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in such by-law, and be commissioned by the Grand Superintendent of Juvenile Temples.

SEC. 2. *Terms and Elections.*—The regular terms shall commence with the first meetings, in February, May, August and November. The officers shall be elected by ballot and majority vote at the last regular meeting in each term, unless the Grand Lodge by by-law enacts, or allows Subordinate Lodge to enact, that the election shall be on the first session of each term.

SEC. 3. *Eligibility.*—After the Lodge has been instituted three terms, no member shall be eligible to the office of Chief Templar or Vice Templar, unless he has previously served one term in some office, except by unanimous consent.

SEC. 4. *Absence.*—If any officer shall be absent from the Lodge for three successive meetings without rendering at the expiration of that time a valid excuse, his seat may be declared vacant by two-thirds vote.

SEC. 5. *Vacancies.*—Vacancies may be filled at any time, and the member holding an office at the close of the term shall receive the honors of that term. In the absence of the Chief Templar the Vice Templar is entitled to preside: and if both Chief Templar and Vice Templar are absent the junior Past Chief Templar preside. In the absence of all entitled to preside, the Secretary or some other member shall call the Lodge to order, and the Lodge may, by a vote in the usual manner, select some member to act *pro tem*. Any officer entitled to the chair may yield the claim to the Grand Chief Templar or his Deputy, or any Past Chief Templar.

SEC. 6. *Installation.*—The installation of officers shall take place on the first regular meeting of each term. Should any of the officers fail to appear to be installed at the time provided, the particular office or officer shall be declared vacant and the Subordinate Lodge shall proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy or vacancies. and the officer or officers so elected shall be accordingly installed. *Provided*, nevertheless, that in the event of the absence through illness or other unavoidable circumstances at the regular time of installation of any officer re-elected to the same office, the Lodge may by five-sixth vote declare that he retains the office for the term to which the election applies.