

**ANSWER.**—The Constitution declares that in the absence of the W.M. a Lodge of Emergency may at any time be called by the authority of the S. W. The minutes cannot be altered except they be incorrectly entered. The W. M. might for good reasons decline to allow the meeting to be called, and direct the Secretary not to issue the summonses.

**QUESTION.**—Can an Emergency be called for "General Masonic business" without any particular business being specified?

**ANSWER.**—No.

**QUESTION.**—Can a lodge be removed from one village to another without the permission of the Grand Lodge, and if it is done, is the work done by that lodge constitutional.

**ANSWER.**—Yes. The Grand Master has full power to sanction the removal of lodges from place to place, and under many Constitutions special provisions are made whereby the same authority is deputed to other officers.

**QUESTION.**—There are two lodges lying at equal distances from a new lodge applying for a warrant. One of the lodges has not a single member at the place where the new lodge is situated, while the other lodge has a large number of members; which would it be most proper to apply to, and is it necessary to receive permission from both?

**ANSWER.**—The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, states that a petition must be recommended by the officers of *some* regular lodge. This implies that the officers of *any* regular lodge may recommend and is sufficient to meet the requirements of its Constitution. Most other Grand Lodges require the consent of the *nearest* lodge, and when two are situated at equal distances, both have concurrent jurisdiction and the recommendation of either would have full force.

**QUESTION.**—When a lodge protests against the granting of a Warrant, must it not explain all its reasons?

**ANSWER.**—Not necessarily, though to protest successfully, valid reasons should be stated, and in all probability would be required by Grand Lodge before acting upon the protest.

**QUESTION.**—If the W.M. of a lodge signs a petition recommending a new lodge for a Charter by virtue of his office as Master, the lodge having voted to that effect, does that bind him as a private member, and is he not at liberty to take any other course he likes as a private member?

**ANSWER.**—Certainly. His rights as a member do not conflict with his official acts.

**QUESTION.**—At the Election of Officers, is it absolutely necessary that every member of the Lodge present, shall vote?

**ANSWER.**—Yes, unless excused by the unanimous consent of the members present.

**OBITUARY.**—We have to chronicle the demise of Bro. B. B. French, which event took place at Washington U. S. A. on Friday the 12th, day of August last, he had arrived at the ripe old age of seventy years. Bro. French was buried on the 14th. ult., with masonic ceremonies, a large assemblage being present who participated in paying a tribute of respect to departed worth.

Bro. French had been connected with the Craft for nearly forty years, he having been Initiated in the year 1826 in New Hampshire the State of his nativity.

His masonic record bears evidence of the value of his services rendered to Freemasonry, he having been Elected on several occasions to the Grand East of the Grand Lodge of the Dist. of Columbia, also Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter. He also held the position of General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, and General Grand