

# Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F&AM

## The Books of Constitution Quiz

**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, you will be instructed to look there for your answer. You must list the letter answer and the section. Answers must come from the most recent revision of the Books of Constitution. 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](mailto: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 E. Darren Wilson or Brother Bobby Griggs. We will make every effort to resolve the discrepancy.

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

**2. Article 11(A) – Powers**

Notice of a proposed amendment to bylaws must be given to the members of the lodge and may be by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Mail, or by publishing a notice of the proposed change in the *Masonic Home Journal* (note: this is further defined for electronic means as defined in Article 12, Section 8).
- b. Telepathic communication.
- c. Posting on the lodge bulletin board or the door.
- d. At a called communication for degree work.

**3. Article 11(B) – Elections of Lodge Officers**

Lodges may elect their officers \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. On the date set in their bylaws in the month of December.
- b. In the month prior to their installation.
- c. At any time, they choose.
- d. Early with permission from the Grand Master.

**4. Article 11(C) – Duties of Lodge Officers**

One of the duties of a Secretary is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. To maintain an accurate address for all members of the lodge.
- b. To perform an audit of the Treasurer's records semi-annually.
- c. 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.
- 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 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. All business must be done on the Master Mason degree.
- c. For the trial of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft.
- d. During the District Meeting.

**6. 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.

**7. Article 12 – Lodge Communications**

In the absence of the Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden, who may open a lodge?

- a. Any Master Mason who is a member of the lodge.
- b. Any Past Master who may be present.
- c. The Junior Past Master of the lodge who is present.
- d. Any Master Mason in attendance.

**8. Article 14 – Candidates**

To be considered for initiation, or affiliation, 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 six months or obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction of him.
- 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.

**9. 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.

**10. 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 unanimous ballot because he joined another lodge during the interim after the issuance of the demit.
- c. A three-fourths ballot of the members present.
- d. A simple majority vote expressed by the members present.

**11. 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.

**12. 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.

**13. Article 15(B) – Petition for Membership**

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

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

**14. 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.

**15. Article 16 – Proficiency Examinations**

To be complete, a proficiency examination must \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. At least require recitation of the obligation from memory.
- b. Consists of as many questions as deemed appropriate by the members present.
- c. 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.
- d. Consists of satisfactory answers of at least one-half of the questions from the first section.

**16. Article 16 – Proficiency Examinations**

Proficiency in any degree can be declared satisfactory by \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. An affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.
- b. A two-thirds vote of the members present.
- c. A unanimous ballot of the members present.
- d. An affirmative decision of the Master and Wardens.

**17. Article 18 – Demits**

How does the Constitution define a demit? A certificate of withdrawal \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. From a lodge signed by the Master with a recommendation of character should the brother ever want to join another lodge.
- b. From a lodge signed by the Secretary with no recommendation.
- c. From a lodge signed by the Master and Secretary under the seal of the lodge with no recommendation.
- d. From a lodge signed by the Master, Secretary, and withdrawing brother under the seal of the lodge.

**18. 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.

**19. Article 18 – Demits**

A demit requested by a brother whose indebtedness is paid in full \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. Will be balloted on at a stated communication and, if as many as three black balls be given, the demit will be refused.
- b. Will be balloted on at a stated communication and must have the unanimous support of the lodge.
- c. Cannot be refused provided there are no charges pending against him. The Master will order the Secretary to issue the demit without ballot.
- d. Will be issued by the Secretary without bringing it before the lodge, since it cannot be refused.

**20. 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.

**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 – Lodge Committees**

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 not right to compel the committee to explain its conclusion.
- d. May require the committee to explain its conclusion.

**23. 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.

**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. 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.

**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