

James L. Ridgely, to pipe all hands. Joy knew no bounds, for after a voyage of four years spent in war, tumult, and trouble, five only of the jolly crew were found wanting, viz: the Representatives from North Carolina, Florida, Canada East, Arkansas, and Oregon; the last two were reported in good health, but from causes over which they had no control, failed to answer to their names.

The report of our most Worthy Grand Sire is in itself a very able production, and one well calculated to promote harmony and love among the Brethren. Neither time nor space will permit me to here give it you word for word, but it is more than evident that he has spent a vast amount of valuable time in infusing new life and spirit into the Order generally, more especially those jurisdictions which were lagging by the way. Need I say that already he has reaped a rich reward, and to his untiring zeal in writing, speaking and visiting, may be attributed the fact (to a great extent) that our Order is now in its good and present prosperous condition. Among his many decisions during the past year, I have selected the following as requisite for submission in this report.

2nd. That a motion for a reconsideration of a ballot for an applicant for membership, who has been rejected, may be made at such time as the local law of a Lodge may specify; and in the absence of any local law on the subject a motion for reconsideration may be made at any time, provided such motion is made by those depositing the black balls.

3rd. If the local law so provides, a Lodge may go through its regular business, close in due form, and then open in and confer any of the degrees.

4th. Where the law of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment provides that a Grand Representative is an elective Grand Officer thereof, he is to be recognized as such and entitled to the honors of the Order when visiting a Subordinate officially.

5th. It is the duty of a Subordinate to obey the decisions of its Grand Lodge, which are final and conclusive, until reversed by the Grand Lodge of the United States upon proper application thereto. Pending such appeal, the Subordinate Lodge is not entitled to any privileges other than those accorded to it by its Grand Lodge, which may enforce its decision by demanding the Charter and effects of the Subordinate for non-compliance with the decision appealed from.

6th. A number of Subordinate Lodges cannot legally establish a Union Degree of Rebekah Lodge, and hold regular meetings thereof for conferring and working that degree.

7th. When a Grand Master and Grand Representative of the same jurisdiction, each at different times during the recess of the Grand Lodge instruct a Subordinate Lodge or a D. D. Grand Master, in the secret work of the Order and their instructions differ, the instructions of the Grand

Master as

8th. A
in a Lodge
he may te
but all in
elected.

9th. S
sion of th
are irregu
Grand Lo

10th.
without th
upon the
tended to
cession in
to do so b
obtained
may pres

These
Grand Lo
Lodge.

The Re
retary Ric
shows tha
as it now
revenue a
ed that of

The Gr
Lodge to
credit for
disbursem
in the Tre

The Re
follows, w

Resolve
discount o
time.

Resolve
the tax of
Carolina,
Texas; a
years 186

Resolve
representa
North Ca
hereby ca

Resolve
furnish up
may deem