

15. Should any lodge have neglected to make its returns and payments to the grand lodge for more than one year, the master, wardens, or other representative of such lodge, shall not be permitted to attend any meeting of the grand lodge, until such returns and payments shall have been completed.

16. No brother shall be permitted to attend the grand lodge as master, past master, or warden, until his name and appointment shall have been duly returned and transmitted to the grand secretary's office.

17. The annual communication of the grand lodge shall be holden on the second Wednesday in July, at which the place of holding the next communication shall be decided. None but members shall be present at these communications, without permission of the grand master. No visitor shall speak to any question unless requested to do so by the grand master, nor shall he on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

18. The grand master, or in his absence from the province, the deputy grand master, or in his like absence, the grand wardens, may summon and hold grand lodges of emergency, whenever the good of the craft shall, in their opinion, require it; the particular reason for convening such lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the summons, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

19. If at any grand lodge, stated or occasional, the grand master be absent, the lodge shall be ruled by the grand officer next in rank and seniority who may be present; and, if no elective grand officer be present, by the master of the senior lodge. The grand lodge is declared to be opened in *ample form* when the grand master is present; in *due form* when a past grand master or the deputy presides; at all other times only *in form*, yet with the same authority.