

Suggestions

All staves should be carried perpendicular with the open part of the stave facing the rear and raised about six inches from the floor.

The following are occasions when a member would not be admitted in the hall immediately ;

During the prayer

During the presentation of the Flag

While saluting the Flag

While Draping the Charter

While degrees are in progress

If a members wishes to enter or leave the hall for any reason it is no longer necessary to approach the cloth & give the sign.

A Rising vote of thanks is made, seconded and voted on like any other motion. After the motion is carried, the Master will ask the member to rise.

No member can be counted present unless he/she is actually engaged in some service directly connected with the Grange meeting. When taking the count of the host Grange the Master need not give three raps of the gavel.

It is suggested that the Overseer of each Grange note down the visiting dignitaries of the State, Pomona & other Subordinate Granges in attendance and see that this is given to the Master before the start of the meeting.

It is suggested that a Treasurer's report be given at least quarterly to keep the members aware of the financial condition of their Grange. No Treasurer has the right to withhold this information from members of his/her Grange.

Stewards and Ceres **Never** step back while carrying the flag.

The Steward, AS & LAS shall carry their staves with them when performing the duties of their office ; however, they need not carry their staves when distributing materials.

The Master should not re-read the bills and communications that come to the station from the Secretary. They only need action by the Master.

If two or more applications are before the Grange for approval, they may be voted on collectively. An application may be voted on the same night it is received & the Obligation ceremony or the Welcoming ceremony may be performed on the same evening.

If the Altar is not large enough to place the ballot box on it properly, a small stand or table should be placed against the Altar on the side of Ceres.

The same format should be followed in the Pomona Grange, & the Official 5th Degree Obligation ceremony may be performed at the same meeting.

If a member has a demit and wishes to rejoin any Grange, they must submit an application accompanied by the demit. The demit is simply a form of former membership.

Suspension of a member from a Subordinate Grange automatically suspends them from all higher degrees.

Secretaries of Subordinate Granges should inform Secretaries of Pomona Granges of all members suspended for non – payment of dues.

The wearing of the prescribed regalia. Past Master's Jewel, official badge, or an official Grange pin by a member shall constitute proper attire. Every member should be so attired unless excused by a vote of the Grange on account of religious convictions.

To reopen the Grange following a recess, the Master gives one rap of the gavel and says, "I now call the Grange back to Order in the _____ degree." Then using the language in the Unwritten work (Code Book) he will determine if all are qualified to remain in the meeting.

If an officer is absent during the roll call but arrives later, they should assume their station & the Secretary should make the updates accordingly.