

SEC. 2. *The Regular Election* of Grand officers shall be by ballot, but not before the second day of each annual session, unless the Grand Lodge is sooner ready to adjourn *sine die*. The nominations for each office shall be followed by the election, before the nominations for the next office, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. All officers, unless removed according to the provisions of this Constitution, shall hold their seats until their successors are installed. The election of representatives to Right Worthy Grand Lodge shall immediately follow the election of officers. In the absence of any special By-law of the Grand Lodge regulating the mode of election, the same rules shall apply as in the election of officers.

SEC. 3. *Installation*.—Should any of the officers fail to appear to be installed at the time provided, the particular office or offices shall be declared vacant and the Grand Lodge shall proceed to a new election to fill such vacancy or vacancies, and the officer or officers so elected shall be accordingly installed: *Provided*, nevertheless, that in the event of the absence through illness or other unavoidable circumstances at the regular time of installation of any officer re-elected to the same office, the Lodge may by five-sixths vote declare that he retains the office for the term to which the election applies.

SEC. 4. *Vacancies* in any office may be filled at any session of the Grand Lodge or by the Executive Committee between the sessions, and in case the office of Grand Secretary becomes vacant, the Grand Chief Templar, by consent of the Executive Committee, shall appoint a member of this Grand Lodge to act in said office until the next session, when the vacancy shall be filled by election, and such appointed officer shall receive the regular salary for the term of such service.

SEC. 5. *Penalties*.—This Grand Lodge may place on trial and remove any officer for dereliction of duty and improper conduct, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. It may enforce upon its members any penalty, to the extent of expulsion, for a violation of the Constitution, Rules, Obligations, or any principles of the Order.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The *Grand Chief Templar* shall be the Chief