

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule I.—As soon as the Presiding Officer shall have taken the chair the Officers and Brothers present shall take their respective stations and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule II.—The order of procedure, after opening, shall be as follows:—

1.—The calling of the Roll of Officers.

2.—The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by Absentees from previous meetings.

3.—The reading by the Secretary of the minutes of the last Lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.

4.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other Brothers who may have to report the fact of any Brother being sick or in distress.

5.—The Nomination or Election of Officers, on the evenings designated for such Nomination or Election.

6.—The receiving and consideration of Reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.

7.—The Initiation of Candidates for Membership.

8.—The receiving of Propositions for Membership, and their reference to Committees on Character.

9.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Officers or Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-Laws.

10.—The receiving and consideration of any Reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.

11.—The reading and consideration of Accounts and other Communications in the hands of the Secretary.

12.—Good and Welfare: being *first*, Unfinished Business, in order of priority at former Meetings; and *secondly*, New Business.

13.—The closing of the Lodge.

Rule III.—Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer or the Lodge.

Rule IV.—No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

1.—To adjourn;

2.—To lay on the Table;

3.—To put the previous question;

4.—To postpone;

5.—To refer; or

6.—To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.