

Rule 18. In speaking on points of order, the N.G. shall have precedence; but he cannot speak on any other subject, except to state facts within his own knowledge, without previously vacating his chair and filling it with a qualified brother.

Rule 19. No brother shall retire without leave of the N.G., and during the opening, closing, initiation, recess or taking the yeas and nays, the doors shall be kept closed.

Rule 20. On the call of three members for the previous question, the N.G. shall put the question in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" If the motion is carried, the vote shall first be upon all pending amendments, after which upon the main question. If decided in the negative, the question shall lay over until the next regular meeting.

Rule 21. Any brother may excuse himself from serving on a committee, if at the time of appointment he is the member of two other committees. No brother can be appointed on a committee when absent from the Lodge.

Rule 22. The first brother named on a committee shall act as chairman until another is chosen by the committee. The mover of a resolution referred to a special committee is usually the first named thereon.