

then to be put for confirmation ; and any communication from the grand principals or either of them, and reports from the grand superintendents of districts, and any committee, shall be read and taken into consideration ; after which the other business will be regularly proceeded with.

XXI. All matters are to be decided by a majority of votes, except where a ballot is enacted or demanded ; each officer and member of the grand chapter, (except the grand janitor), shall have one vote, and the presiding officer, in case of equality, a casting vote, unless the grand chapter, for the sake of expedition, shall think proper to leave any particular subject to the determination of the presiding officer. The votes of the members are to be signified by each holding out one of his hands, which hands the grand scribes are to count, unless the presiding officers shall declare the numbers so unequal as to render the counting unnecessary. No visitor shall on any occasion be permitted to vote.

XXII. Any member may demand a ballot on any question, either before or immediately after an open vote shall have been taken. In all matters to be decided by ballot, each chapter shall have three votes, and each officer (except the janitor) and member, not otherwise entitled to vote, shall have one vote, and, (except where otherwise provided), in case of equality, the presiding officer shall have a casting vote. The grand scribes shall act as scrutineers.