

"Visiting lodges is more than a mere masonic privilege, it is a right clearly recognized in the ancient charges and regulations, as well as in our own constitution. This right is, however, made subordinate to the right of a member in his own lodge. "A visitor cannot unseat a member." Objections must be made before the lodge is opened, or prior to the introduction of the visitor; they may be made privately or otherwise, to the master, who thereupon must deny the visitor the privilege of a seat whilst the objecting member is present, and no longer. Should a member, by reason of tardiness, become obliged to ask of the master the privilege of a seat for himself, he cannot disturb his lodge by unseating any who have been made welcome prior to his admittance."

Well said: "the lodge is a family and the laws of hospitality would be outraged if on the return of one of the family, a friend who had been made welcome, should be turned out on account of a disagreement with the one who had just returned."

SUSPENSION IN ONE PLACE A SUSPENSION EVERYWHERE.

NOVA SCOTIA, 1881.—D. G. M. Acting Grand Master Johnstone decided that a brother suspended by a lodge in the State of Maine, could not be admitted into a lodge in this jurisdiction, either as a visitor or for the purpose of affiliation.

Suspension being a deprivation for the time being of all masonic rights and privileges of the brother suspended, of course he has no right to visit in another jurisdiction. With us a brother cannot affiliate without a dimit from the lodge of which he was last a member, showing that he was in good standing at that time.

EXAMINATION OF VISITORS.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, 1881.—Grand Master Larner says: "During the year the following question has been propounded to me frequently by brethren,

"Has any brother the right to examine a visitor claiming to be a member of the fraternity, with the view of introducing him to a lodge, unless he is authorized so to do by the Grand Master or the Worshipful Master of a lodge?"

"My answer to this question has been in every instance in the negative. The examination of visitors claiming to be members of the fraternity is an important matter, and should be done only by those who are known to be qualified to perform that duty in such a manner as will leave no doubt in the minds of our brethren, that he who claims to be of us has fully proven his assertion, and it is pronounced by the brethren to whom the duty of examination may be entrusted. To guard against imposition in this matter and prevent the introduction of imposters into our midst, I hold, and have so instructed the brethren when opportunity offered, that all examinations of visitors should be made by a committee appointed by the Grand Master or the Worshipful Master of a lodge, who are supposed to be better qualified than any one else to select brethren capable of discharging this important duty."

LAZY MASONS.

ARKANSAS, 1881.—Grand Master Van Hoose says: "New lodges are sometimes gotten up to suit the conveniences of masons who are a little inclined to be