

Members elected without full privileges of ordinary membership are under our Constitution, if past masters, eligible for office in Grand Lodge, but not in a private lodge.

QUESTION.—Can the W. Master compel or force a Brother to vote, after said Brother has expressed a wish not to do so?

ANSWER.—Every member is expected to vote on all questions submitted to the Lodge, unless exempted by the unanimous consent of the members present. The W. Master, therefore, being himself a member of the Lodge, has the power to object to any member being exempted from voting; and should he or any other member do so, the Brother must vote, or the Master may require him to leave the Lodge while such vote is being taken.

QUESTION.—In the February issue of the CRAFTSMAN, page 578, you say—"Past Grand officers retain their past rank in Grand Lodge so long as they continue to be subscribing members to some subordinate Lodge." In case of a Past Grand Chaplain—whose fees are not exacted in the subordinate Lodge;—is this true? Can he demand a seat in the Grand Lodge? Ought he to be summoned?—Nova Scotia.

ANSWER.—By the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada, all past Grand Officers retain their past rank, and if Masters or Past Masters of Lodges at the time when such appointment was made, are entitled to take their seat in Grand Lodge, so long as they continue to be subscribing members of a Subordinate Lodge. Past Grand officers are not individually notified, but learn the time of the meetings of Grand Lodge through the subordinate Lodge of which they are members. Past Grand Officers who are honorary members of subordinate Lodges are entitled to a seat in the Grand Lodge of Canada; but we observe by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, that no provision is made for Past officers below the rank of Past Grand Junior Warden, and should infer the foregoing regulation does not obtain there.

At Rest.

DIED.—At his residence Millbrook, Ontario, on Friday, February 17th., Bro. Robert Gott, age 24 years.

The deceased was well and favorably known in Millbrook, and his funeral was very largely attended. His remains were interred with Masonic Ceremonies, the service being conducted by W. Bro. Wm. Staples, W. M. of I. B. Hall Lodge, No. 146, of which our deceased brother was a member.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

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