

5. When a brother has been called to order for the manifestation of temper or improper conduct, he shall not be permitted to speak again at that convention, unless by special permission of the Lodge.

6. During an intermission, opening, initiation, and while a vote is being taken, the doors shall be closed and no one permitted to enter or retire from the Lodge room.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

7. The presiding officer shall preserve order and pronounce the decision of the Lodge upon all subjects; he shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Lodge by any member, when the question before the Lodge shall be: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgement of the Lodge?" on which no brother shall speak more than once without special permission of the Lodge, which must be granted or withheld without debate. The question of appeal and all questions which arise while it is pending shall be taken and announced or decided by the C. C.

8. Before putting a question the presiding officer shall ask: "Is the Lodge ready for the question?" If no member rises to speak, he shall rise and put it; and after he has risen to put the question, members shall not be permitted to speak upon it.

9. If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which is entitled to the floor, which decision shall not be questioned.

10. When the presiding officer shall rise to or is addressing the Lodge, or putting a question, all shall be seated, and silence shall be observed in the Lodge room.