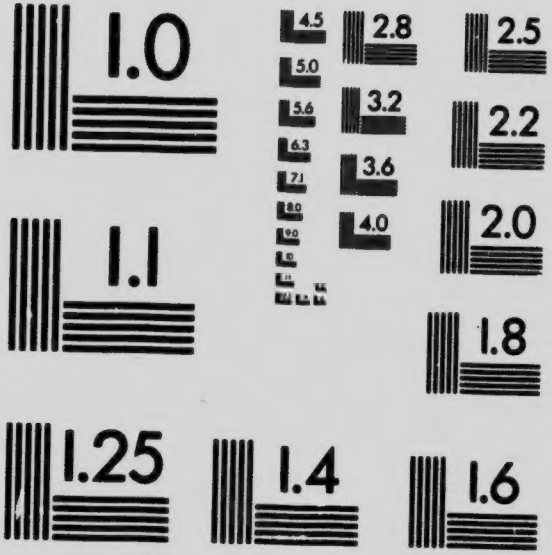
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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BYE-LAWS

Sec. 1. The Name of this Chapter shall be **CELESTIAL CHAPTER, No. 3.**

Sec. 2. The Warrant under which this Chapter is held is a Charter granted on the 24th day of June, 1911, by the **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR.**

Sec. 3. The Regular Meetings of this Chapter shall be held on the third Thursday in every Month, except the Months of July and August, at the Masonic Hall, Carleton Street, in the City of Fredericton, at eight o'clock p. m.

Sec. 4. A Special Meeting may be called at any time by order of the Worthy Matron, or, in her absence, of the Associate Matron.

Sec. 5. Notices of all Meetings of the Chapter, whether regular or special, shall be issued by the Secretary to the members at least twenty-four hours before the time of meeting.

PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 6. Every Petition for Initiation or Affiliation shall be referred to a committee of investigation, consisting of three Members, two Sisters and a Brother, to be appointed by the Presiding Officer.

Sec. 7. If any Candidate on ballot be rejected, it is required of every Member and Visitor that they shall not, on their honour, improperly disclose the fact. Any Member violating this rule may be suspended from Membership during the pleasure of the Chapter; and any Visitor guilty of a like violation, shall not, during the pleasure of the Chapter, be allowed again to visit, or to become a Member of this Chapter.

That no Member present may plead ignorance, the Presiding Officer shall direct this law to be distinctly read in open Chapter immediately after each rejection, and previous to any communication being made to the Applicant.

FEES AND DUES.

Sec. 8. Every affiliated Brother or Sister shall pay into the funds of this Chapter the sum of Two Dollars, amount to accompany the Petition.

Sec. 9. Every woman who shall be initiated in this Chapter shall pay to the Secretary the sum of Three Dollars, and every man the sum of Five Dollars, said amount to accompany the Petition.

Sec. 10. If a Candidate be rejected, the Chapter shall immediately order the deposit fee to be returned, but if, after being accepted, he or she fail to present themselves for initiation within one year, the money may be forfeited for the benefit of the Chapter.

Sec. 11. Every Member of this Chapter shall pay to the funds of the Chapter the sum of Two Dollars per annum, payable half yearly in advance.

Sec. 12. The Sentinel shall be exempt from the payment of dues.

Sec. 13. Non-payment of dues for one year shall render a Member ineligible for office in the Chapter, and non-payment for two years shall render a Member liable to suspension.

Sec. 14. Any Member who has paid regular dues to this Chapter for twenty-five years may be elected an Honorary Member, and exempt from dues by vote of the Chapter, and no Member can be suspended for non-payment of dues after having contributed to the funds of the Chapter for twenty-five years.

Sec. 15. No Member shall be permitted to withdraw his or her name from the books of the Chapter until all of his or her dues are paid.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Sec. 16. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep correct minutes of the proceedings of the Chapter, and to see that the Record Book is in the Chapter Room punctually at each meeting; to keep a record of the name of every Member of the Chapter, with the dates of proposal, admission or initiation; to collect all dues and arrears; and

receive all moneys due the Chapter, paying the same to the Treasurer, and taking her receipt therefor; to keep correct accounts with the Chapter and with every member; to issue sealed summonses for every meeting of the Chapter, and in those of the regular meetings in January and June to inform each Member of the amount he or she is indebted to the Chapter; to prepare orders for all sums ordered for payment by the Chapter, and hand the same to the persons in whose favor the orders are drawn, after they have been signed by the Worthy Matron and himself or herself; to make the return required by the General Grand Chapter, and to perform such other duties as the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter and the Bye-laws of the Chapter may require.

Sec. 17. The Treasurer shall keep a proper account of all moneys received and expended, and shall pay all orders drawn on her by the Worthy Matron and Secretary with the consent of the Chapter. She shall deposit all funds to the credit of the Chapter in such Chartered Bank as the Chapter may direct, and sign all cheques for the withdrawing of the same.

Sec. 18. The Worthy Matron shall annually, at the regular meeting in December, appoint an Audit Committee of three Members, to whom the Treasurer and Secretary shall hand their books, accounts and vouchers not later than January

tenth next ensuing, and the Audit Commitee shall report at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Sec. 19. At the regular communications in January and June of each year the Worthy Matron shall appoint a Refreshment Committee consisting of three Members of the Chapter.

Sec. 20. It shall be the duty of the Refreshment Committee to provide refreshments, when called upon by the Worthy Matron, at the expense of the Chapter.

Sec. 21. The Worthy Matron shall also at the same time appoint a Visiting Committee, consisting of five Members, of which the Worthy Matron shall be one.

Sec. 22. It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee, on receiving notice of the illness of a Member of the Chapter, to visit the sick Member, and see that he or she has proper care and attention, and report at the next meeting of the Chapter.

Sec. 23. The Worthy Matron shall also at the same time appoint a Committee of three Members to prepare and forward letters of sympathy to Members in trouble.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sec. 24. A Member or Visitor shall not retire from any meeting of the Chapter without permission of the Presiding Officer.

Sec. 25. Every Member who speaks shall rise in his or her place and remain standing while addressing the Chair, and shall not be interrupted if he or she observe due order.

Sec. 26. All questions of order shall be decided by the Presiding Officer.

Sec. 27. Any Member who shall behave in such a manner as to disturb the harmony of the Chapter, or who shall not obey the gavel of the Presiding Officer when called to order, shall be formally admonished by the Presiding Officer, and if he or she shall persist in the irregular conduct, he or she may be punished by censure, or by exclusion for the evening, at the discretion of the Chapter.

AMENDMENTS.

Sec. 28. These Bye-laws shall not be amended or repealed, nor shall any addition be made thereto, unless with the consent of at least two-thirds of the Members present in the Chapter, a proposal in writing specifying such intended amendment, repeal or addition, having been presented by a member of the Chapter at a regular meeting, at least one month before the discussion thereof, and a notice of such amendment sent to every Member on the regular notices.

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