

the two meetings next preceding that fixed for the Elections thereto, except when the nominees for an office are all absent without excuse, or decline serving.

Clause 5.—No Brother shall be nominated, who has not signified his willingness to accept the office for which he may be named; and no nomination shall be held to be in force, on proceeding to election, unless the Brother so nominated be then present, or have sent to the Lodge a sufficient excuse in writing.

Clause 6.—The Election of Officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, except in the case of the D. M., P. S., and Physician, who shall be elected to serve for a term of six or twelve months, as the Lodge by its By-Laws determines.

Clause 7.—If, for any Elective Office, only one Brother shall be in nomination, such Brother shall be declared elected by acclamation; should there be two or more candidates duly nominated, the members present shall proceed to elect one of such candidates by ballot.

Clause 8.—A majority of all the legal votes cast, shall be necessary to election; should there be no choice of an officer at any ballot, a new ballot shall forthwith take place, and after each ballot, the name of the candidate who may have received the smallest number of votes shall be withdrawn.

SECTION II.—APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Clause 1.—The appointed Officers of this Lodge shall be W. C., O. G., I. G., R. S. N. G., L. S. N. G., R. S. V. G., L. S. V. G., and R. and L. S. S.; and the Lodge may, at its option, add a Chaplain.

Clause 2.—These Officers shall be nominated by the N. G. immediately after his Installation; except the R. and L. S. V. G., who shall be nominated at the same period by the V. G.

Clause 3.—All Brothers appointed as Officers must be in good standing, and the W. and O. G. must have attained the Scarlet Degree.

Clause 4.—The N. G., with the consent of the Lodge, may appoint as O. G. a Brother of the Scarlet Degree belonging to any other Lodge.

SECTION III.—VACANCIES.

Clause 1.—Any office, the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from four successive regular meetings, may be declared vacant by vote of the Lodge, on a motion to that effect; provided

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