

SUPREME SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

(16) I desire to place on record my appreciation of the very valuable services rendered by the Supreme Secretary during my incumbency of office; his desire and willingness at all times to further my instructions and push forward the work of the Order has been a source of very great satisfaction to me, and I am sure has resulted in general good to the Order at large. His staff, I find, are competent and obliging, and by strict attention to their duties have given me entire satisfaction.

OFFICIAL DECISIONS.

(17) I respectfully submit for your approval the following decisions given during the year. Many of them are worthy of consideration and, I trust, will receive the same at your hands.

In view of possible changes which may take place in regard to our present location of the Head Office, I would suggest that your incoming Executive be empowered to make arrangements for other suitable offices, provided, in their opinion, it should become necessary.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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OFFICIAL DECISIONS, 1898.

(1) LODGE SHAKESPEARE.—Would a member initiate at the age of 45 be charged 15c per week or 13c? Answer—The member must pay 15c a week.

(2) LODGE ENFIELD.—Is a member entitled to sick benefits who does not comply with section 376, page 105, of the constitution? Answer—No; the constitution must be carried out. A member on the sick list should not be out of doors after six o'clock during the winter months.

(3) LODGE COMMERCIAL.—Does a commercial traveller come under the class of hazardous risk? Answer—No; he is not liable for the increased assessments.

(4) LODGE TENNYSON.—Can a White Rose Degree member in good standing in the Red Rose Degree be admitted into the White Rose Degree meeting while he is suspended in that Degree? Answer—Yes, unless there is some charge against him.

(5) LODGE THAMES.—Can the lodge admit a candidate who is over 50 years of age? Answer—No, not as a financial member, but he may be admitted as an honorary member.