has been initiated twelve months, and is clear on the books of his Lodge, may have his clearance to enter another Lodge by proving his necessity for the same ; provided the Lodge to which he seeks admission is willing to accept him, but no member withdrawing from one Lodge shall be allowed to enter as a member of another, unless he produce such clearance, signed by the A.D., V.A.D., and Secretary of the Lodge issuing the same, with the sum allowed per week in case of sickness endorsed thereon, stating that he has paid up all arrears ; but should a member be fifty-two weeks in arrears of contribution, he shall not be allowed to enter his own or any other Lodge than as a new member.

72.—On a member being granted a clearance, he shall be furnished with a certificate, signed by the officers of the Lodge granting such clearance, showing the offices he has filled in the Lodge, and the length of time for which the Lodge issuing the Clearance is responsible for Sick Pay, and upon the production of such certificate in the Lodge receiving him he shall be deemed eligible for all offices in that Lodge as he would have been in the Lodge granting the Clearance.

73.—Any member arriving in this Colony from any District with a clearance, and wishing to place the same into a Lodge of this Grand Lodge shall do so within three months after his arrival, or arrival of his

clearance, on payment of the sum of 5s. and all arrears of contributions from the date of granting such clearance. All clearance members on either side must pass an examination by the Medical Officer of the Lodge to which he seeks admission, and must sign a declaration, stating that his wife (if any) is in good health.

74.—The Lodge granting such clearance to be responsible for sick pay for a period of twelve months from the date of issuing such clearance and the Grand Lodge or District to which such Lodge belongs to be responsible for Funeral Benefit for a period of twelve months from date of such clearance. But should the clearance of any Member be refused on account of ill health or otherwise, he may pay his contributions into any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and shall receive in case of sickness or death the same amount of Sick Pay or Funeral Donation as allowed by the Grand Lodge or District granting the clearance, the same to be refunded by them.

75.—Any Lodge receiving a clearance member from beyond the Colony, shall pay half the amount received from him (as a clearance fee) to the Funeral Fund, as a registration fee.

76.—Any Lodge in the Grand Lodge issuing a clearance, shall for a period of twelve months after the same has been placed in another Lodge, be responsible for the Sick Pay usually paid by the Lodge, granting the clearance; the amount shall be paid to the member by the Lodge he then belongs to, and be repaid by the Lodge granting the clearance. After the expiration of twelve months from the time the clearance was first placed in any Lodge, the Lodge to which a member then belongs shall become responsible for any Sick Pay to which the member may be entitled. Should the member draw one or more clearances between the time of his first placing a clearance in a Lodge and the expiration of six months from that date, and place the same in any other Lodge, the Lodge to which he is a subscribing member, at the end of six months from the date of the first clearance being put in a Lodge shall receive the contributions paid into such Lodge or Lodges. The Lodge advancing Sick Pay, or having a claim for the contributions paid, shall be paid in one month after demand, or the Lodge neglecting be fined the sum of 10s., to be paid into the Lodge from which the money has been withheld.

77.—In case the clearance of a member shall be refused by a Lodge he shall be allowed the space of four weeks from the date of such refusal to return it to the Lodge from which he drew it (except beyond the colony), which Lodge shall be bound to receive it.

78.—Any person placing his clearance into his own, or accepted by any other Lodge, shall become a member immediately

79.—Should a Lodge accept a member from any other Lodge without a proper clearance, the said Lodge shall pay a fine of £1 to the funds of the Grand Lodge; and should any Lodge persist in retaining such member, it shall be suspended until it complies with such order as may be made in the case by the Board of Directors.

80.—Any member drawing his clearance from any of the Lodges of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of joining another Lodge of the same, shall produce a Doctor's Certificate of good health, and sign a declaration stating his wife (if any) is in good health, previous to his admission.

*Lodge Surgeons.*

81.—Every Lodge in this Grand Lodge shall employ an efficient Surgeon—who shall have passed the Medical Board of New South Wales (as required by the law in force for the time being). He shall be elected annually by the Lodges, at the first Summons Meeting in January in each year. His duties shall be to examine candidates as to their state of health prior to their entrance, and for attending upon the members, their wives, and children up to seventeen years of age, and providing medicine during sickness (except a Chemist be provided by the Lodge); also to provide surgical and medical attendance to the widowed mothers and family up to 17 years of age of unmarried members. The salary of such Surgeon and Chemist to be paid out of the Lodge Funds. Should any Lodge remain longer than one calendar month without having appointed a Surgeon it shall be fined 5s. ; if two months, 20s. ; if three months, 40s. ; and in case of further non-compliance, the Lodge shall be suspended from funeral benefit until the appointment be made and the aforesaid fines cleared off. No Lodge to be fined if a duly qualified medical man cannot be found.

*Country Members.*

82.—Any member residing three miles or more from his Lodge may pay his contribution into the nearest Lodge, and such Lodge shall be responsible for all monies so received.

*Alteration of Laws.*

83.—Any Lodge desirous of proposing any alteration in the Constitutional or Branch Laws shall forward such proposition to the Board of Directors one month previous to the Grand Lodge Meeting of the whole Order. And such proposed alteration shall be made known by the Board to all the Lodges in union in the next report issued after they have received the notice of the same, so that the representatives attending the Grand Lodge Meeting may be prepared to decide on all proposed alterations. The Board of Directors may also give notice for any alteration in the Constitutional or Branch Laws which they may from experience consider necessary, but they shall not issue any proposition for alteration unless received in proper time in accordance with provisions of the law. All alterations in the Laws must be passed by a majority of two-thirds of the representatives present.

*Lectures.*

84.—The P.A.D. Lecture shall be delivered by the Grand President, or by some one appointed by him, on the 4th Wednesday in January and July in each year.

*Miscellaneous.*

85.—The Ceremonies, Lectures or anything appertaining thereto together with the General Business of the Lodge, Grand Lodge, or Order, shall be considered the Secrets of this Order.

86.—If any member make known the Secrets of the Order, except to a Druid entitled to receive them, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a Committee of his Lodge may think proper.

87.—When a member is suspended or expelled, and gives notice of appeal, and establishes his innocence, he shall, in case he fall sick between the time of his suspension or expulsion and decision of such appeal, be entitled to receive sick allowance; but such member shall likewise pay his regular contribution till his case is finally decided. Any member being suspended or expelled, and having given notice of such appeal, should he die between the time of his suspension or expulsion and of the decision of such appeal, and his innocence be proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Directors, his widow, or next of kin, or nominee shall be entitled to his funeral donation.

88.—The name of an expelled member shall not be inserted in the quarterly reports of the Order until he has had an opportunity of appealing to the Grand Lodge Arbitrators if he thinks proper.

89.—If any member damage, destroy, detain, or take away the money or other property belonging to the Lodge or the Grand Lodge, he shall be expelled, or suffer such other punishment as a Committee of the Lodge or Board of Directors may deem necessary.

90.—Any Lodge admitting expelled, suspended, or improper persons or in any way giving them countenance or aid, by lending or allowing them the use of any Lodge property, shall, from the time of committing such acts, become suspended from all benefits and privileges of the Order, until they shall satisfy the Board of Directors; and if such practices be persisted in or repeated, after notice having been given them of such, they shall be expelled the Order.

91.—If any member of a Lodge be suspended, expelled, or become an unfinancial member, he shall not be allowed to hold any office, or attend any meeting of his Lodge, or the Grand Lodge, or the Board of Directors of the Order, until his case is finally settled—except he be admitted to appeal.

92.—In all cases of trial or appeal, witnesses must retire, and be called in singly to give evidence, and then remain in the room; (witnesses other than members of the Order, may be permitted to give evidence;) and when the case has been fully heard, all the parties shall retire while the decision is being arrived at, and then called in, when the Presiding officer shall inform them of it.

93.—The names of all witnesses shall be taken at the time the case is tried at the Lodge. The names of all witnesses to be given to the Secretary.

94.—No meetings for the transaction of General Business of the Order shall be held on the Sabbath Day.

95.—The Secretary shall not give the password to any member of his Lodge, but such as are legally entitled to receive it; and no member shall give it to anyone, except the outside and inside Guardian and A.D. Bards of any Lodge in possession of the same. The parties so offending shall be fined in a sum not exceeding £5.

96.—No member shall be allowed to vote in any Lodge of which he is not a subscribing member; but may at all times give advice to any Lodge or member.

97.—All disputes and doubts respecting these rules must be determined only by the Board of Directors.

98.—Every member of this Society shall be bound to have a copy of these laws, for which he shall pay not more than 1s., so that no member can be allowed to plead ignorance of any of the foregoing rules.

99.—If any member be convicted of felony by a jury of his countrymen, or by a magistrate under the Criminal Justice Act, he shall be expelled the Order.

#### *Arch Chapter.*

100.—Any District may form an Arch Chapter, provided that such Chapter shall be governed by past Arches who have taken the degree of "Arch Druid." Each Chapter shall be governed by its own rules.

#### *Grand Lodge Regalia*

- 101.—Grand President—Purple Sash, trimmed with Gold Lace and Bullion Fringe.
- " Past President—Purple Collar, with border of Gold Lace and Bullion Fringe, with Silver Acorn suspended by Purple Ribbon.
- " Vice President—Blue Sash
- " Secretary—Green Sash
- " Treasurer—Violet Sash
- " Guardian—Black Sash
- District President—Purple Collar, with Silver Lace.
- } All trimmed with Silver Fringe.

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## LODGE LAWS.

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### *Constitution.*

1.—Each Lodge shall consist of an unlimited number of members and shall elect its own principal officers by ballot, whose titles shall be Arch Druid, Vice-Arch, Secretary and Treasurer. The nominations to take place on the Lodge night immediately before the Quarterly Meeting, the elections and installations to take place on Quarterly Night. Also six Subordinate Officers shall be elected, viz.: four Bards and two Guardians, and should any Lodge require an Assistant Secretary, they shall have the privilege of electing the same; the said Assistant

Secretary shall be considered in every sense a Subordinate Officer. The election of Subordinate Officers to take place by show of hands on a Quarterly Night. All the above named Officers to hold office for six months. In the event of a Lodge being unable to appoint the above named Officers through the members refusing to allow themselves to be put in nomination, the Roll shall be called, and members refusing to accept office shall be fined 2s. 6d. Country members, Past Arches, and retiring Officers, exempt.

#### *Lodge Meetings.*

2.—Each Lodge shall meet at least once a month—business to commence not later than eight o'clock p.m.—for the purpose of receiving contributions, proposition of candidates, initiation of members, and instructing each other in the moral precepts of this Order; and shall close their meetings on or before the hour of 10.30 o'clock p.m., except on Quarterly or Special Nights, when they shall have the privilege of keeping open till a later hour. Each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall hold its Annual and Quarterly Meetings as follows:—The Annual Meeting on the first lodge night of meeting in January; Quarterly Meetings first lodge night in April, July, and October every year.

#### *Summoned Meetings.*

3.—Each Lodge shall hold a Summons Meeting by circular every three months, or whenever it may be so resolved by a majority of the members present at any Lodge Meeting. The three Chief Officers, viz. : A.D., V.A., and Secretary may convene a Summons Meeting whenever they may deem it expedient. The roll shall be called at 9 p.m. on such nights and members absent without a written apology to be fined 6d., members residing three miles from a Lodge Room are exempt from fine.

#### *Quorum.*

4.—In order to constitute a Lodge it shall be imperative that not less than seven members be present, including a past or present Arch Druid; and if that number be not present, no business shall be transacted except the receiving of contributions and the payment of sick claims. But even in such cases the Secretary must remain till 9 p.m., to receive contributions.

#### *Qualification of Officers.*

5.—To qualify for the Office of A.D., the candidate must have served, the Office of V.A., Secretary or Treasurer for thirteen Lodge nights or in some Subordinate Office for twenty-six Lodge nights. To qualify for the Office of V.A., the candidate must have served as Bard or Guardian for thirteen Lodge nights. No member to be eligible for the Office of Secretary or Treasurer, until he has been a good contributing member for the space of six months, new Lodges excepted.

#### *Lodge Officers and their Duties.*

6.—The duty of an Arch Druid shall be to preside at all Lodge Meetings, preserve due order and decorum, inflict fines for infrac-

tion of laws, see that justice is done, and that the rules of the Order are properly and impartially administered. Should he be desirous of moving a resolution, he shall vacate the chair for the time being. He shall be entitled to a casting vote only. He shall not allow any motion contrary to these rules. He shall in conjunction with the Secretary, sign all orders upon the Treasurer for payment of monies.

FINES.				s.	d.
Absent at roll call (without a written apology) .. .. .	..	..	..	1	0
„ whole evening (ditto) .. .. .	..	..	..	2	6
Acting contrary to laws, first offence .. .. .	..	..	..	5	0
„ „ second or any other offence, at discretion of Lodge.					

#### *Vice Arch.*

7.—He, as well as other officers, shall do his utmost to enforce proper respect to the Chairman, and preserve due decorum and brotherly feeling in the Lodge. He shall also take the vote in an open division, and announce the same to the Chairman, and act as Chairman in the absence of the proper presiding officer of the Lodge. He shall also, on every Lodge night, at nine o'clock, request the Secretary to read out the names of all members who will be out of benent through non-payment of fines, contributions, &c., previous to the next Lodge night, so that members present may have an opportunity of making payment on their account.

FINES.				s.	d.
Not requesting Secretary to read out members likely to be unfinancial .. .. .	..	..	..	0	6
Absent at roll call (without a written apology) .. .. .	..	..	..	1	0
„ whole evening (ditto) .. .. .	..	..	..	2	6
Acting contrary to laws .. .. .	..	..	..	2	6

#### *Secretary.*

✓ 8.—The duty of Secretary, who shall be a contributing member of the Order, shall be to attend all meetings at the appointed time of opening; he shall read on each Lodge night the minutes of the previous Lodge or Special Meeting, and, if correct, to be signed by the A.D. He shall keep a correct and impartial account between every member and the Lodge; prepare all summonses, and deliver or post the same at least three days previous to the date of meeting; attend the Auditors to explain everything they may require respecting the accounts. He shall submit a correct balance sheet of the income and expenditure of each quarter for the inspection of the Auditors, together with all books, documents, and property entrusted to his care. He shall see that all resolutions adopted by the Lodge are faithfully carried out. He shall make a return of all members good on the books to the Funeral Fund, once every quarter, and furnish a copy of the quarterly balance sheet within 7 days from the date of Annual and Quarterly Meetings to the Grand Secretary. He shall furnish the Lodge Surgeon and Chemist once every

month with an alphabetical list of all members entitled to their attendance. He shall report to the Lodge Surgeon and Chemist, immediately after each Lodge night, the names of any members initiated, or made good on the books. He shall be the medium of communication in all financial matters with the Grand Lodge and other Lodges and members, and, in case of a member paying contributions on account of other Lodges, he shall within one month of the date of each payment, communicate with the Lodge to which such member belongs. He shall forward to the Grand Secretary all returns required by the Friendly Societies' Act, 37th Vic., No. 4, sec. 45. He shall make up any deficiency appearing on the books, within fourteen days from the quarterly accounts being closed, or be fined 10s. 6d., and if the deficiency be not made good within one month, he shall be dealt with as a Committee of the Lodge may think proper, and no salary be paid until the accounts are certified as correct by the Auditors. He shall give such security as his Lodge may require, for the due performance of his office, and he shall hand over all monies in his possession to the Treasurer, within (3) days of his receiving the same. He shall receive for his services, such amount as his Lodge may direct.

## FINES.

s. d.

Not present at the time of opening, or neglect to provide a substitute (without a written apology)	..	..	..	..	1	0
Absent whole evening (ditto)	..	..	..	..	5	0
Neglect of any duty	..	..	..	..	2	6

9.—The Secretary or Assistant Secretary, on each Lodge night, shall read the minutes of the preceding Lodge or Special Meeting, and if correct to be signed by the A.D. No discussion shall be allowed upon them further than correcting any error which may have been made by the Secretary.

10.—The Secretary shall not be answerable for any monies that may be alleged to have been paid by or for any member, if the same is not inserted in his pence card; but if inserted by the Secretary on his pence card he shall be held responsible for such sum. The Secretary shall not receive any monies out of the Lodge room except in the case of country members.

*Treasurer.*

11.—Each Treasurer shall give security for the due performance of his office himself in £20 and two sureties of £20 each—(pursuant 37th Vic., No. 4, sec. 37). The Treasurer shall receive all monies on account of the Lodge; pay all demands when properly authorized so to do. He shall attend all Lodge meetings, and sign for all monies received by him from the Secretary. He shall attend each Audit Meeting and produce an account of all monies received or disbursed by him, stating the balance (if any) he may have in hand—he shall not hold more than £20 at one time. He shall give up all monies and documents belonging to the Lodge, when vacating his office or when ordered to do so by

a resolution of his Lodge. In the event of his refusing to comply he shall be dealt with as provided for in the 38th and 39th clauses of the 37th Vic., No. 4. He shall receive for his services a sum of not less than 20s. per annum. If absent at the close of the Lodge without a written apology, he shall be fined One Shilling (1s.)

*Guardians.*

12.—The Guardians in each Lodge shall be elected half-yearly. The Inner Guardian's duty will be to attend the door of the Lodge, to prevent intrusion, to see that no member enters the room without the pass-word (unless by direction of the A. D.) or whilst any brother is addressing the chair. The Outer Guardian shall attend outside the door during initiations or at any time when the Arch Druid may direct.

FINES.		s. d.	
Absent at roll call (without a written apology) .. .. .	.. .. .	0	6
Whole evening (ditto) .. .. .	.. .. .	1	0
Neglect of any duty .. .. .	.. .. .	1	0

*Bards.*

13.—Two Bards to the A.D. shall be elected half-yearly. Their duty shall be to visit the sick members at least once a week each, and to pay sick money. They shall report to the Lodge every meeting night the condition of the sick members. They shall, before the Lodge is opened, take the pass-word from every member present, and report those without it. Two Bards to the V.A.D. shall also be elected half-yearly. Their duty shall be to see that the regalia is in readiness in due time, and to place the same in good order and safe keeping, and report to the Lodge any damage it may sustain.

FINES.		s. d.	
Absent at roll call (without a written apology) .. .. .	.. .. .	0	6
„ whole meeting (ditto) .. .. .	.. .. .	1	0
Neglect of any duty .. .. .	.. .. .	1	0

*Assistant Secretary.*

14.—The duty of Assistant Secretary shall be to take all the minutes of the proceedings, and to register all fines. And in case of non-attendance, unless he sends a written apology, he shall be fined in the same amount as a subordinate officer.

*Auditors.*

15.—All accounts of Lodges shall be audited every three months by two auditors (who shall receive not less than 2s. 6d. each for their services), chosen at annual meetings. Such Auditors to carefully examine all accounts for each quarter; sign the balance sheet submitted by the Secretary (if found correct); and report at the quarterly meetings. The A.D. Secretary and Treasurer to attend each audit meetings. Should the Auditors, or any of the above-named officers, not attend at the appointed time, each to be fined 1s.; for non-attendance,

1s. 6d., unless satisfactory apologies in writing, be sent. The Auditors, in conjunction with the A.D. and Secretary, shall draw up a yearly balance sheet for the information of the members. No member who is a Trustee shall be elected as an Auditor.

*Trustees.*

16.—Three Trustees shall be elected, at the first meeting of the Lodge after these Laws are registered, who shall remain in office during the pleasure of the Lodge. In the event of any of the Trustees dying, resigning, or being removed from office, another or others shall be elected at a Special or Quarterly Meeting of the Lodge to supply the vacancy. Every resolution appointing Trustees shall be sent to the Registrar of Friendly Societies in Sydney, under the hands of such Trustees, three members, and countersigned by the Secretary pursuant to 37 Vic., No. 4, sec. 28. In the event of a Trustee resigning or being removed from office, and refusing or neglecting to assign or transfer any property of the Order, such Trustee shall be expelled, and cease to have any claim on the funds of the Order on account of any contributions paid by him. Each Trustee shall receive 5s. per annum for his services.

*Trustees to invest Money.*

17.—The Trustees may from time to time, with the consent of the Lodge, to be had and testified by resolution, signed by the Arch Druid and Secretary of the Lodge, lay out and invest such part of the funds as may not be required for immediate use, or usual accruing liabilities thereof, in the name of such Trustees, and in the securities authorised by the 42nd clause of 37 Vic., No. 4.

*When Officer must vacate his Seat.*

18.—Any officer being absent three successive Lodge nights (except in case of sickness or a sufficient apology) his office shall be declared vacant.

*Officers responsible.*

19.—That in order to make every Officer responsible to his Lodge for the faithful discharge of his duties, and to prevent any abuse of power, and to remedy any other defect arising from an erroneous choice where the continuance of such Officer in office would be adverse to the well being of his Lodge, that it shall be in the power of any Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to impeach any of its Officers if proved guilty immediately deposing him or them, or if unfit for office call upon him or them to resign.

*Definition of Past Officers.*

20.—The only officers entitled to rank as Past Officers shall be past President, and past Arch.

21.—That it be imperative on the outgoing A.D. to attend his Lodge for a term of six (6) months from the time of the appointment of his successor. Fines: Absent at Roll call, 1s.; absent whole evening without a written apology, 2s.

*Honorary Members.*

22.—Lodges shall be permitted to receive honorary members on their (Lodges') own terms, but that such members shall not have the privilege of voting on financial questions. That no honorary member shall hold a seat in the Grand Lodge nor hold any office whatsoever in any Lodge belonging to this Grand Lodge.

*Initiation Members.*

23.—No person under the age of 17, or above 40 years of age, shall be admitted as a member of this Order, except as an honorary member. The charge of initiation to be as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
17 years, and not over	21	..	0	7 6
21	25	..	0	10 0
25	30	..	0	15 0
30	32	..	1	0 0
32	35	..	1	5 0
35	36	..	1	10 0
36	37	..	2	0 0
37	38	..	2	10 0
38	39	..	3	0 0
39	40	..	4	0 0

The above scale shall be charged in all Lodges one month after they are opened. The scale to be charged in newly opened Lodges, and for the first month afterwards, or for a further period, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, shall be fixed at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge after these laws are registered.

24.—No member will be allowed to vote in any Lodge on the night of his initiation.

25.—Any member proposing an individual for membership shall deposit one-half of the initiation fee at the time such proposition is made; all candidates, shall be eligible for admission provided they have passed an examination by the Medical Officer and if accepted, (but a ballot may be demanded by any 3 financial members, one black ball in five to disqualify,) he shall pay the remainder of his entrance money, and produce a register of his age, or if not practicable, shall make a declaration, in accordance with the declaration book kept by the Lodge. If it should be proved at any time that a member has made a false declaration of age, he shall be excluded from all benefits pursuant to these laws. The statement given of his health, and the health of his wife, if registered, in the declaration, to be incorporated as a part of this rule. Should a candidate be black-balled he shall not be eligible for membership for 6 months from the time of his rejection. Any candidate not coming forward for admission, within three months from the date of his proposition, shall forfeit any sum so paid, unless he shows some satisfactory cause for such delay. In case the candidate be not admitted, the money paid as part of entrance fee shall be returned.

*Contributions.*

26.—That all members residing within three miles of the Lodge to which they belong, shall pay or cause to be paid, as contributions, not less than One shilling per week. Any members residing beyond that distance shall pay Ninepence per week and find their own medical attendance. Notwithstanding the above any member beyond three miles may receive the attendance of the Lodge Medical Officer for himself and family upon paying the usual sum paid by the other members of the Lodge and extra travelling expenses.

*Members in Arrears,*

27.—Should a member of any Lodge owe fourteen weeks' contribution, his own and his wife's funeral benefit shall be suspended; and, on his being reinstated, the same amount of levy, per member, which may have been paid for financial members, shall be claimed to be paid to the Grand Lodge Funds on his account. It shall be in the power of the officers or members of his Lodge to refuse his readmission, if himself or wife be not in good health at the time of his application. Any member who may have been returned suspended shall not be entitled to the sick and funeral benefit until eight weeks after he has cleared off all arrears and fines due to his Lodge, nor shall he, until such arrears are entirely paid, be allowed to visit his own or any Lodge in the Grand Lodge except as a new member. Any member being twelve weeks in arrear on the Lodge night when the books are closed, it will be the duty of the Secretary to send a note to such member, informing him of the fact, or in case of neglect be fined 2s. 6d. for each offence. Any member whose contributions are fourteen weeks in arrears shall be suspended, and not entitled to any benefits until eight weeks after such arrears are paid up. Members must be clear on the books in their respective Lodges on the first Summon Meeting nights in January and July in each year, or be fined 2s. 6d. Any member allowing his arrears to exceed the amount of 52 weeks' contributions his name shall be struck off the books, and the amount due, viz., 52 weeks contributions, may be recovered by the Secretary of his Lodge, in accordance with 37 Vict., No. 4. sec. 78. Any member who desires to leave the Order shall give notice of such in writing to the Secretary of his Lodge, and pay up all arrears of contributions, &c., to the date of his notice of resignation.

*Members concealing Disease, &c., at time of Initiation.*

28.—If any member by fraud or misrepresentation as to age, or concealing any disease he may be afflicted with at the time, obtain admission into the Order, or shall not truly answer such questions as may be put to him by the Medical Officer examining, or if any member by the like means, procure the registration of his wife on the books, or should register a person to whom he is not lawfully married, then in such case the member so offending shall, on proof thereof, be expelled, or suffer such other less punishment as the Committee before which the case is tried shall determine.

*Balance Sheets to be sent to Grand Lodge.*

29.—It shall be compulsory on all Lodges to forward to the Grand Secretary, their Quarterly Balance Sheets showing the position of their Sick and Management Funds. Such Balance Sheets shall be Signed by the Lodge Auditors, as an evidence of their correctness; should any Lodge neglect to forward the Balance Sheets the Board of Directors shall fine such Lodge a sum not exceeding 20s. Should it, however, be proved that the delay was caused by the Secretary, then the fine so inflicted shall be paid by him, and he shall be deprived from all benefit until such fine be paid, provided that where it shall be shown the delay has occurred by accident or other unavoidable cause, the Board of Directors shall have power to remit such fine.

*Medical Officer and Chemist.*

30.—There shall be a duly qualified Medical Practitioner (holding a certificate from the Medical Board of New South Wales, also a Chemist, elected at any quarterly or special meeting called for that purpose. The Medical Officer's duty shall be to examine all candidates as to their soundness of health and constitution, and to give a certificate specifying their fitness, as per Schedule E, or otherwise, and to provide medicine (if required), and to give his best professional assistance to the sick, and to visit at their residence (as per Grand Lodge Law 82) any that may not be able to attend at his house (or whose coming out at night might endanger or retard their recovery), and have stated times when he may be consulted at his own residence, except in cases of emergency, when he shall attend when required, if possible, or provide a duly qualified substitute. The Medical Officer shall attend, when required the widowed mother's (and family up to 17 years) of unmarried members. He shall attend all sick members at least once a week, and sign a printed form on each visit. Such form to be provided by the Secretary of the Lodge to which the member belongs. The Chemist shall dispense all prescriptions given by the Medical Officer or any duly qualified medical gentleman.

31.—In cases where the services of the Medical Officer are required for the accouchment of members' wives, the members requiring his service shall give at least fourteen days' notice to the Secretary, and shall pay into his hands at the same time the fee of £1 1s. for such service; the fee to be charged by the Medical Officer in his monthly account. The time for attendance on an accouchment shall be nine days in the case of a Medical Officer of the Lodge being engaged; but should another medical gentleman, or midwife, be engaged, ten days shall be allowed before the selected or Medical Officer of the Lodge shall be called upon to resume his attendance.

32.—Widows of deceased members may, upon giving notice in writing within one month after decease of their husband, upon payment of Sixpence per week to the funds of the Lodge to which her late husband belonged, receive the services of the Medical Officer and Chemist for herself and children under 17 years of age. Should she allow her arrears to exceed 14 weeks contribution, she shall forfeit all claims under this Law.

33.—In the event of any complaint being brought against the Medical Officer or Chemist, he shall attend (on being duly summoned) at the Lodge or Committee on a meeting night, as may be required. On the charge being proved against him, he shall be dealt with as the Lodge or Committee may direct. When a charge is brought against a Medical Officer or Chemist, such charge must be made in writing, and forwarded to the Secretary of the Lodge, who shall forward the same to the Committee appointed to consider such charges and a copy to be sent to the Medical Officer or Chemist. Any brother making a charge against a Medical Officer or Chemist shall deposit the sum of 10s. 6d. as evidence of good faith. Should a satisfactory case be made the money to be refunded, and if the case is proved frivolous and unfounded the money to be forfeited. In the event of any fine being inflicted on the Medical Officer or Chemist, the Lodge shall deduct the amount of such fine from the amount due.

34.—Should any financial member find it inconvenient through distance to obtain the services of the Medical Officer of his own Lodge, or feel dissatisfied with his skill or attention, by obtaining permission of his Lodge, he can have his name removed from the list and transferred to the Medical Officer's list of any Lodge in the Grand Lodge, by presenting to the Secretary of his Lodge notice of being accepted by such Medical Officer. Such medical attendance to be paid for by the member's own Lodge at the same rate as paid by the Lodge to which he belongs; any extra charge which may be incurred consequent on such change shall be at the members own expense. Any member wishing to change his medical attendant shall only be allowed to do so at the Lodge night prior to each quarterly meeting.

#### *Sick Pay.*

35.—If any financial member, after the expiration of twelve calendar months from the time of his initiation, be rendered incapable of following his usual or any other employment, by applying to the Lodge Medical Officer, and obtaining from him a certificate, Schedule F, (no certificate to be dated back) stating the nature of his complaint and the date of such application—such certificate to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Lodge to which he belongs within forty-eight hours after receiving the same—he shall, so long as he remains on the sick list, and continues financial, be entitled to the following benefits from his Lodge:—21s. per week, or 3s. per diem, for the first twenty-six weeks; for the second twenty-six weeks, 15s. per week; and after that period 5s. per week; all arrears of contributions, &c., to be deducted from the sick pay then due. Members shall be paid for the day of declaring on the funds, but not for the day of declaring off.

36.—No member shall receive sick pay from the Lodge who shall have come by diseases from improper causes—such as intoxication, or any offence against morality; but should death ensue through any of the above causes, the funeral donation shall be paid.

37.—Should any member, having received the sick allowance and the Medical Officer of his Lodge declares by certificate Schedule (G), that

he is able to follow his usual or any other employment before the expiration of twenty-six weeks, and if the member receive sick benefits again, within a period of six months of the date when he was declared off the Sick Fund, the number of weeks for which he received the sick allowance, in the first instance, shall be added to the second period, and when periods exceed twenty-six weeks, he shall then receive the reduced pay as per law 35. Should any member be declared on the Sick Fund within six months of declaring off, he shall receive the same amount of sick pay per diem as when he declared off on the previous illness. This rule does not apply in case of accident.

38.—Any member while in receipt of the sick pay, found frequenting any public house, drinking intoxicating drinks, (except when ordered to do so by his medical attendant in writing,) gambling, fighting, or offering to fight, shall, when proof be made thereof, forfeit all claims to benefit during his illness, or suffer such other punishment as a Committee of his Lodge may inflict.

39.—Any member in receipt of sick pay shall not be out of his residence (except he having first obtained a medical certificate) earlier than eight o'clock in the morning, not later than six o'clock in the evening in summer (October 1st to April 30th); and nine o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the evening in winter (May 1st to September 30th); and if engaging in any capacity, for the purpose of earning money or goods, during the time he is receiving such sick pay, to be fined 10s.; if continued in to be expelled, or suffer any other punishment a summoned Committee of the Lodge may inflict, provided the same be not contrary to law. Any member whilst receiving such allowance refusing to be seen by the Medical Officer, or visiting Officer of his Lodge, his sick pay shall be suspended, and the suspension shall continue until the Lodge return his privileges.

40.—Should any member in receipt of the sick pay follow his usual or any other employment previous to receiving a medical certificate (Schedule G) declaring off the Lodge funds he shall be fined for the first offence 10s., and the second offence he shall suffer such other punishment as a Committee of the Lodge may inflict.

41.—When a member is able to follow his usual or any other employment, he having received a certificate (Schedule G) from the Lodge Surgeon to that effect, he shall forward the same to the Secretary within twenty-four hours or be fined 2s. 6d.; and country members, residing more than three miles from the Lodge, shall be allowed six days to forward their certificates. under a fine of 2s. 6d.

42.—A sick claimant, who may reside beyond three miles from the Lodge, shall be required to send a certificate (Schedule K) of health to the Secretary once a fortnight, signed by a duly qualified surgeon, a minister of religion, or a magistrate, or the officers of a neighbouring Lodge of the Order. The member's sick pay to commence from the date of the post mark from whence sent. Any member not complying with this rule his sick pay shall be discontinued.

43.—Should it be deemed necessary for any member, while in the receipt of sick pay, to go into the country for the benefit of his health;

the surgeon attending him may give him permission in writing to do so, such member will then be subject to the same laws as members living beyond three miles from the Lodge, and will have to forward his medical certificate as is provided in previous rule or his sick pay will be discontinued.

*Superannuation of Sick Members.*

44.—If at any time a member who is disabled, and entitled to a permanent allowance of 5s. weekly under Law 35, and is willing and desirous of retiring from the Order, upon payment to him of a lump sum as a retiring allowance, Lodges shall have power in such cases to pay off, by a fixed sum, such member, always providing that upon payment of such sum of money, the member shall have no further claim upon the funds of his Lodge or the Order. Under this Law the Grand Lodge shall vote a sum of money from its Funeral fund towards the retiring allowance of a member, such in no case to exceed ten pounds (£10).

45.—Lodges must convene a special summoned meeting for the purpose of passing a resolution for the payment of retiring allowance to any member.

*Miscellaneous.*

46.—All presents made to any Lodge shall be entered in the minute book, with the name of the donor.

47.—Any member convicted of felony, or for obtaining money under false pretences, or should it be proved that any member is getting his living by dishonest means, so as to bring disgrace on the Order, shall be expelled, and upon no consideration whatever shall he be again readmitted a member of this order. The Secretary shall inform the Grand Lodge Officers of the same within fourteen days, or be fined 2s. 6d.

48.—The sum of not less than 1s. may be allowed to each member attending Committee meetings for refreshments.

49.—All cheques or orders upon the Treasurer for the payment of money to be signed by the A.D. and Secretary with Lodge Seal attached; no notice to be taken of any order not so signed and stamped.

50.—Each Lodge shall provide a box for the safe keeping of all Lodge property.

*Communications to be Sealed.*

51.—Each Lodge shall have its private Seal, with the name of the Lodge and number engraved thereon. All Communications from a Lodge must be impressed with the Seal thereof.

*Fines.*

52.—All Fines received from members shall be applied to the General or Incidental Fund of the Lodge. Any officer or brother violating any rule herein contained, to which there is no Fine attached shall be subjected to such Fine or Penalty as the Lodge may determine and which shall not be less than 3d. nor more than £1. All Fines

duly inflicted shall neither be mitigated nor rescinded, except by resolution of the Lodge—any brother dissatisfied at the decision of his Lodge may appeal to the Grand Lodge Arbitrators. Should the Lodge incur any Fines through any neglect on the part of any Officer or Deputy of his Lodge, in accordance with the Grand Lodge Rules, such Fines shall be placed to the arrears of the parties fined after having been sanctioned by the Committee of the Lodge. All Fines in the Appendix for which no specific Rule applies shall be recoverable and added to the arrears of the member fined at the end of each and every quarter.

#### *Revenue how Appropriated.*

53.—The funds arising from the gross proceeds of each subordinate Lodge may be divided into two funds to be called the "Sick and Funeral Fund" and the "Management Fund." Each Fund shall be kept separate and distinct from any other Fund. Should the Funds of a Lodge be divided the Management Fund shall consist (after making due provision for the Sick and Funeral Fund) of the Balance of the Revenue and Income of the Lodge from what source soever, and shall be appropriated to defraying the expenses of medical attendance and medicine for members, their wives and families (if any) of the Lodge; Officers' salary; rent of room: all assessments made upon the Lodge by the Grand Lodge, and all necessary expenses connected with the working of the Lodge and of the Order. Any Lodge spending any of its Sick and Funeral, or interest thereon for any other than sick and funeral purposes, shall forfeit and pay without appeal, the sum of five pounds to the Grand Lodge Relief Contingent Fund; and be suspended until such fine be paid.

#### *Members Marrying.*

54.—Should any Single Member marry, his wife shall sign a declaration as per schedule C, and forward the same to the Secretary of the Lodge, together with the amount of registration fee as per rule constitutional Law 35.

#### *Disputes.*

55.—Should a dispute arise between, or charge be made against any member of a Lodge; or should a claim be made by a member upon the funds which is disputed, or should any person (not a member of the Order) make a claim upon the funds which is disputed, the Lodge shall choose a Committee to hear, decide and dispose of the same; such Committee to consist of nine financial brothers thereof (the Committee to elect their own Chairman), to be chosen by ballot from the members of the Lodge present at the meeting when the ballot is taken, and residing within three miles from the Lodge; each party to be entitled to object without reason assigned to three of the names drawn. The decision of the committee appointed under this rule, shall be binding upon the Lodge and must be acted upon. Any member (or other person) may appeal to the arbitrators against the decision of the Committee appointed under this law. The lowest fine that can be inflicted by the Committee under this rule shall be Twenty-one Shillings.

56.—In all cases when a charge is made against a member, the member preferring the same shall deposit the sum of 10s. with the Secretary, as evidence of good faith; and in the event of the charge being found frivolous and vexatious, such sum shall be forfeited to the Lodge. The party charged shall be furnished with a copy of the charge, in writing at least seven days before the case can be heard, either party may have the privilege of appointing some member to speak on his behalf. The names of all witnesses and their evidence shall be taken in writing at the first hearing of the case, and no other evidence shall be received at any subsequent hearing. Any member or party aggrieved by the decision of the committee may appeal to the Arbitrators within one month, whose decision shall be binding, and must be complied with.

57.—If any person duly summoned fail to attend to answer to the charge, he shall be proceeded against by such Committee, notwithstanding his absence.

58.—Any brother or other person shall be allowed to give evidence before the Committee of the Lodge or Arbitrators.

#### *Funerals.*

59.—On the occasion of the Funeral of a member of the Order, where the Lodge to which he belonged shall agree to attend, the Arch Druid of the Lodge shall read the Funeral Oration provided the friends of the deceased do not object. In case the Arch Druid cannot attend he shall appoint a substitute.

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#### *Lodge Regalia.*

Arch Druid—	Crimson Collar with Gold Piping.	Badge—	Sun.
Vice Arch—	„ „	„	Crescent.
Secretary—	„ „	„	Cross Pens.
Treasurer—	„ „	„	Cross Keys.
Guardian—	„ „	„	CrossSwords
Bards—	„ „	„	Harps.
Outside Guardian	„ „	„	1 Sword
Assistant Secretary	„ „	„	1 Pen

Past Arches may wear an additional border of Gold Lace and Fringe half-inch wide on Crimson Collar or Scarf.

Past Secretaries, Green Collar with Gold lace or fringe.

Arch Druids may wear Scarlet Cap trimmed with Gold Braid.

#### *Members Regalia.*

61.—The Regalia for a member of the Order shall be a Blue Collar with Silver Piping; such regalia to be purchased by the member from the Lodge.

62.—The Robes and Beards only to be worn during initiation unless by permission of the Board of Directors, or direction of the Grand Lodge.

*Members gaining Office by Canvassing.*

63.—That in the event of any member gaining office by canvassing in the Grand Lodge or subordinate Lodge, the said member shall be disqualified from holding any position during that term.

64.—That all regalia to be of a uniform pattern, and in conformity with a sample in possession of the Grand Lodge. Any Lodge infringing this law to be fined in the sum of one pound (£1) for such offence.

*Lodges not Complying with Decision of Grand Lodge or Board of Directors.*

65.—Should any Lodge of this Grand Lodge refuse to comply with the laws, or any decision of the Grand Lodge or Board of Directors, after receiving due notice of the same, it shall be in the power of the Grand Lodge or Board of Directors to immediately suspend such Lodge from all benefits until such laws or decision have been complied with, and paid all arrears that may be due; such Lodge, nevertheless, to have the power of appealing to the Grand Lodge Arbitrators within six months of such suspension, due notice of such appeal to be given to the Grand Secretary. Any Lodge remaining so suspended for a space of twelve calendar months may be expelled

*Obstructing Grand Lodge Officers in the Discharge of their Duties.*

66.—Should any Officer or member of any Lodge in this Grand Lodge obstruct, or endeavour to obstruct, any Grand Lodge Officer in the discharge of his duty in any manner whatever or wheresoever, or should he insult any such Grand Lodge Officer while in the performance of his duty, on proof being given to the Board of Directors it shall be in their power to fine such officer or member 5s. for the first offence, for the second offence 10s., and for the third offence he shall be dealt with as the Board of Directors may direct; such officer or member, nevertheless, to have the power of appealing to the Grand Lodge Arbitrators within three months from the date of such fine being inflicted, due notice of such appeal to be given to the Grand Secretary. Any fine inflicted under this rule to be recovered as per Grand Lodge Rule 70, page 16.

*Making False Charges against Members.*

67.—Should any officer or member wilfully and falsely charge any officer, member of this Grand Lodge with a violation of any of these rules, or shall fail to attend whenever the Board of Directors may appoint to prove any charge that he makes, on proof being afforded the Board of Directors that such charge is wilful and false, such officer or member shall be fined a sum not exceeding 10s. for every offence. Any fine inflicted under this rule to be recovered as per Grand Lodge Rule 70, page 16.

*No Honorary Member to hold Office.*

68.—That no honorary member shall hold a seat in the Grand Lodge, nor hold any office whatsoever in any Lodge belonging to this Grand Lodge.

*Public Demonstrations.*

69.—That any public demonstration of this Grand Lodge, or any Lodge belonging to this Grand Lodge, shall be under the supervision of the Board of Directors, or whomsoever they may appoint. Any Lodge violating this rule is to be fined in a sum not exceeding £3. If such fine be not paid within three months, such Lodge shall be suspended until the same shall be paid, with all arrears due.

70.—That no hon. member or financial member shall be entitled to membership in two Lodges of this Order.

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## STANDING ORDERS.

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### FOR MANAGEMENT OF GRAND LODGE MEETINGS.

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1.—The business of the Grand Lodge shall be conducted with closed doors (none but members of the order shall be allowed to be present) and shall commence as soon after the appointed time as the Officers are seated, and the Guardian has reported that no strangers are present. No Officer or representative shall be allowed to take his seat without his badge of office.

*Entertainment of Business.*

2.—The preliminary business shall be the calling over the names of the officers and representatives; and fining all members absent without a written apology.

- 3.—
- I. Minutes
  - II. Correspondence
  - III. Accounts due by Lodges and Grand Lodge
  - IV. Auditors' Report and Balance-sheet.

4.—Notices of motions for hearing shall be signed by the proposer and handed to the Grand Secretary during the sitting; and the member making such shall read it aloud that it may be considered by the Grand President, as to its being in Order, and at the time for hearing it shall not be proceeded with in the absence of the representative from the proposing Lodge, unless by some other member present, duly authorised in writing to take up the motion during his absence.

At the Annual Meeting the election of Officers shall here take place, but the instalation shall be the last business of the meeting.

All Committees Reports and their adoption or otherwise.

All other business shall be conducted as arranged on the business paper.

6.—No Motion or Amendment shall be entertained or discussed until it has been seconded; and one amendment only shall be discussed at one time, but all amendments shall be considered and put before the original motion.

6.—On the adoption of any amendment, such amendment shall be held to have quashed the original motion; and for all purposes of subsequent discussion, the amendment so carried shall be acted upon as an original motion.

7.—The mover or seconder merely of any motion or amendment shall be held to have spoken to the same; and in the discussion of either, no representative shall be allowed to speak more than once, except strictly in explanation or in contradiction to a misstatement, excepting the mover of the original motion, who shall have the right of reply; and no speaker to occupy a longer period than five minutes, except the mover who shall be allowed ten minutes to reply. No further discussion shall take place after the mover has replied.

8.—On any representative rising to a point of order during discussion, the speaker shall sit down and the person so rising shall state the point of order; then the Grand President shall rule thereon, which ruling shall be final.

9.—It shall be incumbent on every representative when about to speak, to rise and address the President, and conduct himself in a respectful manner towards the meeting.

10.—No Motion for suspension of Standing Orders shall be entertained, if two-thirds of the members object.

11.—Three representatives may claim an open division on any question.

12.—No representative or officer shall be allowed to retire without the permission of the Presiding Officer.

13.—Any representative acting contrary to any of these Standing Orders shall be called to order, and should he persist, he shall be fined 2s. 6d.; still persisting he shall be compelled to withdraw and fined in a further sum of 2s. 6d.

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## FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF LODGES.

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1.—All Lodges shall be opened by 8 p.m., and none but duly initiated members shall be allowed to be present during the time such Lodge shall be opened.

2.—The preliminary business shall be the calling over the officers roll, and fining those absent without a written apology, And on summons nights the members roll shall be called at 9 p.m., those absent without a written apology to be fined.

- 3.—The first business entertained by the Lodge shall be—  
 The reading the manuscript minutes of any meeting not previously confirmed, and their adoption or otherwise.  
 The reading of any correspondence.  
 Bards report of sick members.  
 On the night set apart for the nomination or election of officers, the nomination shall here take place. The election of officers shall take place before the roll is called.  
 Proposition and initiation of members.  
 Auditor's Report and Secretary's Balance Sheet.  
 The bringing up of any Committees Reports, and their adoption or otherwise.  
 The discussion of any motion of which notice has been given.  
 On the night set apart for the election of officers the installation shall be the last business of the evening.

4.—Notices of motions for hearing shall be signed by the proposer, and handed to the Secretary during the sitting; and the member making such, shall read it aloud that it may be considered by the Arch Druid as to its being in order; and at the time for hearing it shall not be proceeded with in the absence of the mover, unless by some member present duly authorised in writing to take up the motion during his absence.

5.—No motion or amendment shall be entertained or discussed until it has been seconded; and one amendment only shall be discussed at one time, but all amendments shall be considered and put before the original motion.

6.—On the adoption of any amendment, such amendment shall be held to have quashed the original motion; and for all purposes of subsequent discussion the amendment so carried shall be acted upon as an original motion.

7.—The mover or seconder merely of any motion or amendment shall be held to have spoken to the same; in the discussion of either no member shall be allowed to speak more than once except strictly in explanation or in contradiction of a miss-statement, excepting the mover of the original motion who shall have the right to reply; and no speaker to occupy a longer period than five minutes, except the mover who shall be allowed ten minutes in reply. No further discussion shall take place after the mover has replied.

8.—On any member rising to a point of order during discussion, the speaker shall sit down, and the person so rising shall state the point of order; when the Chairman shall rule thereon, which ruling shall be final.

9.—It shall be incumbent upon every member when about to speak to rise and address the Chairman, and conduct himself in a respectful manner towards the meeting.

10.—No motion for the suspension of the Standing Orders shall be entertained if two-thirds of the members object.

11.—Any member acting contrary to any of the Standing Orders shall be called to order, and should he persist he shall be fined 2s. 6d.; still persisting he shall be compelled to withdraw and be fined in a further sum of 2s. 6d.

## SCHEDULES

REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING RULES.

## A

UNITED ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS,  
GRAND LODGE OF N.S.W.

No \_\_\_\_\_ SYDNEY, \_\_\_\_\_ 188

RECEIVED from \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge

the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ pounds \_\_\_\_\_ shillings \_\_\_\_\_

pence, being amount due for quarter ending \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ G.S.

## B

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DISPENSATION.

To the Officers of the Board of Directors of the United Ancient  
Order of Druids, Grand Lodge N.S.W.

Date, \_\_\_\_\_ 188

WE hereby apply for a dispensation to open a Lodge of your Order  
at \_\_\_\_\_ in the colony of New South Wales,  
to be called "the \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge," to be opened on  
\_\_\_\_\_ evening, the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
188 , or as soon thereafter as you may arrange; and to be held  
every alternate \_\_\_\_\_ from that date. And we agree  
and promise to pay the necessary expenses of such opening, to be  
reimbursed from the funds of the said Lodge.

(Note.—This application must be signed by not less than twenty  
candidates for initiation for the intended New Lodge.)

## C

## FORM OF DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' WIFE.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the  
 Colony of New South Wales, \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby declare  
 that so far as I am able to ascertain, I was born at  
 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_,  
 and that I was \_\_\_\_\_ years of age last birthday, and no  
 more.

That I am not afflicted with any infirmity, symptoms of disease,  
 or hereditary complaint likely to shorten the natural duration of life,  
 or to render me a claimant upon the funds.

That I was married on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 18 \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 of the United Ancient Order of Druids, Grand Lodge N.S.W., in the  
 Colony of New South Wales; and I hereby agree that any benefits  
 that I, or others on my behalf, may be entitled to shall be forfeited  
 should it hereafter be proved that this declaration has been made  
 wilfully false.

As Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Witness to the Signature of the said \_\_\_\_\_

## D

## FORM OF DECLARATION FOR A NEW MEMBER.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in the colony of  
 New South Wales do hereby declare that, so far as I am able to  
 ascertain, I was born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 18 \_\_\_\_\_, and that I was \_\_\_\_\_ years of age on my last  
 birthday and no more. That I am not afflicted with any infirmity,  
 symptoms of disease, or hereditary complaint likely to shorten the  
 natural duration of life, or to render me a claimant upon the funds.

(To be inserted when the proposed candidate is a married man).

That I am married; my wife's name is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 her age \_\_\_\_\_ years last birthday, and she is of good and  
 sound constitution. And further this declaration is made for the  
 purpose of my being admitted a member of the \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_ of the United Ancient Order of Druids, Grand  
 Lodge N.S.W. I am not aware of any circumstance which in justice  
 and fairness I ought to communicate to the Society in regard to my

own or my wife's (if any) state of health, which on reference to the Rules might raise a question as regards my eligibility, and I hereby agree that any benefit that I or others on my behalf may be entitled to shall be forfeited, should it be hereinafter proved that this declaration has been made wilfully false.

As witness my hand the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 .  
 Witness to the Signature of the said \_\_\_\_\_  
 Secretary.

## E

### MEDICAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE FOR CANDIDATES.

I certify that I have examined Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ as to his state of health, and I find him of sound constitution and a fit person to be admitted to the \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, and consider his age to be about \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Officer.

## F

### MEDICAL CERTIFICATE DECLARING ON THE SICK FUND.

To the officers and members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge U.A.O.D  
 I hereby certify that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ is suffering from \_\_\_\_\_ which renders him unable to follow his usual or any other employment.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Officer.

## G

### DECLARATION OFF THE SICK FUND.

To the officers and members of the \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge, U.A.O.D.  
 I hereby certify that Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ has sufficiently recovered to resume his usual or any other employment.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature.)

## H

## FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

I hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ died the  
 day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_, and the cause of death  
 was \_\_\_\_\_

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 (Profession.)

Residence.

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## I

FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE D.G.S. ON  
 APPLICATION FOR FUNERAL ALLOWANCE.

Sydney, \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge, No. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is to certify that [the wife of] brother \_\_\_\_\_ departed  
 this life on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_; that he  
 was admitted a member of our Lodge [by initiation or otherwise]  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18 \_\_\_\_\_; that he is not at  
 this time, nor has been at any period during the last three months,  
 in arrears exceeding the amount of fourteen weeks' contribution;  
 he or \_\_\_\_\_ wife or next of kin is consequently entitled to the  
 funeral donation, having been returned good to the fund for the last  
 three months.

As witness our hands

A.D.

V.A.

Sec.

To the D.G.S.

## J

## FORM FOR REGISTRATION OF TRUSTEES.

The                      Lodge, No.                      of the United Ancient Order  
of Druids, Grand Lodge N.S.W., held at                      in the county  
of                      in the colony of New South Wales.

To the Registrar of Friendly Societies in Sydney.

We, three of the members of the above-named Lodge, do hereby  
certify that at a meeting held at the above-named place of meeting  
on the                      day of                      in the year 18                      , (the  
said meeting being called pursuant to the rules) the following resolu-  
tion was duly passed:—That                      be Trustee  
of the said Lodge, in room of

Signed by us

} Three members of  
the Lodge

Countersigned by us

} Trustee appointed  
at the time of  
meeting.

Secretary.

Countersigned by me being the Grand Secretary of which the  
above-named Lodge is a branch.

Secretary.

(A Treasurer, or Secretary, or any person who is unable to write,  
should not be appointed a Trustee. Every resolution should be  
transmitted in duplicate, in order that one copy may be certified and  
returned to the Lodge.)

## K

## FORM OF MEDICAL CERTIFICATE.

*To be forwarded every two weeks when a sick member resides more  
than three miles from the Lodge.*

To the officers and members of the                      Lodge, U.A.O.D.

I hereby certify that I have this                      day of  
18                      , seen Mr.                      residing at  
and find him still unable to follow his employment.

Date.)

(Signature.)

WE, the undersigned, do hereby acknowledge ourselves to be and are the Trustees appointed by the United Ancient Order of Druids, Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Friendly Society, and that all monies, securities, &c., now and hereafter vested in our names, are for the sole use and benefit of the said Society.

As witness our hands this 28th day of June, 1884.

GEORGE HUMPHRY.

JAMES P. HOWE.

STEPHEN JOHN FOSKETT.

WE, the undersigned, do hereby certify the foregoing rules to be the rules adopted by the United Ancient Order of Druids, Grand Lodge of New South Wales, Friendly Society, and that GEORGE HUMPHRY, of Raglan Street, Alexandria, JAMES PETER HOWE, of Botany Road, Waterloo, and STEPHEN JOHN FOSKETT, of Henderson Road, Alexandria, are duly appointed Trustees of the said Society.

JOSEPH WONNOCOTT, *Grand President.*

THOMAS CURRAN, *Vice Grand President.*

JOHN ANDREW KEAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

SAMUEL MORTON, *Grand Guardian.*

JOHN MITCHELL, *Grand Secretary.*

I hereby certify that the foregoing amended Rules of the Grand Lodge of the United Ancient Order of Druids at Sydney, are in conformity with law.

Dated this 10th day of July, 1884.

ALEX<sup>R</sup>. OLIVER,

*Registrar of Friendly Societies.*



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