

RULES OF ORDER.

Rule 1. The Order of Business as here arranged, may at any time or occasion be suspended, changed, or dispensed with, by a special two-third vote of the Division. Nine members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Rule 2. The Division shall be opened by singing, and by reading the Scriptures, or by prayer, during which the doors shall be closed.

Rule 3. During the reading of the Minutes and continuance of the meeting, silence must be observed, the Officers and Brothers retaining their respective seats, unless when necessary to leave them, and no one leaving the room without the retiring pass-word.

Rule 4. Every elected Officer and Brother shall be designated, in debate or otherwise, by his proper office or title.

Rule 5. It shall be the duty of the W. P. to preserve order, and to endeavor to conduct all business before the Division to a speedy and proper result.

Rule 6. He shall state every question properly presented to the Division; and, before putting it to vote, shall ask, "Is the Division ready for the question?" Should no member offer to speak, he shall rise to put it; and after he has risen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

Rule 7. The W. P. shall have a casting vote in case of a tie; but in ordinary cases he shall not vote. He shall announce all votes and decisions: and his decisions on points of Order, shall not be debatable, unless, entertaining doubts on the subject, he invite discussion.

Rule 8. He may speak to points of Order, in preference to other members of the Division, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of Order, subject to an appeal to the Division, by any two members—which appeal shall always be in writing. On such an appeal, no Brother shall speak more than once.

Rule 9. When an appeal is made from the decision of the W. P., he shall put the question thus:—"Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

Rule 10. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, and the privilege of any member of the Division, to call a member to order who violates an established Rule of Order.

Rule 11. A motion must be seconded, and afterwards repeated from the Chair, or read aloud, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing, if any Brother require it.