

tion, and also the foregoing resolutions, made the following report, which was adopted :—

Your Committee on Law of the Uniform Rank, to whom was referred so much of the Major General's report as refers to the subject of representation, beg leave to report that in connection with this subject your Committee has also had under consideration the subject matter of Doc. 148, which relates to the same subject; and, after due deliberation, your Committee conclude that the Uniform Rank is as well represented and its interests are as carefully guarded in this body as though the rank and file of the Uniform Rank were allowed to send a representative hither elected by the vote of the Rank alone.

That the composition of this body being fixed by constitution, there is now no constitutional course open to afford the asked for relief.

That the Uniform Rank being a body subordinate to and created by the Supreme Lodge, to give it the right to legislation for itself would be to show the supremacy of this body with the Rank.

However, your Committee recommends that a special committee of three be appointed to revise and amend the laws governing the Uniform Rank, so as to relieve it from any unnecessary financial or other burdens of which it complains, and report at next session.

#### QUESTIONS.

Representatives of Arkansas submitted the following, which were referred to the Committee on Law of the Uniform Rank :—

1. Can a member of the Uniform Rank receive the countersign from anyone else than the Sir Knight Captain of his Division, or the presiding officer at the time being, or upon his showing official order from his Sir Knight Captain to Sir Knight Captain of any other Division?

2. Can a Sir Knight holding a discharge from a Division institute another Division, he intending to become a charter member of said Division, and examine his own ballot?

3. At the institution of a new Division can discharges count the same as a man to make up the twenty-seven necessary to institute (the man himself not being present)?

The Committee submitted the following report, which was adopted :—

Your Committee on Law of the Uniform Rank, to whom was referred Doc. 23, [the foregoing questions] beg leave to report that the answer to Question 1 therein be—No.

The answer to Question 2 be—Yes, if he be a commissioned officer.

Should there be a black ball or balls deposited in the general ballot, he should call his assistant to preside when his name is balloted upon. If he has no assistant, he is placed upon his honor and may examine the ballot.

The answer to Question 3 be—No; there must be twenty-seven men present.