

case of a tie the balloting shall continue until a choice is made. The name of the member receiving the lowest number of votes at each balloting shall be withdrawn. In case any officer be absent at the time of installation, unless excused by the Supreme Lodge, or through sickness, his office shall be declared vacant, and another and immediate election held to fill the vacancy; but if the absent officer-elect has been excused, or is ill, then the Supreme President may be empowered to install during recess, at his convenience.

#### **DUTIES OF SUPREME LODGE OFFICERS.**

13. The Past Supreme President shall have charge of and supervise the arrangement of the altar and all floor work.

14. The Supreme President shall preside at all meetings of the Supreme Lodge, decide all questions of order, subject, however, to an appeal to the Supreme Lodge; save in the election of officers, have no vote except when votes are equal, in which case he shall have the casting vote; temporarily fill vacancies caused by the absence of regular officers, sign all orders on the Supreme Treasurer and all official documents requiring his signature; be an ex-officio member of all committees of Supreme Lodge, and exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his office, in