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THE CHARGES, REGULATIONS,  
*&c., &c.*

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That an Edition of the Book of Constitutions, with the additions and alterations sanctioned by The Grand Lodge, be printed under the superintendence of the Board of General Purposes, The Board have accordingly superintended the present publication.

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*Summary of the ANTIENT CHARGES AND REGULATIONS to be read by the Secretary, (or acting Secretary,) to the MASTER-ELECT, prior to his Installation into the Chair of a Lodge.*

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1. You agree to be a good Man and true, and strictly to obey the Moral Law.
2. You are to be a peaceable Subject, and cheerfully to conform to the Laws of the Country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in Plots or Conspiracies against Government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the Supreme Legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the Civil Magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably by all Men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original Rulers and Patrons of the Order of Free-Masonry, and their regular Successors, supreme and subordinate, according to their Stations; and to submit to the Awards and Resolutions of your Brethren in general Lodge convened, in every Case consistent with the Constitutions of the Order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels, and to guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your Brethren, and faithful to your Lodge.
8. You promise to respect genuine and true Brethren, and to discountenance Impostors and all Dissenters from the original Plan of Free-Masonry.
9. You agree to promote the general good of Society, to