

Sec. 5. When an application for membership is received from a person residing nearer to another lodge than to the one to which the application is made, the lodge receiving such application shall communicate the fact to the lodge nearest the residence of such applicant, and shall enquire whether such person is a fit and proper person to be admitted into our Order, and if in the same district, shall also ask the consent of such lodge to receive and act upon such application; and it shall take no further action upon such application until an answer is received to such communication. The lodge receiving such communication shall appoint a committee of three to investigate the character, standing and health of the petitioner, in the same manner as if the application were made directly to such lodge. Such committee shall report at the next regular meeting of the lodge, and a certified copy of the report, together with a certified copy of the minutes showing the action of the lodge upon the request for consent to receive and act upon the application (if such consent was necessary) shall be forthwith forwarded to the lodge in which such application is filed, and said last named lodge may then proceed upon such application as in other cases, except that if it be a case where the consent of the other lodge is necessary and that consent be refused, the petitioner's money (if any has been paid) shall be returned, and no further action shall be had in the premises.

ARTICLE III.

OF PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Sec. 1. The name of a person offered for membership, with his age, residence and occupation, must be proposed by a member in writing, signed by the applicant with the names of two persons as referees attached, and entered upon the record; and forthwith be referred to a committee of three members for investigation, who shall report at the next succeeding regular meeting, (unless extraordinary circumstances prevent,) when the candidate may be balloted for with ball ballots, if no more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be declared elected; but if three or more appear, he shall be deemed rejected.