

Grand Lodge of Kentucky, F&AM

Constitution Quiz

Directions: The following questions have been developed to help lodges review their understanding of the **Grand Lodge of Kentucky 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. Please remember that the Standing Resolutions and the Digest are part of the Constitution, too. The answer will not be correct without the section of the Constitution, Standing Resolution number, or section of the Digest. To satisfy the requirement for the Excellence Award, 46 out of 50 questions must be answered correctly.

*Please download the **answer sheet** to record your answers. The **answer sheet** will make it easier to grade. If you use the answer sheet, it is the only document I need to have submitted. Please email your answers to bobby@bobbygriggs.com. If you need to mail it by mail, send it to Bobby Griggs, 1975 Poosey Ridge Road, Richmond, Kentucky 40475.*

The Answer Sheet can be easily filled out in a PDF reader. I recommend Adobe Acrobat Reader. Please be sure to enter your information at the end of the Answer Sheet. A button has been included at the end of the Answer Sheet that will automatically execute your email program to forward your submission.

Masons who pass the Constitution Quiz for the first time will receive a pin as a reward for their effort. If you passed the quiz last year, you will receive a certificate this year affirming that you are a Constitutional Scholar.

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1. **An Entered Apprentice returning his proficiency is _____?**

- a. Is required to answer questions up to the obligation.
- b. Is required to answer questions of the first and second sections.
- c. Is required to answer all questions of the first section though the explanation of the working tools.
- d. Both A and B.

Answer _____

2. **A petition for degrees or affiliation by demit shall not be balloted on by any lodge _____?**

- a. Unless the petitioner has been a continuously a bona fide resident of its jurisdiction for at least six months.
- b. If the petitioner has been a continuously a bona fide less than six months a waver must be requested from the lodge having jurisdiction.
- c. Both A and B.
- d. None of the above.

Answer _____

3. **A Lodge that is performing a Masonic Burial may postpone their regularly stated communication when _____?**

- a. Approval is given by the Grand Lodge of Kentucky
- b. There is a 2/3 vote passed by the Brothers of the Lodge
- c. Secretary reports it in the minutes
- d. None of the above is correct

Answer _____

4. **The Master may call a communication _____?**

- a. If requested by three or more members.
- b. And conduct any such business as he deems necessary.
- c. Only involving Past Masters of the lodge.
- d. Where the only business that may be conducted is that for which the communication is called.
- e. None of the above

Answer _____

5. **Annual election of officers shall be reported to the Grand Secretary by the Secretary no later than _____?**

- a. When all officers are installed
- b. By April first
- c. The first stated meeting in January
- d. None of the above

Answer _____

6. **The _____ shall see that monthly reports are made to Grand Lodge Office?**

- a. Senior Warden
- b. Secretary
- c. Junior Warden
- d. Master
- e. None of these above

Answer _____

7. Lodges that are _____ can consolidate?

- a. Neighboring
- b. Concurrent or contiguous
- c. In the same county
- d. In the same city
- e. All of the above

Answer _____

8. A letter from another subordinate lodge announcing the nomination of one of its members for an elective Grand Lodge office _____?

- a. The Secretary is not required to read the letter in open lodge.
- b. The Secretary is only required to announce receiving the letter.
- c. The letter is an official communication and the Secretary is required to read the letter in open Lodge.
- d. Both A and B.

Answer _____

9. The only penalties known to Masonry in the jurisdiction of The Grand Lodge of Kentucky are _____?

- a. Suspension, reprimand and loss of voting privileges for 1 year.
- b. Fine, forfeiture, reprimand, suspension and expulsion.
- c. Suspension and expulsion.
- d. Suspension which now requires a new petition requiring an investigation committee and a 100% vote.

Answer _____

10. Reports shall be made in triplicate and with ink, printed or typewritten _____?

- a. Must be mailed certified return receipt not later than the 10th of the following month.
- b. Must include a copy of the minutes of the stated meeting.
- c. Shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th of the following month.
- d. None of the above.

Answer _____

11. The name of this Grand Lodge is _____?

- a. "Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons."
- b. "Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."
- c. "The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons."
- d. "The Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Free and Accepted Masons."
- e. None of the above.

Answer _____

12. No petition for degrees or affiliation by demit shall be balloted on by any lodge, unless the petitioner shall have been continuously a bonafide resident of its jurisdiction for at least _____ or obtained a waiver from the lodge having jurisdiction of him?

- a. 3 months
- b. 6 months
- c. 9 months
- d. 12 months
- e. None of the above

Answer _____

13. Requesting for or replying to a Waiver of Jurisdiction shall be sent by _____?

- a. First Class Mail
- b. Certified Mail with Return Receipt
- c. Certified Mail
- d. All of the above
- e. None of the above.

Answer _____

14. The vote on a waiver of jurisdiction shall be by ballot and will be granted if it is a _____?

- a. Ballot with less than three against.
- b. Majority vote.
- c. Unanimous Ballot.
- d. All of the above.
- e. None of the above.

Answer _____

15. A petitioner for affiliation who is rejected _____?

- a. May not petition any other lodge for affiliation for 3 months.
- b. May not petition any other lodge for affiliation for 2 years.
- c. Must apply a new demit.
- d. His certificate of demit shall be restored to him.

Answer _____

16. Grand Lodge Inspectors are appointed by _____?

- a. The Deputy Grand Master.
- b. The Grand Treasurer.
- c. The Grand Secretary.
- d. The Grand Master.

Answer _____

17. All property of each lodge after consolidation becomes the property of the _____?

- a. Grand Lodge
- b. Building association
- c. Consolidated lodge
- d. Master
- e. Building Committee

Answer _____

18. A candidate, who is given due notice of his election, time, and place to receive his first degree, but yet has failed to present himself for the degree may be considered _____?

- a. Election may be voided after six months.
- b. Lodge may declare the reason for such failure to be good and sufficient and granted a six-month extension.
- c. Granted an extension until he returns if in the Armed Services outside of Continental United States.
- d. All the above.

Answer _____

19. What grades are liable for dues and assessments? _____

- a. Only Master Masons.
- b. All grades liable; EA, FC, and MM.
- c. Only Master Masons who hold a proficiency card.
- d. All the above.

Answer _____

20. Travis Hatmaker demitted from Happy Lodge #1234 in 1986. Happy Lodge became defunct in 2002. Travis lost his original demit and now wants another. Who can issue it _____?

- a. The last Secretary of Happy Lodge.
- b. The Grand Master.
- c. A duplicate certificate of demit cannot be issued.
- d. Any active Lodge in his county.
- e. The Grand Secretary

Answer _____

21. Which of these statements is true _____?

- a. Dues become delinquent on January 1 and those delinquent may be suspended in April.
- b. Dues become delinquent on April 1 and those delinquent may be suspended immediately.
- c. Dues become delinquent on December 31 and those delinquent may be suspended in January.
- d. A lodge may determine when dues become delinquent and suspension may occur.
- e. Suspensions must occur at special called meetings.

Answer _____

22. If a member secures a demit during the year, _____?

- a. His dues will cease at the end of that year.
- b. His dues will cease upon issuance of the demit.
- c. The lodge he demits from must provide him with a partial refund of his dues.
- d. He can still vote in the Lodge until the end of the year.
- e. He cannot petition to join another Lodge for 1 year.

Answer _____

23. Pretty Lodge #9870 has 30 members. It mailed its assessment to the Grand Lodge on August 29. The Grand Secretary's Office received it on September 3 _____?

- a. Since it was postmarked on August 29, no fine may be assessed.
- b. The Grand Secretary is directed to assess a fine.
- c. The Master may arrest its Charter.
- d. The Lodge Secretary may be reprimanded by the Grand Secretary.
- e. None of these is true.

Answer _____

24. Before a brother may be suspended for non-payment of dues he must be properly informed of his indebtedness and when the Lodge will consider his suspension. He should be notified by _____?

- a. First class mail.
- b. UPS.
- c. A telephone call.
- d. At least two weeks before the meeting, at which, his suspension will be considered.
- e. A visit of the Master.

Answer _____

25. To suspend a Brother for non-payment of dues requires approval by what number of those present _____?

- a. A simple majority.
- b. A unanimous vote
- c. 3/4
- d. No more than 2 negative votes.
- e. 4/5

Answer _____

26. Dues can only be remitted by _____?

- a. The Master of the lodge.
- b. The Master and the Secretary of the lodge.
- c. Three-fourths of the member present at any stated communication.
- d. All the elected officers of the lodge.

Answer _____

27. Brother Jeff Barrett was suspended from Wood Smoke Lodge #6390 for non-payment of dues. To be reaffiliated with Wood Smoke Lodge, he must repetition the Lodge, be investigated, one year's dues plus current dues, and be re-elected by _____?

- a. A simple majority of those present
- b. A unanimous ballot of those present.
- c. A 2/3 majority of those present.
- d. A 3/4 majority of those present
- e. No more than 2 negative votes

Answer _____

28. Each Lodge must read and report intits minutes at the first stated meeting in January _____?

- a. Approval of its bylaws
- b. A list of all Life members
- c. A background check on the new Master, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden.
- d. A complete audit showing monies on hand, total disbursements, etc.
- e. Evidence of a current Constitution in the lodge hall.

Answer _____

29. Master Fred Smith of Infidelity Lodge #6666 obligates a new member, but forgets one section of the obligation. What should happen _____?

- a. The new member should be healed.
- b. The new member should be totally re-obligated.
- c. The new member should be informed of the error, but further re-obligation is illegal.
- d. The new member must receive a waiver from the Grand Master.
- e. The new member must retake the entire degree.

Answer _____

30. If a brother who possesses a valid out of State proficiency or equivalent, it will be _____?

- a. Invalid in this Grand Jurisdiction.
- b. Subject to be reexamined in this Grand Jurisdiction.
- c. Recognized in this Grand Jurisdiction.
- d. Apply for a new proficiency card in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Answer _____

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

- a. Must be examined in open Lodge as to his proficiency in degree last taken.
- b. Must be conducted that it can be heard by the brethren present.
- c. Can be examined with two or more candidates for the same degree.
- d. All the above.

Answer _____

32. Ballots that can be voted on collectively are _____?

- a. Waiver of jurisdiction.
- b. Dual Membership.
- c. Candidates for the Degrees.
- d. All Ballots.

Answer _____

33. Masonic lodge meetings can be held _____?

- a. Anywhere a lodge wants.
- b. Only by virtue of a dispensation or a charter issued by the Grand Lodge or Kentucky.
- c. When 3 or more assemble
- d. All of the above.

Answer _____

34. Balloting for the degrees and affiliation can only be taken in _____?

- a. Master Mason's lodge at a called meeting.
- b. Master Mason's lodge at a stated meeting.
- c. EA, FC, or Master Masons lodges at any time.
- d. Anytime Lodge is open.

Answer _____

35. All elective Grand Officers can be _____?

- a. Elected by ballot and majority vote.
- b. Elected by a show of hands.
- c. Elected by ballot and 2/3 majority vote.
- d. Elected by ballot and 3/4 majority vote.

Answer _____

36. Those running for the election of Grand Junior Warden may _____?

- a. Not electioneer.
- b. Hand out cards and ask for votes outside lodge.
- c. Have others campaign for him.
- d. All of the above.

Answer _____

37. The quorum needed to open the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge shall be _____?

- a. 1/5 of the lodges present.
- b. 1/3 of the lodges present.
- c. 1/2 of the lodges present
- d. 2/3 of the lodges present.

Answer _____

38. No person shall be eligible for an office in the Grand Lodge unless he is a permanent member except the office of Grand Chaplain who _____?

- a. May be anyone.
- b. May be a past Master.
- c. May be a Chaplain of any lodge.
- d. Must be any minister who is affiliated with a lodge of this state.

Answer _____

39. The tellers who count the votes must be _____?

- a. On the committee.
- b. Appointed by the Grand Master.
- c. A past Master.
- d. All of the above.

Answer _____

40. All business before Grand Lodge must be _____?

- a. Passed by 2/3 majority.
- b. Passed by 3/4 majority.
- c. On private Ballot.
- d. A majority.

Answer _____

41. After opening lodge, all brethren who are citizens of the United States _____?

- a. Must stand for prayer.
- b. Must recite the Lord's Prayer.
- c. Join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
- d. All of the above.

Answer _____

42. A ballot can be discussed in open Lodge by _____?

- a. Master and Wardens
- b. Investigating Committee
- c. Members that personally know the petitioner
- d. No One

Answer _____

43. A ballot must be _____ to elect a candidate to receive the degrees or for affiliation with a Lodge?

- a. 2/3 of the member's present
- b. 3/4 of the member's present
- c. Unanimous
- d. 1/2 of the member's present

Answer _____

44. As a General rule the Jurisdiction of every Lodge, except as in Sections 96 & 97, is _____?

- a. County line.
- b. Anywhere in the State of Kentucky.
- c. Half way to the nearest Lodge in straight line measurement.
- d. All the above.

Answer _____

45. When a ballot for the three degrees on one (1) candidate receives one (1) black ball/cube the first ballot is _____?

- a. Rejected.
- b. Destroyed and ballot again.
- c. Discussed among the member's present.
- d. Appealed by the investigating committee.

Answer _____

46. Can the Senior Warden or Junior Warden, while serving as Master Pro-tem, call a Master Mason to the East to serve as acting Master _____?

- a. Only the Master can call a brother to the East.
- b. They may call a brother to the East if they need to leave the lodge room for a moment.
- c. Only if they remain in the room while the brother is presiding.
- d. Only if the members present are in agreement.

Answer _____

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

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

Answer _____

48. A Brother, who is a member of Imaginary Lodge # 5, wishes to re-affiliate with a Pretend Lodge #9 from which he previously demitted. The ballot results must be _____?

- a. Three-fourths of member's present.
- b. Two-thirds of member's present.
- c. Unanimous.
- d. Less than three black balls.

Answer _____

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

- a. A sitting Master of lodge may not be suspended for non-payment by the lodge where he is serving as Master.
- b. A sitting Master of a particular lodge may not be suspended by that lodge or any other lodge of which he is a member.
- c. The plural lodge must ask the lodge where the member is serving as Master for permission to suspend the brother.
- d. As long as the brother is not Master of the lodge voting to suspend, he may be suspended for non-payment and the suspension will not be in conflict with any other section of the Constitution.

Answer _____

50. A Lodge cannot reconsider or rescind a ballot for the degrees or affiliation unless _____?

- a. Never, the action of the lodge shall be final.
- b. An appeal is made at the time the ballot is taken.
- c. A Brother announces he is unhappy with the outcome of the ballot.
- d. As long as Grand Lodge agrees.

Answer _____