

Section 15.—Officers shall be installed in person. If the officer elect be not present, he shall be installed at the first regular communication of the Lodge at which he is present, and if any officer shall neglect or refuse to attend for installation for two regular communications after his election the Lodge may by a majority vote, declare his election void and revoked, and another shall be elected in his stead, (a dispensation from the Grand Master being first obtained) and installed into office in due form.

VACANCIES, &c.

Section 16.—Vacancies in office can only occur :

FIRST.—By death.

SECOND.—By suspension or expulsion.

THIRD.—By removal from the jurisdiction of the Lodge.

Section 17.—Vacancies in any of the offices, except Master and Wardens, may be filled by ballot, at any stated communication of the Lodge, due notice having been given to the members, and a dispensation obtained.

Section 18.—In the absence of the Master, the Senior Warden, and in his absence the Junior Warden, shall provide over the Lodge. The presiding officer may, after the Lodge is opened, request a Past Master to take the chair.

PETITION FOR INITIATION OR MEMBERSHIP.

Section 19.—All Petitions for initiation must be signed by the applicant, with name in full, and shall be recommended by two members, and be presented to the Lodge nearest his place of residence, except in cases where the Lodges have concurrent jurisdiction. It must be presented at a stated communication of the Lodge, accompanied with the fee required by the by-laws, be referred to a committee of three members, and lie over at least four weeks, and until said committee shall report thereon. After being referred it cannot be withdrawn.

Section 20.—No brother shall be admitted a member of a Lodge without a regular proposition in open Lodge; nor until his name, occupation, and place of abode, as well as the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, shall have been sent to all the members in the notice for the next Stated Communication, at which Communication the brother's dimit shall be produced (or a certificate from his Lodge that his dues are paid, and that a dimit will be