

RULES OF ORDER.

I. As soon as the presiding officer shall have taken the chair the officers and brothers present shall take their respective stations and the Lodge shall then be opened in ancient form.

II. The order of procedure after opening, shall be as follows:—

1. The calling of the roll of offices.
2. The reading by the Secretary of the minutes of the last lodge night; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment as the case may require.
3. The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by absentees from previous meetings.
4. The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Visiting Committee, or from other brothers who may have to report the fact of any brother being sick or in distress.
5. The nomination or election of officers, on the evening designated for such nomination or election.
6. The receiving and consideration of reports of Committee on Character and balloting thereon.
7. The initiation of candidates for membership.
8. The receiving of propositions for membership and their reference to Committee on Character.
9. The receiving and consideration of any reports of officers of Standing Committees, which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-laws.
10. The receiving and consideration of any reports of Special Committees, in the order of their seniority.
11. The reading and consideration of accounts and other communications in the hands of the Secretary.
12. Good and welfare: being FIRST, unfinished business, in order of priority at former meetings; and SECONDLY, new business.
13. The closing of the Lodge.

Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a motion shall be made by the Secretary, the Presiding

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