

Rep. R. Barbour of St. Mary's Lodge, 36, from the Committee on Laws of Subordinates and Legislation, submitted the following report, which was on motion of Grand Rep. Jas. Smith taken up clause by clause.

COMMITTEE ROOMS, ST. CATHARINES, August, 7, 1867.

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Canada West I. O. O. F.

We, your Committee on Laws of Subordinates and Legislation, to whom was referred the following questions: A Brother being in arrears for dues, over twelve months, can the Lodge legally change more than one years dues on the Brother claim as a right only to pay one year? *Answer*—He cannot claim as a right. The Lodge can compromise.

Question—Frontier Lodge, No. 45, of Windsor, would ask if a Noble Grand has power to grant sick benefits without a vote of the Lodge? *Answer*—Vote of Lodge must be had.

Question—Is it legal to withdraw a proposition for membership after it is referred to a committee on character, before it is submitted to the Lodge? *Answer*—No.

Question—When there are two or more Lodges in the same Town or vicinity and a rejection takes place in one Lodge, is it proper for the rejected Candidate to be admitted in the other Lodge after six months, without reference being made to the Lodge in which the rejection took place? *Answer*—The Lodge first rejecting, should in courtesy be consulted as to the propriety of receiving the candidate.

Question 1—Can Honorary members be admitted, and if so, on what terms? *Answer*—There should be no drones in the hive.

Question 2—Has the Noble Grand a double vote in case of a tie in the election of officers in any case? *Answer*—The Noble Grand has only a casting vote.

Question 3—After a Brother is taken sick can he make himself good on the books by paying, or sending his money to the secretary before he is reported sick? *Answer*—No, for he inflicts an injury on the Lodge.

Question 4—If a Bro. is rejected for degrees, how soon can he apply again? *Answer*—The By Laws of the Lodge should state.

Question 5—Should the Degree Master be elected the same as other officers, or in the Degree Lodge. *Answer*—The same as other officers.

All of which is respectfully Submitted,

in Friendship Love and Truth,

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