

## CHAP. XI.

*Of Initiation, Admission, &c.*

*a/h* 1st.—Great discredit and injury having been brought upon our antient and honourable Fraternity from admitting Members and receiving Candidates without due notice being given, or enquiry made as to their characters and qualifications, and also, from the passing and raising of Masons without due instruction in the respective degrees: to prevent this evil in future, the following regulations shall, in all cases, be strictly observed.

*Th* No person shall be initiated, in this Lodge, without a regular application in writing, stating his name and profession, age and place of abode, of which the Members are to be notified in their respective summonses, and on balloting, if there be found more than one black ball, the Candidate cannot be admitted; but to prevent the possibility of a mistake, the ballots may be taken a second or even a third time.

*Th* No Brother shall be admitted a Member of this Lodge without a regular application in writing, nor until his name, occupation and place of abode, shall have been sent to all the Members in the summonses for the next stated Lodge meeting, and on balloting should there be more than one black ball, the Candidate cannot be admitted.

*Th* 2d.—No person shall be permitted to receive more than one degree on the same day, nor at a less interval than one month, from his receiving a former degree, nor shall he be passed or raised until he has been duly examined in open Lodge, in the previous degree. In no case shall there be more than five initiated in the same day.

3d.—Every Brother, on becoming a Member, shall sign the By-Laws, and be furnished with a printed copy thereof by the Secretary.

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