

Section 27.—No person shall be made a mason or admitted a member of a Lodge if, on ballot one black ball appears against him, but if one black ball only appear, the Master may, before declaring the result, order a second ballot to be taken at once to rectify a possible mistake, and whatever the final result, the Master shall declare it immediately.

Section 28.—No member shall in any manner reveal the color of his ballot, nor question others, nor submit to be questioned himself in regard to it; and any brother who reveals the color of his ballot is guilty of unmasonic conduct, and shall be tried and punished therefor.

Section 29.—After a ballot has been ordered, or is in progress, it cannot be suspended or postponed. No ballot can be reconsidered. No other business can be transacted while the ballot is being taken.

Section 30.—No ballot or vote shall be taken upon any subject whatever, unless there be present *seven members of the Lodge*.

REJECTED CANDIDATES.

Section 31.—A rejected candidate for initiation cannot apply to the same or any other Lodge within twelve months from the time of his rejection.

Section 32.—A brother rejected for affiliation may renew his application at any Stated Communication, to the same Lodge or any other in this jurisdiction.

FEEES AND DUES.

Section 33.—No Lodge in this jurisdiction shall initiate, pass and raise any candidate for a less sum than Sixteen Dollars. The fee for each degree shall be paid in advance.

Section 34.—The fee accompanying the petition shall in all cases be returned to a rejected candidate.

Section 35.—The by-laws of each Lodge shall fix the sum to be annually collected from its members.

Section 36.—A Lodge at a Stated Communication may, by a vote of a majority of its members present, remit the dues of a brother unable to pay the same.