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RULING AND DECISION NO. 1

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At the 186th Annual Grand Communication, legislation was adopted amending Chapter 24, By-Laws Section 7.02, Manner and Method of Election, whereby only members of a Particular Lodge can be elected to office that have previously been nominated in writing prior to the commencement of the meeting at which elections are to take place. While guidelines and a suggested nomination form were provided to the Particular Lodges to provide assistance with the new election process, the question has been raised: "If there is only one (1) written nomination for a Lodge Office, must the election be completed by written ballot since no other member would be eligible for election of said office?"

Therefore, it is my Ruling and Decision that if one written nomination is made for one or more office(s) and no other written nomination has been made for such office(s), a motion can be made from the floor to elect the nominated member by Acclamation. Once the motion is seconded, the member(s) may be elected by a majority, show of hands vote by the members present, thereby completing the election process. If more than one (1) member is nominated in writing for any office, a majority vote by written ballot is required to complete the election process for that office.

Please govern yourselves accordingly.

Respectfully submitted:

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