

We recommend that the amendment to Article 5th, Sec. 1st, of the By-laws of Union Lodge, No. 16, altering the scale of Initiation Fees, and that the amendment to By-laws passed by above Lodge, on the 19th day of August, 1861, striking off all widows who have received benefits over five years, and all others who are or may hereafter be in receipt of benefits, shall be governed by the same. And also, that the amendment to the amendment to Article 6th, Section 4th, Clause 1st, adopted November 14th, 1859, providing for a continuation of widow's benefits, if found necessary by a two-third vote of the brethren present. Also, the amendment of Article 5th, Section 7th, Clause 1st, of the By-laws of some Lodges, making provisions for investing their funds in land and buildings; above having been approved by the advising Board, be sanctioned by this Grand Lodge.

We also recommend the adoption of Clause 22, in the Worthy Grand Secretary's Report, and Clause 8, in the Worthy Grand Master's Address, and that the Charters be filled and forwarded to Long Point and Thames Lodges, and to Excelsior as soon as organized.

The opinion of your committee coincides with that of the R. W. Grand Secretary, with reference to Clauses 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, but any Lodge wishing to retain their original Dispensation may do so by returning it to the R. W. Grand Secretary, in order that it may be cancelled and returned.

With reference to the decision of the R. W. Grand Master, in Clause 12, in his address, on expulsion for non-payment of dues, your committee admit that it is a custom at variance with principles and spirit of our Order, yet we hold that it is not illegal to expel a member for non-payment of dues, but your committee would recommend that the term *ceased to be a member*, be used, instead of expelled for non-payment of dues.

We have examined the By-laws of Long Point Lodge, No. 42. and find them correct.

In reporting upon the notice of amendment to Constitution of G. L., given at the last session of the Grand Lodge, with reference to the proportion to be appropriated for Widows and Orphans Fund, your committee recommend that Subordinate Lodges be allowed the privilege of fixing their own rate, but in no case shall it be less than one-fifth.

Your committee would also recommend the adoption of amendment to Constitution of the Grand Lodge, so as to combine the offices of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

In accordance with the foregoing we respectfully submit the following:

1st.—Resolved, That amendments 1, 2 and 3, to By-laws of Union Lodge, No. 16, be adopted.

2nd.—Resolved, That Clause 22, in the R. W. Grand Secretary's Report be adopted.

3rd.—Resolved, That Clause 8 in the R. W. Grand Master's Address be adopted.

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