

BY-LAWS

OF

THE HIRAM CHAPTER

OF

Royal Arch Masons

No. 2, G. R. C.,

HAMILTON, C. W.

ESTABLISHED 5820.

HAMILTON:

EVENING-TIMES STEAM PRESS, HUGHSON STREET, NEAR KING.

5860.

List of Officers of The Hiram Chapter,

A. D. 1860.

R. E. COMPANION,	WM. BELLHOUSE, Z.
V. E.	" JEREMIAH TAYLOR, H.
E.	" JAMES M. ROGERSON, J.
R. E.	" THOMAS DUGGAN, <i>Treasurer.</i>
	" W. W. PRINGLE, <i>Scribe E.</i>
	" JOHN S. HENDERSON, <i>Scribe N.</i>
	" JOHNSON WADDELL, <i>P. Sojourner.</i>
	" J. B. MATHEWS, <i>1st Assistant do.</i>
	" JOHN EASTWOOD, <i>2nd do. do.</i>
	" THOS. BEASLEY,
	" C. R. WINTER,
	" WM. IRWIN,
	" JAMES DUNNE, <i>Director of Ceremonies.</i>
	" D. BENEDICT,
	" HUGH McINNES,
	" JOHN LILLEY, <i>I. G.</i>
	" JOHN MORRISON, <i>Janitor.</i>

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PREAMBLE.

This Chapter shall be known and designated as
THE HIRAM CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS,
No. 2, G. R. C.

I.

This Chapter shall hold its Regular Convocations on the first Monday of every month, and at such hour as the Excellent Z. may deem expedient.

II.

The Excellent Z. may call Emergency Convocations at the request of any three Companions, or whenever he may deem it expedient for the benefit of the order; the reason for convening it must be expressed in the notices, and no other business can be transacted at such Emergent Convocation.

III.

The Annual Election and appointment of Officers shall take place on the First Monday in January, and they may, if time will permit, be forthwith installed and invested.

IV.

The Scribe E. shall issue all notices for Regular and Emergent Convocations seven days previous to each; notify all accepted candidates; record all proceedings, and prepare the returns for the Grand Chapter. He shall issue all orders on the Treasurer duly approved by the Chapter, receive all fees, dues, and other monies of the Chapter, keep a faithful account thereof, pay them over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt for the same; make an annual report to the Chapter, and shall be exempt from all dues.

In the absence of the Scribe E., these duties shall devolve upon the Scribe N.

V.

The Treasurer shall receive all monies from the Scribe E., and give receipts therefor; pay all orders drawn upon him by the Scribe E. and countersigned by the Z., H., or J., and shall have his books and vouchers ready at all times for inspection. He shall render an Annual Report on the night of Election of Officers, when a general settlement of the affairs of the Chapter must take place, and all monies and vouchers in his hands be handed over to his successor.

VI.

The Janitor shall attend all Convocations, and every other necessary business of the Chapter; for the due per-

formance thereof, he shall be paid the sum of one dollar for every meeting, whether regular or emergent. He may at any time be removed, by vote of the Chapter, for neglect of duty or other sufficient cause. It shall be the especial duty of the Janitor and Assistant Sojourners to see that all Companions come properly clothed as Royal Arch Masons.

VII.

Any Companion wishing to join this Chapter, (except he may have retired from, and be desirous of rejoining it,) must produce a Grand Chapter Certificate, or one from the Chapter of which he was last a member, unless the want thereof is solemnly accounted for. He must be proposed at one regular Convocation, and be balloted for at the next—every Companion being duly notified thereof. For a joining member, the fee shall be two dollars, exclusive of the cost of registry and Grand Chapter Certificate.

VIII.

Every candidate for admission to this Chapter must produce satisfactory evidence of having been a Master Mason one calender month, when he may be proposed and balloted for as provided in the preceding article. He may then proceed to take the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master and the Royal Arch as provided by the Constitution of the Grand

Chapter of Canada. The fee for Exaltation shall be twenty dollars, which shall include the cost of registry and a Grand Chapter Certificate, and shall in all cases be paid in advance.

IX.

Two Black Balls shall exclude a candidate.

X.

The monthly dues to this Chapter shall be twenty-five cents, and any member twelve months in arrears, after having been duly notified by the Scribe E., shall subject himself to be suspended, and his name reported to the Grand Scribe E.

XI.

Any member residing five or more miles from the city shall be placed on half-dues.

XII.

No resident Companion shall be allowed to visit this Chapter more than twice, unless he be a subscribing member of some other Chapter.

XIII.

The Robes, Jewels, Furniture and other property belonging to this Chapter, shall be, and are hereby, vested in the first Principal for the time being, who shall duly

insure and hold the same in trust for the use and benefit of this Chapter.

XIV.

No alteration shall take place in these By-Laws, unless the said alteration be proposed and seconded at a regular Convocation. A copy of the proposed alteration shall be inserted in the notices for the ensuing regular Convocation, when it shall require the consent of two-thirds of the Companions present to pass it into a law.

XV.

Every member shall sign these By-Laws, in token of his submission thereto, and shall receive a printed copy of the same.

HAMILTON, March 5th, 1860.

*To the Excellent Principals, Officers, and Companions of
The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton :*

The undersigned, a Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be advanced to the Degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Mason.

Age, _____ Profession, _____
Residence, _____
Mother Lodge, _____
Recommended by _____

*To the Excellent Principals, Officers and Companions
of The Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton :*

The undersigned, who has been advanced to the Degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master Mason, respectfully prays that he may be exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason.

Recommended by _____

