

— STATUTES and BY-LAWS —
*(Superseding Robert's Rules of Order in the
following instances.)*

1. A Lodge meeting quorum consists of NINE (9) Members, with at least two (2) being elected Officers.
2. In all regular Local Lodge meetings, the Order of Business as specified in Section 15.020 of the B.P.O.E. Statutes must be followed, with the exception of transposing Item "d" (*Initiation*) and Items "h" through "q," and this is only permissible with the consent of the Lodge.
3. Decisions of the Chair may be overruled only by a two thirds majority.
4. No nominations at election meeting unless there is no name for an office on the ballot (*or nomination accepted*).
5. Votes for Members not nominated are ruled BLANK ballots.
6. Nominating committees are prohibited.
7. Exalted Ruler shall not be an ex officio member of any committee of the Lodge, except that of the Board of Trustees.
8. These motions are always OUT OF ORDER: Limit of debate, to adjourn a Lodge meeting, and for an "Adjourned meeting."
9. All motions to rescind an action approved require a two thirds majority.
10. To withdraw a motion requires the consent of the Member who seconded it, before the motion is stated by the Chair. (*After the Chair has stated the motion, the Lodge's consent is required.*)
11. Previous question refers always to all motions before the Lodge.
12. Chair MAY require all motions to be submitted in writing.
13. All resolutions placed before the Lodge MUST be submitted in writing.
14. No Member shall speak more than one time on Questions of Appeal, except by general consent (*obtained by Exalted Ruler*).
15. No Member shall speak more than two times on any matter before the Lodge, except by general consent (*obtained by Exalted Ruler*).
16. Power of the Chair to appoint all non-elected Officers and Committee Members cannot be abridged.

