

number of nights in any lodge of this Order is eligible for the office of Recording Secretary.

- (b) Can two or more candidates be balloted for collectively for membership? If so, in what way?

*Answer.*—Every member of a lodge has the right to ballot upon each application for membership, and every candidate must be balloted for separately, whether by initiation, admission by card or certificate.

- (c) Is a verbal report for medical examination legal?

*Answer.*—Yes; unless your by-laws provide otherwise.

- (d) Three candidates awaited admission for the initiatory degree and, to save time, I asked the brothers to vote at once for the three collectively, with the proviso that if one black ball appear the vote to be retaken for each separately.

*Answer.*—The same point is involved in question b, and one answer covers both.

- (e) A brother was nominated for the office of Trustee, and being the only one in nomination a motion was made that a certain brother cast the ballot for the lodge, to which an objection was taken by several members who claimed the right to vote, and refusing to delegate that right to any one. The Noble Grand ruled the motion in order, which was carried. Was it legal?

*Answer.*—No; a brother has the right to vote if qualified, and the lodge has not the power to deprive a brother of said right.

- (f) An account was presented under Rule of Order No. 11. Could a motion be made to dispose of it under said Rule, or should it be disposed of under Rule of Order No. 12?

*Answer.*—It is customary to pass a motion to pay, refer, file or dispose of any account or communication as the lodge deems best, which motion could be made under Rule of Order No. 11.

- (g) A communication was presented under Rule of Order No. 11. Could a motion be made to dispose of it under said rule, or should it be disposed of under Rule of Order No. 12?