

sion to a County, a W. Grand, or to the Most Worthy Grand Lodge, must give first the Quarterly Password and its Explanation to the W. Outer Guard; secondly, the Password of the County, Grand, or M. W. G. Lodge, as the case may be, to the W. Inner Guard; and thirdly, the sign of the Lodge to the W. Past Chief, who shall acknowledge it by the countersign, after which the party may take his seat.

8. No decoration appertaining to the Order shall be worn in any Lodge, unless the member wearing it be strictly entitled to it, either by virtue of the office he fills, or in consequence of being a member of a Lodge of which the decoration worn is an emblem.

9. Any person wishing to speak, shall rise and address the W. Chief of the Lodge, whom he shall address by the title of Most Worthy Grand, Worthy Grand, Worthy County, or Worthy, as the case may be. When a brother and sister rise at the same time, the sister shall have the floor; but if two brothers or two sisters (or more than two) rise at once, the Chief shall name the one who shall speak first; and no member shall be improperly interrupted while speaking.

10. Any member called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain.

11. When the Chief is putting a question, no member shall leave the Lodge, or walk across the Hall.

12. Each member of a Lodge, who is entitled to a vote, and who is present when a question is put to the Lodge, shall vote thereon, if requested by five members, unless excused by a majority vote of the Lodge.

13. The yeas and nays upon any vote shall be recorded in the minutes of any Lodge, when demanded by five members of the Lodge in which the vote is being taken.

14. Any Lodge may by a unanimous vote pass a resolution to take all votes by a show of hands, and dispense with ballots.

15. In the election of officers, a majority of all the votes present shall be necessary to a choice. The name having the lowest number of votes shall each time be withdrawn; and in case of a tie between the last two, the presiding officer shall give the casting vote. Two or more names may be withdrawn at a time, provided the lowest one remaining