

every month (which are the regular nights of meeting) and at such other times as may be found necessary, such occasional meetings to be deemed Emergencies ; and the Master, or in his absence, the Senior Warden, is hereby authorized and empowered to call the Lodge together when there may be occasion ; the cause of meeting to be specified in the summons for emergencies, and nothing else shall be transacted in the evening.

The hour of meeting shall be eight o'clock in the evening throughout the year : and the Lodge shall be closed at, or before ten o'clock, unless business shall require it to be kept open a longer time, which time shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer for the time being, but on no pretence shall any new matter be commenced after eleven o'clock.

Sec. 2.—And whereas great inconvenience results from admitting members at a late hour, no Brother shall be allowed to enter the Lodge after it has been opened one hour, except by special consent of the principal officers ; and no Brother shall, on any pretence, be suffered to enter the Lodge while it is engaged with particular business.

Sec. 3.—Every person desirous of being initiated into the mysteries of Masonry, shall make application, in writing, agreeably to the annexed form, and be proposed on a regular Lodge night, by a member of the Lodge, and seconded by any other member of the Lodge. If the Lodge consent to receive the petition, it shall be referred to a Special Committee of three, whose duty it shall be to make a thorough investigation into the character, capacity, and circumstances of the Candidate, and make their report thereon at the next regular communication, unless further time be granted. On the report of the Committee, the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for the Candidate, and if one or two black balls appear, he shall be declared elected ; should three or more black balls appear the Master may order a second ballot, provided it be done before any of the Brethren participating in first ballot have left the Lodge. Should three or more black balls appear on the second ballot the Candidate shall be declared rejected. This Lodge may not initiate any person without due enquiry, and being satisfied, in a Masonic manner, that he has not been rejected, or otherwise refused admission to