

other cases, except that, if it be a case where the consent of the other Lodge is necessary, and that consent be refused, the petitioner's money (if any has been paid) shall be returned, and no further action shall be had in the premises.

### ARTICLE III.

#### OF PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. The name of a person offered for membership, with his age, residence and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant with the names of two persons as references attached and entered upon the record, and forthwith be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting (unless extraordinary circumstances prevent), when the candidate may be balloted for with ball ballots, and, if no more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be deemed rejected.

Sec. 2. No reconsideration of an unfavorable ballot can be had unless all the Brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot at the same meeting, and never more than one motion for the reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed; and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballots, and if the ballots cast be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over until the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot, the applicant shall be rejected. A favorable balloting can be reconsidered at any meeting prior to the admission of the candidate, provided a majority of the members present agree thereto.