

Edicts of the Grand Master

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Balloting on Multiple Candidates

The first relates to the subject of balloting on candidates for the degrees or for affiliation. While there must be a separate ballot for candidates for membership and for affiliation, henceforth multiple candidates may be balloted upon with each ballot. If the ballots are clear, all candidates are elected. If the ballots are not clear, individual ballots must be taken on each candidate. This is the only part of the ballot process that has changed.

Degree Work

The second edict relates to conferring the degrees. Henceforth, all Lodges must confer the three degrees once each year. If the Lodge does not have a real candidate, they will confer the degree using a Brother as a proxy candidate. Lodges that are active with candidates will have no difficulty meeting this requirement. All Worshipful Masters must perform the three degrees to qualify for a Past Master's Diploma.

Lodge Mergers

The third edict relates to Lodge mergers. Henceforth, when Lodges merge the new Lodge may select the name and precedence of either existing Lodge or a new name, but must have the name selected approved by the Grand Master.

Use of Degree Teams

The fourth edict relates to degree teams. Henceforth the use of any degree team will require a dispensation from the Grand Master. The request must indicate the Lodge, name of the Degree Team, degree to be performed, date the degree is to be performed and principle contact for the Degree Team.