

been given at a regular meeting, at least two weeks previous to that at which it is decided; and that a copy of such notice shall have been transmitted to said occupant.

Clause 2.—Any vacancy in office shall be filled at the first meeting of the Grand Lodge after the announcement of the same, by election or appointment, as the case may be, in the same manner as provided for in the previous sections, and for the residue of the time of the former incumbent.

SECTION IV.—DUTIES AND POWERS.

Clause 1.—The M. W. Grand Master shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge, when present; he shall preserve order and decorum, therein, and decide all questions of order, subject however, to an appeal to this Grand Lodge; he shall have the casting vote upon all occasions when the Grand Lodge is equally divided, except in the election of officers; he shall appoint *pro tem.*, in the absence of the regular incumbents, all officers whose appointment is not otherwise provided for by the Grand Lodge; sign all requisite orders on the Grand Treasurer, and all regular documents requiring his signature, and transmit, or cause to be transmitted regularly, previous to the commencement of each term, to each Subordinate Lodge, within this jurisdiction, the Pass-Word received from the Supreme Grand Lodge of the U. S.; he shall *ex officio*, be a member of all Committees of this Grand Lodge, whose meetings he may choose to attend; he shall have power in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand District Deputy, to appoint a qualified P. G., to open newly chartered Lodges, install their officers, and present their Charters; and he shall, in person, or by Deputy, visit and inspect the books, proceedings, and work of each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction, once in each year, or oftener if he may deem it necessary in the furtherance of their interests.

Clause 2.—The R. W. Deputy Grand Master shall act as the Assistant of the Grand Master, and during the absence of that officer shall be invested with all his powers. In the event of the death, resignation, or removal from office of the Grand Master, he shall, *ex officio*, become Grand Master, until the next regular Session thereafter.

Clause 3.—The R. W. G. Warden shall preside in the absence of the Deputy Grand Master; he shall assist the Grand Master in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Lodge;