

	<h2>Grand Lodge of Kentucky</h2> <h3>The Book of Constitutions Quiz</h3> <p>Luke Martin, Most Worshipful Grand Master 2025 - 2026</p>	
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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, 27 of 30 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 marlin_x7s@hotmail.com, and he will grade them as quickly as possible.

If any discrepancies are discovered, please note the issue in an email to Brother [Jake Vaughn](#). Every effort will be made to resolve any discrepancies.

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1. Article 3 – Grand Lodge of Whom Composed

If the Master, Wardens, or Secretary cannot attend the communication of the Grand Lodge, the lodge will choose a brother to represent the lodge at the Grand Communication by _____?

- A. A majority vote of the brothers present at a communication.
- B. A ballot of the members present at a stated communication.
- C. Appointing the Treasurer to perform duty.
- D. Flipping a coin.

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 December.
- D. The month of January.

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

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

- A. No, only the Master is required to have a proficiency certificate.
- B. Yes, proficiency is required for a Warden or Master of a lodge.
- 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(C) – Duties of Lodge Officers

One of the duties of a Master 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 see that monthly reports are promptly made to the Grand Lodge.
- 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.

5. Article 11(D) – Jurisdiction

A demitted Mason moved to a city in Madison County two years ago. He lives close to Kingston Lodge in Madison County but wishes to affiliate with Robert M. Sirkle Lodge in Fayette County. The lodges do not share concurrent jurisdiction. Does Robert M. Sirkle Lodge need to request a waiver of jurisdiction?

- A. Yes, a waiver must be requested for any candidate for the degrees or affiliation.
- B. No, the brother is a Mason and not applying for the initiation, so he may join the lodge of his choice.
- C. No, since Kentucky has statewide jurisdiction, it is not necessary to obtain a waiver.
- D. No, since Madison County and Fayette County have a common border, a waiver of jurisdiction is not required.

6. Article 11(D) – Jurisdiction

Imaginary Lodge has requested a waiver of jurisdiction on an individual petitioning for the degrees. What process must Real Lodge follow to grant the waiver?

- A. The request for waiver of jurisdiction must be read at a stated communication and laid over for one lunar month. An investigation committee will be appointed to investigate the character of the individual. After hearing the report of the investigation committee, the Master may grant or refuse the demit.
- B. The request for waiver of jurisdiction must be read at a stated communication and laid over for one lunar month. An investigation committee will be appointed to investigate the character of the individual. After hearing the report of the investigation committee, the Secretary may grant or refuse the demit.
- C. The request for a waiver of jurisdiction must be read at a stated communication. Immediately afterwards, the ballot must be spread and be unanimous for the waiver of jurisdiction to be granted.
- D. The request for waiver of jurisdiction must be read at a stated communication and laid over for one lunar month. An investigation committee will be appointed to investigate the character of the individual. After hearing the report of the investigation committee, the ballot will be spread and if as many as three black balls are in the box, the waiver of jurisdiction will be denied.

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 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.
- B. The Master attends 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.

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. 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.
- B. The conferral of the degree and any other pressing business that may have come to the Master's knowledge since the last stated communication.
- C. The conferral of the Fellow Craft degree and hearing proficiency on the Entered Apprentice degree.
- D. Any 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. Only the Master or one lawfully acting in his place may call a communication.
- D. Any elected officer or Past Master of a lodge may call a communication.

11. Article 14 – Candidates

To be considered for initiation, or affiliation by demit, in a Kentucky lodge _____.

- A. May not ballot on a candidate unless the man shall have been a bonafide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months or obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction of him.
- B. A man shall be of the age of twenty-one or more and of good report.
- C. May not ballot on a candidate unless the man shall have been a bonafide resident of its jurisdiction for at least twelve months.
- D. May not ballot on a candidate unless the man shall have been a bonafide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months or received a waiver of jurisdiction from Grand Lodge.

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 request may be given to the Master, Senior Warden, or Junior Warden.
- D. The petitioner may withdraw his petition at any time prior to a report by the investigating committee by written request to the lodge.

13. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership

If a brother does not want to ballot a petition, he can be excused from voting by _____?

- A. The Senior Deacon.
- B. Order of the Master of the Lodge.
- C. By a majority of the brothers present.
- D. By a three-fourths majority of the brothers present.

14. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership

A brother who has not secured membership in another lodge during the interim since demitting wishes to re-affiliate with the lodge from which he previously demitted. He may be elected to re-affiliation by _____?

- A. A two-thirds vote of the members present, since he was not a member of another lodge when he demitted.
- B. A simple majority vote expressed by the members present.
- C. A unanimous ballot because he joined another lodge during the interim after the issuance of the demit.
- D. A three-fourths ballot of the members present.

15. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership

If a ballot for affiliation 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.

16. Article 16 – Proficiency Examinations

Before a candidate can be advanced to a higher degree he must be _____.

- A. Examined in open lodge as to the proficiency in the degree last taken such that it can be heard by all brethren present.
- B. Examined by at least the Master and two brethren as to the proficiency in the degree last taken.
- C. Examined prior to the next stated communication by the Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden.
- D. Examined in open lodge as to the proficiency in the degree last taken. Such proficiency must at least be the return of the obligation of that degree.

17. Article 18 – Demits

A demit requested by a brother whose indebtedness is paid in full but has charges pending against him _____.

- A. Will be balloted on at a stated communication and, if as many as one black ball be found, the demit will be refused.
- B. Will be balloted on at a stated communication and must have the unanimous support of the lodge.
- C. Can be refused because there are charges pending against him.
- D. Will be issued by the Secretary without bringing it before the lodge, since it cannot be refused.

18. 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.

19. Digest – Obligation to aid

The family of a suspended brother has asked for assistance with his medical bills. The brothers want to donate to assist despite the suspension feeling that they are obligated to help a fellow Mason. Are they obligated to make the donation?

- A. Yes, the brother was affiliated with the lodge in the past.
- B. Yes, Masons are always obligated to assist a brother who has been suspended.
- C. No, the brothers can donate if they choose, but they are under no obligation to do so.
- D. No, the brother was a horrible cook when he was in good standing with the lodge.

20. Digest - Aid to Church or Other Objects

A local church is asking for contributions to facilitate construction of an addition to their building. Is it permissible for a lodge to send a letter under the lodge seal without permission from the Grand Master to the members of his lodge asking for donations to assist the church?

- A. Yes, a lodge does not need permission to ask Masons to donate to a church under any circumstances.
- B. Yes, the Grand Master has no authority in governing official correspondence from a lodge.
- C. No, the church has never done anything to assist a lodge in their charitable work with the community.
- D. No, it is improper and a violation of Masonic Law to solicit donations for a church, political campaign, or any object without the approval of the Grand Master.

21. Digest – Assessment

A brother has informed the lodge that he cannot afford to pay his dues and Grand Lodge assessment. The lodge may _____.

- A. Remit his lodge dues and the Grand Lodge assessment.
- B. Vote to remit his dues and have the lodge accept responsibility for his Grand Lodge assessment.
- C. Request approval from the Grand Master to remit his dues and Grand Lodge assessment.
- D. Request that Grand Master pay the lodge dues and Grand Lodge assessment of the member.

22. Digest – Ballot at Called Communication

The Master has called a communication to ballot on a petitioner for the degrees to expedite the process without waiting for the next stated communication to occur. Does he have the authority to do so?

- A. Yes, the Master has the authority to call a communication for any action by the lodge.
- B. No, the Master cannot call a communication to ballot on a petition for the degrees, since a ballot of that type must be done at a stated communication as defined in Article 15(B), Section 4.
- C. Yes, the lodge can compel the Master to call a communication to ballot on a petitioner for the degrees by a majority vote.
- D. No, only the Secretary has the power to call a communication.

23. Digest – Improper Books Prohibited

The Junior Warden is preparing to confer his first Entered Apprentice Degree. He is using Lesters, “Look to the East” as a reference. Is this permissible?

- A. Yes, a Mason can use any written material as a reference.
- B. Yes, but it can be with the Kentucky Monitor to prepare for the degree.
- C. No, only the Saunder’s Monitor is allowed to be used as a Masonic book.
- D. No, only books authorized by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky can be used.

24. 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.

25. Digest – Work In Absence of Charter Illegal Exception

Imaginary Lodge has conducted an Outdoor Degree without having their charter present. Was the meeting legal?

- A. No, work done in the absence of the Charter, or its equivalent certificate, is illegal, except at funerals, when the actual presence of the Charter is not required.
- B. Yes, a lodge can hold a meeting at any site that they choose, and the presence of the Charter is not required.
- C. No, the lodge is not allowed to have an Outdoor Degree without permission from the Grand Secretary.
- D. Yes, a lodge can confer a degree the Outdoor Degree if it is in the same community as the lodge.

26. 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. Has no right to compel the committee to explain its conclusion.
- C. May question any individual member of the committee about his conclusion.
- D. May require the committee to explain its conclusion.

27. Digest – Lodge Committees

Is a lodge required to investigate if prejudicial statements about a brother's character are being circulated?

- A. The lodge may only investigate after asking the brother if he feels an investigation into the matter is warranted.
- B. An investigation is not required unless the brother requests one.
- C. A 2/3 vote of the membership is required to launch an investigation into the matter.
- D. It is the duty of the lodge to investigate even if the brother does not want the statements investigated.

28. Digest – Demit to the Unworthy

A brother has committed a felony. He has requested a demit to avoid charges. Should the lodge grant the demit?

- A. Yes, it is in the best interest of the lodge to grant the demit since the brother is unworthy.
- B. Yes, it is in the best interest of the lodge to avoid the necessity of filing charges on the brother.
- C. No, a lodge should not grant a demit to one known to be unworthy but should immediately prefer charges against such a brother.
- D. Yes, the lodge needs to avoid controversy in the community by having an unworthy brother as a member of the lodge.

29. Digest – Masonry or Freemasonry

Is it permissible for a political forum during election time to be held during a communication if a majority of the brothers vote to schedule one?

- A. Yes, the brothers may discuss candidates' position on issues.
- B. Yes, the brothers may discuss whether a candidate is a Christian.
- C. Yes, the brothers may allow a candidate who is a Mason to speak to the lodge about his campaign.
- D. No, Masonry is non-sectarian, non-political, and must remain so. Avoidance of political subjects in the lodge room is a cardinal principle of Masonry.

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30. Digest – Master

Who is the principal officer of a lodge?

- A. The proper name is Excellent Master.
- B. The principal officer is the Supreme Warden.
- C. The principal officer is Master. “Worshipful” is a title of respect and not the name of his office.
- D. The principal officer of the lodge is Worshipful Master.