

regular election, except when the nominees for an office all decline.

SEC. 6. Officers shall be elected at the last regular meeting in May and November of each year, and be installed at the first regular meeting in the new term : Provided, the installing officer be present ; if absent, the lodge may, by vote, defer it for one week, or call a special meeting for the purpose, at the request of the District Deputy Grand Master. No member shall be elected to fill more than one elective office at the same time, except the Recording Secretary, who may also act as Permanent Secretary.

SEC. 7. Any officer absenting himself from the lodge for three successive meetings, except in case of sickness, or any officer, for misconduct or neglect as such, may be removed by a vote of two-thirds of the members voting at the next meeting, after a resolution thereof has been offered in the lodge.

SEC. 8. Vacancies in any elective office may be filled by the lodge, by nomination and election, at the next regular meeting after nomination ; and until so filled the N.G. shall appoint a member to the office *pro tem*.

SEC. 9. The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in the charges of office and as specified by this Constitution and the By-laws of the lodge.

SEC. 10. The N.G., or officer acting as such, shall appoint the majority, and the V.G., or officer acting as such, the minority of all committees on candidates.

SEC. 11. The lodge, at the second regular meeting in January, in each year, shall elect one representative to the Grand Lodge for its members of fifty or under ; also one representative for every fifty members over and above first said number of fifty members in good standing, as shown by its report on the 31st day of December of the previous year. Each lodge shall at the same time elect one alternate for each representative elected, and in case a representative shall be unable to attend the session of the Grand Lodge, then the alternate receiving the highest number of votes may attend in his place, and have all the powers and privileges of a representative.