

FOURTH.—The proceedings of a Lodge, when open in the degrees, may be read and approved at such time as the local law may provide, either at the same meeting at which the proceedings took place, and before closing in the particular degree, or at a subsequent meeting when open in that degree.

FIFTH.—Certificates issued to Members of an extinct subordinate by the proper officers of the State Grand Body, in conformity with the existing laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, do not require the countersignature of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to make them available, but all such certificates are to be recognized by every Subordinate to which they may be presented, whether in or out of the jurisdiction issuing them as having the same form and effect, and entitling the holders thereof to all the privileges of a card of withdrawal issued by an existing Subordinate in good standing.

SIXTH.—The force and effect of the law regulating membership in the Patriarchal Branch of the Order is not checked or destroyed by the neglect or failure of the Secretary of a Lodge to give notice to an Encampment of either the granting of a withdrawal card to one of its members who is also a Member of an Encampment, or the renewal of membership in a Lodge by deposit of card, but that whenever an Encampment is satisfied of the *fact* in whatever form it may be presented of the withdrawal of one of its Members from a Lodge, or the renewal of his membership in a Lodge in either case it is sufficient under the existing law to establish the status of the Encampment Membership.

SEVENTH.—The A. T. P. W. required of a Brother to prove himself in possession of when he offers to visit a Subordinate on a visiting or unexpired withdrawal card, or as an applicant for membership therein by deposits of a proper card is the A. T. P. W., of the year in which the card was issued and bears date.

EIGHTH.—“In reply to a question,” whether a Lodge after its adjournment can go through and rehearse the “Old” initiating ceremony of its Members.” I gave it as my opinion that the rehearsal in any of the Halls or Lodge rooms of the Order of any work which is not the present recognized work in use, and prescribed as such by the Grand Lodge of the United States, is clearly against all propriety, and that such a practice is highly censurable, improper, and irregular, and should not be permitted by the Grand Officers of a Grand Body.

NINTH.—My opinion has been asked from several quarters, whether Raffles, Lotteries, Gift Enterprises &c., gotten up by Hall Associations and Lodges, ostensibly for building halls, &c., were not in violation of the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States prescribing the manner and form of asking relief of Subordinates, and invoking my official interposition in suppressing such schemes. I gave it as my opinion that they were not prohibited by the law referred to, unless there was an evident design to evade the law by resorting to such schemes for the purpose of obtaining relief, where the requisite permission could not be obtained from the proper authorities, and that it was competent for the State Grand Bodies to prohibit such schemes emanating from their jurisdictions, or being laid before their Subordinates, when coming from any other jurisdiction. This plan of soliciting aid is obnoxious to the moral sense of the Order and