

MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE.

QUESTION.—Can an Officer of a Lodge resign his membership?

ANSWER.—No.

QUESTION.—The W. M. elect of a lodge is absent from the regular meeting next after his election. He is installed at the second regular meeting held after his election, but without any previous confirmation thereof. Is this proceeding irregular? and if so, in part or wholly?

ANSWER.—The installing Master having failed to perform a duty devolving upon him, has rendered himself liable to censure; but if no objection was raised to the proceedings at the time, the omission would not necessarily invalidate the installation ceremony.

QUESTION.—Emergent meetings are held on the 4th January and 1st February; and regular meetings on the 18th Jan'y and 15th Feb'y, can brethren who have been severally initiated on the 4th and 18th Jan'y receive higher degrees on the 1st and 15th Feb'y respectively?

ANSWER.—The time for holding the regular meetings of lodges is fixed in the Warrant of Constitution, and is further set forth in the By-laws; therefore, should the regular meeting of a lodge happen on the 18th Jan'y and again on the 15th Feb'y, it would be quite constitutional to pass a brother on the latter date who had been initiated on the former; and the same principle would hold good and apply to emergency meetings—taking into consideration that the word “month,” as to the time to elapse between the conferring a higher degree, in the Book of Constitution, is contemplated to mean from one regular monthly meeting to the following regular monthly meeting, which cannot possibly happen within four weeks, the *popular* definition and meaning of the word *month*, and is so viewed masonically.

QUESTION.—Can Jewels appertaining to Royal Arch Masonry, or to the degree of Knights Templar, or that of Perfect Prince of Rose Croix, be constitutionally worn in a Blue Lodge?

ANSWER.—The Grand Lodge of Canada recognizes only the three degrees of Ancient Craft-Masonry, including the Holy Royal Arch; and any jewel not pertaining to these degrees (except those of public honor or distinction,) cannot constitutionally be worn in the Grand or Subordinate Lodges.

QUESTION.—Do the words “masonic rank,” in Clause 1 relating to visitors, refer to rank in a Blue Lodge, or masonic rank generally?

ANSWER.—The words “masonic rank” refers to the brother's rank in the Grand Lodge or Subordinate Lodge.

QUESTION.—Does a “Certificate of Character” do away with the necessity of a year's residence in a jurisdiction prior to admission into a lodge?

ANSWER.—Yes: if obtained in the manner as laid down in Article 2, “Of Proposing Members.”

QUESTION.—Can a brother be a member of two or more lodges at the same time? Suppose seven or more brethren belonging to a lodge apply for a Warrant of Dispensation for a new lodge. When the warrant of Constitution is granted by Grand Lodge, can those seven or more brethren remain members of both lodges?

ANSWER.—They can.

QUESTION.—Article 2 “Of Visitors” in Constitution, page 59, says, “No brother residing in the Province and not affiliated with some lodge, shall”—&c. * * * *
“Nor can he be permitted to visit any one lodge in the town or place where he *resides* more than once during his secession from the Craft.” Does this prohibit a non-affiliated brother from visiting a lodge more than once in a town or place where he does *not* reside.