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NON-AFFILIATION.

An unaffiliated Mason is one who is not a member of any Lodge.

It is the duty of every Mason to be affiliated with some regular Lodge. The position of an unaffiliated Mason is contrary to the spirit of the Masonic institution, as every Brother ought to belong to some Lodge, and be subject to its By-laws and the general regulations of the Craft.

The Mason who has withdrawn from his Lodge has, by his own act, voluntarily surrendered all his claims to any Masonic privilege or benefit. He is not entitled to any of the rights or privileges pertaining to members of Lodges. He may be assisted by his brethren, but such assistance or relief is entirely voluntary and they are under no greater obligation to give assistance to an unaffiliated Brother than to one who is not a Mason.

Masonic charity is broad enough to include all mankind, but the claims of members are to be preferred to those who are not Masons, and also to those who have voluntarily severed their connection with the fraternity.

An unaffiliated Mason is not entitled to the benefit of the Benevolent Fund, for himself or family.

An unaffiliated Mason is not entitled to Masonic burial.

An unaffiliated Mason is not entitled to take part in any Masonic ceremony, public or private, nor is he entitled to any Masonic privilege whatever.

An unaffiliated Mason cannot be permitted to visit any one Lodge in the town or place where he resides, more than once during his secession from the Craft.

An unaffiliated Mason cannot hold any office in the Grand Lodge.

An unaffiliated Mason may be one of the petitioners for a new Lodge.

An unaffiliated Brother is subject to Masonic discipline. By his withdrawal from the Lodge, he does not, and cannot release himself from his obligations to the craft in general. In this respect, "once a Mason, always a Mason." For any violation of the laws of Masonry, or for any un-Masonic conduct, a Brother can be punished by suspension or expulsion, whether he is a member of a Lodge or not.

An unaffiliated Mason may be tried and punished for un-Masonic conduct. The charge should be preferred and the trial had in the Lodge within whose jurisdiction the accused brother resides.

The fact of a Mason not being an affiliated Brother is no ground for an appeal against his suspension for un-Masonic conduct.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Notice of motion is always required to be given in order to alter, amend or repeal any provision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, or the By-laws of Subordinate Lodges, or to add a new law or By-law.

In Grand Lodge, the notice of motion required to be given in order to amend the Constitution is one year's notice; that is, the notice must be given at the Annual Communication held previous to that at which the motion is to be brought before the Grand Lodge for action.

All notices of motion to be brought up in Grand Lodge are to be sent to each Lodge at the same time as the annual notice of the meeting of Grand Lodge.

A motion affecting the Constitution is out of order, unless the notice of such motion states that it is an amendment of the Constitution, and in what particular.

In Subordinate Lodges, the notice required to amend the By-laws, is or should be specified in the By-laws. Some Lodges require only one month's notice, and where this is the case, it is generally provided that the proposed amendment shall be inserted in the summons sent to all the brethren for the next regular meeting. Other Lodges require three month's notice, and that the proposed amendment shall be read in open Lodge at three successive regular meetings before being put to vote.

All notices of motion must be in writing. All notices of motion must clearly set forth the nature and purport of the proposed alteration or amendment.

A motion to recommend the petition for a new Lodge does not require any previous notice.

NUMBER.

The number of members required to hold the Warrant of a Lodge, or to receive a Dispensation for a new Lodge must not be less than seven.

No Lodge can make more than five new Brothers in one day.

Two black balls exclude a candidate, and Lodges have power to provide by By-law that one black ball shall exclude.

Each Lodge has three votes in Grand Lodge, and each Past Master has one vote.

Canadian Masonic News.

GODERICH.—An Emergency Meeting of Maitland Lodge, No. 112, was held in the Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., for the purpose of presenting a Past Master's jewel to R. W. Bro. Charles E. Robertson, P.D.D.G.M., who is about to take his departure shortly for Australia. The opportunity was taken of presenting, at the same time, a similar testimonial to