

granted), and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot. When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any former member thereof shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge, on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary, stating the fact and specifying whether the brother has been registered and his dues paid.

Section 21.—No Lodge shall receive a petition for initiation from an applicant who lives nearer another Lodge than the one he petitions, without first obtaining the unanimous consent of the other Lodge at a regular meeting.

CONFERRING DEGREES.

Section 22.—No Lodge in this jurisdiction shall confer any of the degrees upon any candidate, unless he be free born, a perfect man of able body, and known to be in reputable circumstances.

Section 23.—No Lodge in this jurisdiction shall initiate a candidate who is less than twenty-one years of age; nor one who has not resided in the jurisdiction of the Lodge twelve calendar months before such application be made.

Section 24.—A Lodge may, on request of another Lodge, pass or raise a candidate who has been elected in the Lodge making the request; and the Secretary of the Lodge conferring the degrees shall immediately notify the Lodge having jurisdiction, of the date at which the degree was conferred. In such cases the candidate, when he receives the degree of Master Mason, is a member of the Lodge wherein he was elected, and must be reported by them.

Sec. 25.—An interval of not less than four weeks shall elapse, between the conferring of each degree, except by dispensation from the Grand Master; nor in any case shall a higher degree be conferred until he has passed a satisfactory examination in open Lodge in such previous degree. An interval of not less than seven days shall, in all cases, elapse between the times respectively of conferring the degrees.

BALLOTING.

Section 26.—The right to ballot in a Lodge belongs only to the members thereof. There must be but one ballot for the three degrees.