

ELECTION OF MASTER AND TREASURER

The following is an explanation of the alternatives available to a Lodge.

- A. A Lodge is absolutely free to continue to elect its Master and Treasurer in the traditional manner, as specified in Rule 105a.
- B. *If a Lodge intends to employ, as an alternative method of election, the permissive regulations, it should proceed as follows.*

The Lodge may dispense with a ballot for Master at the 'Election Meeting' specified in its By-Laws if the name of only one qualified Brother has emerged as the candidate, as a result of the following process:

- a) If before the summons for the Election Meeting is printed, the Lodge as a whole (not the Lodge Committee) feels it has formed a consensus of opinion that there is likely to be only one qualified candidate for Master in the following year who wishes to be considered for Mastership,
 - b) The Secretary will place upon the summons for the Election Meeting a clear statement that at that meeting the Lodge intends, unless it otherwise decides *at* that meeting, to declare Bro. [NAME] as Master Elect for the following year, without taking a ballot.
 - c) At the Election Meeting, the Brother so nominated may then be declared elected without ballot by the Master if (and only if)
 - i) no other qualified member has, in the meantime, indicated to the Secretary that he wishes to be considered for election, *and*
 - ii) if no member present at the meeting calls, before the declaration is made, for a ballot to be held.
 - d) If either intervention in i) or ii) should occur, a ballot must be taken in the usual manner. If not, then the Master may simply declare the election in favour of the sole nominee.
- C. The Lodge may employ a similar method for election of **Treasurer** without ballot as long as stages a) to d) above are likewise scrupulously observed.

FORM OF WORDS: ELECTION OF MASTER AND TREASURER BY DECLARATION (Rule 105)

Election of Master by declaration

If your Lodge seeks to dispense with a ballot for the Election of Master and adopt the declaration option for the forthcoming year, the correct wording that must appear on your Lodge summons for the Election Meeting is:

'To declare (unless otherwise decided at the meeting) Brother [NAME] as Master Elect for the ensuing year'

(Note: If another candidate states his intention to be considered for Master Elect, or a formal ballot is called for, a formal ballot is to be taken).

Election of Treasurer by declaration

If your Lodge seeks to dispense with a ballot for the Election of Treasurer and adopt the declaration option for the forthcoming year, the correct wording that must appear on your Lodge summons for the Election Meeting is:

'To declare (unless otherwise decided at the meeting) Brother [NAME] as Treasurer for the ensuing year'
(Note: If another candidate states his intention to be considered for Treasurer, or a formal ballot is called for, a formal ballot is to be taken).