

ANS.—No. (See Art. x., sec. 11, of Constitution.)

2. QUE.—“Can a member of such Committee give evidence before the Committee of which he is a member?”

ANS.—Yes.

3. QUE.—“Is there a form of oath or obligation for witnesses?”

ANS.—No. Witnesses shall testify on their honor; and if Knights, on their honor as such.

4. QUE.—“Should the evidence be read to a witness and signed by him?”

ANS.—Not necessarily. All the evidence should be reduced to writing by the Committee and read over to the witnesses for approval or correction.

5. QUE.—“Does it require all the members of the Committee to be present at the investigation of a charge?”

ANS.—In the absence of one or more members, the majority of the whole may proceed with the investigation.

6. QUE.—“Should witnesses be excluded from the room except when being examined?”

ANS.—Yes.

7. QUE.—“Are meetings of the Committee open to members of the Lodge?”

ANS.—No. No person other than a witness under examination, the parties to the charge (accuser and accused), with their counsel, and the members of the Committee should be present during the proceedings.

8. QUE.—“Art. xii., sec. 11.—‘Every member not interested’—Who does this mean?”

ANS.—Accuser and accused only.

9. QUE.—“In the event of a brother being elected to serve on such Committee to replace one disqualified or resigning, shall the fact of the change annul the previous organization of the Committee and the election of chairman and secretary?”

ANS.—No. The filling of a vacancy does not affect its standing or organization.

10. QUE.—“Is it imperative on the chairman to notify each and every member of such Committee and witnesses in writing to attend an adjourned meeting, they being verbally instructed by the chairman to attend, hour, place, and date being mentioned by him at the adjournment?”

ANS.—The verbal summons of the chairman under such circumstances is sufficient for all who were present.

An adjournment *sine die* would require a written notification.

11. QUE.—“Can counsel for plaintiff or defendant have the case adjourned from time to time on petty excuses?”

ANS.—It is a matter for the Committee to decide whether such applications are reasonable and valid.