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ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

[On the night of Election, when the section for "The Good of the Order" has been opened, the Exalted Ruler is to rise and say:]

Brothers: The time has now arrived when it becomes our duty, as the Officers of the Lodge, to restore into your hands the trust reposed in us upon our appointment. It is our earnest hope that such services as we have rendered during our term of office may prove useful to the Lodge, and that no act of ours may have brought discredit upon the Order or its representatives. It remains for us to thank you for the kind co-operation and for the uniform courtesy which has been extended to all of us during our term of office. As Exalted Ruler of this Lodge I now invite you to the election of our successors with minds uninfluenced by private prejudices or the bias of party. Let an impartial judgment alone direct you in making a wise and judicious selection of your officers, remembering that the peace and prosperity of the Lodge are, in no small degree, dependent upon the character of those whom you invest with authority. I now call upon you conscientiously to exercise your privileges, and nominations for the respective offices will now be in order.

EXALTED RULER—I now declare the Lodge duly open for the election, commencing with the office of Exalted Ruler.