

CHAPTER 39.

COURTESY WORK
GENERAL PROVISIONS
Regulations

39.01 A candidate of one of our Lodges for any Degree cannot be permitted to take it by courtesy in a Lodge under the jurisdiction of any Grand Lodge not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Florida.

39.02 In supplying material for Degree work at a District Convention held by a District Deputy Grand Master, the proper course for Lodges, other than that in which the convention is held, is to request that Lodge to do the work for them by courtesy.

39.03 If an Entered Apprentice of a Florida Lodge removes into another Grand Jurisdiction where a similar rule prevails, or into the jurisdiction of another Lodge in Florida, and wishes to receive the Fellow Craft Degree where he is, without a desire to transfer his membership or secure his dimit, he should petition his Lodge to request the Lodge in whose jurisdiction he resides to instruct him in the catechism of the Entered Apprentice Degree, and when proficient to confer the Fellow Craft Degree as a courtesy to that Lodge. The same rule applies for advancement to the Master Mason Degree, but one month's time must elapse or intervene between the time of receiving the different Degrees. When the Master Mason Degree is thus conferred the recipient is a member of the Lodge of original jurisdiction. The above rule would not apply to candidates of another Grand Jurisdiction which did not require that one month's time elapse between the time of conferring the different Degrees, under their law. In such case this Grand Jurisdiction will respect the law of the Sister Grand Jurisdiction. The petitioner who has been elected to receive the Degrees may also receive the Entered Apprentice Degree by courtesy. (1985)

39.04 A Lodge in Florida doing work by courtesy for a Lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction does not ballot upon the candidate's petition to receive the Degree, although the Lodge of original jurisdiction by the law under which it works, ballots but once for the Three Degrees. The Lodge doing the work by courtesy should be satisfied as to the proficiency of the candidate, which may be determined by show of hands or ball-ballot, a majority controlling.

39.05 The same right of objection, on moral grounds, to conferring a Degree by courtesy, exists in the members of the Lodge to which the request is made, as exists in the members of the Lodge making the request.

References

Requests for courtesy work to and from other Grand Jurisdictions should be made through the office of the Grand Secretary. Reg. 15.01.

Rulings and Decisions

No fees may be charged by Florida Lodge for courtesy work. (1942 Proc. 44)

The Lodge requested to confer work through courtesy votes by show of hands; and a majority vote of the members present is sufficient. (1948 Proc. 51)

Florida Lodge is authorized to confer Degrees by courtesy on maimed F. C. from another Grand Jurisdiction, the qualifications of the candidate being matter by Lodge requesting courtesy work. (1942 Proc. 46)

Since California does not do courtesy work for any other Jurisdiction, a Lodge may request courtesy work of Jurisdiction adjoining California or retain fees until such time as candidate is in Jurisdiction that will do courtesy work. (1953 Proc. 49)

F. C. Brother receiving M. M. Degree by courtesy before being elected to Lodge is F. C. Brother of electing Lodge and unaffiliated M. M. Electing Lodge may proceed to ballot and elect to M. M. Degree. (1947 Proc. 33)

When a candidate of a Florida Lodge receives work by courtesy in another Grand Jurisdiction that makes a charge for coaching courtesy candidates, the candidate should pay the fee for such coaching. (1959 Proc. 53, 164)

An Entered Apprentice Brother who receives the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees in a Lodge of a Sister Jurisdiction by courtesy, without payment of fees for Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees (due to failure of the Lodge of the Sister Jurisdiction conferring the work to notify the Florida Lodge in time to collect the fees for such degrees) is an Entered Apprentice Brother of the Florida Lodge and an unaffiliated Mason as to the Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees. (1961 Proc. 162, 168, 320)

When a Florida Lodge requests a Lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction to confer Degrees by courtesy, and through error Degrees are conferred without required intervening time of one month, the conferring of such Degrees is binding upon the Florida Lodge and candidate is a Mason of the Florida Lodge in accordance with Degrees conferred upon him by courtesy. (1964 Proc. 64, 268)

Worshipful Master of a Florida Lodge could request another Worshipful Master of a Florida Lodge to do courtesy work on one or more candidates belonging to his Lodge without any Lodge action, and it would be the will and pleasure of that Worshipful Master to either accept or reject the request. However, no fees may be charged by a Florida Lodge for courtesy work. (1984 Proc. 115, 116)