

Provided that all such alterations and amendments are forwarded to the Grand Recorder on or before the 31st day of October, in order that a copy thereof may be sent to each Subordinate Lodge and to all members of the Executive Committee and officers of Grand Lodge before the 15th day of November following."

The Grand Recorder is the officer of the Grand Lodge corresponding to the secretary, he keeps the minutes of the meeting, conducts the correspondence, notifies the members of meetings, has charge of the books, papers, etc., keeps the registers, etc. He also, sec. 24 (33), "shall have copies of the minutes of each . . . meeting of the Grand Lodge (except the secret journal . . . ) correctly printed in pamphlet form and promptly forward two copies to each Subordinate Lodge, one to each Grand Officer and member of a Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge. . . ."

The regular meetings of the Grand Lodge are held on the third Wednesday in March in each and every year. Section 11. It is suggested that the amendments are to be sent to the Grand Recorder after they are passed and then a copy to be sent by him to the Subordinate Lodges, etc., before the 15th of November following the passage thereof. But this, I think, cannot be, when the amendment is passed, he himself has it, and it is not then to be "forwarded to" him. Who was to "forward" it?

Again, it is already the duty of the Grand Recorder to send a copy of every proceeding of the Grand Lodge to each "member of a Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge," sec. 24 (33). The Executive Committee to which the copy, by sec. 169, is to be sent, is only one of several committees, e.g., I find Standing Committees on Finance and on Laws.

But the reason of this provision makes it, to my mind, perfectly plain that the proposed amendment is intended to be sent to the Subordinate Lodges before it is passed upon by the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge is composed (sec. 2), of the Grand Officers, Executive Committee, Grand Trustees, D.D.G. M.W.'s, and the "representatives of the Subordinate Lodges," each Subordinate Lodge to elect its representative at a regular meeting in December to serve for one year following such election, sec. 5.