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Grand Sir and Brother

Good) Am writing to you to quote
an incident which happened at our last
stated meeting and perhaps you will
have some advice to offer

On our balloting of petitioners
we had three men rejected, well I have
learned, thru rumors that these men
were rejected on personal grievances, it
seems as tho one of the Brothers has
owed two of the petitioners money and
there has been some words passed and
the objection to the other man was be-
cause he has a white wife.

Now as I understand the
use of the black ball, personal feelings



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never were meant to enter so far as the use of the black ball is concerned.

If it could be proven that the above was or is the case, could the Brothers be punished.

The petitioners in question are moral and upright and I believe good material.

While we will have to admit that black ball is necessary when used to keep out those unworthy, yet it is an evil when used as mentioned above.

Would like to hear from you on this as I would like to have it, your answer, read in open lodge.

Fraternally Yours

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