

of priority at former meetings; and *secondly*, new business.

13. The closing of the Lodge.

III. Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Secretary, the Presiding Officer, or the Lodge.

IV. No question shall be put by the Presiding Officer, unless regularly moved and seconded; nor be open for consideration until so put; and, when put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion—

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| 1. To adjourn; | 4. To postpone; |
| 2. To lay on the table; | 5. To refer; or |
| 3. To put the previous question; | 6. To amend. |

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof, shall be decided without debate.

V. The previous question shall be put from the chair, only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Lodge present, and shall then always be put in the words following: "*Shall the question be now put?*" which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been made.

VI. If the vote of the Lodge, taken pursuant to such call for the previous question, be in the affirmative, the Presiding Officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending, immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon; and if, on the other hand, the vote of the Lodge be in the negative, the Presiding Officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

VII. Any member may require the division of a question, when the sense will admit of it.

VIII. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time proposed.

IX. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded on the call of any member, duly seconded.

X. After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members,

having voted, may be brought to the fore during the meeting.

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