

Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F&AM

The Book of Constitutions Quiz

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Directions: The following questions have been developed to help lodges review their understanding of the **Grand Lodge of Kentucky Book of Constitutions**. Please read each question carefully along with all answer choices before making your selection. List the section of the Constitution required to answer the question in the area beside the answer choices. The article of the Constitution is given to you. If the answer is in the Kentucky Masonic Laws, Ritual, Digest, Standing Resolutions, or Trial Code, you will be instructed to look there for your answer. You must list the letter answer and the section if in one of the other books. Answers must come from the most recent revision of the Books of Constitution. Sections from the most recent revision of the Constitution are printed in **RED**. Only **RED** section numbers will be accepted. The blue sections come from the old Constitution and no longer apply. Entries from previous versions will not be accepted. To satisfy the requirement for the Excellence Award, 18 of 20 questions must be answered correctly to pass.

The answer sheet is a fillable form if you want to enter your answers using the keyboard. Enter your answers, save the file to your computer, and attach it to an email. Answers can be scanned or listed in an email as well. Send your answers to bobby@bobbygriggs.com, and he will grade them as quickly as possible.

If any discrepancies are discovered, please note the issue in an email to Brother [Bobby Griggs](#), Brother [Jake Vaughn](#), Brother [Conrad Everly](#), Brother [Mark Stewart](#), Brother [David Paul](#), or Brother [Seth Curtis](#). We will make every effort to resolve the discrepancy.

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1. Article 11(A) – Powers

If notification of amended bylaws is communicated to the membership via the Masonic Home Journal, when must a vote take place on the proposed bylaws.

- A. At any communication during the month following publication in the Masonic Home Journal.
- B. Notification of the membership is not required.
- C. Within three months of publication in the Masonic Home Journal.
- D. During the next stated communication in the month following publication in the Masonic Home Journal.

2. Article 11(B) – Elections, Lodge Officers

Every lodge, except a Lodge of Research, is required to have an Annual Communication for the purpose of electing officers during _____?

- A. The month of November.
- B. The month of November or December.
- C. The month of January.
- D. The month of December.

3. Article 11 (B) – Elections, Lodge Officers

Is a proficiency certificate required to be a Warden or Master of a lodge?

- A. Yes, proficiency is required to a Warden or Master of a lodge.
- B. No, only the Master is required to have a proficiency certificate.
- C. No, a Warden does not need to be proficient if he knows how to cook.
- D. Yes, a Master needs to be proficient at recording minutes.

4. Article 11(B) – Elections, Lodge Officers

Which officers are required to be nominated and elected by ballot in accordance with the Constitution?

- A. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Senior Deacon, and Junior Deacon.
- B. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- C. The Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Secretary, and Tiler.
- D. The Master, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Secretary, and Treasurer.

5. Article 11(C) – Duties of Lodge Officers

One of the duties of a Secretary is _____?

- a. To transmit copies of the bylaws to neighboring lodges in the district.
- b. To collect and receive all money of the lodge, keep true accounts thereof, and promptly pay the same to the Master taking receipts therefor.
- c. To perform an audit of the Treasurer's records semi-annually.
- d. To send to all the members of the Lodge of which he is Secretary annually one month prior to the election of officers, a notice of dues owing the lodge.

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6. Article 12 – Lodge Communications

Imaginary Lodge holds its stated communication at 7:00 PM on the second Saturday of the month. The University of Kentucky has a basketball game scheduled for the night of a lodge meeting. The Master of the lodge has canceled the communication for the month, since he knows that attendance will be low. Does the Master have the power to do this?

- A. The Master can cancel the meeting, but he must post the action on the District Facebook page.
- B. The Master can cancel the meeting, but he must ensure that all members of the lodge are notified.
- C. The Master cannot cancel the meeting without the approval of the other elected officers of the lodge.
- D. The Master cannot cancel the stated communication. A stated communication must be held monthly at such place and time as is stated in its bylaws except as defined in this section of the Constitution.

7. Article 12 – Lodge Communications

When a District Meeting or Educational Conference falls on the same day as the stated communication of a subordinate lodge, the meeting will be considered in lieu of the stated communication for that date if _____?

- A. The Master attends the District Meeting or Educational Conference that fell on that date.
- B. The Master and three of the remaining elected officers, as named in Article 11, Section A(3), attend the District Meeting or Educational conference that fell on that date.
- C. The Master and Wardens of the lodge attend the District Meeting or Educational Conference that fell on that date.
- D. At least four of the elected officers attend the District Meeting or Education Conference that fell on that date.

8. Article 12 – Lodge Communications

All lodge business shall be done _____?

- A. On the degree voted on by the lodge.
- B. All lodge business shall be done in a lodge Master Masons, except work of the first and second degrees, proficiency examinations and approval of the first and second degree, the trial of Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, and Funerals.
- C. All lodge business shall be done in a lodge of Entered Apprentices, except work of the second and third degrees.
- D. All lodge business shall be done in a lodge of Fellow Craft Masons, except work of the first and third degrees.

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9. Article 12 – Called Communications.

The Master of Imaginary Lodge has informed the craft about a called communication for the purpose of conferring the Fellow Craft degree? Business that may occur at the call communication can be _____?

- A. The conferral of the degree and any other pressing business that may have come to the Master's knowledge since the last stated communication.
- B. The conferral of the Fellow Craft degree and hearing proficiency on the Entered Apprentice degree.
- C. Only for the conferral of the Fellow Craft degree, since no business can be transacted at a called communication except that specified in the notice.
- D. All business the Master considers expedient.

10. Article 12 – Called Communications.

Who may call a communication of a lodge?

- A. Only the Master of the lodge may call a communication.
- B. The Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden may call a communication.
- C. Any elected officer or Past Master of a lodge may call a communication.
- D. Only the Master or one lawfully acting in his place may call a communication.

11. Article 13 – Burial

When a Masonic burial is finished, the Master may _____?

- A. Close the lodge, at his discretion, at the funeral home, Church, or residence.
- B. Open the lodge for other business.
- C. Close the casket.
- D. Order that the lodge suspend the brother.

12. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership

When may a petitioner withdraw his petition?

- A. A petitioner may withdraw his petition at any time prior to receiving the Entered Apprentice degree.
- B. The request may be given orally or in writing to the Master or the Secretary.
- C. The petitioner may withdraw his petition at any time prior to a report by the investigating committee by written request to the lodge.
- D. The request may be given to the Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden.

13. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership

If a ballot for the degrees is rejected, how long does the candidate have to wait before petitioning the lodge, or another lodge, again?

- A. He may not petition or be balloted on again until a period six months has passed.
- B. He may not petition or be balloted on again until a period of twelve months has passed.
- C. If rejected, he may petition another lodge after a period of three months.
- D. He may not petition or be balloted on again without a waiver from Grand Lodge.

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14. Article 20 – Lodge Dues/Audit

If a brother requests assistance with his dues, the dues can be remitted by _____?

- A. By three-fourths of the members present at any stated communication.
- B. Order of the Master of the lodge after he has confirmed that the brother is in need.
- C. By the Secretary after the he has confirmed that the brother is in need.
- D. By order of the Grand Master or any elected Grand Lodge officer.

15. Article 20 – Lodge Dues/Audit

Every lodge, by a stated communication in the second month following the end of the fiscal calendar, shall _____.

- A. Have the Secretary make a part of the minutes his audit of the monies on hand.
- B. Have the Treasurer make a part of the minutes a report on the monies on hand and monies collected during the year.
- C. Have the Treasurer make a part of the minutes a complete audit of all amounts owed to the lodge. The Secretary will serve on the audit committee along with the Treasurer.
- D. Shall read and make a part of the minutes a complete audit of all monies on hand, total monies collected, total disbursements, amounts owed to the lodge, all members owing dues listed individually, and monies on hand.

16. Article 22 – Reports/Monthly Reports

When a petition is received, all pertinent information from the stated communication, including the petition, will be entered into the Grand Lodge database _____?

- A. No entry is necessary until the brother receives his Entered Apprentice degree.
- B. No later than the 10th of the following month.
- C. No entry is necessary until the brother becomes a Master Mason degree.
- D. Entry into the Grand Lodge database is not mandatory.

17. Article 24 – Suspension for non-payment of dues

A brother who has not paid dues and assessments may be suspended _____?

- A. By order of the Master no earlier than April, provided the brother has been notified of the pending suspension as outlined in Article 24, Section 2.
- B. By three-fourths vote of the brothers present at a stated communication as stated in Article 24, provided notice of the pending suspension has been given as outlined in Article 24, Section 2.
- C. Without a vote on April meeting.
- D. By order of the Master no earlier than April meeting.

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18. Article 30 – Consolidation and Merger of Lodges

Two or more lodges having concurrent or contiguous jurisdiction may consolidate into one by _____?

- A. Sending a request for consolidation or merger to the Grand Secretary for approval by the Grand Master.
- B. Sending a request for merger to the Committee on Jurisprudence for approval. The Committee on Jurisprudence will set a time and date for the proposed merger if approved.
- C. A resolution or motion agreeing to consolidate or merge offered at a stated communication of each of the lodges, parties to the proposed consolidation, and be laid over until the next stated communication. After such action, the Secretary of each lodge will notify the craft by written or printed notices informing them of the proposed action and when a vote will occur.
- D. Requesting that the Grand Master attend the next stated communication of the each of the lodges. A three-fourths vote of each of the lodges at the stated communication will approve the merger or consolidation.

19. Digest – Called Off

A lodge duly opened on the Master Mason degree can _____?

- A. Call from labor to refreshment on the Master Mason degree and open on the lesser degree, but it is not necessary to close on the lesser degree since the lodge will be open on the higher degree.
- B. Close on the Master Mason degree and open on the lesser degree for purposes of conferring the lower degree or hearing proficiency.
- C. Call from labor to refreshment on the Master Mason degree and open on any lesser degree, but the lodge must be closed on each degree in which it opens.
- D. Close on the Master Mason degree and open on the lesser degree, but the lodge must be closed on each degree in which it is opened.

20. Digest – Report of Committee on Investigation

When a Committee on Investigation reports on the worthiness or unworthiness of a candidate, the lodge _____.

- A. May compel the committee as a group to explain its conclusion.
- B. May question any individual member of the committee about his conclusion.
- C. Has no right to compel the committee to explain its conclusion.
- D. May require the committee to explain its conclusion.