

Rules of Order.

THE CHAIR.

The W. P. shall state every question coming before the Division, and immediately before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Division ready for the question?"

Should no brother rise to speak, the W. P. shall proceed to state the question, and after he has risen, no brother shall be permitted to speak upon it. He shall announce the decision of the Division on all subjects. Should his decision be appealed from, the question shall be put thus, "Will the Division sustain the Chair in its decision?"

DEBATE.

Every brother, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall be standing, and shall respectfully address the chair, and when he has finished, he shall resume his seat. While speaking, he shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as any reflections on the officers or brothers of the Division.

No question shall be open for debate unless seconded, and all desultory or irrelevant remarks be precluded. No brother shall speak more than twice on the same subject, unless by permission of the W. P., and then only by way of explanation; nor shall any brother be interrupted while speaking, unless in the opinion of the W. P. his remarks are foreign to the subject under debate.

If any brother, while speaking, should be called to order by the W. P., he shall cease speaking, and take his seat, until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

Any brother feeling dissatisfied with the decision of the W. P., can appeal to the brothers of the Division.

Should two or more brothers rise to speak at the same time, the W. P. shall decide which shall be entitled to the floor.

All resolutions shall be submitted in writing, and signed by the brother offering the same, when required by the presiding officer. No motion shall be admitted while a question is under debate, unless it be to lay on the table, the previous question, to postpone, to refer, to amend, or adjourn; and these shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged, the first two of which shall be decided without debate.

No brother shall be permitted to speak or vote on any question before the Division, unless clothed in the regalia of the Order.

After any question has been decided, any two brothers who voted in the majority, may, at the same meeting, move a re-consideration thereof.

§ All questions of order shall be decided by the W. P., but in the case of an appeal from his decision, such an appeal shall be decided by the meeting without debate.