

RULES OF ORDER.

DECORUM.

1. The presiding officer having taken the chair, the officers and members shall clothe themselves in the proper insignia and take their respective seats, and at the sound of the gavel at the Chancellor Commander's station, there shall be silence.

2. The business shall be proceeded with as prescribed in the Order of Business, except in the case of official visitation from the Supreme or Grand Lodge officers or commissioned Representative, when all business must be immediately laid aside, until the cause or purpose of the same is made known: Provided, when the Lodge may be actually engaged in conferring a section of any rank upon a candidate, then the work must be brought to a final completion at the earliest possible moment compatible with proper instruction being given.

3. During the reading of the minutes, communications and other papers, and when a member is speaking, silence shall be observed in the Lodge room.

4. Any member who shall misbehave himself in the conventions of the Lodge, disturb the order of harmony thereof, either by moving from his seat or crossing the hall without the permission of the Chancellor Commander, or using abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall refuse obedience to the presiding officer, shall be admonished of his offence from the chair, and if he offend again he shall be excluded from the room for the evening, and afterward dealt with as the by-laws prescribe.