

Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F&AM

The Books of Constitution Quiz

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Directions: The following questions have been developed to help lodges review their understanding of the **Grand Lodge of Kentucky Books of Constitution**. 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 the 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 or location 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. 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, 23 out of 25 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 may be scanned or listed in an email as well. Send it to bobby@bobbygriggs.com, and he will grade it as quickly as possible.

If any discrepancies are discovered, please note the issue in an email to Brother Patrick Marsee, Brother Terry Boggess, or Brother Bobby Griggs. We will make every effort to resolve the discrepancy.

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1. Article 4 - Budget, Fiscal Year, Meetings

The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge must be held in _____?

- a. In Jefferson County on the third Monday in October of each year.
- b. In Jefferson County on the third Monday in October of each year except that the Grand Master may change the place of the communication to Fayette County with the approval elected Grand Lodge officers.
- c. In Jefferson County on the third Monday in October of each year except that the Grand Master may change the place of the communication if he feels it is in the best interest of the craft.
- d. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky shall hold its Annual Communication in Jefferson County on the third Monday in October each year except that the Grand Master, with consent of a majority of the elected Grand Lodge Officers, may change the place of communication to some other county in Kentucky if they shall find it to be the best interest of the craft in the matter of publicity and hotel accommodations, or for any other reason or reasons which such officers may appear sufficient, provided notice is given to the craft prior to August 1st, either by mail or by publication in the Masonic Home Journal.

2. Article 9 – Standing Committees

What action must a lodge take to gain approval from Grand Lodge for a change to the date and time of their stated communication provided any other requirement outlined in Article 12, Section 8 pertaining to notice of the craft and approval by the craft have occurred?

- a. No approval is needed.
- b. A request must be submitted in writing to the Grand Master to gain approval.
- c. A request must be submitted in writing to the Committee on Jurisprudence for approval.
- d. The amendment changing the date and time must be approved by the Committee on Bylaws.

3. 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 Treasurer 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 during the month of the election of officers, a notice of dues owing the lodge.

4. 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 Wardens of the lodge attend the District Meeting or Educational Conference that fell on that date.
- c. At least four of the elected officers attend the District Meeting or Education Conference that fell on that date.
- d. 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.

5. Article 12 – Lodge Communications

Other than for degree work and proficiencies, when can business be done on the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree?

- a. The election of officers.
- b. For the trial of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft, or funerals.
- c. All business must be done on the Master Mason degree.
- d. During the District Meeting.

6. 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 another 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. Any and all business the Master considers expedient.

7. Article 14 – Candidates

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

- a. A man shall be of the age of twenty-one or more and of good report.
- b. May not ballot on a candidate unless the man shall have been a bonafide resident of its jurisdiction for at least twelve months.
- c. 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.
- 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.

8. ARTICLE 15 (B) - Petition for membership

A brother who has been suspended from a plural lodge has petitioned for reaffiliation with the lodge that first suspended him. If elected, he will _____?

- a. Automatically be reinstated in all the lodges with which he had membership.
- b. Automatically be reinstated in all lodges of which he was affiliated if he has paid his indebtedness to such other lodges
- c. Only be reinstated in the lodge where he was elected.
- d. Not be liable for any dues owed to the other plural lodges.

9. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership

A brother who has 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 reaffiliation by _____?

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

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

11. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership

A Mason who has petitioned a lodge for plural membership and been rejected may _____.

- a. Petition that lodge or another lodge at any time for affiliation or reaffiliation.
- b. Not petition another lodge for affiliation or reaffiliation.
- c. Not petition or be balloted on again by that lodge or any other lodge for a period of twelve months after such rejection.
- d. Not petition or be balloted on again by that lodge or any other lodge for a period of six months after such rejection.

12. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership

May a lodge rescind or reconsider a ballot on a petition?

- a. A lodge cannot rescind or reconsider a ballot on a petition for affiliation and no appeal shall be allowed to Grand Lodge.
- b. A two-thirds vote of the lodge is necessary to reconsider a ballot.
- c. A rejected petition may be appealed to Grand Lodge.
- d. Only the Grand Master may rescind a ballot and order that it be reconsidered.

13. 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.

14. Article 16 – Proficiency Examinations

To be complete, a proficiency examination must _____.

- a. Consists of satisfactory answers of all questions from the first section through the working tools on the Entered Apprentice degree and through reinvestment in the other degrees.
- b. At least require recitation of the obligation from memory.
- c. Consists of as many questions as deemed appropriate by the members present.
- d. Consists of satisfactory answers of at least one-half of the questions from the first section.

15. Article 18 – Demits

A request for demit must be made by a brother _____.

- a. Using any method of communication at his disposal. It need not be in writing.
- b. Must be submitted to the Master in writing and may NOT be presented personally in open lodge.
- c. Must be requested personally in open lodge.
- d. Must be either in writing and signed by the member or made in open lodge by the member making the request at a stated communication.

16. 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. Can be refused because there are charges pending against him.
- c. Will be balloted on at a stated communication and must have the unanimous support of the lodge.
- d. Will be issued by the Secretary without bringing it before the lodge, since it cannot be refused.

17. Article 20 Lodge dues/Audit

A lodge may suspend brothers for non-payment of dues no earlier than April 1st during a _____?

- a. Stated communication of the lodge.
- b. Called communication for the purpose of considering suspensions.
- c. Called communication for degree work.
- d. Communication for a Masonic Funeral.

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. Article 24 Suspension for non-payment of dues

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

- a. Without a vote on April 1st.
- b. By order of the Master no earlier than April 1st.
- c. By three-fourths vote of the brothers present at a stated communication as stated in Article 24, Sections 2 and 3, provided notice of the pending suspension has been given as outlined in Article 24, Section 2.
- d. By order of the Master no earlier than April 1st, provided the brother has been notified of the pending suspension as outlined in Article 24, Section 2.

20. Trial Code

If the Grand Master has determined that there be reasonable grounds for believing the Master of a lodge is guilty of unmasonic conduct, the Grand Master may _____?

- a. Direct the lodge to remove the Master and file charges against him.
- b. May remove the Master from office and his decision is final. No appeal is permitted.
- c. May remove the Master from office and furnish him with a copy of the charges and specifications or complaint against him with notice thereof to the Committee on Appeals to fix a time and place for an investigation thereof, after notice to him by said Committee.
- d. May not removed the Master from office except as provided by Section 51 of the Digest for suspension of a plural member.

21. Standing Resolutions

If a lodge intends to confer an outdoor Master Mason's degree, the Grand Master will _____?

- a. Select one of the elected Grand Lodge officers to observe the degree.
- b. Require that the Master report on the conferral of the degree to the Grand Master using telepathy.
- c. Attend the degree to ensure that the degree is conferred with solemnity, dignity, and decorum.
- d. Appoint a monitor to the observe the degree and report on the manner in which the degree was performed taking particular care to indicate if proper solemnity, dignity, and decorum prevailed.

22. 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.

23. 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 any lesser degree, but the lodge must be closed on each degree in which it opens.
- 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 the lesser degree, but it is not necessary to close on the lesser degree since the lodge will be open on the higher degree.
- 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.

24. 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. 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.
- c. Yes, the brothers may discuss whether a candidate is a Christian.
- d. Yes, the brothers may allow a candidate who is a Mason to speak to the lodge about his campaign.

25. Digest – Master

May a Master of a lodge be suspended by another lodge where he is a plural member?

- a. No, a sitting Master of lodge may not be suspended for non-payment by the lodge where he is serving as Master.
- b. Yes, if the brother is not Master of the lodge voting to suspend, he may be suspended for non-payment and the suspension will not conflict with any other section of the Constitution.
- c. No, a sitting Master of a lodge may not be suspended by that lodge or any other lodge of which he is a member.
- d. Yes, but the plural lodge must ask the lodge where the member is serving as Master for permission to suspend the brother.