

*Ans.*—No.

b. *Ques.*—Is he eligible under above conditions if there are Past Grands who will accept?

*Ans.*—No.

c. *Ques.*—Will you grant a dispensation to allow the Warden to act as Noble Grand if elected and a Past Grand nominated?

*Ans.*—No.

d. *Ques.*—Does Clause 98, Page 238, White's Digest, mean qualified Brothers in the Lodge room at the time of nomination or both the Lodge room and District?

*Ans.*—It is legal to nominate a Scarlet Degree member for the office of Noble Grand if all qualified Brothers present refuse to accept.

e. *Ques.*—Was I as D. D. G. M. compelled to give a decision irrespective of receiving your reply to my questions?

*Ans.*—You have power to decide such questions without consulting the Grand Master, and there is no compulsion as to doing so immediately.

f. *Ques.*—The Past Grand who was nominated with the Warden for the office of Noble Grand having withdrawn, there being other Past Grands who will accept the office, have I power as D. D. G. M. to grant Dispensation to allow the Warden to act as Noble Grand?

*Ans.*—If the nominations have been regularly held and declared closed, and none but Scarlet Degree members willing to accept, then the Grand Master can grant a Dispensation to allow the Lodge to elect such.

g. *Ques.*—Is it constitutional and admissable for each and all Past Grands to refuse nomination, to allow our Warden to qualify?

*Ans.*—Your question may be construed in two ways, and I will answer them both:

1st. All Past Grands have the privilege of refusing to accept nomination for Noble Grand.

2nd. No. If all Past Grands present refuse, the Warden is eligible.

5. *Ques.*—Does the office of Banner Bearer in a Rebekah Lodge qualify for the office of Vice Grand?