

Social festivities, when properly conducted, do not desecrate the lodge room, it being understood of course that the members on such occasions are not to be clothed as Masons.

#### LODGES HELD IN A PRIVATE HOUSE.

CANADA.—The report of the board of jurisprudence, which was adopted, says: "The constitution, page 81, provides that every lodge should be solemnly constituted, &c., which, of course, implies that it should be held in a place fitted for the purpose; one that can be properly guarded and not exposed to the knowledge of those not belonging to the craft. Private houses have not usually the necessary accommodation subject to these conditions; but there is nothing in the constitution against a lodge being held in a private house.

#### MASTER NEVER HAVING SERVED AS A WARDEN.

MISSISSIPPI.—The Grand Master says: "I refused Solomon lodge, No. 126, a dispensation to install Bro. Newsom, Worshipful Master, he having never served as warden. No reason was given by the lodge to induce me to grant this request. An emergency might arise that would justify the Grand Master in setting aside a law that has become reverend with age, and which experience teaches us ought to be enforced. I am emphatically opposed to anything short of strict compliance with this law, and I think it very questionable whether the Grand Master has the power to set it aside. I also refused a similar request to Hazlehurst lodge, No. 25, to install Bro. W. E. Brown, he never having served as warden.

#### AN OFFICER CANNOT RESIGN.

MICHIGAN.—The Grand Master tells a junior warden who wished to resign: "You obligated yourself to discharge the duties of junior warden for a certain period, or until your successor was chosen, and unless the lodge accept your resignation and elect your successor, you must continue to perform the duties of your office."

#### LODGE ONCE CLOSED CANNOT BE RE-OPENED.

MISSOURI.—It was decided that a lodge once regularly closed cannot be re-opened again on the same communication.

#### SUNDAY.

WASHINGTON.—The question was asked: "Can a lodge called off on Saturday night resume labor and confer a degree on the following day?"

The Grand Master answered: "Our statutes prohibit any masonic labor on Sunday, except the burial of a Mason."

A case in which the M. M. degree was conferred on Sunday was condoned. The following is the report of the committee, which was adopted:

"We find that on July 26th, a dispensation was granted to confer the F. C. and Master Mason's degree upon Bro. R. H. Jones, master of a vessel, about to depart on a long voyage, and on Saturday night, when the lodge was opened and about to confer the M. M. degree, an alarm of fire was sounded in the immediate