

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The following propositions for the amendment of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge, are pending for action at the next session:

By Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, seconded by Rep. White, of Northern New York, Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, Rep. Hunt, of Texas, Rep. Garwood, of California, Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, and Rep. Clark, of Vermont:

Amend Article XIV, Clause 2 of the Constitution, by striking out the words "seventy-five" and inserting "twenty."

Proposed by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, seconded by Reps. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, Escaville, of Maryland, and Starr, of Illinois:

Amend the Second Section of the Ninth Article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time; Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the Mileage and Per Diem of the additional Grand Representatives."

Proposed by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, seconded by Reps. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, Granniss, of Georgia, Burnham, of Maine, Krogman, of Massachusetts, and Dwinelle, of Northern New York:

Amend Article XII of the Constitution to read:

1. This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the calls of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, Territorial and Colonial Grand Bodies, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice thereof has been given as above provided.

2. During the time intervening between the biennial sessions, there shall be a committee, of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Appeals appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made, or any other business referred, not affecting the finance of the Grand Lodge, nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their actions being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

3. Article IX and other Articles of the Constitution are hereby ordered to be formed in phraseology, so as not to conflict with this.

Both of these propositions were pending and acted upon at the session just past. The Grand Lodge patiently devoted a whole legislative day to their discussion in Committee of the Whole. It is conceded that some alteration of