

laid down in the book of constitution, which only allows the addition of the funeral services of the church to which deceased belonged. The rights and privileges of the church or the minister in performing the burial services are never to be interfered with, but are fully and freely conceded.

OHIO.—A lodge requested permission to join with the society of Odd Fellows in a funeral service over the remains of a deceased brother, who was both Odd Fellow and Mason, which request was refused.

CALIFORNIA.—Only a Master Mason's funeral is recognized in this jurisdiction: "This Grand Lodge knows nothing of funeral ceremonies of a masonic body of a higher degree. It recognizes but one masonic funeral service, that prescribed for a lodge of Master Masons."

MEETING IN SAME ROOM AS OTHER SOCIETIES.

It is also unlawful, in several Grand Lodge jurisdictions, to meet in the same room that other secret societies hold their meetings in.

LOUISIANA.—The Grand Master says: "I received an earnest petition from Pecan Grove lodge, begging in their case a relaxation of the edict of the Grand Lodge, prohibitory of sharing lodge room with other secret societies. They stated that unless the permission was granted to allow the Knights of Pythias to meet in their room, the owner of the building had determined that No. 222 must vacate. They further stated that no other building could be obtained, and if the law was to be enforced against them, they would be compelled to surrender the charter. In view of their representations, and in order to save the lodge, I issued the dispensation. Other applications have been made, without the strong points of this case, and have been uniformly refused."

MICHIGAN.—The Grand Master says: "I have received fourteen applications for permission to occupy halls in common with other societies, but have refused to permit except in one instance; and in that the lodge received notice to quit the premises occupied and there was no other suitable hall except the one occupied by another society."

TEXAS.—The Grand Master says in reference to exclusive occupancy: "Experience has proved the wisdom of the edict, and it should not be abrogated or amended."

ILLINOIS.—It was resolved, "That the Grand Lodge looks with disfavor upon the practice of renting lodge premises for other than masonic purposes."

OHIO.—The Grand Master refused to permit Ashland lodge to rent its hall to societies called "Knights of Honor," and "Royal Arcanum;" and held that the modification of Rule 79, to be found in the proceedings of 1875, did not contemplate a joint use of halls or rooms with other societies, except temporarily or under emergent circumstances.

USE OF HALLS FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

OHIO.—The Grand Master says: "A lodge might, without impropriety, after putting its property in order, allow a church society the use of its hall for a 'fine art gallery' during a church fair."

CALIFORNIA.—The Grand Master says that there is nothing unmasonic, prohibited, or even reprehensible, in holding a dancing party in a masonic hall.

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