

order shall be without debate, unless, entertaining doubts on the point, he should invite it; and on such questions alone shall he have the privilege of speaking from the Chair.

XX. In all cases where a member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation: "Grand Patriarch, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the Chair to the Grand Encampment," and the Grand Encampment shall, after such explanation as the Presiding Officer may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to debate and vote upon the question: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Grand Encampment."

XXI. Any member who may have been ruled out of order for manifestation of temper or improper feeling, must apologize to the Grand Encampment, or to any aggrieved person if required to do so by the Presiding Officer and shall not speak again on the impending question, except to explain and apologize, unless specially permitted to do so by the Presiding Officer.

XXII. Any member has a right to protest and to have his protest spread on the journal.

XXIII. Visiting Past Chief Patriarchs, not members of this Grand Encampment, may address the Grand Encampment on receiving permission to that effect from the Presiding Officer.

XXIV. These Rules of Order, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, by a vote of two thirds of the members of Grand Encampment present and voting.

ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

15. The nomination and election of Grand Officers shall take place on the first day of the annual session at three o'clock in the afternoon.

16. The elective Officers shall be elected by ballot, unless but one candidate shall be in nomination when he shall be declared elected by acclamation. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to election, and where no candidate has such a majority the one having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and the balloting continue until a choice is made.

17. At the election of Grand Officers the Presiding Officer shall appoint three scrutineers, who shall receive and count the ballots and report to him the result.

18. The installation of Officers shall take place at such time during the last sitting of the Annual Session as may be fixed by resolution of the Grand Encampment.

19. Should any Officer elected fail to present himself for installation at the time duly appointed for the ceremony, his office shall be declared vacant and the Representatives present shall forthwith proceed to fill the vacancy by nomination and election; provided