

THE MASONIC CODE

BEING A

COMPLETE DIGEST

OF

*All the Regulations, Laws, Approved
Rulings, Decisions and Enactments*

OF THE

Grand Lodge of Tennessee

Now in force, as recorded in its Constitution, Landmarks,
the Tennessee Textbook, The Tennessee Craftsman,
previous editions of the Masonic Code and all the
proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

CONTAINING ALSO

Quotations from the Best Masonic Authorities

ALTOGETHER CONSTITUTING

THE LAW

Which governs in all matters pertaining to the
Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the
Jurisdiction of Tennessee.

Compiled by Order of the Grand Lodge

Proceedings 1980, Page 126

BY THE

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

THIRTY THIRD EDITION, REVISED 2026

4.1001. The Grand Secretary must place on all proceedings sent to Lodges a notice that they are the property of the Lodge and must remain in the Lodge room.

4.1002. Each Lodge must own and keep in the Lodge room a copy of the latest edition of the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, and must report such ownership and possession in its annual returns.

Contents

	TITLE & CHAPTER NO.
CHARTER ISSUED BY STATE OF TENNESSEE	Title 1, Chap. 1
CIVIL LAWS PERTAINING TO THE FRATERNITY	Title 1, Chap. 2
CONSTITUTION	Title 2, Chap. 1
RULES OF ORDER	Title 2, Chap. 2
THE GRAND LODGE	Title 3
Committees	Chap. 9
Custodians, Board of	Chap. 10
Deputy Grand Master	Chap. 5
Elections	Chap. 12
Grand Lecturers	Chap. 11
Grand Master	Chap. 4
Grand Officers, Appointed	Chap. 8
Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary	Chap. 7
Grand Wardens	Chap. 6
Meetings	Chap. 2
Organization	Chap. 1
Powers, Prerogatives and Limitations	Chap. 3
Retirement Plan	Chap. 13
THE SUBORDINATE LODGE	Title 4
Burial, Masonic	Chap. 22
Bylaws	Chap. 19
Candidates and Petitions for Degrees	Chap. 13
Charters, Concerning	Chap. 2
Committees	Chap. 8
Degrees and Lectures	Chap. 15
Dues	Chap. 18
Duties and Limitations	Chap. 10
Election and Installation of Officers	Chap. 3
Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts	Chap. 14
Jurisdiction, Territorial and Personal	Chap. 12
Meetings, Time and Place	Chap. 11
Membership and Rights	Chap. 16
New Lodges	Chap. 1
Objections	Chap. 17
Officers, Other	Chap. 6
Past Masters	Chap. 7
Powers or Attributes	Chap. 9
Processions	Chap. 23
Summons	Chap. 21
Uniform Code of Bylaws	Appendix 1
Voting	Chap. 20
Wardens, Senior and Junior	Chap. 5
Worshipful Master	Chap. 4

THE INDIVIDUAL MASON	Title	5
Charity	Chap.	3
Demit, Transfers, Affiliation and Non-affiliation	Chap.	1
Dual Membership	Chap.	4
Visiting and Avouchment	Chap.	2
THE PENAL CODE.....	Title	6
Appeals	Chap.	7
Automatic Suspension	Chap.	11
Charges	Chap.	5
General	Chap.	1
Jurisdiction.....	Chap.	4
The Lodge.....	Chap.	9
Offenses	Chap.	2
Punishments	Chap.	3
Restoration	Chap.	8
Summary Proceedings	Chap.	10
Trials.....	Chap.	6
THE MASONIC WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME	Title	7
Educational Fund	Chap.	2
Endowment Fund.....	Chap.	3
General	Chap.	1
INDEX	Addenda, page 1	

References

References to authorities quoted or referred to are indicated as follows:

- A. L. – Ancient Landmarks.
- B. of C. – Report of Board of Control of Widows' and Orphans' Home.
- Chase – Digest of Masonic Law, by George W. Chase.
- Const. – Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.
- D. – Maine Masonic Textbook, by Josiah H. Drummond.
- M. – Masonic Jurisprudence, by Albert G. Mackey.
- Proc. – Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee (usually indicated only by year and page).
- S. – Principles of Masonic Jurisprudence, by John W. Simons.
- T. B. – The Masonic Textbook of Tennessee (Out of print).
- T. C. – Tennessee Craftsman.

TITLE 1**COPY OF****CIVIL LAWS****ISSUED BY THE STATE OF TENNESSEE****PERTAINING TO THE STATE OF TENNESSEE FRATERNITY****Part 1 - Odd Fellows****48-102-101. General powers of grand lodge.**

(A) The officers of the grand lodge of the state of Tennessee, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and their regular successors, are a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the state of Tennessee" and, by that name, are invested with power to acquire, possess, occupy, and enjoy real and personal estate, and to sell and convey, or otherwise dispose of the same under the bylaws, rules, and regulations of the lodge; provided, that such bylaws, rules and regulations shall not be contrary to the constitutions of the United States and of the state.

(B) The corporation, in its name, shall be competent to contract and be contracted with; to sue and be sued, plead and be impeded, in all courts; to have and use a common seal and to alter the same at its pleasure.

(C) The right of any future general assembly to alter, repeal, or amend this part is expressly reserved.

48-102-102. Power of grand lodge over property. - The grand lodge is empowered to acquire by purchase, deed, gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise, and to hold, sell, convey, mortgage, bond or otherwise dispose of or encumber any and all property, real and personal, that it may deem necessary for any legitimate purpose of its organization; provided, that such property is, in the opinion of the grand lodge, necessary or convenient in the execution of the objects and purposes of the grand lodge.

48-102-103. Subordinate lodges - Power to acquire and hold or convey property.

(A) The various subordinate lodges of the grand lodge shall be, and each thereof is, empowered to acquire and hold by purchase, deed, gift, devise, bequest, or otherwise any and all property, real and personal, necessary or deemed expedient or proper by the subordinate lodges for the legitimate and proper execution of their objects and purposes, and each and all of the subordinate lodges are empowered to sell, convey, mortgage, bond, or otherwise convey or encumber for lodge purposes, any and all of such property.

(B) The subordinate lodges may sell or convey their real property only by and with the permission of the grand lodge, or the grand master.

48-102-104. Separate property of subordinate lodges. - Whenever the grand lodge shall establish or charter a subordinate lodge, the subordinate lodge is invested with the separate right to an amount of real and personal property, to the same extent and under the restrictions of section 48-102-101. The subordinate lodges have the power, and are specifically authorized, to mortgage or convey in trust their real estate for the purpose of securing the payment of notes or bonds for borrowed money or for other purposes, and it shall be sufficient to bind any lodge in such transaction when a mortgage or deed of trust shall be duly executed by the noble grand and secretary of the lodge.

48-102-105. Control of property - Conveyances.

(A) Any and all property, real or personal, owned or held by the grand lodge, and all subordinate lodges thereof, irrespective of the amount of property, shall be held, owned, controlled, enjoyed, and disposed of, or encumbered by those bodies, with all the rights and privileges provided for herein, and no question shall be made of the amount, kind, or character of such property, or the manner of its acquisition or its right to hold the same according to the title or interest vested in the body or bodies.

(B) The subordinate lodges may sell or convey their real property only by and with the permission of the grand lodge or the grand master.

48-102-106. Execution and record of evidences of indebtedness. - It shall be sufficient for any mortgages, notes, bonds, debentures, or other evidence of indebtedness, or any security executed for or on behalf of the lodges, grand or subordinate, to be executed by such officers as their bylaws may provide, or such officers as the lodges may direct by appropriate action, a record of which shall be made on the minutes or records of the lodge or lodges.

48-102-107. Construction and maintenance of buildings by lodges. - The grand lodge and each subordinate lodge are empowered to erect and maintain all necessary and suitable buildings, halls, lodge rooms, hospitals, homes for widows and orphans of deceased members, and all other buildings or plants necessary or deemed expedient in the execution of the objects and purposes of the organization, and to collect and apply all rents and income derived from any and all such property; provided, that the application be had in furtherance of the objects and purposes of the organization.

48-102-108. Liquidation of subordinate lodges. - Whenever the authority establishing the subordinate lodge is withdrawn, and the separate existence of the subordinate lodge is destroyed, the property of the lodge shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed by the grand lodge from the members of the subordinate lodge or from the members of any other subordinate lodge in Tennessee, to pay its debts and liabilities. The residue of the real estate, if there is any, shall be applied by the trustee, as may be prescribed by the bylaws or resolutions of the grand lodge.

Part 2 - Freemasons

48-102-201. Privileges and benefits generally. - The order of freemasons shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of part one (1) of this chapter to the same extent and upon the same conditions, except that the subordinate lodges of Free and Accepted Masonry, as chartered by the grand lodge of the state of Tennessee, are authorized to sell and convey their real property without the permission of the grand lodge or the grand master.

48-102-202. Ownership of real property. - The officers and members of a masonic lodge may purchase or take by deed such quantity of ground for the purpose of building a hall or temple, or for a burial place, as may be necessary. The deed shall vest the legal title to the same in such officers and members and their successors.

48-102-203. Coupon bonds for construction.

(A) All masonic lodges which hold real estate to the value of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or more have the power to issue coupon bonds from time to time to an amount not exceeding a total of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000), bearing six percent (6%) interest per annum, payable semiannually, for the purpose of erecting a building or hall upon same.

(B) The coupon bonds may be issued in sums of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), fifty dollars (\$50.00) one hundred dollars (\$100), five hundred dollars (\$500), and one thousand dollars (\$1,000), as may be desired.

(C) The coupon bonds shall not have more than twenty (20) years in which to mature, and may be taken up by the lodge at any time after five (5) years from their issuance.

(D) Any masonic lodge which shall issue coupon bonds under the provisions of this section may execute a mortgage upon its real estate to secure the payment of the bonds and coupons.

(E) The worshipful master and wardens or other proper officers of the lodge have the power to issue the bonds and coupons and execute the mortgage provided for in this section whenever they have been instructed by a meeting of their lodge to do so.

TITLE 2
CONSTITUTION
AND
RULES OF ORDER

Chapter 1

Constitution

of the

M. W. Grand Lodge of Tennessee

2.101 ARTICLE I

DESIGNATION

(1) This Grand Lodge shall be known by the name and style of the “GRAND LODGE OF THE ANCIENT AND HONORABLE FRATERNITY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE.”

2.102 ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP

(1) *Elective Officers:* The Grand Lodge shall consist of the following elective officers; that is to say: The Grand Master (whose style is *Most Worshipful*), Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, Junior Grand Warden, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary (all of whom are styled *Right Worshipful*).

(2) *Appointed Officers:* Also, of the following appointed officers; that is to say: The Grand Chaplain (whose style is *Right Worshipful*), Senior Grand Deacon, Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Steward, Grand Pursuivant, Grand Tiler, Grand Historian, Grand Organist and Grand Lecturers (who are styled *Worshipful*).

1998

(3) *Past Grand Officers:* Also, of the Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Senior Grand Wardens, and Past Junior Grand Wardens of this Grand Lodge, while they continue members of a Lodge under this jurisdiction.

(4) *Past Masters:* Also, of the Past Masters of chartered Lodges in this Jurisdiction who shall have been duly elected, installed, and presided over such a Lodge for six months, while they continue members of a Lodge under this jurisdiction.

(5) *Lodge Representatives:* Also, of the Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, duly constituted of the chartered Lodges under this jurisdiction; or in their absence, then in their stead a representative appointed by resolution of the Lodge; provided such representative or proxy be a Master Mason and a member of the Lodge he represents; and when such representative shall have been received by the Grand Lodge, he shall not be superseded by the officers of the Lodge he represents, except by his own consent.

(6) *Rank:* The rank of the officers of the Grand Lodge is in the order here mentioned.

(7) *Rotation:* No person shall be eligible to the offices of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden or Junior Grand Warden more than one year in succession. The other officers may always be subject to reelection or reappointment.

2.103 ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

(1) *Annual Communication:* To denominate the Meeting as the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, the Meeting must be held once each year, must begin on the fourth Wednesday in March of each year and must be held in the city of Nashville. When it is the well-founded opinion of the Most Worshipful Grand Master that unavoidable circumstances have arisen, which prevent the majority of the Chartered Lodges from being represented at the Annual Communication in the city of Nashville, he may select a place other than the city of Nashville to hold the Annual Communication, due Notice thereof being given to the Chartered Lodges; or he may postpone the Annual Communication to a later date until such representation can be had in the city of Nashville, or at a place other than the city of Nashville, the date of postponement not to extend beyond the succeeding Annual Communication, due notice thereof being given to the Chartered Lodges. The Most Worshipful Grand Master may convene a Called or a Special Session of the Grand Lodge in the city of Nashville, or at a place other than the city of Nashville, but the purpose for the Called or Special Session must be stated in the call, due Notice thereof being given to the Chartered Lodges, and there shall be no business transacted at the Called or the Special Session, other than the business stated in the call as the purpose for the Called or Special Session.

2023

(2) *Quorum:* The Grand Lodge shall not be opened, nor any business transacted therein, unless there shall be present the representatives of ten of the chartered Lodges, but a smaller number of Lodges may meet and adjourn from day to day until a constitutional quorum shall attend.

(3) *Special Meetings:* Special meetings of the Grand Lodge may be called by the Grand Master whenever, in his opinion, it may be necessary to do so, timely notice being given to all the chartered Lodges of the time of such meeting.

2.104 ARTICLE IV

GRAND LODGE

(1) *Powers:* The Grand Lodge, when convened agreeably to the provisions of this Constitution, has original and exclusive jurisdiction over all subjects of Masonic legislation, and appellate jurisdiction from the decisions of subordinate Lodges; and its enactments and decisions upon all questions are the supreme Masonic law of the state, when not in conflict with the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, nor in violation of the reserved rights of subordinate Lodges. Under these restrictions the Grand Lodge may receive and determine all matters of controversy or grievance, which may be brought up by appeal or otherwise; issue dispensations and grant charters to new Lodges; reprove and punish the misconduct of subordinate Lodges; adopt general laws for the government of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, and at pleasure alter, amend, or repeal the same; make

such assessments for revenue on the subordinate Lodges as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Grand Lodge, and generally, do all things right and proper for the promotion of the honor and dignity of the Order and good of the fraternity.

(2) *Officers: How elected and appointed* -The elective officers of the Grand Lodge will be chosen at each annual communication, by ballot, and by a majority of the votes cast; but no vote will be counted which may be given for any brother who may not be in nomination, nor will any nominations be considered good unless it shall be seconded; and in case only one brother shall be in nomination for each office, the Grand Lodge may dispense with the ballot and elect by acclamation. Appointed officers are selected at each annual communication by the Grand Master, and hold their office during his pleasure. Elective officers who have been duly installed, shall continue to hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

(3) *Eligibility*: No brother shall be eligible to any of the elective offices who has not been duly elected, installed, and presided over a chartered Lodge under this jurisdiction for six months, and, at the time of his election, shall be a member of such Lodge. To either of the other offices Master Masons are eligible, if at the time they are members of a Lodge under this jurisdiction.

(4). *Voting*. - A. Whenever practical, a voice vote shall be sufficient to carry or defeat an issue.

B. There is no requirement to conduct a paper ballot, even on matters requiring a super-majority, if a voice vote or show of hands is sufficiently certain to determine the will of the Grand Lodge beyond a reasonable doubt.

C. If the Grand Master declares, or five or more representatives from different Subordinate Lodges demand, a paper ballot must be spread. If a paper ballot results in a tie, the Grand Master, at his prerogative, may:

1. cast the tie-breaking vote;
2. entertain a motion to table, or
3. open the floor for additional debate on the issue, after which another ballot may be cast.

D. There shall be no roll-call ballots at meetings of the Grand Lodge; however, on the second-year ballot on a Constitutional Amendment, each represented Subordinate Lodge has only one vote (One-Lodge-One-Vote). Second-year ballots on Constitutional Amendments must be determined by a paper ballot or by electronic voting means.

2024

E. Each regular member of the Grand Lodge has one vote.

F. Each Subordinate Lodge is entitled to three (3) votes, its number of representatives notwithstanding.

1. If only two officers of a Subordinate Lodge are present, the ranking officer is entitled to two of the three votes.
2. If a Subordinate Lodge is not represented by any of its Stationed Officers, it may be represented by a Proxy provided:
 - (a) the Proxy is elected by the membership for this purpose;
 - (b) the Proxy is a Master Mason; and
 - (c) the Proxy is a member of the Subordinate Lodge he represents.
 - (d) if the Proxy is also a Past Master of any Lodge, he has four (4) votes.
 - (e) Once an elected Proxy is credentialed by the Registration Committee, he is not required to relinquish his voting privileges to a Stationed Officer of his Lodge who subsequently appears at the Grand Lodge at which the Proxy was elected to receive and exercise voting rights under the Lodges credentials.

- (f) If the Proxy consents to relinquish his voting privileges, he may retain only one (1) vote. If one or more Constitutional Amendments are subject to a One-Lodge-One-Vote ballot, said Stationed Officer has the right to cast the Lodge votes.

(5) *Committees.* - At each annual communication the Grand Master shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

(A) A Committee on Dispensations, which shall particularly examine and report upon the work, records, and proceedings of the Lodge under dispensation, and also upon all petitions that may be presented to the Grand Lodge for the establishment of new Lodges.

(B) A Committee on Appeals and Grievances, to examine and report for the action of the Grand Lodge, all matters of controversy and grievances brought before the Grand Lodge.

(C) A Committee on Correspondence, to examine the proceedings of other Grand Bodies with which the Grand Lodge is in correspondence, and to report such matters found therein as affect the general or local welfare of the Craft, accompanied by such recommendations as they may consider expedient.

(D) A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to investigate and report upon all questions that may be referred to them by the Grand Lodge.

(E) A Committee on Ways and Means, to consider the condition of the funds and assets of the Grand Lodge, and all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, upon which they shall specially report, recommending any measure which, in their opinion, will operate financially for the benefit of the institution.

(F) A Committee on State of the Craft, composed of all Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge while they continue members in good standing of subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction, whose duty it shall be to formulate policies and recommend plans or legislation in the interest of the advancement of Freemasonry, and to which shall be referred all matters not germane to the specified purposes of any other standing committee.

(G) A Committee on Credentials, to examine credentials, register Lodge representatives and members of the Grand Lodge, and issue to them official ballots designating the number of votes to which they are entitled.

(H) A Committee on Masonic Education and, for greater flexibility, its functions and duties shall be determined from time to time by the Grand Lodge.

(I) A Committee on Insurance to oversee the insurance programs of the Grand Lodge and/or the subordinate Lodges.

The Grand Master may appoint other committees, as circumstances may require.

(J) A Committee on Long Range Planning to oversee the development of five (5), ten (10), and twenty (20) plans for the future of Masonry in Tennessee.

2.105 ARTICLE V**DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

(1) *Grand Master.* - It shall be the duty of the Grand Master, and he has the power, to preside in the Grand Lodge; to exercise and discharge the executive functions of the Grand Lodge when it is not in session; to convene any Lodge within the jurisdiction, to preside therein, to inspect their proceedings, and require their conformity to Masonic rules; to require attendance of, and information from, any Grand Officer respecting his office; to grant dispensations for new Lodges on proper application, when the Grand Lodge is not in session, under the restrictions prescribed thereby; to appoint representatives to other recognized Grand Lodges, and receive and accredit representatives from other Grand Lodges; and to take upon himself the general superintendence of the subordinate Lodges. He shall, upon convenient occasions, visit the Lodges, examine their work, and give such instructions as may be right and proper, and, when not convenient for him to discharge this duty in person, he may appoint skillful brethren as Grand Visitors to do so in his stead; and the brethren thus appointed shall make a written report to the Grand Master one month before the annual communication. The Grand Master shall perform such other duties and may exercise such other powers and prerogatives as may be in accordance with the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry and the General Regulations of 1721, not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution.

(2) *Succession.* - In case of the death, absence, or inability of the Grand Master, or a vacancy in his office, the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden shall, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes. In the absence of all these officers, the oldest Past Grand Officer present, according to rank, shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge.

(3) *Grand Treasurer.* - It will be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds and property of the Grand Lodge; to pay out no money except upon order of the Grand Lodge, certified by the Grand Secretary; to report annually the amount of his receipts and expenditures by items, and from whom received and to whom paid, and the amount of funds and property in his hands; and to execute and file with the Grand Secretary an official bond, within ten days after his election, payable to the Grand Master and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, and in such penalty as may be fixed from time to time by the Grand Lodge, conditioned that he will pay or deliver, on demand, to the Grand Lodge, or to his successor in office, or properly account for, all funds and property of the Grand Lodge that may come into his hands as Grand Treasurer; and if the Grand Treasurer elect shall fall or refuse to execute bond as herein required, then the Grand Master, with the approval of the Grand Wardens, shall appoint another Grand Treasurer, who shall execute a bond as required by this section.

(4) *Grand Secretary.* - It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record the transactions of the Grand Lodge; to receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents of the Grand Lodge; to prepare, sign, and certify all charters, dispensations, and other instruments from the Grand Lodge, and, when necessary, affix the seal of the Grand Lodge thereto; to receive and keep a proper account of all moneys of the Grand Lodge, and pay over the same to the Grand Treasurer; to report annually to the Grand Lodge the amount of money received by him, by items, and the specific sources from which it was received; also the Lodges that have neglected to render proper returns and are in arrears, and such general information as to the state of the Lodges as may be proper for the information or action of the Grand Lodge; to attend, with all necessary books and papers under his control, on all meetings of the Grand Lodge. And the Grand Secretary shall execute and file with the Grand Master an official bond within ten days after his election, payable to the Grand Master and his successors in office, with sufficient sureties,

to be approved by the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, and in such penalty as may be fixed from time to time by the Grand Lodge, conditioned that he will promptly pay over or deliver, on demand, to the Grand Treasurer, or properly account for, all funds or other property of the Grand Lodge that may come to his hands as Grand Secretary; and if the Grand Secretary elect shall fail or refuse to execute said bond, then the Grand Master, with the approval of the Grand Wardens, shall appoint another Grand Secretary, who shall execute bond as herein required.

(5) *Compensation.* - The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge may from time to time direct.

2.106 ARTICLE VI

SUBORDINATE LODGES

(1) *Annual Returns.* - Each Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge shall transmit annually the names of its officers, together with such other information as will exhibit the true condition of the Lodge, and shall transmit monthly all activity of the Lodge for the previous month, agreeable to forms furnished by the Grand Secretary.

(2) *New Lodges* - No charter or dispensation shall be issued for the formation of a new Lodge, unless upon application of at least seven known Master Masons in good standing, or unless there shall be good reason for the organization of a lodge at that time and place, which petition shall be recommended by any chartered Lodge whose jurisdiction would be affected by the formation of such new Lodge, which must certify to the good moral character of the petitioners and the capability of the persons selected as officers to confer correctly the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry. Dispensations or charters for the formation of a new Lodge in any town or city where one or more Lodges are already established, shall be granted only by vote of the Grand Lodge at an annual communication. The Grand Master shall not issue any dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge, except upon application, accompanied by the recommendation of the two nearest Lodges, fully complying with the foregoing requirements, and not then unless the point designated for the formation of the new Lodge shall be at least ten miles distant from the nearest Lodge; and the proposed Master and Wardens of the new Lodge petitioning for dispensation shall produce a certificate from the Worshipful Masters of the two nearest Lodges, bearing the seals of their Lodges, that they have examined the said Master and Wardens in the work and lectures of the first three degrees of Masonry, and certify that they are fully capable to confer the three degrees correctly.

(3) *Delinquencies.* - Any subordinate Lodge under this jurisdiction which shall fail to be represented in the Grand Lodge for two successive annual communications, or shall be in arrears to the Grand Lodge for two years, shall be suspended until such Lodge shall appear, by its representatives, and pay up, or be released from all arrearages. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after each annual communication, notify all such delinquent Lodges; and any Lodge thus notified which shall fail or refuse to appear at the succeeding annual communication and comply with the provisions of this section, shall be stricken from the list of Lodges and its charter withdrawn.

(4) *Election of Officers* - The election of officers of subordinate Lodges shall be held once in each year, on the first stated meeting in the month of December, and the installation shall take place as soon thereafter as may be convenient prior to the first day of January. Elective officers who have been duly installed shall continue to hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed. Provided, however, that should a subordinate Lodge, for unavoidable reasons, fail to hold a stated meeting in December; or should one of its elective officers die, or refuse to accept office after his election and before his installation; or should a Lodge find it necessary for unavoidable reasons to elect or install one or more elective officers at a time other than herein before

specified; the Grand Master in the exercise of sound discretion, good and sufficient cause being shown, may grant to such Lodge a dispensation for otherwise permissible election or installation of officers, or both.

(5) *Appeals* - When an appeal to the Grand Lodge shall be taken from the action of the subordinate Lodge, or of its Master, it shall be the duty of the Master of such Lodge forthwith to cause an accurate copy of all proceedings to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary. The testimony in such case, so far as the same may be committed to writing, must accompany such proceedings; and the Grand Lodge, acting as a court of appeals, shall also receive any parole testimony, not committed to writing, which was used in the trial; but no new testimony shall be heard on appeal; provided, that the Grand Lodge, when in session, or the Grand Master in recess, upon application of either party, may appoint a committee to take additional testimony necessary for the attainment of justice, due notice of the time and place of taking the same being given to the opposite party, and such testimony shall become a part of the record in the cause.

SEE ALSO CHANGES TO 6.802

(6) *Minimum Fees* - The Grand Lodge may prescribe the minimum sum to be paid in the subordinate Lodges for initiating, passing and raising a brother; and the sum so required must be paid into the hand of the Secretary of the Lodge before the degree shall be conferred.

(7) *Fees for Dispensations and Charters* - For a dispensation to form a new Lodge there shall be paid to the Grand Lodge the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), and for a charter there shall be paid to the Grand Lodge the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). 2016

2.107. ARTICLE VII

MISCELLANEOUS

(1) *Regulations, Edicts, Bylaws* - The Grand Lodge may, from time to time, enact and adopt such regulations, edicts, and bylaws, as it may deem proper, not inconsistent with this constitution, the ancient landmarks of Masonry, or the reserved rights of the subordinate Lodges, provided that all resolutions, recommendations or proposals pertaining to such enactment and adoption or to amend same, shall be submitted in writing or by E-mail to the Grand Secretary no later than January 1 prior to the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, who shall cause them to be printed and distributed to every subordinate Lodge at least fifty (50) days before said communication. Any such proposals which do not meet this requirement shall lie over until the next annual communication, unless the Grand Lodge, by unanimous consent of the Lodges represented, shall agree to consider and act upon them. Such regulations, edicts and bylaws (after meeting the above requirements) may be altered, amended or repealed at an annual communication by a vote of a majority of the members present

The Grand Secretary will distribute to the subordinate Lodges a copy of the proposed budget of the Grand Lodge for the coming year, this copy to be distributed with and in the same manner as provided for resolutions, recommendations and proposals in the first paragraph of this section.

1984. 48, 108, 115; 1985, 51, 111, 120, 2003.

(2) *Amendments*. - No amendments to this constitution shall be made unless the same after being proposed in writing, shall be concurred by a majority of the members present, and shall have been postponed for consideration until the succeeding annual communication; and if at that time it shall be adopted by a vote of two-thirds of the Lodges represented therein, the same shall become a part of this constitution to all intents and purposes.

Chapter 2

Rules of Order For the Grand Lodge

2.201.A MOTION

A motion is a proposition made by one member and seconded by another.

2.202. REDUCED TO WRITING

On the demand of any member, motions must be reduced to writing.

2.203. GAINING THE FLOOR

A member wishing to gain the floor must rise and address the M. W. Grand Master. The first member that rises is entitled to the floor.

2.204. NOT DEPRIVED OF THE FLOOR

No member shall be deprived of the floor while in order, except by the lapse of time allotted each speaker, or the measure, or by arrival of the time for the order of the day.

2.205 QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

When a member rises to a question of privilege or order, the M. W. Grand Master will recognize that member, and the question of order, or privilege, shall be disposed of at once. The member temporarily interrupted then resumes the floor.

2.206. SPEAKING MORE THAN ONCE

No member shall speak more than once to the same question, without leave of the Grand Lodge, unless he be the mover, proposer, or introducer of the matter pending, in which case he shall be permitted to reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

2.207. MOTIONS THAT CANNOT BE ENTERTAINED

A motion substantially the same as one disposed of, or under advisement, or inconsistent with one adopted, cannot be entertained at the same session.

2.208. A MOTION WHEN STATED

When a motion has been stated by the Grand Master, it is the property of the Grand Lodge and can be withdrawn only by its consent. A motion to grant leave to withdraw a proposition is not debatable.

2.209. SUSPENSION OF A MOTION

A principal motion may be suspended by a privileged question arising out of it, or relating to the rights and privileges of the Grand Lodge or any of its members.

2.210. WHEN A MOTION BECOMES A QUESTION.

When a motion is offered, it will be stated by the M. W. Grand Master, then it becomes a question. It is not in order for any member to speak until the motion is so stated.

2.211. QUESTIONS HAVING PRECEDENCE

Privileged questions have precedence in the following order:

- (1) To call off.
- (2) To lay on the table.
- (3) To postpone to a definite time.
- (4) To postpone indefinitely.
- (5) To commit.
- (6) To amend.

2.212. QUESTIONS NOT DEBATABLE

The following questions are not debatable:

- (1) To call off.
- (2) To lay on the table.
- (3) Shortening the time of discussions or speeches.
- (4) To read papers.
- (5) To grant leave to withdraw a proposition.
- (6) To suspend the rules.
- (7) To postpone to a definite time.
- (8) To fix a time to take the vote on a measure pending.

2.213. TO LAY ON THE TABLE

While any resolution, motion, recommendation or committee report or any amendment thereto is being debated, no motion to lay the matter under consideration on the table or calling for the previous question shall be made or received without permission first being obtained from the Grand Master. When a motion to lay on the table is agreed to, it withdraws the matter from consideration. Nothing can be laid on the table by motion which cannot be taken off it again. A motion to lay a proposition on the table, or take it off again, may be made by any member. When laid on the table it may be taken off again at once.

1961.40.105

2.214. TO POSTPONE TO A TIME DEFINITE

A motion to postpone to a time definite must include a day of the session of the Grand Lodge. It may be amended by inserting a different day from the one proposed.

2.215. TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

A motion to postpone indefinitely opens the whole question for discussion. It cannot be amended. If agreed to, the question cannot be revived during the session.

2.216. TO COMMIT

A proposition may be referred to a committee, with or without instruction. On a motion to commit, the merits of the case are not debatable. A motion to commit with instructions opens the whole question for debate.

2.217. AMENDMENTS

No amendment beyond an amendment to an amendment can be entertained. An amendment is in order at any time before the vote has been taken on the original proposition.

1901, 23

2.218. AN AMENDMENT WHEN PENDING

When an amendment is pending, motions to amend must be limited exclusively to that amendment.

2.219. A MOTION AGREED TO CANNOT BE ALTERED

When a proposition is agreed to by the Grand Lodge, it cannot be altered or amended. If disagreed to, it cannot be moved again. (See Rule 2.229)

2.220. REFUSAL TO STRIKE OUT

If the Grand Lodge refuses to strike out or insert words, a motion to strike out or to insert the same words, with others, would be in order; provided, the coherence is such as to make a distinct proposition from the former.

2.221. DUTY OF GRAND MASTER BEFORE VOTING TO STRIKE OUT

If the Grand Lodge refuses to strike out all the words of a paragraph or section, the paragraph or section cannot be amended again. Hence the Grand Master should not entertain a motion to strike out all words in a paragraph or section until all desired amendments have been made to it.

2.222. A SUBSTITUTE

A substitute is a motion to strike out all words after the enacting clause, or the word "Resolved," and insert what is offered. It is therefore to be treated as an amendment when before the Grand Lodge, except that a substitute may be laid on the table without laying the original proposition and appendants on the table. The Grand Master will not state a substitute until all desired amendments have been made to the original.

2.223. LAYING A SUBSTITUTE ON THE TABLE

If a perfected substitute is laid on the table, the original proposition will be taken up.

The vote, however, will come first on the substitute. If the substitute is rejected, the original proposition is not susceptible of further amendment, and must be adopted or rejected as it stands.

2.224. LAYING AN AMENDMENT ON THE TABLE

A motion to lay an amendment on the table, if agreed to, lays only the amendment with its appendants on the table, and does not affect the original question.

1903, 68, 76.

2.225. DIVISION OF A QUESTION

A question will be divided at the request of a member.

2.226 HOW A QUESTION IS TO BE DIVIDED

A member moving a division of a question must state definitely into how many parts he would have it divided. Each of those parts must be able to stand alone, and the remainder must be able to stand in like manner, and be consistent and entire.

2.227 FILLING BLANKS

A proposition containing blanks to be filled must have those blanks filled before it can be amended. The longest time or largest number proposed, will be voted on first.

2.228 RECONSIDERATION

A proposition decided in the affirmative or negative may be reconsidered by a majority vote. No one can move a reconsideration unless he voted with the majority. A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table. A motion to reconsider, if rejected, cannot be moved again.

2.229 MERITS OF THE QUESTION ON RECONSIDERATION

A motion to reconsider does not bring up the merits of the proposition for discussion. The propriety of reconsidering is the only matter debatable. If the proposition is reconsidered, it is before the Grand Lodge in the same form it, was in immediately before it was voted on.

2.230 WHEN RECONSIDERED ONCE

A proposition reconsidered once cannot be reconsidered again (except by unanimous consent), unless it has been so amended after the first reconsideration as to virtually a new question.

2.231 READING A PAPER

A member has the right to require the reading of a paper before he is compelled to vote on it.

2.232 SUSPENSION OF A RULE

A rule may be suspended by a vote of two-thirds of those present when the vote is taken.

2.233 TO “CALL OFF”

A motion to “call off” takes precedence of all other questions, and is not debatable. A motion to “call off” to a particular time cannot be moved when anything else is pending, and is debatable. A motion to “call off,” being negative, cannot be renewed, unless progress has been made in business; i.e., a vote taken or a speech made.

2.234 DEBATE

A proposition subject to debate is open for debate up to the time the negative is put to the vote.

2.235 RECEPTION OF REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

When the chairman of a committee is ready to report, the M. W. Grand Master, will announce “If there be no objection, let the report be received.” If an objection is made, a vote on the reception of the report must be taken.

2.236 A REPORT THE PROPERTY OF THE GRAND LODGE

After a report has been read, it is received, and is the property of the Grand Lodge.

2.237 COMMITTEE DISCHARGED

When the report of a committee is received, the committee is discharged, but it may be revived again, and the same matter recommitted to it.

2.238 ORDERS OF THE DAY

The Grand Lodge may appoint special orders, or general orders, of the day. Such orders become privileged questions when the time arrives, and supersede all other questions, except such other privileged questions as are entitled to precedence.

2.239 TIME FOR THE ORDER OF THE DAY

The time arriving for the order of the day, the M. W. Grand Master will announce the fact, even though a brother be speaking. If no motion is made, either to take up the order of the day or to postpone it, the business under consideration, but temporarily interrupted, will be resumed. A motion to take up the order of the day is not debatable.

2.240 AN ORDER POSTPONED

An “order,” by any means postponed, may be taken up at the will of the Grand Lodge, or assigned to another day.

2.241 COMMITTEES SHALL NOT SIT, ETC.

Standing Committees shall not sit while the Grand Lodge is actually in session, unless on leave obtained.

2.242 GRAND LODGE VOTING

When a vote is taken by the Grand Lodge, whether by voice vote, show of hands, or written ballot, or by electronic methods, it is not considered a "ballot" as in the ballot on petitions for membership in the subordinate Lodge, which requires that no one enter or retire during the time the vote is taken until the result is announced. A vote may be taken by the Grand Lodge, whether by voice vote, show of hands, written ballot or by electronic methods, and the result announced when called for by the Grand Master, regardless of whether members have come and gone, or the Grand Lodge has been called off and called back on. When a vote is taken on raising or lowering per capita tax, it shall be by written ballot or by electronic methods.

1987, 51, 122, 131, 1997, 2017

2.243 NOMINATIONS

When the time for election of officers arrives at the annual communication, the Grand Master will call for nominations. Any brother wishing to make a nomination will rise and address the Grand Master. After recognition by the Grand Master, the nomination will be made as follows:

I place in nomination for the office of _____ Brother _____, a Past Master of _____ Lodge No. _____. A brother wishing to second the nomination will rise, address the Grand Master and, after recognition, second the nomination as follows: I second the nomination of Brother _____ for the office of _____. No further information concerning the nominee is to be given. The Grand Master will ask three times: Are there any further nominations? If no further nominations are made, the Grand Master shall say: All in favor of Brother _____ for the office of _____ say aye. Opposed no. I declare Brother _____ elected. Brother _____, Do you accept?

1987, 51, 122, 131.

2.244 MODIFICATION OF THESE RULES

These Rules shall not be modified, except by a vote of a majority of the members present at the time the vote is taken.

1987, 51, 122, 131.

2.245 APPLICABILITY

These Rules are for the government of the Grand Lodge alone, and not for subordinate Lodges.

1987, 51, 122, 131.

TITLE 3

THE GRAND LODGE OF TENNESSEE

Chapter 1

Organization

3.101. The Grand Lodge of Tennessee is a cooperation which controls, as the supreme authority, the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry in the State of Tennessee. It possesses and exercises original, sole and exclusive control over all matters of Masonic legislation within its jurisdiction, subject in all things, however, to the provisions of its constitution, the mandates of which are superior to its edicts and rulings of Grand Masters. Its enactments and decisions upon all questions are the supreme Masonic law of the State, when not in conflict with the Ancient Landmarks of Masonry, nor in violation of the reserved rights of subordinate Lodges.

Const. 2.104(1), 2.107(1); 1895, 25; 1899, 84; 1924, 40, 116, 1925, 22, 50, 125; 1926, 27, 37, 123; Chapter 60 of The acts of the General Assembly of Tennessee, passes April 6, 1925, and approved April 9, 1925.

3.102. The Grand Lodge consists of the following, each of whom has one vote, except on constitutional amendments on which only Lodge representatives vote, each Lodge having one vote (See 3.306).

T. B. 283, 320; Const. 2.102(1), 3.102(2); 1983, 53, 120.

(1) Its elected and appointed officers:

(2) The Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past Grand Wardens of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee while they continue members in good standing of subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction;

(3) The Past Masters of chartered Lodges in this jurisdiction, who preside (as Master) over such a Lodge for six months, while they continue members in good standing of subordinate Lodges under this jurisdiction;

1929, 47.

(4) The Masters and Wardens, or their proxies, or other duly qualified representatives of chartered Lodges in this jurisdiction.

3.103. The elective officers of the Grand Lodge and their titles are:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master;
The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master;
The Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden;
The Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden;
The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer;
The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary;

3.104. The appointive officers of the Grand Lodge and their respective titles are:

The Right Worshipful Grand Chaplain;
The Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon;
The Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon;
The Worshipful Grand Marshal;
The Worshipful Grand Sword Bearer;

The Worshipful Grand Steward;
The Worshipful Grand Pursuivant;
The Worshipful Grand Tiler;
The Worshipful Grand Lecturers;
The Worshipful Grand Historian.
The Worshipful Grand Organist;
The Worshipful Grand Photographer;

Const 182.2; 1979, 118; 1952, 50; 1991, 64; 111; 2004

Chapter 2. Meetings

3.201. All Meetings of the Grand Lodge are held in the city of Nashville, and it may not be opened elsewhere, except that the Most Worshipful Grand Master may convene the Grand Lodge in called or special session at other places for special purposes, stating in the call the purpose; but no business shall be transacted except that stated in the call.

Const 2.103(1); 1873, 322; 1938, 102

3.202. A meeting to be held each year beginning on the fourth Wednesday in March is denominated the annual communication; but a special meeting may be called by the Grand Master whenever, in his opinion, it may be necessary, due notice being given to all chartered Lodges of the time of such meeting.

Const 2.103(1), 2103(3); 1887, 409; 1953, 109, 2005.

3.203. The annual communication may be postponed by the Grand Master to a date not later than the succeeding annual communication, in case of unavoidable circumstances which would prevent a majority of the chartered Lodges from being represented at the time fixed in the constitution.

Const 2.103(1); 1911, 10.

3.204. The representatives of not less than ten chartered Lodges must be present to constitute a legal quorum for opening the Grand Lodge; and the Grand Tiler may admit none but members thereof who are its elected and appointed officers, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past Grand Wardens; the Past Masters of chartered Lodges in this jurisdiction who presided as Master over such a Lodge for six months; the Masters and Wardens and their proxies, or other duly qualified representatives of chartered Lodges in this jurisdiction, all of whom remain in good standing in this jurisdiction on the main floor of the auditorium must be properly dressed with their own apron during its sessions unless otherwise instructed by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge.

Const 2.103; 1914, 101; 1915, 95. 2014

3.205. The Credentials Committee may not enroll the names of the stationed officers, Lodge Representative and Secretary, until all the per capita dues and Grand Lodge assessments owing by their lodge shall have been paid.

1954; 56,83 131, 137; 1957, 113.115, 2008.

3.206. The business of the Grand Lodge requires the attendance of all its members during its sessions, and no convocation of Past Masters or other Masonic meeting requiring the attendance of members of the Grand Lodge may be held during the hours in which it is in session except as follows: A conference of Secretaries of subordinate Lodges **may** be held during the annual communication at the time and place designated by the Grand Secretary. This conference shall be under the supervision of the Grand Secretary but he may delegate someone to preside over and conduct it in his stead if advisable; this meeting shall be restricted to the general purposes of a conference and shall not be organized into an association or permanent organization of any kind, nor may it accept or act on any resolution or proposal.

1907, 65; 1958, 52, 117.2004

3.207. The following is a standing Rule of Order of the Grand Lodge and must be read by the Grand Secretary at the opening of the Grand Lodge at each annual communication:

The Grand Lodge disapproves and forbids the publication of its Proceedings, or any portion thereof, in public newspapers unless such publication is first specifically authorized by the Grand Master. It likewise disapproves and forbids any criticisms in the public print by a member of a Masonic Lodge, whether in the form of open letters or otherwise, of Masonic methods, proceedings and policies. The violation of this rule of the Grand Lodge is regarded as contempt of its authority and subjects the violator to Masonic penalty.

1952, 52; 1939, 98

3.208. The minutes of the Grand Lodge should show what actually occurs at its meetings. They may be corrected by it, but until this is done its approved minutes represent its intention, and its last action or direction on a given subject controls.

1916, 111, 112.

3.209. At the meetings of the Grand Lodge a chair is to be placed on the left of the Grand Master for the senior Past Grand Master present.

1915, 70; 1988, 49, 130.

3.210. The Grand Master may at any time he deems best order a roll call of all or any part of the Lodges and representatives, or other members; when each member shall answer for his Lodge or to his name, if not a representative, unless he has been previously excused or is a member of one of the standing committees. Any brother who shall answer for another at roll call shall be guilty of unmasonic conduct.

191, 84, 2008

3.211. In case of the death, absence or inability of the Grand Master, or a vacancy in his office, the Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden shall, in succession, succeed to his prerogatives and duties for all purposes. In the absence of all these officers, the oldest Past Grand Officer present, according to rank, shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Lodge.

Const. 2.105(2)

Chapter 3

Powers, Prerogatives and Limitations

3.301. A. The Grand Lodge has the sole authority to grant Charters for the formation of new Subordinate Lodges.

B. The Grand Lodge may revoke or suspend the Charter of a Lodge after due trial.

C. The Grand Lodge may restore a Charter which:

1. has been arrested or suspended by the Grand Master; or
2. has been suspended by its own actions.

D. Under no circumstances may a revoked Charter be healed or reinstated.

Const. 2.104(1); T. B. 273, 320; M. 313, 432, 439; S. 71, 246; Chase 129; 1895, 20; 1896, 20; 1915, 89, 2007.

3.302. It may require the subordinate Lodges to make annual reports, and may make such assessments for revenue on the Lodges as may be necessary to defray its expenses.

Const. 2.106(1); T. B. 276, 318; M. 433.

3.303. Grand Lodge Authority Respecting Allegations of Un-masonic Conduct:

A. The Grand Lodge may order a Subordinate Lodge to try any of its members for un-Masonic conduct upon receipt of information or upon appeal. The Grand Lodge will consider appeals under provisions of this Section if:

1. A Mason has formally preferred charges of un-Masonic conduct in his Lodge concerning another member of his Lodge, and
2. His Lodge has failed to act upon said charges within a reasonable period of time.

B. The Grand Lodge may exercise original jurisdiction and utilize any power granted to it under Section 3.304, with full authority to impose any punishment warranted under the Constitution or Code respecting any allegations of un-Masonic conduct.

1879, 354; 1913, 74, 75, 2007.

3.304. Grand Lodge Original Jurisdiction

A. The Grand Lodge has original and exclusive jurisdiction to investigate, prefer charges, adjudicate or otherwise dispose of all matters concerning:

1. Grand Lodge officers suspected of malfeasance in office;
2. Controversies between Subordinate Lodges;
3. Controversies between members of different Subordinate Lodges; and
4. Masters of Subordinate Lodges suspected of malfeasance in office.

B. The Grand Lodge has appellate jurisdiction over all matters concerning the conduct of Subordinate Lodges or members thereof.

C. The Grand Lodge has discretionary jurisdiction over all other matters which may have an adverse impact on the welfare of the Craft.

D. Grand Lodge decisions respecting jurisdiction are final and binding.

Const. 2.104(1); T. B. 319, 320; S. 246, 247, 255; M. 242, 436, 438, 451; 1913, 74, 75; 1919, 76, 77; 1925, 27, 28, 125; 1927, 23, 129, 1939, 33, 95, 2007.

3.305. The Grand Lodge will decide no question of Masonic law and usage except such as comes regularly before it for adjudication, by appeal or by overture from subordinate Lodges, or as may necessarily arise in the administration of the Grand Master.

1869, 374; 1884, 554.

3.306. The Grand Lodge has the right to enact such regulations, edicts and laws for its own government and that of the subordinate Lodges and the fraternity as it deems proper, not inconsistent with the constitution, the Ancient Landmarks or the reserved rights of Lodges; and it may at its pleasure alter, amend or repeal the same if done in accordance with the provisions of Article 2.107(l) of the Constitution.

The vote on constitutional amendments shall be by vote of the Lodges only, by written ballot, or electronic methods each Lodge having one vote to be cast by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence the designated official representative of the Lodge (see 2.107(2). or by electronic methods.

1954, 111; 1983, 53, 120, 2017

In voting on proposed changes to the Masonic Code or the Constitution, the vote shall be taken on the issue as it appears in writing, not on the recommendation of the Jurisprudence Committee. An affirmative vote is to pass the proposed change and a negative vote is to defeat the same.

1981, 48, 118.

Edicts become effective from, and after their adoption by the Grand Lodge, unless otherwise provided; but amendments to or changes in the edicts or laws affecting the rights and interests of subordinate Lodges or individual brethren may not be construed to be retroactive unless it is plainly so stated in the resolution upon which the change is based, and will affect as to minimum fees and otherwise only those petitions filed or degrees conferred after the change (see 4.1502).

Const. 2.104(1), 2.107(1); T. B. 318; S. 244; M. 429; 1968, 210; 1870, 545; 1873, 310; 1898, 19; 1900, 29; 1913, 27, 28, 69; 1915, 34, 88; 1916, 51; 1918, 30, 32; 1953, 109.

3.307. The Grand Lodge may establish and preserve a uniform mode of work and lectures not inconsistent with the Ancient Landmarks.

T. B. 318; S. 80, 244, 280.

3.308 The Grand Lodge becomes the owner of all books, papers, jewels, furniture and other property of a subordinate Lodge whose charter for any cause has been forfeited.

1880, 46

3.309. The Grand Lodge does not recognize, exercise jurisdiction over, or take official cognizance of so-called side degrees; and it forbids the use of the word “Masonic” in connection with any club or association, without authority for the same from the Grand Lodge.

This is not to be construed as prohibiting the use of the words “Mason” or “Masonic,” the name and number of a Lodge, the Masonic emblem or other means of identification for social, recreational or athletic activities, sponsored by Lodges so long as there is no solicitation of funds or prizes from those who are not members of the fraternity, and so long as there is no element of a lottery, gambling or commercialism involved.

The following are the only organizations existing within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee which are recognized by it as being Masonic: all Masonic Lodges created by and subordinate to it; the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Tennessee and Chapters subordinate thereto; the Order of High Priesthood; the Order of the Silver Trowel; the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Tennessee and Councils subordinate thereto; the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Tennessee and Commanderies subordinate thereto; the Order of Knight Crusader of the

Cross; Knight Masons of the U.S.A.; the Supreme Council of the Thirty-Third Degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of which James D. Richardson was in 1914 Sovereign Grand Commander, and bodies subordinate thereto; and the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

All persons or organizations claiming to be Masonic in character, other than those named above, which invade or intrude upon the respective territories of these recognized bodies are regarded by the Grand Lodge as mischievous Intruders, menacing Masonic peace and harmony in Tennessee, and as such are declared to be unworthy of the recognition or support of Freemasons. Any member of a Masonic Lodge under this jurisdiction aiding or abetting such intrusion and disturbance thereby subjects himself to Masonic condemnation.

This is not to be construed as criticism of or as a prohibition against membership in other orders or organizations, such as the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Order of Eastern Star, Order of DeMolay, etc., which predicate their membership on Masonic membership or other connection therewith, as long as such organizations were generally accepted by the Masonic Fraternity on March 26, 1968.

1965, 518; 1876, 30; 1868, 210; 1894, 575; 1899, 85; 1911, 138; 1914, 129; 1926, 37, 122; 1944, 37; 1966, 27, 116; 1969, 123; 1987, 51, 122, 132, 133; 1988, 25, 49, 130; 1991

3.310. A blanket fidelity bond or insurance coverage shall be procured and put into effect by and at the expense of the Grand Lodge covering the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Custodian of the Endowment Fund, Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Control, and any other employees who have access to its funds, in the amount of \$500,000 each or collectively.

1958, 52, 114, 117; 1983, 53, 119.

Chapter 4

The Grand Master

3.401. Except as his prerogatives may be controlled only by the Landmarks, the Grand Master is bound by the constitution and must enforce the laws and execute and obey the legislative acts of the Grand Lodge.

T. B. 321; 1916, 112.

It is his duty and prerogative:

(1) To preside in the Grand Lodge; to exercise and discharge its executive functions when it is not in session; to give the casting vote, in case of a tie, on questions before it, except in the election of officers; and to report all his official acts for review; but there shall be published in its proceedings only such of his rulings as involve a new principle, or as, in the opinion of the Jurisprudence Committee, should be published for the good of the Order.

Const. 2.104(4). 2.105(1); T. B. 323; 1879, 348, 349; 1916 43; 1925, 28, 125; 1927, 234.

(2) To appoint representatives to other recognized Grand Lodges, and to receive and accredit representatives from such Grand Lodges. The latter must have been recommended by the Grand Master of Tennessee and must be permanent members of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee (see 3.102(3)). Whenever one of the latter shall fail twice successively to be present at the annual communication of said Grand Lodge, the Grand

Master of Tennessee shall immediately thereafter notify the Grand Master of the other grand jurisdiction involved that he recommends another for the place, naming him.

Const. 2.105(1); T. B. 323; 1890, 300; 1892, 47; 1899, 90; 1923, 33; 1927, 22; 1932, 124.

(3) To summon any Grand Officer before him, require any information from him respecting his office, and, for cause, to suspend him from the functions thereof.

Const. 2.105(1); T. B. 323

(4) To grant dispensations for new Lodges, subject to constitutional restrictions, and to constitute new Lodges and install their officers, in person or by proxy, when a charter has been issued by order of the Grand Lodge.

Const. 2.105(1); T. B. 322; S. 259

(5) To have the general superintendence of subordinate Lodges; to convene or summon any of them, preside therein and require conformity to Masonic rules, to visit as many of them as he can conveniently, examine their work and give such instructions as are right and proper, or to appoint skillful brethren, as Grand Visitors, to do so in his stead, who shall make a written report to him one month before the annual communication.

Const. 2.105(1); T. B. 281, 322; A. L. 9; 1829, 256; 1900, 71; 1919, 77; 1920, 73; 1921, 83.

(6) To arrest the charter of a Lodge (see 4.201(1)), in person or by proxy; to suspend any of its officers from the functions of his office until the succeeding annual meeting of the Grand Lodge; or to order charges preferred against any member when justice and the welfare of the Craft demand it, or to restore to office any officer removed by him, if and when such officer is cleared of the charges preferred against him.

T. B. 322; S. 260; 1872, 178; 1873, 308; 1877, 19, 34; 1911, 121; 1918, 31; 1926, 36; 1927, 25, 136; 1953, 103.

(7) To officiate, in person or by proxy, at the laying of cornerstones but not on Sunday and the dedication of Masonic buildings (there is no Masonic ceremony for the dedication of any but Masonic buildings) with Masonic ceremonies. Only a subordinate Lodge, not the Grand Lodge, may be opened for the purpose of laying a foundation stone, for which a dispensation to the Lodge is not necessary. The cornerstone should be preferably, but not necessarily, in the northeast corner of the building; and it may be at the base of an upper story when the Lodge's ownership begins there.

The cornerstones of buildings to be laid with Masonic ceremonies, should be ready and the ceremony performed before the walls and roof thereof are complete; but the Grand Master may use his discretion and preside or issue dispensations therefor at other opportune times. He should not preside or issue dispensations for laying cornerstones of buildings that are not Masonic, sacred or public in character, or which are not to be devoted to Masonic, religious, educational or public purposes. The latter is intended to refer only to buildings erected for national, state, county or municipal organizations; buildings erected for private enterprises, although somewhat public in character, such as hotels, stores, factories, railroad structures, banking houses, etc., are not included.

T. B. 163; S. 259, 260; 1873, 310; 1884, 553, 554; 1895, 22; 1907, 20; 1808, 19, 89; 1911, 34; 1914, 126; 1915, 89; 1934; 30, 40, 107; 1969, 123.

(8) To select all the appointive officers of the Grand Lodge, who hold office during his pleasure, and to appoint all committees of the Grand Lodge, both standing and special.

Const. 2.102(2), 2.104(2), 2.104(5); T. B. 323; S. 264, 265.

(9) To grant dispensations for such necessary purposes as may not be in violation of the constitution and rules. This includes dispensations to elect and install officers to fill legal vacancies (for such legal vacancies see 4.402, 4.505 and 4.601), and to give in his report to the Grand Lodge his reasons for issuing or refusing such dispensations; but his dispensation authorizing some act done or business transacted after the close of his term of office is not valid unless ratified and affirmed by the Grand Lodge.

S. 259; M. 21: 1912, 105; 1920, 74; 1923, 108; 1953, 104.

(10) To reverse the action of a subordinate Lodge in order to correct a known illegality.

1882, 209; 1909, 35; 1917, 37, 47; 1918, 33, 37; 1922, 34.

(11) To heal irregularly made Masons, in person or by dispensation to his proxy.

T. B. 322; S. 264; 1866, 596; 1894, 594; 1920, 18, 35; 1921, 38, 86; 1922, 37; 1923, 34, 45, 46; 1924, 32; 1925, 26; 1926, 34; 1927, 27, 28.

(12) To administer exclusion in the Grand Lodge for refusal to submit to its Rules of Order, contumacy to the authority of the Grand Master, or for other conduct not sufficiently heinous to require charges and trial, but too much so to be allowed to pass without notice.

T. B. 313.

(13) To rule on questions of Masonic law during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and his decisions are law until corrected by the Grand Lodge; but he may not make an official ruling on a question involving the construction of civil law, nor in any case except on a question which actually exists before a subordinate Lodge, which must have been certified to him by such Lodge or its Master.

This rule is not to be construed as forbidding the Grand Master to give advice and counsel whenever he may choose to do so, and he should, so far as possible without conflicting with it, make specific replies to inquiries. Its purpose is to prevent the opinion of the Grand Master on suppositive cases which are often put merely to gratify curiosity or to settle a private contention on a question of abstract Masonic law.

1869, 374; 1905, 35, 55, 1915, 87; 1917, 45, 1918, 80; 1919, 25; 1920, 25, 77.

(14) It is his prerogative to make a Mason at sight, in a regular Lodge by the consent thereof, who is thereby made a non-affiliate.

T. B. 241, 322; A. L. 9; 1907, 25, 58

3.402. The Grand Master has not the power:

(1) To suspend, by dispensation or otherwise, the operation of any edict or regulation of the Grand Lodge, or any Lodge bylaw, and no case of emergency can possibly arise which would authorize the attempt to do so; nor may he dispense with, set aside or annul a positive law of the Grand Lodge or reverse its decisions.

1873, 309, 310; 1908 23, 1910, 27, 28; 1912, 37; 1923, 35, 36

(2) To borrow money for the Grand Lodge or to pledge its credit; nor may he authorize another to do so.

1877, 35; 1927, 29, 132.

- (3) To appoint the officers of a subordinate Lodge already constituted.

T. B. 275; 1877, 19, 35, 40.

- (4) To reverse the action of a subordinate Lodge, except to correct a known illegality, and grant a new trial, except in cases on which the Grand Lodge has passed; and to order charges preferred and trial had in a Lodge that has refused to accept charges preferred; or to order a Lodge, which has refused to do so, to entertain a petition for restoration after indefinite suspension.

1873, 310; 1890, 286; 1915, 34; 1919, 32.

- (5) To revive a Lodge whose charter has been suspended, or to restore an officer or a member who has been suspended or expelled.

1888, 602; 1895, 20; 1896, 20; 1905, 82; 1906, 33; 1916, 28; 108; 1923, 35, 36, 37, 108; 1927, 26.

- (6) To demand a copy of the correspondence had between a former Grand Master while in office and a member of a subordinate Lodge.

1888, 591.

- (7) To expel a brother or suspend him from membership, without charges, notice and trial.

1911, 114.

- (8) To allow a Lodge to change any part of the ritual; nor should he answer questions pertaining to changes in the ritual, but should refer them to the Board of Custodians.

1894, 574; 1916, 46, 50, 109; 1919, 23, 24, 73.

3.403. The Grand Master is the first servant of the Masonic Order, obliged to act with propriety, wisdom, and entire disinterestedness, as if at any moment he must render an account of his administration to the brethren.

Since he is the head of the Masonic family, he must always be the last refuge of the unhappy, a father to the orphans, the succour of the widows. He shall provide care for the poor as well as the most affluent, and look upon all the appendant bodies as members of the same Masonic family, and recognize them as such.

1987, 52, 122, 133.

Chapter 5

The Deputy Grand Master

3.501. He is the immediate assistant of the Grand Master and his lawful successor when, from any cause, the Grand Master is unable to act. He has no inherent powers, either constitutional or otherwise. By general Masonic law he is required to prepare business concerning Masonry to be laid before the Grand Master, to act as his proxy when required, and to be prepared to succeed to his office in case of need. He is expected to visit as many Lodges as he can conveniently.

Const. 2.105(2); T. B. 323; S. 269, 270; 1829, 256; 1921, 83.

Chapter 6

Grand Wardens

3.601. Their duties are similar to those of Wardens in a subordinate Lodge, and they are entitled to occupy their respective official stations in any Masonic Lodge, Grand or subordinate, over which the Grand Master presides as Master. They are expected to visit as many Lodges as they can conveniently.

T. B. 323; S. 271; M. 473, 474; 1829, 256; 1921, 83.

3.602. They succeed in order of seniority to the duties and prerogatives of the Grand Master when required to do so by the absence of their superior officers, retaining, however, their respective stations unless no superior officer is present.

T. B. 323; S. 271; M. 473, 474.

Chapter 7

Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary

3.701 Their duties, in addition to those mentioned below, are defined by Constitution Articles 2.102(4), 2.105(3), 2.105(4), 2.106(1) and 2.106(3).

3.702 The amount of the official bond or insurance coverage of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary is \$500,000. Their bonds or insurance coverage are written under a blanket policy at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

Const. 2.105(3), 2.105(4); 1875, 537; 1911, 127; 1916, 107; 1917, 110, 112; 1920, 79; 1929, 21; 1958, 52, 114, 117; 1969, 123; 1983, 53, 119.

3.703 They receive such compensation for their services as the Grand Lodge from time to time directs, and such allowances as the Grand Lodge makes from time to time for clerical help and postage.

Const. 2.105(5); 1914, 139; 1920, 93; 1922, 58; 1926, 112, 113.

3.704 It is the duty of the Grand Secretary to print their reports and those of the Grand Master and Board of Control, in pamphlet form at least fifteen days in advance of the annual communication, to be mailed at least ten days prior to the annual communication to all Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters and members of standing committees, and to be delivered to the representatives at the time of enrollment; to contract for all printing for the Grand Lodge and purchase of supplies for its use and that of the Grand Officers; and to certify all payments of Grand Lodge funds by the Grand Treasurer and countersign his checks therefor.

Const. 2.105(3); 1883, 365; 1896, 63; 1912, 89; 1919, 73, 101.

3.705 The Grand Secretary will not sign an expenditure contract over one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) (except in an emergency) without prior approval from the Ways and Means Committee.

2014

Chapter 8.

Appointed Grand Officers

3.801. Their duties are such as are prescribed by the usages and customs of the fraternity, and the constitution and regulations of the Grand Lodge.

T. B. 326

3.802. To any appointive Grand Lodge office any Master Mason is eligible if at the time he is a member in good standing of a subordinate Lodge of this jurisdiction.

Const. 2.104(3).

Chapter 9

Grand Lodge Committees

3.901 Each newly installed Grand Master appoints the following standing committees consisting of Past Masters of Chartered Lodges in this Jurisdiction, designating the chairmen thereof, except the chairman of the State of the Craft Committee, to serve at its subsequent annual communication, with the following limitations:

2002.

The member of any committee or board appointed by the Grand Master, except the Committee on Correspondence and the Board of Control, who has served the largest number of years consecutively on said committee, when his term of appointment expires, may not be reappointed to that committee or board or appointed to any other committee or board until a period of at least one year has elapsed during which he has not served on any committee or board appointed by the Grand Master. Interim vacancies shall be filled by appointment by the Grand Master for the unexpired term of the previous member.

Const. 2.104(5); 1867, 34, 1912, 97; 1917, 56, 134; 1920, 107; 1921, 56, 71, 72; 1922, 60; 1924, 109; 1926, 105, 106, 124; 1927, 130; 1933, 105; 1934, 109, 1948, 40, 41, 103; 1968, 60, 123; 1969, 70, 123; 1977, 55, 117; 1987, 52, 123, 133.

(1) DISPENSATIONS AND BYLAWS, consisting of three members. It must examine and report upon the work, records, and proceedings of the Lodges under dispensation, and also upon all petitions presented to the Grand Lodge for the establishment of new Lodges. To it shall be referred, before approval by the Grand Lodge, all proposed bylaws of new Lodges and all proposed changes in existing bylaws which require Grand Lodge approval.

(2) APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES, consisting of five members. It shall examine and report for the action of the Grand Lodge, all matters of controversy and grievances brought before the Grand Lodge. Only an abstract of its report may be printed in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. No member of a Lodge from which an appeal has been taken may act on this committee on said appeal.

(3) WAYS AND MEANS, consisting of five members. It must specially report on all propositions and resolutions affecting the revenue of the Grand Lodge before action may be taken thereon. It shall also prepare and present to the Grand Lodge at each annual communication a budget for the year beginning on January 1 approximately nine (9) months from the time of its approval whose proposed expenditures shall not exceed its proposed revenues. It shall also cause an audit of the Grand Lodge books to be made annually by an independent certified public accountant selected by the committee.

1984, 48, 115; 1985, 51, 111, 121, 2005.

(4) MASONIC JURISPRUDENCE, consisting of seven members. To it must be referred, before adoption by the Grand Lodge, all matters pertaining to Masonic Law and Jurisprudence. As occasion occurs, its chairman acts *ex officio* in the capacity of a judge advocate to the Grand Master, who may not, however, be relieved thereby of the responsibility imposed by his office.

(5) **CREDENTIALS**, consisting of seven (7) members to examine credentials, register Lodge representatives and members of the Grand Lodge and issue to them official ballots designating the number of votes to which they are entitled.

1954, 110; 1958, 52, 114, 117; 1968, 60, 124, 2007.

(6) **CORRESPONDENCE**, consisting of one member and allowed to succeed himself on this committee. Its report, being voluminous, is for convenience, usually put in type in advance of the annual communication. It must examine the proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions with which this Grand Lodge is in fraternal communication, report such matters found therein as affect the general or local welfare of the Craft, keep in correct order an approved list (which must be published annually in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge) of such jurisdictions, and submit from time to time such changes as in its opinion ought properly to be made in said list.

This committee will also be responsible for the coordination of the process of the appointment of Grand Representatives of and to other Grand jurisdictions and for maintaining an accurate list of said representatives.

In giving consideration to requests of other Grand Lodges for the fraternal recognition of this Grand Lodge, this committee shall affirmatively determine that the following prerequisites are satisfied as to each such Body:

That it has been lawfully organized by three or more legally constituted Lodges (or if in the United States, by a majority of all the Lodges in its territory).

That it is an independent, self-governing, responsible organization with entire, undisputed and exclusive dogmatic and administrative authority over Lodges of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry; and does not share that authority with, nor is in any sense subject to, any other body claiming ritualistic or other supervision or control.

That it occupies exclusively its territorial jurisdiction, if in the United States, or, if in a foreign country, either occupies exclusively or shares the same with another by mutual consent; that it does not presume to extend its authority into, or establish Lodges in a territory occupied by some other lawful Grand Lodge without the expressed consent of such Grand Lodge.

That its dominant purposes are charity, benevolence, education and the worship of Deity.

That it makes Masons of men only.

That its ritual is fundamentally in accord with the ancient landmarks, customs, and usages of the Craft; and that it requires conformity to the following:

Acknowledgment of a belief in, and accountability to a Supreme Being, the Father of all men;

Secrecy;

The symbolism of Operative Masonry;

The division of Symbolic Masonry into the three degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason; The legend of the Third Degree;

The Sacred Book of the Divine Law, indispensably present in the Lodge while at work.

1923, 55, 123; 1930, 78, 156; 1933, 105; 1968, 122, 2006.

(7) BOARD OF CONTROL OF THE MASONIC WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME OF TENNESSEE FUND, One member to be appointed each year. Consists of ten members, Master Masons and members of Tennessee Lodges.

(8) BOARD OF CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK AND LECTURES, One member to be appointed each year. Consists of five members.

(9) BUILDING: The Building Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members, each of whom are to be appointed by the Grand Master. One (1) of its members shall be the Grand Secretary, who shall be an ex officio member only and shall have no vote. All of the members of the Building Committee, except the Grand Secretary, should have some knowledge of building repairs and maintenance.

The duties of the Building Committee are:

- a. The maintenance and operation of the Grand Lodge Building, which includes but is not limited to rentals, supplies, repairs, etc. and
- b. The formulation and administration of policies concerning the use of the Grand Lodge Building.

1974, 43, 110, 2004.

(10) ENDOWMENT FUND COMMISSION, One member elected each year for a term of three years. Consists of three members, Master Masons and members of Tennessee Lodges.

1988, 95, 99, 119, 120.

(11) MASONIC EDUCATION CONSISTS OF NO LESS THEN NINE (9) MEMBERS, Master Masons and members of a Tennessee Lodge. In addition to the promotion of Masonic Education, the Committee shall encourage all subordinate lodges to engage in community service projects and subject to the approval of the Grand Master; provide information to the public about Freemasonry.

1970, 105; 1973, 127; 1978, 116, 117; 1982, 50, 102, 118, 119; 1991, 1992, 2016

(12) INSURANCE, Consists of three members, Master Masons, members of Tennessee Lodges. Its duty shall be to oversee the insurance programs of the Grand Lodge and to recommend and make any changes necessary, consistent with funding approved by the Grand Lodge. It is authorized to change, add to, or delete any insurance programs for the benefit of the Grand Lodge and/or the subordinate Lodges.

1982, 50, 109, 119; 2000.

(13) PERSONNEL POLICY AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE, To consist of five members, one member to be appointed each year for a term of five years, members of Tennessee lodges, and with experience in management or human resources policy development. It's duties shall be as follows:

To formulate and revise from time to time a consistent and well documented personnel policy. This policy to cover the compensation, benefits, terms of employment, and other matters relevant to retirees, employees, and contracted temporary or part time workers

including elected and appointed officers of the Grand Lodge who receive compensation or benefits. This policy to be approved by the Grand Lodge; however, changes to the policy may be implemented prior to the approval at the next communication of the Grand Lodge if the committee obtains interim approval of the Grand Master.

To formulate, and from time to time, review and revise if necessary, the organizational reporting structure of employees of the Grand Lodge.

To insure that these policies are clearly communicated to all employees of the Grand Lodge.

To work with the insurance committee, the building committee, The Board of Custodians of the Work and Lectures, and the Ways and Means Committee to provide compensation and benefits packages to employees that will attract a well qualified and productive work force and adequately care for Grand Lodge retirees.

To prepare and submit a budget to the Ways and Means Committee each year detailing anticipated costs associated with employees and retirees.

To act as consultants with the Grand Secretary and others on the Grand Lodge Staff in a supervisory capacity concerning personnel and human resources issues in order to ensure the Grand Lodge personnel policy is being followed.

To act as an appeal board in the event of grievances against the Grand Lodge or Grand Lodge Management Personnel initiated by either employees or retirees and to work with Grand Lodge legal counsel as required.

2005.

(14) INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES COMMITTEE, shall consist of 6 members to serve a term of 3 years initially and thereafter. Membership of this committee shall consist of members of Constituted Lodges of The Tennessee Grand Lodge with experience in the Information Technologies Industry, except for the Chairman who shall be a permanent member of the Tennessee Grand Lodge.

This committee will be responsible for reviewing the Information Technology (IT) capabilities of the Grand Lodge, making recommendations concerning the introduction of new technology, negotiating for the procurement of IT services, software and hardware, submitting a budget request to the Ways and Means Committee concerning the funding of IT changes or maintenance, and coordinating the implementation of changes in the Grand Lodge Information Technology infrastructure. This committee will be responsible for appointing a Grand Lodge Web Master and for formulating policy on the content of information on any Grand Lodge web site. The committee is further responsible for the integration of separate IT systems within the Grand Lodge IT infrastructure and with establishing standards for interfaces between the Grand Lodge systems and those of subordinate lodges or other entities.

They will also establish Grand Lodge policy on the security of Grand lodge IT resources.

2006, 2019

(15) ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE, consisting of seven members of Tennessee Lodges to be appointed each year and allowed to succeed themselves on this committee. This committee will be responsible for making physical arrangements for the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge to include:

Negotiating agreements for lodging, meals, meeting and banquet space, decorations, and transportation for the Grand Lodge session.

Setting the price for meal tickets and overseeing the process of ticket sales and reservations for meals associated with the grand Lodge sessions.

The welcoming and accommodation of visitors for the Grand Lodge session.

Submitting a proposed budget for the annual communication and managing costs to stay within the approved budget.

Preparations regarding meeting space, decorations, transportation, and meals associated with the annual communication.

(16) LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE consisting of six members from Tennessee Lodges to be appointed each year for a term of six years. This Committee shall be charged with overseeing the development of five (5), ten (10), and twenty (20) plans for our Fraternity. The newly elected Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden each year shall be an ad hoc member of this Committee.

2008

(17) LIBRARY AND MUSEUM COMMITTEE consisting of at least (6) members with at least one (1) from each Grand Division of the State, to further develop and implement current and future plans for the Tennessee Masonic Historical Library and Museum. The Grand Lodge Historian shall be an additional member of this committee. Brethren who are not Past Masters may act as consultants for this committee, but may not be voting members of this committee.

2011

3.902 The first five of these committees, the Board of Custodians of the Work, the Building Committee and the Masonic Education Committee are required to meet in Nashville on Monday before each annual communication.

1973, 127, 2006.

3.903 There shall be a standing committee of the Grand Lodge, composed of all Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge while they continue members in good standing of subordinate lodges under this jurisdiction, known as the State of the Craft Committee, the

chairman to be elected by the committee, whose duty it shall be to formulate policies and recommend plans or legislation in the interest of the advancement of Freemasonry, and to which shall be referred all matters not germane to the specified purpose of any other standing committee.

1948, 40, 41, 103; 1974, 108; 1975, 117; 1987, 52, 122, 133.

3.904 The Grand Master may appoint other committees as circumstances require, and must make the following appointments prior to the close of each annual communication, all which must be approved by the Grand Lodge:

- (1) A member of the Board of Custodians of the Work and Lecturers.
- (2) A member of the Board of Control of the Home.
- (3) A member of the Building Committee.

Const. 2.104(5); 1911, 55; 1923, 78; 1927, 137; 1938, 102; 1974, 43, 110.

3.905 No committee of this Grand Lodge shall consider any matter pertaining to the business of the Grand Lodge, unless the same shall have been filed with the Grand Secretary at least five days before the meeting of the Grand Lodge, or referred to the committee by the Grand Lodge. All matters filed with the Grand Secretary shall be noted by him and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

Chapter 10

Board of Custodians of the Work and Lectures

3.1001. Its purpose is to preserve, free from error and innovation as nearly as possible, the work and lectures of Symbolic Masonry in this jurisdiction; and all questions relating thereto must be referred to it and be decided by it in the name and by the authority of the Grand Lodge.

1916, 46, 109; 1919, 73, 102; 1988, 24.

3.1002. It consists of five members, not more than two of whom may reside in anyone grand division of the state. The term of each member is for five years and the term of one member expires with the close of each annual communication of the Grand Lodge. The chairman will be designated by the Grand Master.

1921, 83.

3.1003. Vacancies occurring by expiration of term, removal by the Grand Master or other cause, are filled by appointment of the Grand Master when the Grand Lodge is not in session, or by appointment of the Grand Master to be confirmed by the Grand Lodge when it is in session. The holding of other office, either in the Grand Lodge or in a subordinate Lodge, does not act as a bar to membership and service on said board.

1969, 123.

3.1004. It must meet in Nashville on the Monday immediately preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge and rehearse and agree upon the work and lectures, and any changes therein must be presented specifically to the Grand Lodge and approved by it before being incorporated in the work or put in effect. It may, at the option of the Grand Master, exemplify the work and rehearse the lectures before the Grand Lodge at such time as may be set apart for that purpose, or arrange to have the same done under its direction; and no other exemplification or rehearsal may be permitted before the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master may, at his discretion, cause the Past Master's degree to be conferred at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge under the supervision of the Board of Custodians.

1884, 553; 1895, 45; 1910, 94; 1938, 101; 1969, 123; 1973, 127; 1977, 28, 120.

3.1005. It may appoint schools of instruction which officers and members of a number of Lodges may attend, and its members have authority, by virtue of their office, through the Master, to call together, enter and, if necessary, preside over any Lodge when deemed necessary by any one of them or by the Grand Master, not only for the purpose of giving instruction in the adopted work and lectures, but also to inspect the physical and financial condition of said Lodge, the result of their visitations to be reported to the board and to the Grand Master when required or deemed necessary.

1923, 80; 1988, 24.

3.1006. Whenever a member of the board is called to visit a Lodge for the purpose of giving instruction, the Lodge so visited must pay him for his services at a rate mutually satisfactory and also for actual expenses incident to such visit.

1923, 80.

3.1007. (a) It may issue a Certificate of Proficiency or a Lecture Card to be signed by the Grand Master, to any brother who passes a satisfactory examination in the adopted work and lectures, and such brother may be called upon, in its discretion or that of a Grand Lecturer, to assist the Grand Lecturer in giving instruction. The Proficiency Certificates and Lecture Cards good for three (3) years but may be revoked if the holder does not remain in good standing or does not pass a creditable examination before a Lecturer or a member of the board during that time. It may also issue Pins of Excellence to those who meet the criteria as outlined in 3.1007 (d). Pins of Excellence are not subject to revocation. A list of brethren to whom such certificates, cards or pins have been issued shall be published annually in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

The qualifications for said cards and pins are as follows:

3.1007. (b) Lecture Card holder must be:

- (1) proficient in all three catechetical lectures.
- (2) adept in proposing the questions and giving the appropriate answers.

3.1007. (c) Certificate of Proficiency must be able to:

- (1) propose and give the answers in all three catechetical lectures.
- (2) open and close the lodge on all three degrees.
- (3) confer the first section of the three symbolic degrees by filling any station

or place.

3.1007. (d) Pin of Excellence holder must be able to:

- (1) Open and close the lodge in every section of all three symbolic degrees.
- (2) Take part in all therein contained.

1865, 528; 1917, 116; 1923, 80, 109; 1926, 107, 124; 1988, 24.

3.1008. Whenever a Lodge, having reasonable opportunity to learn and put into practice the adopted work and lectures of the Grand Lodge, willfully or deliberately refuses or neglects to use, to the best of its ability, said work and lectures and that only; or habitually adds to, omits or changes, to an appreciable extent, said work and lectures, it is the duty of the Board of Custodians or of the Lecturer of that district to report the fact to the Grand Master or to the Grand Lodge.

1855, 21; 1923, 80, 81.

Chapter 11.

Grand Lecturers

3.1101. The Board of Custodians of the Work and Lectures shall recommend to the Grand Master, Grand Lecturers to serve the lodges in Tennessee whose appointment shall be made annually by the Grand Master. The Board has control of the Grand Lecturers and instructs them in the ritual. The Grand Lecturers shall be given a copy of the "Tennessee Adopted Ritual".

1893, 21; 1923, 80; 1954, 107, 111; 1981, 49, 119, 2005, 2007, 2013

3.1102. Each Grand Lecturer is required to visit each Lodge assigned to him, so far as it may be possible and expedient, at least once in each year, for the purpose of giving instruction. However, he is not required to visit, in the same year, a Lodge which has been instructed during that year by a member of the Board of Custodians. Each Grand Lecturer shall also, so far as it may be possible and expedient, conduct schools of instruction and education for the Lodges assigned to him; these to be scheduled either individually or in groups, as the Grand Lecturer shall determine the needs of the Lodges.

1923, 80; 1981, 49, 119; 1988, 24.

3.1103. It is their duty to teach the work and lectures as imparted to them by the Board of Custodians; to, as far as possible, carry out a program of Masonic education; to investigate the condition of small Lodges with view of effecting the consolidation of such Lodges when practicable; to inform the Lodges visited of the needs of the Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund; to report to the Grand Master the purchase, sale or use, within this jurisdiction, of cipher rituals; and to instruct the Lodges in making out their activity reports and complying with Grand Lodge law.

1893, 297; 1919, 71; 1926, 114; 1981, 49, 119; 1988, 24.

3.1104. Their authority and duty in regard to the matters mentioned in 3.1005 and 3.1007 are the same as those of the Board of Custodians as recorded therein.

1923, 80; 1981, 49, 119; 1988, 24.

3.1105. Each Grand Lecturer shall be paid one hundred (\$100.00) dollars per official visit to each lodge. No other pay or expense will be paid.

1893, 297; 1919, 71; 1926, 114; 1981, 49, 119, 2005.

3.1106. Any brother serving as a Grand Lecturer may not concurrently serve as a District Chairman.

2008

Chapter 12. Elections

3.1201. The offices of the Grand Lodge should be the free, voluntary gift of its members, uninfluenced by ulterior considerations; and it is un-Masonic for a brother to declare himself a candidate or to use, or cause to be used, any influence to advance his own election. It is, however, permissible for any permanent member of the Grand Lodge or any subordinate lodge to submit biographical material concerning a brother and to thereby express their intent to nominate said brother for the office of Junior Grand Warden at the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Such material may only be submitted to the office of the Grand Secretary, and must be received in his office prior to the first (1st) of December preceding the annual communication of the Grand Lodge. This material may contain a photograph of the brother to be nominated, but may not contain any reference to any other brother. The material shall be limited in content to a description of the brother's biography including such experiences and achievements which might speak to his qualifications to perform the office of Junior Grand Warden. The Grand Secretary shall reproduce and transmit such documents to the subordinate lodges at the same time and in the same manner as proposed changes to the Tennessee Masonic Code.

1875, 521; 1896, 52; 1909, 54; 1921, 41, 85, 2007.

3.1202. No brother is eligible to an elective office of the Grand Lodge unless he has been duly elected and installed Master and has presided (as Master) over a chartered Lodge in this jurisdiction for six months, and unless at the time of election he is a member in good standing of such a Lodge.

No person is eligible for election to the office of Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden or Junior Grand Warden more than one year in succession. The other officers are always eligible to reelection or reappointment.

Const 2.102(7), 2104(2), 2008, 2018

3.1203. The elective officers of the Grand Lodge must be chosen at each annual communication. The election of officers may be held anytime during the Grand Lodge session at the discretion of the Grand Master.

Const. 2.104(2); 1887, 426.

3.1204. For each elective office a nomination must be made and seconded, and a vote for a brother not in nomination will not be counted. The voting must be by ballot slips and a majority of the votes cast is necessary for election; provided, that if only one nomination is made for any office the Grand Lodge may dispense with balloting and elect by

acclamation as follows: after giving ample time for other nominations the Grand Master shall say, "all in favor of Brother Doe for the office of _____ say aye, opposed no. I declare Brother Doe elected by acclamation. Brother Doe, do you accept?"

Const. 2.114(2); 1969, 123.

3.1205. Each member of the Grand Lodge named in 3.102 is entitled to one vote and no more as his individual prerogative. Each Lodge is entitled to three votes without reference to the number of its representatives present, and if it has but two representatives present the higher officer is entitled to two votes and the other to one. The foregoing is the ratio of voting also when the vote upon any question is taken by Lodges, which shall be done when demanded by the representatives of five Lodges. Representatives may not combine their votes on one ballot slip, and each member of the Grand Lodge may put upon his ballot slip only the number of votes to which he is entitled.

Const. 2.104(4); 1895, 53.

3.1206. Elective officers who have been duly installed continue to hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Any elective officer of the Grand Lodge other than the Grand Master may resign his office by submitting a written letter to the Grand Master.

Const. 2.104(2); 1984, 49, 116.

3.1207. Presenting the "A. V. Warr Signet Ring" is part of the ceremony of installation of the Grand Master.

1906, 15.

3.1208. Each elective officer of the Grand Lodge is requested to furnish to the Grand Secretary, upon his first election, a brief biographical sketch of himself, and the Grand Secretary is authorized to publish the Masonic substance thereof in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

3.1209. The Grand Master is requested to furnish to the Grand Lodge, at its expense, his portrait painted and framed under his supervision, 24" x 30" and the width of the frame approximately 3½".

1900, 78; 1923, 59, 109; 1925, 137; 1953, 103.

3.1210. The Grand Lodge shall present to each outgoing Grand Master a lapel button and a jewel of the design adopted by it.

1943, 94; 1957, 113; 1996, 126; 1967, 60, 131.

3.1211. On his installation into office, each Grand Master shall be presented an apron, suitably adorned for Past Grand Masters, procured by the Grand Secretary, which will be his to keep as his personal property.

1948, 104; 1949, 106.

Chapter 13.

Retirement Plan

3.1301. Plan of retirement for salaried employees of the Grand Lodge, which shall include all persons who receive their salary or wages from the funds of the Grand Lodge.

1955, 110.

(1) The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior and Junior Grand Wardens shall be designated and hereafter known as "The Employees' Retirement Board" to administer the provisions, expressed and implied of this retirement plan.

(2) Such amounts as may be designated by the Grand Lodge shall hereafter be set aside and added to the fund heretofore created and designated "The Employees' Retirement Fund," out of which all and only retired employees shall be paid an annuity, unless otherwise specifically directed by the Grand Lodge. All annuities shall be paid monthly in equal installments.

1956, 27, 63, 131, 133; 1959, 130; 1969, 49, 131.

(3) Any salaried employee of the Grand Lodge who has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years and who has either devoted his full time of employment to this Grand Lodge or shared it with one or more other Grand Masonic Bodies of Tennessee, for a period of not less than ten (10) years, may be retired permanently at his own request, after having given at least sixty (60) days notice of his intent to the Grand Master, or by order of the Retirement Board after due notice to the employee.

1967, 63, 127; 1984, 49, 117.

(4) Such employee retired by virtue of age shall be paid an annuity of two and one-half percent (2½ %) of his highest average annual salary as computed over any five (5) year period of consecutive service, multiplied by the number of years service, but not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of such highest annual salary.

1967, 63, 127.

(A) The widow of any such employee, provided said employee was a member of a Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge at the time of his death and had met the requirements prescribed in (3), whether or not he had actually retired, shall be paid an annuity during her single widowhood of one-half the amount to which said employee was entitled or was receiving at the time of his death, provided she was his wife while he was employed by the Grand Lodge. Payments under this provision shall begin on or after its adoption, and shall include the widow of any such employee who has died since April 1, 1958.

1959, 106, 107, 114.

(5) An employee who is unable to qualify for retirement on the basis of age or length of service, who becomes mentally or physically disabled, may be retired at his own request, provided it is approved by the Retirement Board or by order of said board. Any employee retiring by virtue of such disability shall be paid annuity equal to three percent (3%) of his highest average salary as computed over any five (5) year period of consecutive service, multiplied by the total number of years of such service, but not to exceed fifty percent (50%) of such average annual salary. If his length of service is less than five (5) years at the time of his disability, the average annual salary shall be used.

1986, 64, 114, 123.

(A) The widow of an employee, provided said employee was a member of a Lodge subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and was employed by this Grand Lodge or was retired under the disability provisions at the time of his death, shall be paid during her single widowhood, annuity equal to one-half the amount which he had earned computed as in the preceding paragraph, or was receiving under the disability provisions of the retirement plan, provided she was his wife while he was employed by this Grand Lodge.

1959, 46, 107, 114.

(6) The action of the Employee's Retirement Board in each instance of retirement during the interim between annual communications of the Grand Lodge shall at once become valid and effective, subject to the approval of the Grand Lodge at the following annual communication.

1949, 99, 103, 104; 1951, 113.

3.1302. The Retirement System is terminated as to all persons becoming employees after 25 March 1993. The System shall remain in effect as to all persons who are employees on 25 March 1993 and all former employees or spouses of former employees presently receiving benefits or entitled to receive benefits in the future.

Chapter 14.

Tennessee Masonic Historical Library and Museum

3.1401. A Tennessee Masonic Historical Library and Museum fund shall be established and such monies as may be designated by the Grand Lodge, or are received through donations, shall be used in the establishment and maintenance of said Library and Museum.

1988, 23, 50, 131.2004, 2006,157, 2011,117.

Chapter 15.

Order of Business

3.1501. The proposed budget shall be the last order of business before the election of officers at the annual communication.

1959, 54, 126, 135.

Chapter 16

“Andrew Jackson Medal”

3.1601. The Grand Master shall appoint a committee (one from each Grand Jurisdiction of the State of Tennessee) to establish an award program in recognition of “notably distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, Humanity and Country.” This silver medal shall be designated as the “Andrew Jackson Medal” and the recipients are to be selected by the committee members with the approval of the Grand Master on an annual basis.

1991

Chapter 17

“Lewis Jewel”

3.1701. The Lewis Jewel may be worn by a Master Mason, if at the time of his initiation, his father, grandfather, or great-grandfather was a Master Mason in good standing (or if the father be deceased that he was a Master Mason in good standing at the time of his death) under the following criteria.

- (1) A Lewis is the son, grandson, or great-grandson of a Master Mason.
- (2) The Lewis' initiation age is 18 or older.
- (3) No distinction should be made whether a Lewis' father, grandfather, or great-grandfather was a Master Mason before or after the Lewis was born.
- (4) A Lewis is to be considered any son, grandson, or great-grandson of a Master Mason, not just the first born.
- (5) A Lewis may wear the Jewel received from another Grand Jurisdiction in our Grand Jurisdiction.
- (6) The initiate of a deceased father, grandfather, or great-grandfather of a Master Mason in good standing at the time of his death would qualify as a Lewis.
- (7) The Lewis Jewel consists of bars connected by chains –
The upper bar contains the name of the oldest relative and date of his Initiation, progressing downward to the Lewis and date of his Initiation.
Suspended from the bars is the Craftsman Lewis pendant.

By definition, the Craftsman's Lewis consists of three metal pieces suspended from two bars making it a device used for lifting stones.

Chapter 18

DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

3.1801 The requirements for the position of District Chairman are as follows: He is appointed only by the presiding Grand Master for a term of three (3) years. He must be a Past Master of a Tennessee Lodge or an elected Line Officer of a Tennessee Lodge. He must support the programs of the Grand Lodge and its Committees. He must visit each Lodge in his District at least once annually to explain and support the programs of the Grand Lodge and its Committees.

3.1802. The District Chairman is to bring the Lodges in his District into closer relations with each other, and with the Grand Lodge, by promoting the annual District Meeting, and other special meetings in the Districts throughout the year; planning and encouraging visitations between the Lodges, and assisting in the interpretation and promotion of the programs of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge. He is to assist the Lodges in the planning of special meetings to avoid a conflict with Holidays and other Masonic family meetings.

3.1803. He is to inform himself fully as to the condition of the Lodges in his District, and advise the Worshipful Master as to the settlement of any difficulties which might exist; at all times respecting the sovereignty of the Lodges and its Worshipful Master.

3.1804. He is to encourage peace and harmony between the Lodges and individual Brethren, enlisting their support in all worthwhile Masonic activities, acting always in an advisory capacity.

3.1805. He is to endeavor to correct by Masonic means and under Masonic Principles, through cooperation with the officers of the Lodges, any Masonic error or un-Masonic conduct existing, and if deemed necessary, report the same immediately to the Grand Master.

3.1806. He is to punctually perform any assignment given by the Grand Master, at all times remembering that he is the representative of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, by personal conduct setting an example of Masonic leadership worthy of emulation ever remembering that he is the direct representative of the Grand Master in his District at all times. He is the eyes and ears of the Grand Master in his District. He is to conduct investigations, audit financials, and other activities as required by the Grand Master. He is to gather required information or documents as directed by the Grand Master.

3.1807. He is to advise members of the proper protocol for visiting Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge. To observe this protocol at all official meetings, i.e. District Meetings, Stated Meetings, Called Meetings, etc.

3.1808. He is to seek opportunities to coordinate with all the appendant bodies at the district and county level. He is to become familiar with their area representatives (his counterparts). He is to seek opportunities to explain the programs to Masonic clubs such as Past Masters Associations, Scottish Rite or Shrine Clubs, or Demolay parent's clubs.

3.1809. It is expressly understood that in the exercise of the above duties, district chairmen shall not undertake to teach the ritualistic work or have any supervision over it.

Chapter 19

DUTIES OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN (Formerly known as the County Chairman)

3.1901. The requirements for the position of District Deputy Chairman are as follows: He is appointed only by the presiding Grand Master. He must be a Past Master of a Tennessee Lodge. He must support the programs of the Grand Lodge and its Committees. He must be assigned at least three (3) Lodges in his District for which he is responsible to the District Chairman.

3.1902. The duties of the District Deputy Chairman do not in any way overlap or duplicate those of the District Chairman. On the contrary, they should merge and amplify each other. The District Deputy Chairman holds a responsible position, one which affords him many opportunities to bring the Brethren and the District Lodges closer together, thus placing Masonry on a high plane in their respective District.

3.1903. He must work closely with the District Chairman, reporting to him anything of importance that is happening in his assigned area. As the District Chairman is the eyes and ears of the Grand Master, so is the District Deputy Chairman the eyes and ears of the District Chairman and should report to him on a regular basis. He should plan programs and encourage the Lodges in his assigned area of responsibility to be active, not only in degree work, but in activities within the District which help make the District a better place in which to live in the name of Masonry.

3.1904 He is to be an “ambassador of good will” and motivate the Lodges within his assigned area. He should visit other Lodges as much as possible and be a messenger to all as to what is being planned within his area and District. He should encourage attendance and fellowship and promote good ritual in all ways possible.

3.1905. He is a very important person and should introduce himself as District Deputy Chairman and let the Brethren know that he is willing to help them as far as Masonry is concerned and that he can do this through his District Chairman and the Grand Master, if need be.

TITLE 4

THE SUBORDINATE LODGE

Chapter 1

New Lodges

4.101. A charter for the formation of a new Lodge may be granted by the Grand Lodge at an annual communication. (The form of petition will be supplied by the Grand Secretary.)

Const 2.104(1), 2.105(1), 2.106(1); T. B. 271, 322; A. L. 9; 1879, 367; 1917, 28, 2006.

4.102. A dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge may be granted by the Grand Master upon petition for the formation and charter of a new Lodge, if it is clearly apparent that there is good reason for the organization of a Lodge at that time and place. A charter may only be issued by the Grand Lodge upon favorable vote at an annual communication.

Const. 2.106(2), 1873, 368; 1906, 34, 2006.

4.103. The application fee to form a new Lodge, by dispensation, is (\$100) dollars payable to the Grand Lodge. This fee must be paid before the petition to form a new Lodge can be considered.

Const. 2.106(7): 1896, 41; 1963, 102, 2004, 2006, 2008.

4.104. All petitioners for a new Lodge must be members of Lodges chartered in Tennessee, or a non-affiliate. Petitioners who are members of Tennessee Lodges are not required to demit from their original Lodges to petition for the formation of a new Lodge. The name of a non-affiliate will not be recognized in considering such petition unless his demit or its equivalent accompanies the petition (See 5.105). If a charter or dispensation is granted, the petition becomes a matter of Grand Lodge record and can be changed only by the Grand Lodge.

1913, 28; 1917, 43; 1919, 26; 1923, 41; 1924, 35; 1925, 49, 2006.

4.105. A petition for a new lodge must be signed by at least seven (7) Master Masons. Said petition must state the name and number of the Lodge of which each petitioner is a member or from which he holds a demit or its equivalent (see 5.105). The membership and standing of the several petitioners who are members of Tennessee Lodges must be certified by their respective Lodges under seal.

1875, 511, 512, 535; 1895, 21; 1903, 52, 2006.

4.106. A petitioner for a new lodge who is a member of a chartered Lodge in Tennessee remains a member of his lodge until such time as he requests a demit from his original Lodge.

1879, 353; 1907, 73; 1910, 36; 1912, 34; 1914, 69; 1917, 43, 114; 1925, 39, 49; 1929, 46, 140; 1930, 31, 2005, 2006.

4.107. No Lodge may bear the name of a living person or of a Lodge already existing in Tennessee, nor may a Lodge change its name without permission of the Grand Lodge, except as provided in 4.109.

1874, 442; 1932, 34, 122, 2006.

4.108. Powers and limitations of a Lodge under dispensation:

- (a) It may appoint all officers except the Master and Wardens, but its officers may not be installed.
- (b) It may “initiate, pass and raise Freemasons” and may receive members on demit or transfer.
- (c) It may require all its members to pay dues, and may dispose of its funds in any lawful manner upon favorable vote of the membership.
- (d) It may bury the dead with the honors of Masonry.
- (e) It may prefer charges and try, suspend or expel its members.
- (f) It may observe the Festivals of St. John (see 1.1107 and 1.1108), but may hold no public celebration except by permission of the Grand Master.
- (g) It may send an ex officio representative to Grand Lodge Communications, but said representative is not entitled to vote in the proceedings.
- (h) It may not grant demits.
- (i) It may not be constituted, consecrated or dedicated, nor may it elect officers.

Const. 2.102(5), 2.106(2); T. B. 272, 339; 1894, 574; 1899, 20; 1900, 29; 1908, 25; 1910, 25; 1918, 29, 79; 1923, 39, 2006.

4.109. (a) A dispensation for a new Lodge may be revoked at any time by the Grand Master, but if the dispensation is not revoked, it remains in force until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, when a charter may be ordered by the Grand Lodge - (if the Lodge operating under dispensation has kept minutes as required in 4.406). If a charter is not granted and the Grand Master does not renew the Lodge’s dispensation, the Lodge ceases to exist and those who were initiated, passed and raised are entitled to certificates of good standing. If a charter for a new Lodge is granted, the Lodge continues to operate under dispensation until the Lodge is regularly constituted.

- (b) If for any reason the Worshipful Master or Wardens named as such in the dispensation are not to be named in the charter, the Lodge must notify the Dispensations and Bylaws Committee of that fact before the charter is granted, and must nominate and recommend others for the offices.

T. B. 271; M. 285, 301; 1918, 79; 1929, 54, 139; 1969, 70, 123, 2006.

4.110. If the Grand Lodge elects not to issue a charter to a Lodge operating under a dispensation or the Grand Master revokes a dispensation for a new Lodge, the petitioners who were members of other Lodges in Tennessee resume at once their former Status and membership in their respective Lodges; those who were nonaffiliates and those who have been made Masons by the Lodge while under dispensation will receive certificates of good standing from the Grand Secretary in lieu of demits, and the Lodge must send its books, jewels and other property to the Grand Secretary within 14 days of notification of its extinct status.

M. 286; 1925, 49, 2006.

4.111. No Mason under suspension may petition for a dispensation or charter of a new Lodge.

1909, 30; 1914, 68, 2006.

4.112. Each new Lodge must submit a copy of its bylaws (see 4.1901) at the first annual communication of the Grand Lodge after its charter has been granted. Any Lodge operating under a dispensation must adopt and abide by the Uniform Code of Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge for use by subordinate Lodges, until such time as it had been awarded a charter and its bylaws are approved by the Grand Lodge.

2006.

4.113. A fee of one hundred (\$100) dollars to the Grand Lodge must be paid when the charter is granted; and the charter must not be issued until this fee is paid.

Const. 2.106(7); 1896.41; 1963, 102, 2004, 2006.

4.114. (a) The organization of a newly chartered Lodge consists of four items, to wit: Consecration, Dedication and Constitution, and the Installation of the various officers in their several stations and places. These ceremonies may be performed only by the Grand Master or his proxy, and they must be performed as soon as practicable after the issuance of the charter.

(b) Prior to its organization such Lodge must select its officers, either by choosing one or more new ones (see 4.301 and 4.602.), or by signifying (in the ceremony of consecration) its satisfaction with those already chosen. A dispensation for the election (previous to consecration) or installation of such officers is not necessary if the Grand Master is personally present, but it is necessary if the ceremonies are performed by his proxy and should be included in the Grand Master's delegation of the work. Officers may not be installed until after the Lodge has been constituted, but they must be installed as soon thereafter as possible.

T. B. 117, 123, 127, 272, 287; S. 73; M. 288; 1894, 574; 1895, 21; 1896, 41; 1901, 55; 1910, 29; 1918, 79; 1927, 133, 2006.

4.115. Chartered Lodges (but not Lodges under dispensation) must procure a suitable seal; and no return or other document emanating from such a Lodge shall be respected without its seal (a printed facsimile will not answer) being affixed thereto, unless the Worshipful Master and Secretary certify the Lodge has no seal and has not been able to procure one.

1918, 31; 1924, 37, 2006.

4.116. (a) Immediately following the consecration and dedication of a newly chartered Lodge its Secretary must furnish to the Grand Secretary, a certified list of its members who were qualified signers of the petition for a charter, said list to show the names, numbers and locations of the Lodges from which said members were drawn. The Grand Secretary thereupon must notify the Lodges involved to drop these names from their rolls unless the brethren have chosen to remain plural members with their original lodge(s), and to look to the new Lodge for any dues, not exceeding those of one (1) year, which such a member may owe his old Lodge. Such members must be reported as "admitted by charter" (see, 4.1801) in the returns of the new Lodge for that year. Such Masons are plural members of both their original Lodges and the new Lodge unless they elect to demit from their original Lodges. Charter members of newly made Lodges may not be granted a demit from the new Lodge within the first year following the grant of its charter.

2007.

(b) Such members must be reported as "admitted by charter" (see 4.1801) in the returns of the new Lodge for that year.

1920, 80; 1929, 46, 140, 2006.

Chapter 2.

Concerning Charters

4.201. A charter may be granted only by vote of the Grand Lodge, and usually upon a favorable report from the Committee on Dispensations and Bylaws, which, when recommending the issuance of a charter, must name the brethren whom it recommends to be appointed Worshipful Master and Wardens of the new Lodge, and the charter or a photostatic copy thereof must be present at all meetings, both stated and called; of the Lodge. Once granted a charter may be forfeited only in one of two ways, to wit:

(1) By vote of the Grand Lodge revoking it, following a dereliction of the Lodge (not merely the private misdoing of officers) caused by gross ignorance, irregularities or failure to observe the best interests of Freemasonry, and after due trial and unequivocal proof of one or more of the following: contumacy to the authority of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge; departure from the original plan of Masonry and the Ancient Landmarks; disobedience to the constitution; having a membership less than seven in number; failure to meet within a period of one year; failure to be represented in the Grand Lodge for two successive annual communications; arrearage to the Grand Lodge for two years (either of the last two automatically causes its suspension which thereby becomes effective immediately).

A charter is revoked when the Grand Lodge finally confirms the action of the Grand Master or of the Grand Lodge in suspending or arresting it.

(2) By voluntary surrender ordered by a majority of the members after due summons; provided, that seven members, should they refuse their consent to the surrender, may retain the charter, whatever may be the majority in favor of surrender.

Const. 2.106(3); T. B. 273; S. 70,71; M. 313, 314, 315; 1855, 21; 1889, 40; 1895, 20; 1896, 20; 1905, 95; 1909, 54; 1917, 60, 1919, 76; 1920, 67; 1925, 27, 125; 1929, 54, 139; 1931, 129; 1932 30, 122; 1953, 104.

4.202. When a Lodge loses its charter or it is irreparably damaged, a duplicate may be issued by order of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge, and without payment of the usual fee if such loss or damage was caused by fire or other unavoidable cause; but if the loss or damage was through misplacement or through other than plainly unavoidable cause, the Lodge must pay to the Grand Secretary for the duplicate an amount equal to the fees fixed for original charters by the constitution. Such duplicate charters shall bear the names of the same officers and Grand Officers as the original charter, and a certification in the margin signed by the Grand Secretary, stating the date and authorization of the reissue.

1860, 326; 1874, 456; 1920, 23, 81; 1921, 36, 93; 1922, 34; 1941, 25, 99; 1958, 53, 118.

4.203. A charter may be temporarily suspended for cause (see 4.201 above) by the Grand Master or by the Grand Lodge, said suspension not to extend beyond the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge. Suspension of its charter arrests the work of a Lodge, relieves it of its liability for Grand Lodge dues during the term thereof, suspends its functions and prevents its meetings; but until finally confirmed by the Grand Lodge, it does not affect the Masonic standing of its members, nor their rights and privileges as such with respect to visiting, avouchment, trial, appeal, relief or burial.

Const. 2.106(3); T. B. 273; S. 72; M. 313; 1910, 33, 34, 38; 1919, 76; 1921, 87; 1932, 33; 1923, 36, 38; 1926, 33; 1927, 25, 107, 136.

4.204. A Charter which has been forfeited (see 4.201 and 4.202) may not be restored, nor may its number be used again on a Charter. Such Lodge is defunct, and the remedy of its members, who are thereby made non-affiliates (see 5.108 and 5.109), is to procure Certificates of Good Standing from the Grand Secretary (see 5.105) and Petition for a Dispensation for a new Lodge or Petition another Lodge or Lodges for affiliation. Such Certificate may not be issued until the demise of the Lodge is complete nor until all dues of the applicant are paid. Newport Lodge No. 234 is exempt from the application of this Section. The former Charter No. 4 may now be used by Newport Lodge in place of its current Charter No. 234. Charter No. 234 may not be used again as a Charter No. for another Lodge. New Providence Lodge #128 is exempt from the application of this Section. The former Charter No. of 48 may now be used by New Providence in place of its current Charter No. of 128. Charter No. 128 may not be used again as a Charter No. for another Lodge.

1889, 40; 1895, 20; 1896, 20; 1910, 34; 1915, 89; 1916, 50; 1919, 76; 1921, 87; 1923, 35, 36; 1932, 115, 2021, 2023

Chapter 3.

Election and Installation of Officers

4.301. The officers of a subordinate Lodge are: Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, two Stewards, Chaplain and Tiler. The first five of these must be elected annually (except by a Lodge under dispensation) on the first stated meeting in December; the remaining officers below the Secretary may be either elected by the Lodge or appointed as the bylaws of the Lodge determine, and the installation must take place as soon thereafter as may be convenient prior to the first day of January (but see 4.302 below). Also, at the option of the Lodge, there may be a Physician, Marshal, Historian and Board of Trustees, (the powers of the Trustees should be fixed by the bylaws of the Lodge.) No two of the first five offices mentioned above may be held by the same man in the same Lodge at the same time.

Const. 2.106(4); T. B. 277; S. 89; M. 338; 1908, 32; 1910, 37; 1928, 34; 1922, 34; 123; 1939, 92, 97; 1953, 108.

4.302. Unless prevented by its bylaws, a Lodge may install its officers on the day of their election, but neither election nor installation of elective officers may be held at a time other than that specified in 4.301, above, without a dispensation from the Grand Master (but see 4.114).

Provided, however that should a subordinate Lodge, for unavoidable reasons fail to hold its stated meeting in December; or should one of its elective officers die or refuse to accept the office after his election and before his installation; or should a Lodge find it necessary for unavoidable reasons, to elect and install one or more elective officers at a time other than that herein before specified, the Grand Master in the exercise of sound discretion, good and sufficient cause being shown, may grant to such a Lodge a dispensation for otherwise permissible election or installation of officers, or both. Appointive officers may be installed at any time without dispensation.

Const. 2.106(4), T. B. 286; S. 139; M. 339; 1873, 333; 1877, 17; 1879, 255; 1894, 574; 1901, 55; 1908, 32; 1916, 32, 112, 113; 1920, 74; 1924, 28; 1926, 23; 1927, 128; 1931, 128; 1932, 31, 33, 122; 1936, 108; 1941, 100, 102; 1942, 94; 1946, 37; 1958, 51, 117; 1959, 106.

4.303. Elective officers who have been duly installed shall continue to hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

Const. 2.106(4), 1887, 401; 1904, 73; 1920, 94; 1926, 34.

4.304. Only the members of a Lodge who are in good standing may be elected to office therein, and a Lodge may elect such a member in his absence; but a member may decline to accept an office to which he has been elected.

T. B. 287; 1886, 257; 1899, 21.

4.305. The presence of a majority of members of a Lodge is not essential for an election, but it may not be held while the Lodge is at refreshment.

1889, 20; 1907, 30.

4.306. Each member of the Lodge in good standing and not under sentence is entitled to one vote and a majority of all votes cast is necessary for an election, which must be by written ballot; provided, however, that if a Lodge chooses that nomination shall or may be made and only one nomination is made for any office, the Lodge may dispense with balloting and elect by acclamation.

T. B. 286; 290, 303, S. 140, 142; 1910, 36; 1975, 53, 118.

4.307. A member who has a physical defect, or who is under charges, or against whom charges are pending, is not thereby disqualified from voting (except upon his own trial) or from holding office, and if elected to an office he is entitled to installation if he is in good standing.

1868, 211; 1877, 23; 1897, 399; 1880, 20; 1892, 20; 1899, 90; 1904, 34; 1953, 104.

4.308. The term of a newly chosen officer begins immediately following his installation, without which he cannot legally enter upon his duties. Officers, therefore, must be installed in person (it may not be done by proxy), but an officer reelected to the same office need not be installed.

T. B. 127, 287; 1895, 22; 1895, 22; 1901, 55; 1908, 32; 1910, 37; 1912, 38; 1924, 37.

4.309. The installation of the officers of a Lodge may be performed only by a Worshipful Master or by Past Master (not by a Warden temporarily acting as Worshipful Master), who may perform the same without having received the degree of Past Master; and without dispensation it may be done publicly, all private ceremonies being omitted, and in an auditorium other than the Lodge hall.

An officer of a Tennessee Lodge may not be installed by a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction.

T. B. 127, 132, 283, 287; S. 114; 1882, 207; 1895, 25; 1918, 32; 1929, 47.

4.310. A Worshipful Master is entitled to receive the Past Master's Degree, but he may legally preside without having received it, which does not affect the presence of one who has received it. It may not be conferred by a Lodge of Master Masons, and the Grand Master may not issue a dispensation to confer it. It may be conferred by three or more Past Masters, but only actual Past Masters may officiate.

T. B. 133, 283; 1846, 625; 1876, 618; 1879, 354; 1900, 29; 1903, 21; 1907, 31; 1910, 30; 1912, 34; 1918, 29, 2017.

4.311. Each Lodge must furnish each year to the Grand Secretary in the space provided in its returns a list of the names of its officers, of which those of the Worshipful Master and Secretary, with their addresses, will be published in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge. Should it fail to do so, it shall be penalized the sum of \$5.00, which shall be used for the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Home.

Const. 2.106(1); 1872, 172; 1917, 118; 1929, 55, 139; 1936, 40, 109; 1953, 109.

Chapter 4.

The Worshipful Master

4.401. No brother may be elected Worshipful Master unless he has regularly served (after election and installation in a chartered Lodge or after appointment for the term in a Lodge under dispensation) as Master or Warden in some Lodge, either chartered or under dispensation, in this Jurisdiction. Service in another Grand Jurisdiction, by temporary appointment, or to fill a vacancy, does not qualify.

A Master Mason who has not served as Warden is eligible for appointment as Worshipful Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

T. B. 280; 1899, 82; 1906, 55; 1912, 35; 1926, 33, 34.

4.402. He may reside in the jurisdiction of another Lodge, and may even be a citizen of another state, and still be qualified to serve as Master of his Lodge.

1869, 376.

4.403. He may call or summon a meeting of his Lodge at any time he thinks proper, even several times on the same day, to transact any business not prohibited at called meetings (see 4.1104 and 4.1106). It is his prerogative to congregate his Lodge, and to preside therein unless the Grand Master or his duly appointed representative be present (but see 3.1005 and 3.1205).

T. B. 281; S. 99; 1908, 25; 1909, 37; 1920, 27; 1923, 40.

4.404. He fills temporarily, by appointment, all vacancies that occur in Lodge offices (see 4.505 and 4.601 for permanent vacancies which may be filled by election held under dispensation), and at any single meeting may appoint Master Masons not members of his Lodge to fill the various offices at that meeting and open the Lodge with no other member of the Lodge present but himself, but under such circumstances no business or work of the Lodge may be transacted (see 4.1101).

T. B. 281; 1869, 375; 1895, 22; 1910, 31, 79; 1920, 74; 1953, 104.

4.405. He may regulate discussion, participate therein without leaving the chair (but see 6.615), close debate and put the question at any time; and he may close the Lodge at will, not arbitrarily, but for good reason, whether business is completed or not.

T. B. 281, 282, 283; S. 104; 1909, 32.

4.406. He directs the order of business, which may be different from that prescribed by the bylaws, and the first of which, at a stated meeting, should be reading all unapproved minutes of the Lodge that they may be approved.

He has control of the minutes of the Lodge, which should contain all its transactions lawful to be written and which must truthfully show what actually occurs at its meetings, and he should see that nothing improper (*i.e.* untrue or not lawful to be written) is written therein and that nothing essential is omitted.

Minutes thus written or typed must be read to the Lodge for its approval, and may be changed only prior to its approval of them and only to correct errors or omissions therein. Amendments thereto may not be made at a later meeting by striking out a part thereof, nor may they be corrected at a later meeting by a certificate of the Secretary.

Minutes must either be written legibly and in ink or typewritten; must show on their face that they were read and approved; must be signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary in their own hands, immediately after they are approved. If typewritten, they shall be kept in a loose-leaf book, provided that each page of minutes so kept must be initialed or signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary. They are competent as evidence in Masonic trial.

T. B. 282, 283, 288, 311; S. 102; 1829, 245; 1850, 31; 1895, 29; 1897, 63; 1909, 40; 1918, 28; 1919, 46, 2025

4.407. He appoints, and may act with, all committees. He may arrest further proceedings on a petition after its reference to a committee and its report, if any illegality is discovered either in the petition or in the action of the committee; and he may refuse to confer a degree, notwithstanding the action of the Lodge.

T. B. 282, 283; S. 103; 1876, 621; 1887, 399.

4.408. He is the custodian of the charter and is responsible for its safekeeping. Neither he nor any other member may withhold it in an effort to suspend any of the functions of the Lodge, but on the contrary, he shall see that the charter or a photostatic copy of the same is present at all meetings, both stated and called, of the Lodge.

He signs all drafts on the Treasurer.

T. B. 282, 283; 1829, 246; 1953, 104.

4.409. He is the representative of his Lodge at all communications of the Grand Lodge (see 4.503), provided all dues from his Lodge are paid.

T. B. 283; 1896, 16.

4.410. He may not demit or resign after installation, and no vacancy can occur in his office except by death, suspension, expulsion or removal from office by the Grand Master. A legal vacancy may be filled by election which can be held only at a stated meeting and when authorized by dispensation from the Grand Master.

T. B. 283; 322; 1884, 554; 1897, 47; 1904, 34; 1916, 113; 1919, 73; 1953, 104.

4.411. He may not be tried by his Lodge for any offense, however heinous, and may not be suspended for non-payment of dues.

T. B. 242, 283; S. 15, 109; A. L. 12; 1879, 354, 355; 1897, 20.

4.412. His decision may not be discussed by the Lodge even with his permission, and no appeal therefrom may be taken to the Lodge. It is his duty to know Masonic law, and his ignorance of it will not excuse him for violating it.

T. B. 293; S. 14; A. L. 6; M. 239; 1879, 354; 1911, 123; 1920, 87; 1924, 36.

4.413. He may not set aside the rulings of a former Worshipful Master in matters which the Lodge has approved, nor may he declare null and void the action of the Lodge at a former meeting, duly recorded and approved, except when the Lodge rescinds the same, which may be done only when no law or its evident purpose will be violated thereby.

1868, 220; 1870, 544; 1897, 63; 1905, 93; 1908, 25; 1909, 40; 1918, 37; 1923, 35.

4.414. It is the duty of the Worshipful Master to maintain dignity and decorum at all times. In the conferring of degrees he must see to it that the ritual is carried out in a solemn and impressive manner. If he deems it necessary, he should read to the Lodge at the commencement of work the provisions of 4.1510 of the Code and such other regulations as may be appropriate.

1979, 118.

4.415. Upon Motion made, seconded and carried by the votes cast by a majority of the members present at a stated meeting of a Subordinate Lodge, the Subordinate Lodge is authorized to appoint a member, or members, of the Subordinate Lodge, who shall be lawfully entitled to carry one (1) handgun and who is not prohibited from carrying a firearm pursuant to TCA §39-17-1307 while present at a Masonic meeting or function held by the subordinate lodge. The Subordinate Lodge shall have the sole discretion to determine the appropriate number of members of the Subordinate Lodge authorizing to conceal carry a handgun; and the Subordinate Lodge shall not disclose, outside the Subordinate Lodge, the number and identities of the member, or members, they have appointed.

With the consent of the Subordinate Lodge, any member of the Subordinate Lodge who is certified by the Tennessee Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission to have met the standards and training developed by it may conceal or open carry, if wearing a recognizable law enforcement uniform One (1) handgun at any Masonic meeting or function held by the Subordinate Lodge.

Any handgun, whether conceal or open carried at a Masonic meeting or function held by the Subordinate Lodge, shall always be secured within a holster which was developed to secure the handgun.

2018, 2024

4.416. The Worshipful Master and all elected officers of each subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee F & A M shall be familiar with and have knowledge of the necessary United States and State of Tennessee Laws and Regulations as relate to Masonic activities to include the preparation and filing of any and all required documents.

2018, 2024

Chapter 5.

Senior and Junior Wardens

4.501 The Senior Warden is charged with the superintendence of the Craft while at labor, and the Junior Warden while at refreshment.

T B. 284.

4.502 In the temporary absence or disability of the Worshipful Master, his rights, prerogatives and duties devolve upon the Senior Warden, and in the absence or disability of both, upon the Junior Warden. If this occurs when the presence of both Wardens is required, the oldest Past Master present shall be the acting Worshipful Master and (see 4.704) will fill the vacancy or vacancies thus caused, by a *pro tempore* appointment. The Junior Warden does not succeed to the duties of the Senior Warden in any

contingency. Permanent vacancies should be filled by election, held at a stated meeting, upon receipt of a dispensation from the Grand Master (see 4.505).

T. B. 284; S. 121; 1877, 24; 1894, 572; 1897, 47; 1898, 21; 1899, 21; 1916, 113; 1919, 73; 1953; 104.

4.503 They have the right to act as representatives of their Lodge at all communications of the Grand Lodge, jointly with the Worshipful Master, provided all dues from their Lodges are paid. If the Worshipful Master fails to represent his Lodge, the right to do so reverts to the Senior and Junior Wardens, in the order named, who may demand it. In the absence or disability of all three, the one of them having the right to do so may select a proxy, and if this is not done the Lodge may select one of its members to act as its representative.

Const. 2.102(5); T. B. 284; 1896, 16; 1898, 21; 1905, 89.

4.504 It is the official duty of the Junior Warden to prefer charges against a Mason and to prosecute the same when ordered by the Lodge (see 6.504).

T. B. 284; S. 120; 1891, 569, 591.

4.505 They may not resign after being installed, unless they submit a written request: stating reason for resignation to the Master and the Lodge; after receipt of this request, they will be allowed to resign. If a vacancy in either of their offices caused by election to another office, death, suspension, expulsion, legal withdrawal, removal from office by the Grand Master, or resignation under the conditions set forth above, such vacancies may be filled by election, which can be held only at a stated meeting and when authorized by dispensation from the Grand Master. In the absence of such election, vacancies must be filled from time to time by appointment of the Worshipful Master. All information must be submitted to the Grand Secretary's office.

T. B. 284; 1895, 22; 1897, 47; 1916, 113; 1919, 73; 1953, 104; 1956, 57 - 59, 132, 2014

4.506 They may be tried by their Lodge for Masonic offenses, except while acting as Master.

S. 109, 117; M. 357, 358, 372; 1882, 202. 2014 (renumbered)

Chapter 6

Other Officers

4.601. The duties of the Treasurer and Secretary are defined in the Ceremony of Installation of Lodge Officers (T. C. 121, 122 and in 6.617). They may resign if they find it necessary and may demit under the same rule as given in 4.506 above. They may be elected to another office in case of a legal vacancy therein and upon dispensation by the Grand Master. If a vacancy occurs in either of their offices caused by election to another office or their resignation, death, suspension, expulsion, legal withdrawal or removal from office by the Grand Master, such vacancies may be filled by election, which can be held only at a stated meeting and when authorized by dispensation from the Grand Master. In the absence of such election, vacancies must be filled from time to time by appointment of the Worshipful Master.

M. 380, 383; S. 124; Const. 2.106(4); 1893, 288; 1895, 22; 1907, 31; 1910, 28; 1916, 47, 113; 1918, 79; 1919, 73; 1929, 54; 1930, 32, 155; 1953, 104.

4.602. The remaining officers of a Lodge, below the rank of Secretary, may be either elected by the Lodge or appointed, as the bylaws of the Lodge determine. If elected, the same laws apply regarding resignation, demits, and the creation and filling of vacancies, as are specified in 4.601 above. If they are appointed the appointments must be made by the Worshipful Master, and he may, at his discretion, revoke an appointment and fill the vacancy, caused thus or otherwise, by a new appointment Brethren placed in office by appointment may resign or demit under the same rules which apply to other members of the Lodge.

1876, 621; 1895, 22; 1916, 113; 1920, 74.

Chapter 7

Past Masters

4.701. A Master Mason who has been duly elected and installed Worshipful Master of a chartered Lodge in this jurisdiction and has presided over it (as Master) for six months or until its charter was arrested, is a Past Master of such Lodge. If he presided over the same (as Master) for six months, he is a member of the Grand Lodge so long as he is a member in good standing of a Lodge in this Grand Jurisdiction, entitled to vote on all questions under the rules, and is eligible to any elective or appointive office in the Grand Lodge.

Const. 2.102(4); 2.104(2), 2104(3); 1929, 47; 1948, 32, 101, 2004

4.702. As a courtesy, he is entitled to a seat in the East in a subordinate Lodge.

T. B. 284; S. 115.

4.703. Past Masters of other jurisdictions have no official rank as such on removal to this jurisdiction.

1879, 402; 1884, 554.

4.704. In the temporary absence of the Worshipful Master and Wardens of a Lodge, the duties of the Master devolve upon the oldest Past Master present, and if none be present the members according to seniority may preside and have all the rights of a regularly installed Master. Permanent vacancies should be filled by election held only at a stated meeting after receipt of a dispensation from the Grand Master

Chapter 8

Lodge Committees

4.801. Lodge committees are such standing committees as may be required by the bylaws of the Lodge, and such special committees as may be appointed from time to time by the Worshipful Master (see 4.407). No Lodge committee may demand pay for its services unless a contract to that effect is made in advance.

1910, 33.

4.802. A special committee of investigation is appointed on every petition for the degrees, affiliation, restoration, or advancement on certificate of good standing and waiver of jurisdiction, and a Lodge may receive a report from a majority of such a committee, and proceed with the ballot thereafter.

1875, 523; 1908, 33; 1910, 29; 1912, 36, 102; 1914, 71.

4.803. Masonic usage and practice require that a committee of investigation shall exercise due diligence and report at the stated meeting next following their acquisition of the information necessary for them correctly and intelligently to advise the Lodge. Sufficient time should be allowed such committee for all necessary inquiry, but if it fails to exercise due diligence or is absent from the stated meeting at which its report is expected, and has filed no report, the Worshipful Master may, with the consent of the Lodge, recall said committee and appoint a new one. The new committee thus appointed may, in its discretion, present an immediate report, and it should do so if it is in possession of the information necessary for it to be done correctly and intelligently; but the Worshipful Master may not require it as a matter of right.

1912, 107; 1922, 34, 35; 1931, 128.

4.804. A committee which refuses to report may be tried and dealt with for contumacy.

1886, 247; 1897, 22.

Chapter 9

Powers or Attributes of a Lodge

4.901. The powers of a subordinate Lodge are of two classes, inherent and constitutional.

Const. 2.104(1); T. B. 275, 276; A. L. 14; 1874, 418; 1901, 86; 1915, 35; 1927, 131, 133.

4.902. INHERENT POWERS are controlled only by the Ancient Landmarks and may not be made the subject of Grand Lodge legislation, but the Grand Lodge may fix standards of membership or ban certain vocations without infringing thereon. They are:

- (1) To decide who shall be admitted to membership or be initiated therein, of such as may be properly qualified.
- (2) To make Masons of those it has decided to admit.
- (3) To place on trial a member against whom charges have been preferred for unmasonic conduct or for violation of its rules or bylaws, to pronounce sentence, to enforce discipline and to restore him, even if he has become a resident of another Grand Jurisdiction.
- (4) To select and install its officers and to elect or appoint Deacons, Stewards and Tiler, as it deems best (but see 4.602, 4.110(1) and 4.110(9)).
- (5) To fix its time of meeting.
- (6) To require its members to contribute to its funds, and to fix the amount of their dues to be paid to it.
- (7) To be represented at all communications of the Grand Lodge (see 4.110(7)).
- (8) To instruct its representatives, for their government at all communications of the Grand Lodge.

4.903. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS are subject to the control and approval of the Grand Lodge and are to be exercised only in the manner and under the restrictions prescribed by its Constitution and Regulations. They are:

- (1) To make a code of bylaws for its internal government, not in derogation of its inalienable rights or of those of its members. (See 4.1901.).
- (2) To perform all the work pertaining to the three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry.
- (3) To transact all business that may be legally transacted by a duly constituted Lodge of Freemasons; but no work or other business of the Craft may be performed in any Lodge below the degree of Master Mason, except that of lecturing, examining and voting on the proficiency of candidates for advancement (if examination is conducted and approved by a competent committee the Lodge does not vote on the candidate's proficiency, the fact is simply reported at the next stated meeting and incorporated in the minutes), conferring the first or second degree, or for the reception of testimony and the trial of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft (but see 4.1410 and 4.1411).

1912, 35; 1952, 117; 1953, 105.

(4) To appeal to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge from the decision of the Worshipful Master (but see 4.2004 and 5.202).

T. B. 276; M. 239; S. 79, 81.

(5) To change its place of meeting (but see 4.1109).

(6) To control its funds and to expend them but only for Masonic or charitable purposes, which does not include refunding any part of the fee for a degree. The Grand Lodge will not interfere with its expenditures unless they are palpably unmasonic and improper. Its minutes should record all receipts and disbursements of its money. (See 4.1101 and 4.2002(4)).

T. B. 289; 1879, 354; 1886, 259; 1887, 419; 1892, 19; 1904, 34; 1920, 27; 1921, 32.

(7) To dispose of its property, including the Lodge building and real estate, as its members may decide. The interest of the Grand Lodge there in is one of revision and becomes operative only upon forfeiture of charter (see 3.308), after which it must be disposed to the best advantage of the Grand Lodge, but only by the Grand Treasurer.

1879, 401; 1901, 82; 1910, 88; 1917, 41.

Chapter 10.

Duties and Limitations of a Lodge

4.1001. As soon as possible after the close of each annual communication, each Lodge will receive from the Grand Secretary a synopsis of the proceedings of the meeting, which must be read at the first stated meeting after its reception, and such reading must be entered on the minutes and reported in the annual returns.

The Grand Secretary must place on all proceedings and other books except “The Tennessee Craftsman” sent to Lodges a notice that they are the property of the Grand Lodge and must remain in the Lodge room.

1898, 73; 1924, 115.

4.1002. Each Lodge must own and keep in the Lodge room a copy of the latest edition of the Masonic Code of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. An up-to-date supplement of said Code must be published annually by the Grand Secretary, and an up-to-date copy of the changes therein or the entire Code sent to the Secretaries from time to time.

1917, 61, 116; 1918, 85; 1930, 141, 174, 2007.

4.1003. For receipts for dues, petitions, demits, applications for transfer of membership, and certificates of membership, Lodges may use standard forms only, which may be obtained through the office of the Grand Secretary. Uniform dues cards shall be of a size that will conveniently fit in a man’s wallet.

1917, 54, 116; 1930, 157; 1942, 33, 34, 87, 94, 2007.

4.1004. Each subordinate Lodge shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a monthly report on forms to be supplied by the Grand Secretary and furnish the information and date called for therein, each report to cover the period of one (1) month ending on the date of the stated meeting of the Lodge and be transmitted so as to reach the Grand Secretary not later than the tenth (10th) day of the next calendar month or be postmarked not later than the seventh (7th) day of the next succeeding month.

A Lodge must be penalized \$10.00 per month for failure to transmit its monthly report so as to be received by the Grand Secretary not later than the 10th day of the succeeding month or be postmarked not later than the 7th day of the succeeding month. The penalties shall be used for the benefit of the widows, orphans and old Masons, through the general fund. The Grand Secretary has no authority to waive any of the above penalties.

The Grand Secretary shall send annually, in June, to the Secretary of each subordinate Lodge, a list of the members (Master Masons only) of his Lodge as of said date. The Lodge Secretary shall check the list against his records and acknowledge the correctness of it, or provide the needed corrections, to the Grand Secretary prior to **September 1st** of the same year.

All lodges must be able to communicate with the Grand Lodge and send all reports possible electronically by 1 January 2020.

Const. 2.106(1); 1897, 61; 1905, 82; 1906, 80; 1917, 117; 1919, 71; 1924, 48; 1939, 90; 1942, 81, 94, 95; 1953, 105, 109; 1959, 45, 106; 1963, 41, 101; 1968, 123; 1974, 118; 1975, 117, 118; 1976, 119; 1979, 124.2004, 2007, 2008, 2015, 2017, 2018

4.1005. No Lodge, under penalty of forfeiture of charter, may issue a circular to its sister Lodges asking aid or cooperation for any private purpose or personal object, except with the official approval of the Grand Master, under Grand Lodge seal, a permit for which ends with his term of office.

1913, 71; 1916, 17, 49, 107; 1973, 61, 127.

4.1006. A Lodge may not ask its sister Lodges, by circular letter or resolution, to join with it in instructing their delegates to the Grand Lodge to vote for either men or measures; nor may it protest or appeal to other Lodges from the action of the Grand Lodge.

1859, 171; 1903, 23, 67.

4.1007. A lodge may not participate in, or officially approve of, an illegal or immoral business project. The subordinate lodge will be solely responsible for its compliance with all Local, State, and Federal laws, filings, permits, forms, registrations, and any other legal requirements. For purposes of this section, an immoral business project will be defined by Masonic and/or Civil law.

1931, 36; 1954, 45, 46, 109; 1991, 2006.

4.1008. A Lodge may send to its members notices, in envelopes sealed, or unsealed, or in Lodge bulletins folded so as not to reveal to the general public the contents thereof (not postal cards) or via email to a member provided the Lodge can reasonably assure that only the intended member has access to the email containing the names of petitioners for degrees, affiliation or restoration, those to be voted upon for initiation or advancement or affiliation, deceased brethren, and brethren to whom demits have been issued, those suspended or expelled, but not the names of those against whom charges have been preferred or those in arrears for dues. Such notice will not serve in lieu of a specific notice in a case which requires the latter.

1879, 350; 1910, 89; 1921, 34, 88; 1950, 47, 100; 1963, 42, 101; 1965, 39, 113; 1976, 119; 1978, 118, 2001.

4.1009. The names of petitioners for degrees, affiliation or restoration, those to be voted upon for initiation or advancement or affiliation, deceased brethren, and brethren to whom demits have been issued, those suspended or expelled, and the names of those against whom charges have been preferred or those in arrears for dues may **NOT** be posted on a Lodge's **INTERNET** Home Page.

2001.

Chapter 11

Lodge Meetings, Time and Place

4.1101. Lodge meetings are of two kinds, stated and called. Stated meetings are fixed by its bylaws and require no notice; called meetings are congregated by order of the Worshipful Master (See 4.403).

Three members of a Lodge present at a stated or called meeting constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business that may lawfully come before it. A Lodge may not make attendance at its meetings compulsory except by summons (but see 4.2102), nor may it impose a fine for nonattendance.

T. B. 52; T. C. 36; 1826, 184; 1878, 190; 1879, 384, 385; 1882, 228; 1889, 82.

4.1102. A Lodge may not convene a stated meeting at an hour different from that fixed by its bylaws and the time of meeting therein prescribed may be changed only by an amendment thereto, regularly made (see 4.1902), with the following exceptions: when the stated meeting of a Lodge falls on any nationally designated holiday, Christmas Eve, the dates of the annual meetings of the Masonic Grand Bodies of Tennessee, or the date of the Grand Lodge District Meeting to which the Lodge is assigned, by action of the Lodge at a prior stated communication, the conflicting stated meeting may be held on the week day next preceding or succeeding that date, at the same hour designated in its bylaws for stated meetings, provided all resident members are notified by mail of the change at least one week prior to the date on which the meeting is to be held. If a Lodge fails to hold a stated meeting the minutes of the next stated meeting held should show why.

Where the bylaws of a Lodge fix a stated meeting in each month on a certain day of the week with relation to the full moon, either before or after, the exact date is the specified day of the week in the month named which immediately precedes or follows that lunar phase, even though the latter occurs in the following or preceding month, as the case may be.

T. B. 875, 281, 293; 1894, 575; 1907, 28, 59; 1919, 73; 1931, 128; 1960, 50, 116; 1983, 54, 120; 1988, 25.

4.1103. If the bylaws of a Lodge provide for two stated meetings per month, any business maybe transacted at either or both which it is proper to transact at a stated meeting only, e.g., reading and approving minutes; receiving or withdrawing petitions; examining candidates; balloting on petitions for the degrees, advancement on certificate and waiver, affiliation or restoration; applying for or granting demits, certificates or waivers of jurisdiction, appropriating monies; amending bylaws; voting on consolidation of Lodges; presenting or withdrawing charges; requesting or consenting to the removal of a Lodge. None of these may be done at called meetings, except candidates may be examined and their proficiency voted on at a called meeting as provided in 4.1411.

TB. 268, 269, 281, 309; 1887, 400; 1895, 21; 1911, 34, 47; 1912, 33; 1918, 78, 79; 1921, 87; 1924, 36; 1946, 39, 93; 1952, 117; 1953, 105.

4.1104. At called meetings degrees may be conferred, candidates examined and voted on for proficiency in the lectures, and such other work or business done (except as noted in 4.1103 above) as may have been specified in the call, but no other.

T. B. 281; 1879, 355; 1908, 25; 1952, 117; 1953, 105.

4.1105. No application for admission should be announced or attended to during the ceremony of opening or closing, during the reading of the minutes, while a Brother is addressing the Lodge, or while a degree is being conferred; nor should countenance be given to the practice of entering or retiring from the Lodge during the ceremonies.

T. B. 289.

4.1106. A Lodge may be called off from day to day on the first second and or third degrees, to transact any business not prohibited at called meetings (but only in an emergency rendering such a course imperatively necessary), and it must be closed on each degree separately before the next stated meeting. When a Master Masons' Lodge, which has been called off at a stated meeting, is called on again the same day and at the same meeting, it is a continuation of the stated meeting; but when it is called on again on a later date, it is not a continuation of the stated meeting, and no business may be transacted which may be transacted only at a stated meeting (see 4.1103).

A motion to adjourn is unmasonic, and cannot be entertained.

T. B. 297; 1866, 589; 1899, 20; 1904, 33, 74; 1906, 33; 1908, 25; 1927, 128; 1930, 31.

4.1107 Other Things being regular, a Lodge may confer degrees and transact other Masonic business on Christmas or other legal holidays; but not on Sunday, except funeral services, or the observance of St John's Day when the latter falls thereon, When either St. John's Day falls on Sunday, it may be observed with appropriate ceremonies, but degrees may not be conferred nor any other business transacted on Sunday except public ceremonies of constitution and/or consecration of a new Lodge, installation of Lodge officers, celebration of Lodge anniversaries, and dedication of Lodges and Lodge halls may be held on Sunday between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., without special dispensation.

1900, 29; 1910, 30, 37, 66; 1915, 35; 1965, 39, 113; 1969, 70, 122; 1980, 58, 125.

4.1108. It is customary for Lodges to observe the Festival of St John the Evangelist on December 27 and the Festival of St John the Baptist on June 24, and these dates should be observed if convenient. If a Lodge finds it advisable, these Festivals may be observed on any date, including Sunday, within the period beginning not more than seven days before and ending not more than seven days after those respective dates.

On St. John's Day degrees may be conferred and such other work or business done (except when it falls on Sunday) as may be performed at a called meeting.

1845, 547; 1874, 434; 1889, 37; 1895, 25; 1899, 19; 1900, 29; 1906, 33; 1907, 23; 1910, 30; 1917, 44; 1921, 38; 1923, 32, 40; 1932, 31, 122; 1953, 105; 1957, 52, 110.

4.1109. (a) A Lodge may not, for any purpose, be opened or hold a meeting at a place other than its usual meeting place, without the consent of its members and the permission of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master, nor may a Lodge have more than one regular meeting place; but such permission may be given that a Lodge, in an emergency, have one place of meeting for stated meetings and another for degree work.

(b) No Lodge may meet as such, confer degrees or otherwise be at labor in two or more separate Lodge rooms at the same time, even by using two or more corps of officers or workers in different rooms of the same building.

A dispensation is necessary for a Lodge to move from one hall to another, but not if in the same building. Such dispensation shall not be issued until the new place of meeting is ready and available for occupancy and shall state the effective date thereof.

1869, 373; 1887, 417, 1895, 21, 22; 1919, 22; 1929, 7; 1932, 32, 123; 1951, 112; 1957, 114, 2006.

4.1110. When a Lodge bearing the name of a locality changes its sites it may also change its name, although retaining its number, and a dispensation of this Charter must be so conditioned. In such cases, the old charter shall be returned to the Grand Secretary, who shall issue a new charter, without charge, showing the new name of the Lodge.

1917, 59, 134; 1920, 74, 1990, 2006.

4.1111. When two or more subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction desire to consolidate and unite as one Lodge, they shall have the right to do so. Before such consolidation shall take place, each Lodge shall give written or printed notice to every resident member thereof that a proposition is pending looking to such consolidation. The proposition shall lie over in each Lodge at least one month, or from one stated meeting to the next stated meeting. Thereupon, if each Lodge, by three-fourths majority vote of those present at said stated meeting, favors such union, the Lodges shall, after the approval of the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge has been obtained, become one Lodge, taking the number of either of the old Lodges thus united, and such name as they may elect. The property and effects of the Lodges thus consolidated will become the property of the remaining Lodge, and it will be liable for the debts and liabilities of the Lodge or Lodges going out of existence. If the remaining Lodge, or newly chartered Lodge, wishes to retain custody of any retired charter for historical reasons it may do so, provided it is clearly labeled with the retirement date.

1974, 109.

4.1112. A Lodge may occupy a Lodge room located on the ground floor, or at least one floor above the ground floor, of a building, if it is so constructed as to contain no windows or doors which can be opened to the outside directly into the Lodge room; and if a door is located in the Lodge room it must be for emergency purposes only and must contain panic type hardware, located on the inside of said door, with no hardware of any kind located on the outside; and of such materials and nature as to assure absolute privacy; and no dispensation may be granted for the organization or removal of a Lodge unless the petition therefor states that a suitable place of meeting has been secured; and if for organization it has suitable furniture and paraphernalia for properly conferring the degrees.

Master Masons in good standing may meet in a properly tiled room other than a Lodge room and rehearse the work and lectures of Symbolic Masonry provided absolute privacy is assured beyond question.

T. B. 271; 1898, 68, 1920, 74; 1924, 114; 1925, 31; 1929, 47, 52, 141; 1930, 37, 155; 1955, 46 109; 2000.

4.1113. It is not advisable to allow a Masonic hall be to used by other organizations or societies, or for any purpose not Masonic; but a Lodge may occupy a Lodge room which is used by other organizations and societies, and if it is controlled by the Lodge they may be allowed to use it free or for rent as is decided by the Lodge, not by its Trustees unless they have been given direct authority therefor.

A member who makes possible the use of any part of a Lodge building for a certain purpose, knowing that the Lodge declined to permit it, commits a Masonic offense thereby.

1875, 532; 1886, 256; 1891, 562; 1895, 21; 1899, 20; 1913, 77, 87; 1922, 35; 1925, 34, 38, 130.

4.1114. The joint occupancy of a building for Masonic and residential purposes is not prohibited, even though both are on the same floor, provided the Lodge is so situated that its privacy is beyond question; but a private residence is an improper place to confer the degrees of Masonry, and a Lodge meeting should not be used which is under, over, or adjacent to rooms used for residential or other purposes, if it is necessary for the occupants to leave said rooms while the Lodge is in session in order to secure privacy for the Lodge.

1858, 26; 1917, 39, 112; 1921, 31; 1925, 35.

4.1115. When the corner stone of a Lodge hall has been laid with Masonic ceremony, it may be again properly placed when the hall is rebuilt after being torn down and moved from its former location; but it is not necessary that the stone be again laid with ceremony, though it would not be inappropriate to do so.

1929, 45.

4.1116. Alcoholic beverages may not be served in any Lodge hall or Masonic temple, or in a building controlled by a Lodge or in which a Lodge has an interest. This is not intended to prohibit the use of ceremonial wine in Masonic or Masonic related ceremonies. Individual Lodges may at their own discretion, allow the serving of alcoholic beverages in their facilities during non-Masonic ceremonies or events. Each Lodge is responsible to ensure that the serving of alcoholic beverages, excluding ceremonial wine, is conducted by a Tennessee Alcohol Beverage Commission (AB) licensed bartender. Each Lodge reserves the right and responsibility to ensure that any events authorized to serve alcohol within their facility are properly supervised and monitored for compliance with the highest moral standards. The Lodge also maintains at its own discretion the ability to approve or deny the service of alcohol at any event including those conducted by renters. Each Lodge is encouraged to utilize a contract with any renters which defines in detail the Lodge's specific requirements for the service of alcohol.

1935, 25; 1950, 40, 99; 1979, 118; 1982, 22 - 25, 50, 51, 120, 121. 2024, 2025

4.1117. A Lodge may not acquire ownership of a building or Lodge hall jointly with any person, persons, firm, corporation, organization, or association other than one or more of those subordinate Masonic bodies mentioned in the second paragraph of 3.309, unless a contract is executed with the co-owner prohibiting the use of any part of the building for purposes which are contrary to Masonic restrictions, and that this provision shall be made a part of the contract covering future leases or sale of the building by the co-owner.

1950, 45, 100; 1952, 50, 51, 113.

Chapter 12.

Territorial and Personal Jurisdiction of a Lodge

4.1201 (a) Except when the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge specifies to the contrary (see 4.1203), and except as provided in the succeeding paragraph the territorial jurisdiction of each subordinate Lodge chartered or under dispensation is abandoned within the state of Tennessee.

(b) Residents of Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi and Missouri may petition for the degrees, affiliation or advancement on certificate and waiver in Tennessee Lodges only under special dispensation of the Grand Masters of Tennessee and the state in which the petitioner resides.

(c) Residents of North Carolina and Virginia may petition for the degrees, affiliation or advancement on certificate and waiver in Tennessee Lodges if the applicant's residence is closer to the Tennessee Lodge to which he is applying than to the nearest Lodge to his residence in his home state.

Chase 182; 1908, 30; 1913, 30; 1914, 67; 1916, 49; 1917, 42, 53; 1918, 21, 22; 1919, 76; 1920, 76; 1926, 31; 42, 96; *Special Correspondence*; 1948, 35, 98, 101, 102; 1951, 114; 1955, 47, 109; 1960, 117, 118; 1966, 47, 119; 1983, 54, 121, 122, 2003, 2006, 2010, 2011

4.1202. The concurrent jurisdiction of King Lodge No. 461 of Tennessee and Shelby Lodge No. 162 of Virginia is limited to the towns of Bristol, Tennessee and Bristol, Virginia, and is not coexistent with the territorial jurisdiction of each Lodge.

1876, 614.

4.1203. A petition for the three degrees by a Tennessee resident may be received by any Lodge in the State of Tennessee.

T. B. 268, 276; 1887, 400; 1895, 23; 1889, 20; 1909, 36, 55, 56; 1912, 36; 1913, 27, 28; 1914, 66, 67; 1915, 30, 31, 32, 86; 1917, 41, 43; 1918, 31, 33, 81; 1920, 75; 1921, 30; 1922, 33, 34; 1925, 32, 48, 128; 1926, 32; 1946, 39, 93; 1960, 117, 118, 2004, 2006.

4.1204. To apply for membership by a Petition for the Three Degrees one must be a resident of the State of Tennessee but there is no requirement that you be a resident for a certain length of time.

2006, 2018

4.1205. The Masonic residence of an applicant for degrees is a matter of fact, not of theory or conjecture, and is to be determined by the Lodge and not by the Grand Master. What counts in determining such residence, making allowance for temporary absence, is where he actually and legally resides in person (with his family, if he has one.) Masonic domicile is fixed by civil law and a man's residence is the same Masonic as political, that of a married man is supposed to be where his family is permanently located.

The Masonic residence of a member of the armed forces of the United States is presumed to be where he resided during the year next preceding his induction into service.

A Lodge does not acquire jurisdiction over a profane who resides temporarily within its jurisdiction but retains his legal residence within the jurisdiction of another Lodge.

1875, 523; 1890, 286; 1906, 32; 1908, 29; 1909, 31; 1914, 67; 1922, 33; 1923, 38; 1924, 36; 1925, 32, 35; 1926, 34; 1929, 45; 1953, 105; 1980, 57, 123.

4.1206. When an applicant for the degrees is rejected by a Lodge, no Lodge may receive or act upon his petition for the degrees until 12 months from the date of his rejection. The Lodge which rejected his petition originally or any other Lodge he could have petitioned when he submitted his original petition may receive and act on subsequent petitions not less than 12 months apart (see 4.1509).

1882, 208; 1885, 92; 1896, 21, 56, 100; 1915, 31; 1917, 42; 1919, 23, 24; 1924, 36; 1929, 46; 1946, 39, 93; 1947, 16, 110; 1948, 32, 101; 2000, 2001, 2006.

4.1207. A Lodge loses jurisdiction over a profane if he has within the 12 months following his election to take the three degrees failed to present himself to undertake the work. The Lodge may issue a certificate of good character if decided by unanimous ballot.

1887, 400, 401; 1894, 574; 1895, 23; 1909, 34; 1916, 47, 110; 1918, 29, 81; 1920, 75, 79; 1921, 30, 94; 1922, 33, 34; 1923, 34, 38; 1925, 37; 1946, 39, 93, 2006.

4.1208. A Lodge retains jurisdiction for a period of 12 months over a profane who has lawfully petitioned it for the degrees, even though he may not present himself for initiation after being elected, or though he may remove from its territorial jurisdiction; and it may not rescind a lawful election of an applicant to receive a degree. Within 12 months after his election a properly elected applicant may be prevented from receiving the first degree only by objection. After the expiration of 12 months a new petition and ballot are necessary and in case of removal the candidate is then at liberty to petition at his new home.

1889, 19; 1907, 59; 1908, 30; 1915, 33; 1918, 34; 1920, 27; 1925, 128; 1930, 30, 153; 1946, 39, 93; 1947, 16, 110, 2006.

Chapter 13.

Candidates and Petitions for Degrees

4.1301. A candidate for the mysteries of Freemasonry must be a man of good report, and he should have some visible and honorable means of earning a livelihood for himself and those dependent upon him. It should be manifest at the time of his application that nothing as to his health or his situation in other respects will render him or those dependent upon him a charge upon the institution. He must be able to read and write, his crossmark or his name signed by proxy is not sufficient

No person may be initiated, passed or raised who is engaged in the illegal manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or who owns, operates, or is employed in a place of business, where the sale of beer, either for consumption on the premises or to carry out, causes or permits said business to become disreputable and a discredit to the Fraternity, or who is an old man in dotage, a young man not yet eighteen years of age, an irreligious libertine, an atheist, a bondman or one born in bondage, a female or one not mentally sound. A man may not be initiated passed or raised whose mental deficiencies or physical disabilities or deformities are such that he is incapable of earning a livelihood, or of learning the art, or of learning and reciting the lectures of Freemasonry.

The Lodge to which the application is made (not the Grand Master) must decide on the candidate's qualifications, being careful to conform to the above requirements which may not be ignored; and inquiries to the Grand Master regarding the same must be answered accordingly.

T. B. 266 - 268; 1867, 30; 1870, 544; 1879, 353; 1891, 568; 1892, 19; 1900, 72; 1901, 86; 1905, 31, 34; 1908, 27; 1910, 32; 1911, 46; 1912, 34, 36; 1914, 73, 126; 1915, 33, 34, 87; 1920, 28; 1922, 33; 1924, 37, 116; 1925, 32; 1934, 41, 107; 1946, 91, 94; 1949, 98; 1963, 108; 1964, 96, 150; 1978, 118, 2005.

4.1302. A candidate for Masonry must believe in the immortality of the soul, in the existence of God and in his own accountability to Him as the author of our being. Before initiation he must make a satisfactory statement of the motives which influence him in seeking admission and of his willingness to conform to the customs and usages of the Fraternity.

It is reprehensible to use Masonry for personal gain or for promoting the interest of a candidate for office either political or Masonic.

T. B. 266, 268; A. L. 1; T. C. 6; 1866, 590; 1898, 56; 1909, 54.

4.1303. A man may not be made a Mason if he is a member of a church which condones polygamy; but if a candidate has the other essential requirements he is not barred from Masonry because of being a member of a church which condemns Masonry or of some other secret order, or because of illegitimacy, or of the fact that he has served a sentence for a criminal offense (but due consideration should be given it) or of the fact that he is a foreigner and not yet a naturalized citizen of the United States.

The status of a member is not affected merely because he is an alien enemy; but a Lodge may not make a Mason of an alien enemy during the time of war, which continues, legally, until a treaty of peace is made.

1846, 629; 1851, 21; 1863, 370; 1905, 32; 1916, 46; 1917, 41; 1918, 91; 1919, 23; 1920, 26; 1924, 37; 1926, 32.

4.1304. A petition for the degrees, affiliation, or advancement on certificate and waiver must be signed by the applicant with his full correct name; also, as recommenders, by two members in good standing of the Lodge to which the application is made. It must be presented on the first day or night of a stated meeting of the Lodge; must state the name, age, residence and vocation of the applicant, and whether a similar application has been made to any other Lodge. If a former application was rejected the petition must give the name and location of the rejecting Lodge and, as nearly as possible the date of rejection.

T. B. 21, 268; 1841, 405; 1848, 23; 1872, 172; 1909, 33; 1914, 70, 71; 1920, 77; 1946, 39, 93; 1948, 32, 101.

4.1305. A Lodge may not receive the petition of a profane before he is eighteen years of age, and refer it to a committee to be held until the applicant is of age. A minor is not competent to make a petition.

1879, 353; 1895, 25; 1906, 34; 1909, 32; 1957, 51, 114, 2005, 2006.

4.1306. A Lodge may by majority vote refuse to receive a petition for the degrees, affiliation or advancement on certificate and waiver. It is proper, however after the petition is presented and read, to treat it as received unless the question is raised. It must then be referred to a committee of investigation and remain on file at least until the next stated meeting which must not be less than 28 days after its reception by the Lodge.

T. B. 268; 1895, 25; 1912, 101; 1946, 39, 93; 1952, 52, 115, 116; 1953, 105.

4.1307. REGULAR WITHDRAWAL OF PETITIONS

- A. If a petition for the degrees, affiliation, advancement on certificate and waiver, or restoration has been presented to and received by a Lodge, it is the property of that Lodge and under no circumstances shall it be returned to the petitioner regardless of its disposition: approved, sustained objection, withdrawn or rejected.
- B. All petitions for the degrees, affiliation, advancement on certificate and waiver, or restoration must be endorsed to show final action of the Lodge, the date thereof, and be placed in the permanent files of the Lodge.
- C. Attachments to petitions, such as Certificates of Good Standing or Certificates of Demit, and all fees required from the petitioner, must be returned to the petitioner if the petition is regularly withdrawn, sustained objection, or rejected.
- D. Process and Consequences of Regular Withdrawal Prior to Action by the Lodge:
 1. The petitioner must request withdrawal of his petition in writing before balloting on it has begun either to:
 - (a) an officer of the Lodge; or
 - (b) one of the Masons who signed his petition as a recommender
 2. The petition will be regularly withdrawn if either:
 - (a) one Mason recommending the petition rescinds his recommendation, or
 - (b) the Lodge votes unanimously to honor the request for withdrawal.
 - (c) If neither of the two preceding options is exercised, the petition will proceed as if no request for withdrawal was tendered.
 3. A profane or Mason who has regularly withdrawn a petition:
 - (a) is thereby restored to his Masonic status prior to petitioning the Lodge; and
 - (b) is not subject to further action of the Lodge petitioned.
- E. Process and Consequences of Regular Withdrawal After an Action by the Lodge:
 1. A Mason who petitions a Lodge for affiliation, advancement on certificate and waiver, or restoration may not withdraw his petition after a ballot on the petition has begun.
 2. A profane, elected to receive the Degrees, may withdraw his petition in accordance with the provisions of Paragraph D of this Section and not proceed with the work, but he may renew his petition in writing accompanied by the

required fee within one (1) year from the date of his election. A request for renewal of a petition to Receive the Degrees shall proceed as if it were a new petition in almost all respects:

- (a) The petition shall have a first reading in the Lodge at a stated meeting; and
- (b) be assigned to an investigation committee and caused to lay over for at least

one (1) lunar month; and

- (c) following the report of the investigating committee, the petition shall have a second reading at a stated meeting.
- (d) If there is no objection to the request for renewal, the profane will be scheduled to be regularly initiated into the Order.
- (e) If an objection to the request for renewal of the petition is leveled at anytime between the first reading and the close of business at the stated meeting in which the second reading occurs, the petition shall be treated in all respects as if it were regularly withdrawn except that the one-year renewal period is not renewable.

T. B. 268; 1869, 377; 1886, 256; 1895, 21; 1906, 33; 1910, 30; 1913, 29, 70; 1914, 71; 1915, 34; 1946, 39, 93; 1952, 52, 115, 116; 1953, 105; 1957, 52, 110, 1969, 70, 123, 2007.

4.1308. A clandestinely made Mason may petition a Lodge in the same manner and subject to the same conditions and requirements as any other profane, or under certain circumstances he may be healed by the Grand Master. The effect of the latter is to make him a nonaffiliate (see 5.110).

186, 566, 596; 1868, 209; 1894, 573; 1919, 28, 29, 75, 76; 1921, 39; 1926, 35.

4.1309. If a petition for the degrees or a petition of an E.A. or F.C. for the remaining degrees on certificate of good standing and waiver of jurisdiction * is rejected or held up by objection, the applicant may not again petition the same or another Lodge in Tennessee until after twelve months from the time of said rejection, unless, in case of an objection, it is withdrawn by the member who filed it or the objector ceases to be a member of the Lodge before the expiration of the objection, the applicant may again petition the same Lodge or any other Lodge. The new petition should be acted upon in the same manner as if no petition had been previously filed by the petitioner, except if in the same Lodge that a new committee of investigation is unnecessary within one year from the date of the filing of the previous petition (see 4.1703). Notice need not be given of the renewal of the petition.

T. B. 269; 1892, 55; 1894, 574; 1909, 30; 1910, 30, 31, 33, 36; 1911, 46; 1912, 35; 1914, 68, 69; 1919, 24; 1921, 86; 1925, 38, 128; 1927, 127, 128; 1946, 39, 93; 1947, 16, 110; 1948, 101; 1953, 106; 1968, 123; 2000, 2001, 2006.

* Jurisdiction in this context is in personam, not territorial. All Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts are under the jurisdiction of the Lodge which conferred those degrees until and unless the Lodge to which the Brother initially applied grants a waiver of jurisdiction upon petition of the Brother to continue his work at another Lodge.

Chapter 14.

Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts

4.1401. They are the property of the Lodge as work begun, but are not members and may not be forced to advance. A mason advances of his own free will and accord.

T. B. 246, 298; S. 170; 1879, 354; 1912, 38, 108; 1916, 45.

4.1402. They are not required to pay dues, may make no claim upon the treasury, and their families have no claim for assistance from the Lodge.

T. B. 298.

4.1403. They may not appear in Masonic processions, and may not receive Masonic burial in case of death.

T. B. 298; S. 171.

4.1404. They may visit their own Lodge when opened on a degree which they have received, and may even be permitted to visit other Lodges, as a matter of courtesy, when properly vouched for.

T. B. 298; S. 171; M. 162.

4.1405. They have no voice or vote in the proceedings of the Lodge, and may not hold office or serve on committees.

T. B. 298; S. 171.

4.1406. They may not demit, but are entitled to certificates of good standing, if such be the fact and no charges are preferred, in either of the following cases: (a) when they remove permanently from the jurisdiction of the Lodge to which they belong; (b) when said Lodge becomes extinct, in which case the Grand Secretary will furnish such certificate; (c) when advancement is prevented by the objection of a member. Waiver of jurisdiction may or may not be included in the certificate of good standing, as the Lodge decides, and may not be included during the life of an objection but when issued is absolute and not revocable.

1866, 596; 1873, 324; 1886, 256; 1892, 55; 1893, 288; 1895, 21; 1896, 21; 1902, 19; 1907, 25; 1908, 24, 27, 34; 1912, 38, 108; 1913, 28, 69, 70; 1920, 77; 1925, 35.

4.1407 (a) A waiver of jurisdiction may be granted to an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft who petitions another Subordinate Lodge for continuation of his Degree work. A waiver of jurisdiction is not a certificate of character.

(b) An application for a waiver of jurisdiction must be in writing and either signed by the applicant or made, at his request, by the Lodge in which advancement is proposed to be made.

(c) The receiving Lodge may require a certificate of good standing or a certificate of character.

(d) A Certificate of Good Standing may be issued by the Secretary or Worshipful Master of the lodge to which a Brother is a member.

(e) A Waiver of Jurisdiction and a Certificate of Character may only be issued upon a unanimous ballot of the Lodge but may be decided at the Stated Meeting at which the request is first read.

(f) A duplicate certificate of good standing and/or waiver of jurisdiction may be issued, but it must show:

- (i) the original date of issuance;
- (ii) the reason for its issuance; and
- (iii) must be marked "duplicate".

1885, 20; 1907, 23, 25; 1912, 37; 1919, 74; 1922, 34; 1924, 35, 36, 114; 1925, 37; 1926, 32, 123; 1929, 47, 2006.

4.1408 (a) An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft from another Grand Jurisdiction, or one who for any reason desires to petition for advancement in another Lodge in Tennessee, may petition for advancement in the latter Lodge. A petition for advancement in other than the parent Lodge may only be received by a Lodge in Tennessee if accompanied by a certificate of good standing and waiver of jurisdiction from the parent Lodge or from the Grand Secretary if the parent Lodge is extinct. The applicant's petition must be referred to a committee of investigation and lie over at least until the next stated meeting (which must be at least 28 days) before the ballot may be taken. If the petition is from an Entered Apprentice, a single ballot shall elect to the other two degrees. If a petition of an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft for the remaining degrees on certificate of good standing and waiver of jurisdiction is rejected by ballot or held up by objection, the applicant may not petition the same or another Lodge in Tennessee until after a lapse of twelve months from time of rejection, unless in the case of an objection which is withdrawn by the member who filed it, or the objector ceases to be a member of the Lodge.

(b) The fees for degrees thus conferred belong to the Lodge which confers the degrees, and an applicant advanced under these conditions becomes a member of the Lodge which raises him to the degree of Master Mason. If such petition is rejected by ballot or held up by objection, the certificate and waiver should be returned to the applicant.

1866, 596; 1879, 355; 1887, 400; 1889, 18, 19; 1894, 574, 575; 1907, 27; 1908, 31, 34; 1909, 33; 1910, 29, 35; 1912, 38, 108; 1915, 33; 1918, 34; 1920, 77; 1921, 94; 1923, 35, 39; 1925, 37, 39, 40, 128; 1948, 102; 1953, 106, 2006.

4.1409. An applicant may advance only after he has passed a complete and satisfactory examination through the whole of the first section of the degree which he last received; but a degree, conferred without this examination having been made, is not invalid because of that fact, but the petitioner must be healed by the Grand Master.

If such examination, at the request of the parent Lodge or its Master (see 4.1508), is made by a Lodge other than the parent Lodge but said other Lodge has not been requested to advance the applicant, he may not be advanced by the parent Lodge (nor may the parent Lodge request another Lodge to advance him) until after the parent Lodge has received from said examining Lodge written notice, under Lodge seal, that he has passed such complete and satisfactory examination.

After such examination the brother is eligible to advance at any time without regard to the interval elapsing since the preceding degree; even though no one can be found who was present when the applicant received said degree; provided, in case of the latter, the records of the Lodge or of the Grand Secretary verify the fact that he received the degree regularly and, his identity having been established proving him to be the one who received said degree, he remembers enough of what happened at that time to convince a Mason that he received it.

T. B. 281; 1853, 28; 1894, 573; 1895, 22; 1903, 22; 1908, 26; 1909, 33; 1916, 45; 1921, 38, 87; 1929, 46; 1946, 39, 93; 1950, 46, 99, 100.

4.1410. (A) Examination of candidates for advancement as to proficiency in the different degrees shall be made at a stated or called meeting of the Lodge open on the degree in which the examination is to be conducted, or before a competent committee of at least three members of any Tennessee Lodge, appointed for that purpose by the Worshipful Master, each of whom must be a holder of a certificate of proficiency or a Grand Lecturers' Card issued by authority of the Board of Custodians of the Work. Two members of such committee may render a report, if the vote is tied, another examination must be conducted by three members and the majority report shall be accepted when a candidate has passed a complete and satisfactory examination before such a committee,

or at a called meeting, the fact shall be reported at the next stated meeting of the Lodge, and incorporated in the minutes thereof; however it is not necessary to wait until after such stated meeting to confer the next degree provided at least 28 days have elapsed since the preceding degree was conferred if the examination is conducted at a stated or called meeting of the Lodge, it must be done in such manner that all members present may hear it and pass upon its sufficiency. The proper way to pass on the proficiency of a candidate is by motion, and not by secret ballot. Only Master Masons are eligible to vote, though the vote be taken in the Lodge open on the degree in which the examination is conducted. The majority vote of Master Masons present decides.

T. B. 298; 1895, 21; 1911, 34; 1913, 27; 1918, 78, 79; 1921, 38; 1927, 41, 131; 1952, 117; 1953, 105; 1973, 61, 127; 1998.

(B) In the event that a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the State of Tennessee has Elected to membership a Member of the Armed Services of the United States of America and the prospective member has been ordered stationed outside of the territorial boundary of the United States of America as a part of his service to this country and there is not time to confer any of the Degrees in accordance to the Tennessee Masonic Code, the following remedy is approved. The Lodge is to petition the Grand Master for relief for the time required between the degrees as proscribed in the code. The Grand Master may, at his discretion, waive the proscribed time requirement. The Grand Master's consent notice shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Lodge and a copy of the consent shall accompany the monthly activity report sent to the Grand Secretary.

2008

4.1411. A candidate is entitled to be examined as to his proficiency, in either manner set out in the preceding item, at any time after receiving the degree in which he is to be examined, even if his advancement is prevented by objection, and he may be counted as one of the number necessary to open the Lodge on his degree for his own examination.

If the examination was conducted and approved by at least two members of a competent committee, the Lodge does not vote on his proficiency. After due proficiency, and in the absence of legal objection he is entitled to advance to the next degree, at the expiration of the 28 day period since the preceding degree was conferred.

1946, 39, 93; 1952, 117; 1953, 105.

4.1412. An Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft is amenable to his Lodge for his conduct and he may be tried for unmasonic conduct. He has the same rights of trial and appeal as a Master Mason. He must be tried in his own degree, but all voting connected with such trial must be in a Master Masons' Lodge.

S. 173, 174; M. 171; 1866, 590; 1894, 575; 1903, 21, 23; 1913, 29; 1916, 53; 1921, 31, 87.

Chapter 15.

Degrees and lectures

4.1501. The three degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry may be conferred only within a legally constituted Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, duly opened on the first, second and third degree, respectively; and only after petition and acceptance by unanimous ballot, except when the Grand Master makes a Mason at sight.

L. 10; 1907, 59.

4.1502. The fee to be paid for each degree shall be fixed by the bylaws of the Lodge, but the total sum paid for the three shall not be less than sixty dollars, regardless of where the fees are paid. A Lodge, by approved bylaw, may require the fees for all three degrees to be paid in advance before the first degree is conferred.

Each lodge shall conduct a multistate criminal background check on each applicant for the three degrees. The fee shall accompany the petition and is not refundable. The fee shall be set by the bylaws of each Lodge. The petitioner shall sign a waiver to allow the background check to be done. Each Lodge shall be responsible for ordering the background check. No copies of the background report shall be made, nor shall its contents be revealed by or to anyone other than the members of the Investigation Committee, Worshipful Master and Secretary. The complete background report shall be returned to the candidate regardless of whether the candidate is accepted or rejected and a signed receipt obtained by the Lodge and made a part of the Lodge records. The Worshipful Master, Secretary and Investigation Committee, or any member thereof, shall not, after having made its report, disclose any information which was received by the Lodge concerning the background investigation. Each subordinate Lodge shall determine the vendor of the background check.

If the lodge directs its candidates to complete the required background check themselves via an online vendor, the following procedures shall apply accordingly: The rules governing how said information shall be disseminated thereafter shall be entirely predicated upon the rules set forth by said vendor. In any case, upon the subordinate lodge having obtained the results of the background check, whether it be from the vendor, candidate, or the Grand Lodge, the subordinate lodge shall return to the candidate the completed background report regardless of whether the candidate is accepted or rejected, and a signed receipt obtained by the Lodge and made a part of the Lodge records. The Worshipful Master, Secretary and Investigation Committee, or any member thereof, shall not, after having made its report, disclose any information which was received by the Lodge concerning the background investigation. If the Grand Lodge is the recipient of the background check results from the vendor, the office of the Grand Secretary shall forward said results to the secretary of the subordinate lodge for dissemination of the background check pursuant to the stipulations set forth above, and shall not retain any copies, hard or electronic, of the candidate's background check. Each subordinate Lodge shall determine the vendor of the background check. The effective date of this provision will be immediately upon passage.

1910, 30, 31; 1912, 34, 36, 37, 107; 1913, 28, 69; 1915, 34, 88; 1921, 31; 1933, 106; 1945, 34, 98; 1968, 122; 1969, 70, 123; 1980, 24, 123, 2006, 2015, 2016, 2024

4.1503. No degree may be conferred until the fee for that degree has been paid into the hands of the Secretary.

Const. 2.106(2); 1842, 458; 1895, 21; 1962; 46, 112.

4.1504. A Lodge may not give the degrees free of charge, even to a minister of the gospel, and it may not, under penalty of forfeiture of charter, refund any portion of the fees of any candidate except when he is rejected or fails to present himself. In the latter case it may, in its discretion, retain or return the fee.

1851, 11, 31; 1877, 23; 1898, 20; 1904, 34; 1908, 31; 1911, 45, 46; 1914, 67, 68; 1918, 32; 1921, 31.

4.1505. The same degree may not again be conferred on one who has, or states that he has, previously received it in another recognized Lodge, except when said statement cannot be verified.

1887, 400; 1895, 21; 1914, 128; 1926, 33, 122.

4.1506. A Lodge may not initiate, pass or raise more than one candidate at the same time; however any number of candidates may be initiated, passed or raised at one meeting.

1968, 122.

The interval between conferring of successive degrees on the same applicant must not be less than a full lunar month of twenty-eight days, and the Grand Secretary shall report to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge any violation of this regulation of which the former may have knowledge. For each violation of this regulation the offending Lodge shall be penalized the sum of \$10.00 which shall be used for the benefit of the Widows' and Orphans' Home through the General Fund. Except as provided in 4.1410B. The Grand Master may not authorize a disregard of these regulations.

T. B. 252, 275; 1889, 47; 1890, 299; 1908, 28; 1910, 28; 1911, 45; 1912, 35; 1918, 32; 1919, 22; 1920, 27; 1921, 87; 1923, 40; 1924, 30; 1927, 132; 1936, 109; 1937, 88, 95; 1943, 98, 99; 1953, 106; 1963, 122. 2009

4.1507. The Worshipful Master must give the lectures or cause them to be given, pertaining to all the sections of each degree that is conferred and no degree shall be considered fully conferred until such lectures are given. After the first section of each degree the lectures which follow may be given to several candidates at the same time. A Lodge may not confer part of a degree and postpone the conclusion of it until a later date, except in an extreme emergency, and then the minutes must show the facts as they occurred.

1894, 574; 1907, 22; 1916, 46, 109; 1919, 24, 74; 1920, 90.

4.1508. A Lodge or a Worshipful Master may request another Lodge, orally or in writing, to instruct and/or examine a candidate in the lectures; and a Lodge may, by majority vote at a stated meeting, request another Lodge (but only in writing and under seal of the Lodge) to confer one or more degrees on a candidate, but the electing Lodge retains jurisdiction over him and he remains the property of said Lodge, which is entitled to the profit and liable for the expense incident to the degree and must pay to the Tennessee Grand Lodge the tax thereon. The working Lodge may do the work either gratis or for hire, as is stipulated, but the responsibility for working on its material, by its request, must remain upon the electing Lodge as a lawful charge, and it may control its lawful fees.

If the Lodge requested to conduct the examination or to confer the degree is in another Grand Jurisdiction, the request must not be made, under penalty of forfeiture of charter, except through the Grand Masters or Grand Secretaries of the two Grand Jurisdictions. This requirement having been complied with, the law, customs, and ritual of said Grand Jurisdiction, governing the conferring of degrees shall prevail and be accepted in lieu of the law, customs, and ritual of this Grand Jurisdiction for all intents and purposes. The sole duty of the requesting Lodge shall be to elect and receive the degrees and collect the total fees. A communication calling for an official reply should not be sent to a Grand Officer of another Grand Lodge, except through the Grand Master or Grand Secretary of Tennessee.

1882, 208; 1894, 573; 1905, 55; 1907, 26, 59; 1910, 29, 32, 37; 1911, 46, 112; 1912, 106; 1913, 27, 30; 1918, 30; 1920, 23, 24; 1923, 36, 102, 108; 1925, 38; 1946, 39, 93; 1947, 56, 110; 1959, 46, 99, 100, 2008.

4.1509. The Lodge which lawfully begins the work on a candidate is entitled to complete it. No Lodge may confer a degree on an applicant who is rightfully the material of another Lodge, without the consent of said Lodge. If it does so, its charter may be arrested therefore and it shall pay to the Grand Lodge the fee charged by said offending Lodge for the degree (which must be reported in its returns) plus a penalty of \$15.00 for each applicant on which a degree was thus conferred. In event the jurisdiction of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction is invaded, the offending Lodge must remit the fee for the degree that would have been charged by the Lodge having jurisdiction, plus a penalty of \$15.00, to the Grand Secretary, who in turn will reimburse the Lodge whose jurisdiction was invaded, retaining the penalty. The penalty shall be levied only if the petitioner stated on his petition that he had petitioned and been rejected in another Lodge. If he did not so state, charges should be preferred against him in accordance with Sec. 6.204(11).

1977, 120.

The Grand Master, after hearing the petitioner of the irregularity under which he received the degree, shall order the offending Lodge to drop the applicant's name from its roll and, if the degree thus conferred was the first or second, the Grand Master shall also order the offending Lodge to issue to the applicant a certificate of good standing, stating the facts, with which he may petition for advancement in the Lodge having jurisdiction over him; but if the degree thus conferred was the third, the Grand Master shall instruct the Grand Secretary to issue to the applicant a certificate which, in lieu of a demit, may accompany his petition for affiliation to the Lodge of his choice.

The charter of a Lodge shall be automatically suspended, if it commits such offense three times within a period of twelve months; which involves accepting petitions from three different individuals. A Lodge may instruct and/or examine a candidate in the

lectures at the request, written or oral, of another Lodge to which the candidate belongs or of the Master of the latter (it is not essential that either Lodge vote on the matter); and a Lodge may confer a degree for another Lodge, but only when so requested in writing and under seal of the Lodge to which the candidate belongs, or it may, for its own reasons, refuse to do so. The Lodge requested to confer the degree is not required to pass on the eligibility of the candidate, physical or other, except as specified in the obligation of a Master Mason, that being the responsibility of the electing Lodge. Upon receipt of a legal request in writing under the seal of the Lodge signed by the Worshipful Master or the Secretary for courtesy work, the Worshipful Master of the Lodge requested to confer the degree or degrees, may arrange for and have them conferred, without action on the part of his Lodge, unless he has reason to believe his Lodge would not desire it done (objection will not prevent it) and the Lodge has the right to charge for the work; but the regular fee

belongs to the requesting Lodge. If the Lodge making the request is in another Grand Jurisdiction a Tennessee Lodge may not comply with it, under penalty of forfeiture of charter, unless it is made through the Grand Masters or Grand Secretaries of the two Grand Jurisdictions; but if it is in Tennessee this requirement does not control.

1879, 355; 1888, 602; 1894, 575; 1904, 33; 1905, 55; 1908, 34; 1910, 29, 31; 1911, 45; 1912, 35, 106; 1913, 37; 1916, 46, 109; 1921, 24, 25, 86; 1923, 36; 1924, 37; 1926, 32; 1928, 33, 36, 39, 40, 122, 123; 1929, 50, 141; 1930, 22, 23, 153; 1931, 36; 1935, 27, 98; 1940, 23, 96, 97; 1943, 35, 98; 1950, 46, 99, 100; 1953, 106; 1962, 113.

4.1510. No part of the ritual may be changed to suit the views of a profane who wishes to become a Mason, nor may a Lodge, under penalty of forfeiture of charter, use any secret work or ritual other than that approved and adopted by the Grand Lodge and promulgated by the Board of Custodians of the Work and Lectures. The language used therein and in the Tennessee Craftsman is the language to be used in conferring the degrees. No methods or customs may be used except those in conformity with said ritual and with the laws of the Grand Lodge, and they only in such manner as is calculated to impress on the candidate the sublime teachings and spirit of Freemasonry.

Any roughness or manhandling of the candidate in any section of any degree is contrary to the teachings and spirit, and shall not be permitted in a Lodge in this state, even by a team from another Grand Jurisdiction. Any levity, roughness, horseplay, talking, audible laughter, or any other noise which would distract the attention of the candidate, especially in the second section of the third degree is strictly prohibited.

1979, 118.

(a)The lodge may use instrumental and or vocal music, recorded or performed by the brethren present of appropriate nature and that such performance shall not coincide with or supplant any portion of the spoken ritual.

2008.

No section of any degree may be conferred in a Lodge in Tennessee upon one of its candidates by a visiting team from another Grand Jurisdiction. When a team from another Grand Jurisdiction is invited to exemplify the work of that jurisdiction in a Tennessee Lodge, they must provide their own candidate, and the work may not be done until a dispensation is granted by the Grand Master of both jurisdictions.

No degree may be conferred in a Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction, by the use of any ritual other than one which purports to be founded on the York Rite Ritual of Ancient Craft Masonry.

Using the adopted Tennessee Ritual, a brother visiting from another grand jurisdiction, may participate in the conferral of a Tennessee Degree.

1855, 21; 1894, 574; 1916, 50; 1917, 31, 32, 94; 1919, 23, 24, 73; 1920, 106; 1923, 81; 1926, 32, 33, 122; 1934, 106; 1964, 96, 150; 1980, 57, 123, 2009.

4.1511. The Grand Lodge condemns and forbids the purchase, sale or use within this jurisdiction of all printed or written keys, ciphers, notes or characters of any kind purporting to be descriptive of the secret work, lectures, or ritual of the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry. The disregard of this prohibition is a Masonic offense, and the use in a Lodge of any such misleading ritual, or of a monitor other than that adopted by the Grand Lodge, is just cause for the arrest of its charter.

This prohibition does not apply to such parts of the ceremonial work as the Custodians of the Work and Lectures and the Grand Lodge may approve for publication in present or future editions of the Tennessee Craftsman, which Lodges must use as the approved monitor and which is the final authority as to the published or monitorial work of the three degrees, and the ceremonies published therein.

The Grand Lodge will make available a large print version of the Tennessee Craftsman for those in need of such a device. A fee is to be determined by the Board of Custodians and the Work and Lectures will be charged for copies of this edition.

1868, 210; 1899, 62, 93; 1902, 67; 1907, 91; 1908, 75; 1910, 31; 1916, 51, 66; 1917, 94; 1920, 106; 1922, 100; 1951, 113, 2005.

4.1512. The Master of a Lodge may designate a brother present to preside and confer a degree, regardless of whether the designated brother is or has been an officer, the Master remaining present and assuming full responsibility for the proper rendition of the work and for the decorum which is observed.

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee is a corporation which controls as the supreme authority the three degrees of Symbolic Masonry in the state of Tennessee (see 3.101).

A Tennessee Lodge may be opened and closed in another Grand Jurisdiction and a degree conferred on its own candidate provided the Grand Masters of both jurisdictions grant a dispensation authorizing the work. A Lodge of another Grand Jurisdiction may be opened and closed in Tennessee and a degree conferred on its own candidate provided the Grand Masters of both jurisdictions grant a dispensation authorizing the work.

1964, 96, 150; 1979, 56, 119; 1980, 57, 123.

Any Lodge within this jurisdiction, after having secured a dispensation from the Grand Master, and he in turn the approval of the Grand Master of Virginia, may upon due notice hold a special meeting in the Symbolic Lodge room of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia, and confer degrees upon duly and constitutionally elected candidates, with the same responsibility upon the Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the proper conduct of the meeting that would be his for a meeting held within this jurisdiction.

1910, 31, 79; 1921, 87; 1925, 38, 39; 1953, 106.

4.1513. A Lodge may open on the first and second degrees before opening on the third degree, and it may close the Master Masons' Lodge and confer the first and second degrees while the Master Masons' Lodge is closed. A Lodge cannot be open on two degrees at the same time, although it may be at refreshment or called off on one or more degrees, while at labor in another and it must be closed separately on each degree before the next stated meeting. Opening and closing a Lodge on one degree does not open or close it on either of the other two. The opening, closing, calling off or calling on of a Lodge must be separate on each degree. There is only one way to open a Lodge, namely: "In due and ancient form." Therefore the opening ceremony in any degree may not properly be abridged and should never be performed slovenly or hastily.

To "close the Great Lights" the Bible must be closed mere disarrangement of the square and compasses is not sufficient.

The position of the lesser lights is one east, one south and one west of the altar, on a line with the east, south and west stations crossing the center of the altar; the distance between the ones in the east and south should be three spaces, between the ones in the

south and west should be four spaces, and between the ones in the west and east should be five spaces.

T. B. 288; 1873, 366; 1895, 22; 1900, 29, 1910, 35; 1912, 37; 1916, 45; 1922, 100; 1929, 28; 1930, 31; 1965, 48, 99.

4.1514. A Lodge may not receive a lecture on any of the degrees of Masonry from an itinerant lecturer, unless such lecturer presents proper authority from the Grand Master.

4.1515. The Worshipful Master, Senior or Junior Warden must deliver all of one of the three lectures at least once in each month in open Lodge, and the minutes must show by whom and at what time it was delivered. The spirit and intent of this requirement is fulfilled acceptably when the lecture of one of the degrees is recited in open Lodge by any well informed member thereof, at the request of the Worshipful Master or when a degree is conferred in the Lodge or when the Worshipful Master organizes a Lodge of instruction for the information of the brethren under his own direction, that of some well-informed member of the Lodge, a member of the Board of Custodians, or of the Grand Lecturer.

1879, 354; 1880, 20; 1889, 32; 1954; 107, 111.

Chapter 16.

Lodge Membership and Rights

4.1601. Only Master Masons may be members of a Lodge. Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts have not yet acquired membership.

T. B. 298, 299; S. 169; 1912, 108.

4.1602. A Mason may not be an honorary member of his own lodge. He may be elected to honorary membership in others in Tennessee, but he may not vote or hold office therein, since honorary membership is complimentary only and does not carry with it the right to vote, hold office or to participate in the transactions of the Lodge.

T. B. 300; S. 179; M. 189; 1864, 501, 376; 1895, 21; 1899, 21; 1910, 34; 1913, 22; 1917, 42, 43; 1978, 118; 1991, 1993.

4.1603. GRANTING MEMBERSHIP TO MASONS OF OTHER SUBORDINATE LODGES OR GRAND JURISDICTIONS

A. A Subordinate Lodge may not be compelled to accept a Mason as a member, nor may membership be granted therein in any manner other than:

1. Being a charter member; or
2. By petition for affiliation (5.110 and 5.111).

B. Once chartered or granted, membership in a Subordinate Lodge may be terminated only by death, demit, transfer, or expulsion after trial in due form, each of which requires an appropriate notation in the minutes of the Lodge and a report of same to the Grand Secretary.

C. A member of a Lodge in another grand Jurisdiction may become a member of a Tennessee Lodge only by:

1. affiliation on demit, transfer or certificate of good standing if it is the equivalent of a demit (5.110); or
2. on a certificate of good standing for dual membership, or the equivalent thereof (5.111).

1879, 353; 1882, 208; 1901, 86; 1910, 36; 1912, 34; 1915, 86; 1918, 80; 1919, 28, 75, 76; 1921, 86; 1925, 49; 1926, 33, 35; 1978, 118, 2007.

4.1604. A Mason may not be deprived of his rights to vote or hold office, or of any other right, by the mere operation of a bylaw. Only by trial and conviction by due process of law may he be deprived of any rights or privileges, among which, if he is a member in good standing in either a chartered Lodge or one under dispensation, are the following: to be at all meetings of his Lodge, to vote on all questions coming before it (but see 4.107) except upon his own trial and to appear in all its public processions.

T. B. 272, 303; 1879, 353; 1882, 208; 1892, 20; 1898, 65.

Chapter 17.

Objections

4.1701. An objection is not the same as a black ball, although equally effective while it is in force, and the distinction should be clearly understood.

An objection is the written or oral protest of a member to the initiation of a profane, the advancement of a candidate, the affiliation of a brother, or the admission of a visitor, made privately to the Master or publicly in open Lodge. Any member in good standing of the Lodge to which application is made has the right to object to the initiation or advancement of any candidate of the Lodge, either before or after his election by said Lodge and at any time before the obligation, and he may not be required to give his reasons for objecting. An objection will not prevent the acceptance of a petition for the degrees, advancement on certificate and waiver or affiliation, but if it is filed before the ballot on such petitions is held, no ballot shall be spread, and the matter shall be handled as prescribed in the following sections 4.1702, 4.1703. Such objection is sufficient to bar the progress of the candidate while it is in force, even in the absence of the objector if he has not been subsequently suspended; and the disregard of it while it is in force subjects the offending Lodge, officer or member to punishment.

S. 60; Chase 218; T. B. 270; 1869, 377; 1879, 399; 1894, 574; 1899, 82; 1908, 30, 31, 32; 1909, 30; 1910, 36; 1911, 122, 124; 1913, 27 - 29; 1914, 66 - 69; 1921, 32, 86; 1924, 37; 1925, 27, 36, 125, 127; 1953, 106, 107.

4.1702. If an objection is made privately to the Worshipful Master, he must receive it and the objector's name must not be disclosed. If made privately to the Worshipful Master or orally in open Lodge, it must be done in person, not by proxy, and the objector's name may go on record if he so desires. When an objection is filed, either written or oral, the fact that it has been filed shall be recorded in the minutes of the next stated meeting, giving the date; but an objection to a petition for the degrees, advancement on certificate and waiver or affiliation does not go into effect until after the petition has been accepted by the Lodge. When filed in writing an objection must be signed by the objector, and such writing, including the signer's name, may or may not be recorded in the minutes, depending on whether the objector desires his name withheld.

1887, 400; 1901, 23; 1903, 22, 67; 1911, 121 - 123; 1913, 29; 1914, 128; 1929, 47; 1946, 39, 93; 1953, 107; 1989, 55, 56, 126, 135.

4.1703. The life of an objection to initiation is twelve months; to advancement, six months; to affiliation, thirty days; and an objection may be renewed as soon as it expires. It expires also when the objecting Brother ceases to be a member of that Lodge, or is suspended. When an objection to initiation, advancement or affiliation has expired or has been withdrawn, which may be done only unconditionally, the petitioner should be notified immediately and the following applies: If the objection was to initiation or affiliation, a new petition (of which no notice is necessary) may be received under the same conditions, and must be handled in exactly the same manner, as if it were the first petition, except it is not necessary for it to lie over from one stated meeting until the next, and another committee of investigation is unnecessary on a new petition for the degrees

within one year from the date of the filing of the previous petition; but if the objection was to advancement, before advancement may be made the fact that the objection has expired or has been withdrawn shall be announced by the Worshipful Master or Secretary at a stated meeting, after which announcement the Lodge may proceed as if no objection had been made.

1879, 355, 356; 1892, 19; 1908, 32; 1911, 46; 1916, 52; 1921, 32, 86; 1925, 27, 38, 127, 128; 1927, 24; 1947, 51, 111; 1953, 106, 107.

4.1704. It is not necessary that an objection filed with a Worshipful Master be renewed to a succeeding Worshipful Master; but when a brother states to a Worshipful Master that he withdraws a secret objection made to a former Worshipful Master, before allowing the petition to be renewed the Worshipful Master should ascertain from the former Worshipful Master that all objections to the petition of the applicant, filed with him, has been removed. If this cannot be done because of the death of the former Worshipful Master or for other cause, the entire membership of the Lodge, both resident and nonresident, must be notified in writing of the renewal of the petition not less than thirty days before action is taken thereon.

1898, 20; 1911, 123; 1918, 82.

4.1705. It is the privilege of a Mason in good standing to file a protest or an objection to initiation, advancement or affiliation in a Lodge of which he is not a member, and while a Lodge is not bound to regard an objection so offered by a member of another Lodge, it should give due consideration to the statements accompanying it. It must regard an objection only when filed by one of its own members in good standing.

1888, 602; 1910, 30, 31, 33; 1911, 122, 124; 1923, 41; 1925, 28, 125.

4.1706. It is unlawful for an applicant for the degrees or for membership, stopped by an objection, to demand or seek to learn the name of the objector. If such an effort is made he should be admonished, and if he persists he should be dealt with more severely.

1899, 20; 1921, 31.

Chapter 18.

Dues

4.1801. Each subordinate lodge must annually pay to the Grand Lodge fifty-five dollars (\$55.00) plus one dollar (\$1.00) to be donated to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial each year for each Master Mason member enrolled in the lodge on December 31st of that year (which includes all accepted signatory members of newly chartered lodges.) A Lodge is not required to make such payment, however, for a member who holds a fifty-year membership certificate (see 4.1812), provided said Lodge does not require him to pay annual dues.

1879, 399; 1919, 69; 1928, 123, 125; 1933, 113; 1936, 147; 1948, 15, 103; 1953, 109; 1969, 22; 1978, 117; 1982, 51, 121; 1986, 62, 114; 1993, 2003, 2011, 2018, 2019, 2026

4.1802. Until a charter is granted to a new Lodge, Lodges in Tennessee will continue to collect dues from, and pay dues for, their members who signed a petition for a dispensation for it. Lodges under dispensation will not pay dues for those of their members who are reported and paid for on the rolls of other Lodges in Tennessee, but will collect dues from, and pay dues for, those members who were non-affiliates.

1917, 40, 113.

4.1803. The Grand Lodge will not remit any part of its rightful dues because of loss or damage to Lodge property, but all overpayments of the same must be promptly refunded by the Grand Treasurer on being reported to him by the Grand Secretary.

A Lodge which fails to pay the dues mentioned in 4.1801 and 4.1802 above so as to be received by the Grand Secretary by March 1 or be postmarked by February 27, or to forward its December report and annual return so as to be received not later than January 10 or be postmarked not later than January 7, must pay as a penalty five per cent of the amount due by it to the Grand Lodge for dues and fees on degrees. The Grand Secretary has no authority to waive this penalty.

1871, 30; 1899, 46; 1904, 83, 84, 90; 1907, 87; 1917, 61, 95, 116, 117; 1920, 71, 80; 1936, 40, 109; 1953, 109; 1954, 49, 110; 1974, 110; 1975, 118; 1976, 119, 1980, 58, 124, 125, 2008.

4.1804. A Lodge which is in arrears to the Grand Lodge for two years shall be suspended until it appears, by its representatives, and pays up or is released from all arrearages. The Grand Secretary shall, immediately after each annual communication, notify all such delinquent Lodges; and any Lodge thus notified which shall fail or refuse to appear at the succeeding annual communication and pay up or be released from all arrearages shall have its charter revoked.

Const. 2.106(3)

4.1805. The bylaws adopted by each Lodge must specify the amount of money to be paid annually into its treasury by each member for dues. This requirement may not be disregarded by the Lodge except by amendment of its bylaws, or by the member without violation of his obligation, even though charges against him are pending. Each Lodge should charge at least enough dues to have a decent margin left after paying Grand Lodges dues, but it may not tax its members pro rata or make an extraordinary assessment on them to pay its debts or for any other purpose. A special assessment for a particular purpose, which may be made by action of the Lodge at a stated meeting though called dues, is not dues, and payment thereof may not be forced under the penalty for nonpayment of dues, nor may a demit or transfer of membership be refused merely because of failure to pay such an assessment or a debt to the Lodge other than for dues.

Charges may be preferred for nonpayment of dues, even though they are partly paid or partly remitted.

A Lodge may set in its by-laws a definite date of each calendar year beyond which a Brother who has not paid his dues for that year shall be declared in arrears. It may also set, by either a percentage or a specific amount, a late fee for such delinquency after said date to be added to the base amount of the dues.

1877, 23, 41; 1880, 20, 31; 1885, 20; 1898, 20; 1899, 20; 1908, 32; 1909, 31; 1910, 35, 38; 1926, 32; 1929, 29, 2024

4.1806. The bylaws of a Lodge may require that its dues shall be payable annually in advance. If so, a demit or a transfer of membership may not be given until the dues of the member who applies for it are paid for the whole of the current year, unless they are wholly or partly remitted (see 4.1807); but an application for a demit or transfer of membership, received by a Lodge's Secretary prior to the first stated meeting held in the third month of that Lodge's fiscal year, may not be denied merely because the applicant has not paid his dues for the current year. A Lodge is not required to refund dues paid in advance, but in case of death, demit or transfer of membership it should refund any unmaturing portion thereof.

The bylaws of a Lodge may also require that dues be collected, for the unexpired term, from members raised or admitted during the year. If so, the dues begin with the date of raising or of affiliation, even though (in case of the latter) they have been paid in advance to another Lodge which refuses to refund as a Mason should not carry a card in a Lodge from which he has demitted. In such cases the Secretary must take up the card of the demitting Lodge and may return it to that Secretary with a request for the refund of the unearned portion thereof, which upon receipt should be returned to the member. Dues may not be collected from a member for the time, if any, during which he was a non-affiliate or from a member of a defunct Lodge for the time after the charter was surrendered or revoked.

1877, 24, 35; 1888, 602; 1895, 26; 1908, 32; 1909, 31; 1917, 43; 1919, 24; 1922, 33; 1928, 32 122; 1929, 47, 142; 1932, 31, 123; 1948, 15, 103; 1951, 115; 1953, 107, 108; 1954, 58, 110; 1960, 70, 123.

4.1807. A Lodge may remit the dues of a member (even for life) for good and sufficient reasons, but the Grand Master may not order it done. If a member is indigent and unable to pay, the Lodge ought to remit his dues and not suspend him for nonpayment of dues. Remission of dues by a Lodge, however, does not relieve it of payment of the Grand Lodge tax except as provided for in 4.1801.

1867, 36; 1872, 177; 1879, 401; 1880, 17, 35; 1889, 18; 1896, 23; 1909, 31; 1914, 67; 1916, 26, 108; 1917, 43; 1919, 24, 77, 78; 1925, 41; 1969, 70, 123.

4.1808. Dropping from the roll as punishment for nonpayment of dues or other cause, by any process other than that defined in 6.613, is illegal and void as a penalty and does not affect the good standing of a member, even after years, or the liability of the Lodge for the Grand Lodge tax accruing to the Lodge because of him. It may not be done even at his own request.

In case a Lodge shall have erroneously suspended a member for nonpayment of dues which at that time had been paid or remitted, the error should be corrected as soon as possible, care being exercised that the minutes and records of the Lodge show the facts, that the name of the member thus erroneously suspended be restored to the roll, that the Grand Lodge tax accruing because of him be paid as if the error had not occurred, and that on the minutes in which the erroneous action was recorded marginal reference be made to the adjustment.

1889, 18; 1897, 69; 1901, 23; 1905, 82; 1910, 38; 1917, 37, 112; 1922, 36, 67; 1934, 42, 108.

4.1809. A suspended Mason is not chargeable with dues accruing during the time of his suspension: but since the dues which a member owes constitute a moral and legal debt, if he has been suspended for nonpayment of dues and applies for restoration, the Lodge should either remit or collect his dues unpaid at the time of his suspension. If collected they should be retained even though the petition for restoration is denied, since the payment of the amount due is merely the discharge of an obligation already incurred and the receipt of the money in no way binds the Lodge. Death does not settle this account.

1870, 545; 1917, 42; 1921, 85.

4.1810. The dues which an expelled Mason owed prior to expulsion should be collected if he is restored to membership by a subordinate Lodge, but are not collectable if he is restored by the Grand Lodge.

1877, 23; 1892, 19.

4.1811. A Lodge may issue to the widow, orphans or relatives of a brother who dies while a member of said Lodge in good standing a certificate of his good standing, but it should not include any commendation or reference to the relationship of the holder to the deceased brother, which might be used for unmasonic appeals for aid or assistance.

1873, 325; 1877, 24; 1903, 23, 68; 1905, 82; 1916, 26, 108; 1935, 32.

4.1812. 4.1812. The Grand Secretary shall provide a service certificate and lapel button to each member when he completes twenty-five years (300 months) of membership. When a member completes fifty years (600 months) and each five-year period thereafter, the Grand Secretary will issue a certificate and lapel button to the qualified member. The Subordinate Lodge shall be exempt from payment of Grand Lodge dues (per capita tax) on each member reaching fifty years (600 months), provided all dues are remitted by the Lodge

1932, 34, 122; 1943, 98, 99; 2015, 2022

4.1813. Every Master Mason, in good standing and a member of a Lodge in this jurisdiction, shall be furnished with an annual dues card, authenticated by its Secretary

under the seal of the Lodge and by the Grand Secretary and the seal of the Grand Lodge.

1979, 123.

Chapter 19.

Bylaws

4.1901. It is the province of the Grand Lodge, and not of the Grand Master, to approve or disapprove bylaws. Lodges presenting bylaws for approval must adopt the Uniform Code of Bylaws adopted by the Grand Lodge for use by subordinate Lodges (see Annex A, this Title).

Those sections printed in italics in the Uniform Code of Bylaws must be included, others may be omitted. Additional articles and sections may be added to create, supervise, govern or direct special committees, funds or projects not specifically covered by other sections of the bylaws, and not in conflict or a repetition of the Masonic Code but no bylaw may be adopted which provides any restrictions on the transaction of the business of a Lodge or control of its funds by any method or majority than prescribed in 4.2002 and related sub-sections.

4.2002(1) to 4.2003(3).

Bylaws or amendments thereto presented for approval must be in duplicate, both copies to bear the seal of the Lodge (see 4.115) and the signatures of the Worshipful Master and Secretary, showing the date of adoption, one copy to be returned to the Lodge after approval and the other to be filed with the Grand Secretary. When amendments only are submitted for approval, one copy of the bylaws must accompany same. Any bylaw in conflict with the constitution, edicts and regulations of the Grand Lodge is null and void, although it may have been approved by the Grand Lodge.

1870, 546; 1893, 288; 1908, 34; 1919, 73; 1920, 28; 1925, 37; 1933, 107; 1935, 93; 1938, 96; 1954, 48, 100; 1969, 71, 124; 1988, 25.

4.1902. A Lodge may not suspend one of its bylaws on any pretense whatever. In order to make a change therein, the alteration or amendment (which itself may be amended at the same meeting) must be proposed in writing at a stated meeting, when it must be entered on the minutes, and it must lie over until the next stated meeting at which time action thereon may be taken. At that meeting, when it comes up for consideration, any amendment germane thereto may be offered and acted upon at that time. It is not necessary that the Lodge be summoned, but all resident members must be regularly notified of the proposed change, and of the time and place of the meeting when final action will be taken. In case the proposition is tabled, which can be done only by permission of the Worshipful Master, the same requirements regarding notification of members must be met as in the first instance before final action may be taken.

The approval of such change by the Grand Lodge at its next annual communication is necessary before it may become effective, unless it has reference to: (a) the time of stated meeting; (b) an increase or decrease of yearly dues; (c) an increase or decrease of the compensation of its officers; (d) the fees for the degrees, provided they are not reduced below the minimum sum fixed by 4.1502, establishment of or changing fees for affiliation and/or restoration. Changes in these items will be in force from and after the date of their regular adoption by the Lodge, unless otherwise specified at the time of the change. Notice of such changes must be given to the Grand Secretary as soon as they become effective using the same process as noted in Section 4.1901 above.

T. B. 272; S. 78, 80; Chase 389; 1837, 345; 1868, 224; 1871, 24; 1876, 618; 1879, 355, 458; 1895, 22; 1897, 21; 1906, 32; 1907, 31; 1911, 47; 1913, 29; 1918, 30, 78; 1919, 73; 1934, 42, 108; 1937, 31, 92; 1952, 52, 117, 2007

4.1903. The bylaws of a Lodge may specify what compensation, if any, is to be paid to any of its officers, and they may require certain of its officers to be bonded at its expense; but this requirement may not be made by resolution only. The bylaws must be so amended. A Lodge may enforce the bond of a defaulting officer, being its own judge as to the propriety of so doing, but it may not penally enforce compliance with its resolution unless they have been regularly adopted and approved as part of its bylaws.

T. B. 276; 1869, 374; 1877, 23; 1891, 568; 1925, 21.

Chapter 20.

Voting

4.2001. Voting, by ballot or otherwise, is legal only when done in a Master Mason's Lodge and on the first day or night of a stated meeting, except that it may be done at either stated or called meeting to consent to bury a non-affiliate, to express satisfaction with a candidate's proficiency after examination, to sustain charges, to inflict a penalty, and to excuse from voting. It may not be done by proxy.

T. B. 268, 269, 298, 309, 310; 1848, 23; 1895, 21; 1902, 76; 1903, 21; 1905, 31; 1953, 105.

4.2002. The votes, of those members present, necessary to consent to or decide various questions which may come before a Lodge, are as follows:

(1) A unanimous vote is required on petitions for the degrees, advancement on certificate and waiver, affiliation and restoration after indefinite suspension (except for NPD); and for excusing from voting, withdrawing a petition, waiving jurisdiction over an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft, or issuing a certificate of character to a profane.

1993; 1999.

(2) A three-fourths vote is necessary for consolidation of Lodges.

(3) A two-thirds vote is necessary for conviction on Masonic trials, inflicting the penalty of expulsion or of indefinite suspension, restoration after definite suspension (if proposed to be terminated prior to the date fixed therefor), and for reaffiliation with the Lodge from which the petitioner is demitted, or for the burial of a non-affiliate.

1993.

A two-thirds majority vote is required for restoration after suspension for non-payment of dues.

1994.

(4) A majority vote is sufficient to inflict the penalty of definite suspension, to restore from definite suspension and to decide all other questions which may come before a Lodge, including a change to the bylaws of the Lodge.

1904, 86; 1907, 29; 1913, 29; 1916, 47, 110; 1946, 39, 93; 1974, 43, 109; 1981, 51, 112, 120; 1987, 53, 122, 134; 1988, 23, 50, 131; 1993.

4.2003. On all questions coming before a Lodge for a decision the vote is taken by one of the following methods:

(1) By the ballot, using a secret ballot box, the vote being with white and black balls, or with balls and cubes. This method is always used in voting on petitions for the degrees, advancement on certificate and waiver, affiliation, except for reaffiliation with the Lodge from which the petitioner is demitted (sec 4.2002(3)), or restoration after expulsion. On petitions for the degrees a single ballot elects to all three, and for advancement of an Entered Apprentice on certificate and waiver a single ballot elects to the other two degrees. Several ballot boxes, with the name of one applicant on each, may be used at the same time. A ballot may be taken collectively on several petitions at the same time, but a separate ballot must be taken on each of the petitions thus grouped if a black ball appears in the collective ballot.

T. B. 269; 1866, 589; 1888, 602; 1909, 32; 1923, 38; 1924, 36; 1946, 39, 93; 1969, 71, 124.

(2) By the use of slips of paper; on one of which each brother writes his vote and delivers it to a teller. This method is used in the election of officers, in voting on charges and specifications at a Masonic trial, in voting on restoration after suspension, reaffiliation with a former Lodge, or to waive jurisdiction over an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft. Blank ballot slips are votes and must be counted.

T. B. 286, 290; 1872, 173; 1903, 22; 1912, 37; 1916, 52; 1969, 71, 124.

(3) By the ordinary methods used in deliberative bodies, such as answering to roll call, voting “aye” or “no” together as each view of the question is put, rising to the feet and remaining thus until counted, or showing of hands, either of which may be used at the discretion of the Worshipful Master in all other matters requiring a vote of the Lodge.

4.2004. The rules which govern the first method, specifically known as “the ballot”, are as follows:

If it must be unanimous in order to decide in favor of the proposition and, unless excused by unanimous vote of the Lodge, each member present must vote, including the Tiler. Unless he is thus excused, the failure to vote of any member present when the ballot is commenced, renders it void and it should be retaken at once.

Since an opened Lodge should not be left untiled, even for a moment, the Tiler should be temporarily relieved by a substitute to enable the former to cast his ballot. This is not to be considered leaving the room, referred to in 4.2005 and 4.2006.

T. B. 269; Chase 272; S. 57; 1843, 501; 1886, 247; 1935, 25.

4.2005. A Worshipful Master may order subsequent ballots (if one black ball appears a second ballot is advisable) before any member present on the first ballot shall have left the room, and no brother may object to or appeal from his ruling on this point; provided that when the formal declaration of the result is made, which must be by the Worshipful Master (response by the Junior and/or Senior Warden does not constitute a formal declaration), or if a brother leaves the room after the first ballot, it is a finality and no further ballot may be taken thereafter on that particular question. However, when a ballot is cast by a brother who is not entitled to vote, the result is null and void, and a new ballot may be taken before any member leaves the room, or at a later stated meeting, the resident membership having been summoned to attend said meeting for that purpose. “Leaving the room” in this connection does not cover temporary absences, and if the brother returns to the room, subsequent legal ballots may be held.

T. B. 270; 1873, 312; 1880, 21; 1887, 400, 421; 1895, 22; 1903, 20; 1909, 35; 1914, 71, 72; 1917, 43; 1924, 36; 1925, 34; 1953, 107.

4.2006. The ballot having been commenced, it must not be interrupted until completed and the result announced. The Worshipful Master and Wardens alone inspect it and

announce the result, but they should not, even upon inquiry, divulge how many unfavorable votes were cast.

1869, 375; 1887, 421; 1895, 22; 1897, 21; 1904, 34, 74; 1906, 31; 1913, 70

4.2007. The ballot on a petition for the degrees, advancement on certificate and waiver, or affiliation must be secret, and for a brother to tell at any time how he voted (except to withdraw a black ball or to correct an erroneous announcement) or to inquire or seek to discover how another voted, is a Masonic offense liable to any of the punishments. There should be allowed no such discussion of the merits of a candidate as this may, in effect, be an exposure of the ballot.

T. B. 269; A. L. 11; 1867, 30; 1879, 399; 1902, 77; 1913, 29; 1946, 39, 93; 1952, 52, 116.

4.2008. After a candidate has been formally declared rejected by ballot, a new ballot may not be ordered at a subsequent meeting, except on a new petition of the candidate after at least 12 months shall have elapsed, not even to correct an error supposed to have been previously made or in a case of supposed mistaken identity (but see 4.2005).

T. B. 269; 1873, 319; 1888, 591; 1903, 20; 1909, 30; 1915, 34; 1917, 43; 1925, 34; 1948, 32, 101.

4.2009. A member who cast a black ball may not withdraw the same if previous to such withdrawal the Worshipful Master has made formal declaration of the rejection of the candidate, or if a member has left the room permanently, or if the Lodge has been closed. The ballot however must be retaken if a black ball is withdrawn before the Worshipful Master has made formal declaration of the rejection of the candidate, and no member has left the room and the Lodge has not been closed.

1873, 312; 1895, 24; 1903, 20; 1924, 36; 1948, 32, 101; 1952, 116.

4.2010. Unless withdrawn by unanimous vote after a request for such withdrawal by the petitioner through an officer of the Lodge, or by one of the recommenders who signed the petition, a petition for the degrees, advancement on certificate and waiver, or affiliation, which has been presented to and received by a Lodge must proceed to the ballot, even if the report of the committee of investigation is unfavorable, unless prevented by a legal objection filed before the ballot is held. After the report of said committee it is not necessary that such petition be actually present when the ballot is taken thereon.

T. B. 269; 1866, 590; 1869, 377; 1913, 30; 1924, 36; 1953, 105, 107.

Chapter 21.

Summons

4.2101. A legal summons is a Masonic writ issued by authority of the Worshipful Master or by order of the Lodge, and served by a proper person. If it is by order of the Worshipful Master and in writing, he must sign it officially. If it is by order of the Lodge, it must be signed by the Secretary and must have the seal of the Lodge attached. It is sufficient that it is known that a Master Mason received it, and he is not relieved from the observance of it should he get it through the post office. The Master may issue a verbal summons equally binding, but a newspaper notice is not a legal summons.

T. B. 282, 309; S.99, 105; 1877, 24; 1879, 356; 1909, 34; 1914, 113, 149; 1919, 67.

4.2102. The summons may be employed to require: attendance at stated or called meetings, or as a witness at a trial; all Masons within the jurisdiction of the Lodge to answer complaints against them; the officers of the Lodge to render their accounts or to answer for delinquencies; the members of the Lodge to attend the funeral of a deceased

brother. It should not be resorted to except when it is required by law, or when deemed absolutely necessary by the Lodge or the Worshipful Master.

T. B. 282; S. 105; 1879, 365; 1893, 295.

4.2103. The cases in which the use of summonses to resident members is required by law are: for the trial of a brother, except for nonpayment of dues or failure to answer a summons; to vote on surrendering a Lodge's charter; and for taking a new ballot as provided in 4.2004. The defendant must always be summoned to attend his trial, even for nonpayment of dues.

T. B. 273; 1861, 104.

4.2104. Every member of each Lodge, whether resident or nonresident, and every member of another Lodge and non-affiliate within its territorial jurisdiction, is bound by his obligation to obey its summons or to render a lawful excuse for failure to do so, in which case he may be excused by the Worshipful Master or by the Lodge. Refusal or failure, without legal excuse, to obey a summons subjects the offender to suspension or, in aggravated cases, to expulsion; and a Lodge should not, under penalty of forfeiture of charter, fail to enforce an answer to such summons.

T. B. 307; 1872, 174; 1879, 354, 365; 1882, 207; 1890, 285; 1895, 24; 1903, 22; 1911, 112; 1920, 26.

4.2105. A respectful answer to a summons ought to be treated *prima facie* as an answer, its sufficiency to be determined by the Lodge in each case.

1897, 21.

Chapter 22.

Masonic Burial

4.2201. It is the duty of a Lodge to bury, with Masonic honors, its members who die while in good standing, but not unless requested to do so by the deceased or his family. If a member dies without making such request, the funeral honors are generally accorded to his remains at the request of his family or near relatives.

T. B. 305; S. 203; M. 250; 1960, 49, 115, 116; 1980, 58, 117, 125.

4.2202. Masonic funeral ceremonies may be performed only by a lawful Lodge, opened on the third degree, and not by Masons as such in an individual capacity. (For order of service, see Tennessee Craftsman) Lodges should exercise great caution in granting requests for Masonic funeral services to ascertain that the deceased is not suspended or expelled, as such are not entitled to these Masonic honors (See 6.305 and 6.306).

T. B. 191, 219; 1868, 210; 1969, 71, 124; 1980, 58, 117, 125.

4.2203. Only an affiliated Master Mason of good character, who dies while in good standing, has the right of Masonic burial; but a nonaffiliate may be buried with Masonic honors, regardless of the age of his demit, if in the discretion of the Worshipful Master it should be done. In case of death by suicide, or if a question is raised as to the character of the deceased, the Worshipful Master when applied to for burial must decide, in the exercise of sound discretion, what action it will take.

T. B. 305; S. 203, 204; Chase 414; 1872, 175; 1873, 321; 1883, 349; 1884, 552; 1887, 400; 1896, 21; 1908, 29; 1910, 33; 1911, 138; 1918, 81; 1927, 131

4.2204. On the death of a sojourner who was an affiliated Master Mason and who had expressed a wish to be buried with Masonic ceremonies, that duty will devolve upon the Lodge within whose jurisdiction the death occurs; and if in a place where there is more than one Lodge, then upon the oldest Lodge, unless otherwise arranged; but if the body is removed to the jurisdiction of another Lodge, the latter may assume the duty.

T. B. 188; 1882, 208; 1980, 58, 117, 125.

4.2205. The Lodge within whose territorial jurisdiction he has his legal residence when he dies has jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the Masonic funeral of a nonaffiliate, or of one who dies while a member in good standing of a Lodge whose charter has been arrested.

1895, 23; 1919, 33; 1923, 38; 1980, 58, 117, 125.

4.2206. The Masonic funeral service may be held at the grave of a deceased brother or at an appropriate place as designated by the Worshipful Master.

1898, 20; 1900, 30; 1903, 20; 1906, 32; 1910, 28; 1918, 26, 27; 1924, 115; 1925, 48; 1960, 49, 115, 116; 1980, 58, 117, 125.

4.2207. A Lodge may not unite with another fraternal order in a funeral service, nor may it participate in a Masonic funeral service other than the one in the Tennessee Craftsman. The whole ceremony must be under the direction of the Master of the Lodge, but other organizations may join in the procession. However, at his request the Masonic funeral service may be permitted for a past officer of the Grand Lodge when other orders officiate.

If the deceased was a Grand or a Past Grand Officer of the Grand Lodge of the state of Tennessee, the elective officers of the Grand Lodge should be notified of the time and place of the funeral, and the Master of the Lodge having jurisdiction should request the Grand Officer present who has attained the highest rank to conduct the funeral service.

1868, 215; 1892, 24, 47; 1894, 616; 1896, 20; 1904, 33; 1930, 157; 1934, 46, 109; 1980, 58, 117, 125.

4.2208. On the death of an illustrious member of the Grand Lodge a committee shall be appointed by the Grand Master to prepare and submit to the Grand Lodge a suitable tribute to him, which, after being adopted by the Grand Lodge, shall be printed, together with a memorial page in the Grand Lodge proceedings.

1890, 309; 1980, 58, 117, 125.

4.2209. LODGE OF SORROW. A Worshipful Master may open a Lodge of Sorrow as soon after his installation as he deems advisable, for the purpose of attending and conducting Masonic funeral services. This Lodge may remain open during the remainder of the year but must be closed prior to the installation of officers at the end of the year. The opening and closing shall be done in accordance with instructions compiled by the Board of Custodians of the Ritual.

1966, 56, 114, 115, 119; 1980, 58, 117, 125.

Chapter 23.

Processions

4.2301. A Lodge in procession is strictly under the discipline of the Lodge room, and hence under the control of the Worshipful Master.

T. B. 187 190, 298; S. 171; 1871, 24; 1883, 349; 1886, 259; 1998.

4.2302. The following are the only purposes for which public Masonic processions are permitted (see 4.1107), for which a dispensation from the Grand Master is not necessary: (a) Masonic funerals; (b) erecting or unveiling monuments to deceased brethren; (c) celebration of the Festivals of St John; (d) laying cornerstones; (e) dedication of Masonic buildings; (f) memorial services; (g) going to church for religious purposes or for divine worship, if not clothed in aprons or other Masonic regalia; (h) celebrating, on November 4, George Washington's Masonic birthday; (I) public parades celebrating holidays such as New Years, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

T. B. 175; 1875, 530; 1895, 22; 1900, 29; 1903, 20; 1909, 32; 1910, 28; 1911, 34, 46; 1920, 76, 77; 1921, 38, 41, 84; 1923, 103, 104; 1924, 115; 1925, 126, 128, 1998.

4.2303. Other public Masonic processions are permitted only under dispensation of the Grand Master.

1998.

Chapter 24.

Lodge of Research

4.2401. A dispensation may be issued for the Lodge of Research by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge upon the petition of not less than fifteen Master Masons. The petitioners shall present satisfactory, documentary evidence with the petition that they are each in regular standing in subordinate Lodges under this Grand Lodge. A dispensation for the Lodge of Research shall be issued without fees and with compliance with the usual provisions designated in Chapter 1 through 2 of this Title.

4.2402. The petition shall be in the form prescribed by this Grand Lodge and shall set forth the names of the Brothers who have been nominated to serve as officers of the Lodge, as designated by its bylaws. The Lodge of Research is exempted from provisions of Chapters 3 through 23 of this Title. The territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge of Research shall be statewide. The Lodge of Research need not designate a specific meeting place. It shall however, meet in a dedicated Lodge hall within the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. A copy of the Lodge of Research's bylaws, and amendments thereto, shall be kept on file in the Grand Lodge.

4.2403. The Lodge of Research shall not confer any of the degrees of Freemasonry, but shall be formed exclusively for the purpose of researching Masonic information and educational material. The Lodge of Research shall have no authority to receive charges for unmasonic conduct, conduct any masonic trial, or conduct any Masonic funeral services.

4.2404. The Grand Lodge may issue a Charter to the Lodge of Research without fees upon its approval at an annual communication, and without compliance with the usual requirements as designated in Chapters 1 and 2.

4.2405. Membership in the Lodge of Research shall be exclusively by Master Masons in regular standing in subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction or affiliated with Lodges in jurisdictions recognized by this Grand Lodge. The Lodge of Research is exempted from the Dual and Plural Membership status cited in the Tennessee Masonic Codes. If a member of a Research Lodge forfeits or loses his membership in his subordinate Lodge, he shall automatically forfeit his membership in the Lodge of Research.

4.2406. The Lodge of Research shall at all times maintain at least fifteen members who are members of the Tennessee Lodges and are domiciled within the territorial jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Failure to maintain the required number of members shall cause the dispensation or Charter to be automatically arrested.

4.2407. The Lodge of Research shall meet at least once in each calendar quarter. The time, election and installation of its officers shall be as determined by the bylaws of the Lodge of Research.

4.2408. The Lodge of Research shall be exempt from the payment of all per capita on its membership. The Lodge of Research will be permitted to issue its own dues cards, using the blank Grand Lodge dues cards.

4.2409. The Lodge of Research shall have no representation or vote in the Grand Lodge, nor shall its members have any vote in the Grand Lodge by virtue of office held in the Lodge of Research.

4.2410. The Secretary of the Lodge of Research shall send to the Grand Secretary a report each January showing the Lodge officers and number of members on its active rolls as of December 31 last.

2000.

Chapter 25.

Life Memorial Membership In Perpetuity Plan Of The Grand Lodge Of Tennessee F & AM

4.2501. Name of Plan: The name of this Plan shall be: Life Memorial Membership in Perpetuity Plan of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee F & AM (Hereinafter referred to as "The Plan" or LMMP).

4.2502

Eligibility:

A. LMMP: All living Master Masons may become perpetual members provided such member is in good standing and possesses a current dues card from his Lodge and his Lodge approves his participation in the plan. Plural members have the right to assign this Plan as to the Lodge of his choice or to cover each Lodge with a separate plan. If a member in good standing transfers his membership to another Lodge in the State of Tennessee, he can also transfer his LMMP upon the acceptance of his new lodge.

B. Memorial Perpetual Membership: A Memorial Perpetual Membership may be purchased in any participating Lodge within this Grand Jurisdiction for a deceased Master Mason of any of the Lodges of Tennessee, provided he was in good standing with his Lodge at the time of his death. Any person may add an additional amount to an endowed membership (MPM) through the secretary of the Lodge where such membership is or was in effect.

4.2503 LMMP & MPM Fees: The LMMP fee shall be 20 x the Lodge dues including per capita tax: but excluding the Grand Lodge Building Renovation Assessment imposed effective March 23, 2006 (if a Lodge includes this assessment in its dues structure) or \$850.00, whichever is greater. The current years dues must be paid. Arrangement may be made to pay in installments, however, until LMMP dues are paid in full, yearly dues and assessments would have to be paid in as prompt a manner at the current annual dues and assessments in effect at that time. LMMP fees will be calculated by the dues including per capita tax at the applicant's Lodge at the time of the final installment is made. The minimum LMMP fee of \$850.00 shall be adjusted in the year 2010 and each 5-year period thereafter based on the inflation rate of the previous 5 years as measured by the United States government. MPM fees will be \$200.00 minimum.

2006, 2010.

4.2504 Administration of Plan: The Plan shall be administered by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The Grand Master shall appoint the Plan Manager. All monies are to be maintained separately from all other Grand Lodge funds. All original amounts shall be forever kept and maintained with only the earnings of any kind of investments to be made available for the payments to the Grand Lodge and the participating Lodges. Investment of the monies received shall be made by the Plan Manager with oversight and approval of the Ways and Means Committee, under the same guidelines followed by the Grand Lodge Endowment Fund Commission (see 7.305.). Separate accounting records shall be maintained for the LMMP and MPM funds under the supervision of the Plan Manager. The Plan Manager shall provide quarterly reports concerning the LMMP and MPM funds to the Ways and Means committee. All administrative expenses of the LMMP and MPM funds will be paid by the Grand Lodge.

2000.

4.2505 Method of Payment: The LMMP fee of a member shall be paid to the secretary of his Lodge, who shall certify whether the brother is in good standing, make a record of the application thereof and forward the fee with a copy of the application to the Grand Secretary for further investigation. His membership dues must be current at the time of his application except if the member is deceased. The LMMP fee may be paid in full or installments to the participating Lodge's secretary, who will act as custodian of the Installment payments until the total fee is collected. The installment period shall not be for more than five years. However, the amount of the Lodge's and Grand Lodge's dues in effect at the time of the last installment will be the basis of the fee calculation.

4.2506 Payments of Earnings: On or about January 1st of each year the earnings from the LMMP and MPM funds corpus will be paid to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee and the participating Lodges under the direction of the Plan Manager.

4.2507 Fee Division: Each LMMP fee shall be divided between the Grand Lodge and the participating lodge as follows: (1) an amount equal to twenty times the per capita tax then in effect shall be paid to the Grand Lodge to form the corpus of a fund for the benefit of the Grand Lodge; and (2) all of the remaining balance shall be held to form the corpus of a fund exclusively for the benefit of the participating lodge. Only the earnings from the respective corpus funds shall be paid to the respective bodies.

The LMMP fees shall be divided forty percent to the Grand Lodge corpus fund and sixty percent to the participating lodge's corpus fund.

4.2508 Dues Increases, Decreases or Special Assessments: A participant shall not be liable for any change regarding the dues and special assessments after the certification of his application by the Grand Secretary.

4.2509 Death of a Participant: Payments of the earnings from the corpus to the participating Lodge and the Grand Lodge shall be in the same proportion as they were prior to the death of the participant

4.2510 Refunds: No refunds will be made from the Plan to any participant or any other person after initial certification by the Grand Secretary.

4.2511 Disciplinary Action: No participant shall be exempt from disciplinary action. In the event of suspension, expulsion or demit, the Plan Manager shall continue to make the payments to the Lodge and the Grand Lodge. A life member suspended and subsequently restored and elected to membership in the same Lodge is also restored to all rights pertaining to his Life Membership.

4.2512 Dues Cards: The annual dues card as furnished by the Lodge will have the additional authentication by the Grand Secretary that the member in good standing has a Life Memorial Membership in Perpetuity.

4.2513 Dual & Plural Memberships: A life membership in one Lodge shall not excuse the member with plural membership from the dues in Lodges in which he holds dual or plural membership. Suspension from one Lodge for any reason is suspension from all Lodges in the Grand Lodge of Tennessee's jurisdiction.

4.2514 Transfer: A participant may transfer his LMMP to another Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee if accepted by the new Lodge. If the new lodge does not accept the LMMP then the Lodge corpus will remain with his former Lodge. Even if the new lodge does not accept the transfer of the LMMP the new lodge will not be required to pay the per capita tax for the transferring member. Transfers of LMMP's outside of this jurisdiction are not allowed and the LMMP is retained by the former Lodge of the Participant.

4.2515 Loss of Charter: If a Lodge consolidates with another Lodge, the LMMP funds will be credited to that Lodge. If a Lodge surrenders its Charter, the funds will follow each participant to his new affiliation. In the case of no affiliation the funds will be credited to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The funds will be restored to the member's new Lodge when he affiliates within this jurisdiction.

4.2516 Effective Date: This legislation is effective at the close of the 1999 Grand Lodge Session.

4.2517 Charter Life Membership: Any Brother applying for Life Membership before the end of 1999 will have his Life Membership card stamped as a Charter Life Member. The application and fees for a Charter Life Membership must be post-marked no later than December 31, 1999. Life Membership will always be available.

Chapter 26

Perpetual Per Capita Tax Credit

4.2601. A Lodge may be exempt from paying the following year's per capita tax on a named member by paying (or by the individual Brother paying) into the Grand Lodge of Tennessee Perpetual Fund an amount equal to twenty times the current per capita tax rate. The original investment amount can never be refunded or spent under any circumstance (even when the Brother's membership ceases), the Interest income only can be placed in the General Fund.

If the perpetual membership per capita tax was purchased by the Lodge, perpetual membership is not transferable. If the individual Brother purchased the perpetual membership and he transfers his membership to another Tennessee Lodge, his perpetual membership per capita tax credit transfers also.

If the individual Brother ceases to be a member, his perpetual membership per capita tax credit will be reactivated after his membership is restored. The perpetual membership is purchased for a particular Lodge; therefore if the Brother is a Plural Member, perpetual memberships must be purchased for each Lodge in order to obtain the per capita tax credit

In the future, as the Grand Lodge per capita tax changes, the cost of a perpetual membership will change accordingly.

The Perpetual Per Capita Tax Credit Plan will be managed and its funds invested as specified in the Life Memorial Membership in Perpetuity Plan of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee F. & A.M. listed in Title 4 Chapter 25 of the Tennessee Masonic Code.

2000, 2005.

APPENDIX A**Uniform Code of Bylaws****ADOPTED BY THE GRAND LODGE FOR
USE BY SUBORDINATES***(See 4. 1902)**(Those sections printed in italics are required, others may be omitted at the option of the Lodge.)*

BYLAWS OF _____ LODGE NUMBER _____,
F.&A.M.
HELD AT _____ TENNESSEE

ARTICLE 1**STATED MEETINGS**

Section 1. *The stated meetings of the Lodge shall be held **on** the _____ of each month, and shall begin at _____ o'clock, _____ m. except as provided in 4.1102 of the code.*

ARTICLE II**OFFICERS AND ELECTION**

Section 1. *The officers of this Lodge shall consist of a Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Steward, Junior Steward, Tiler, Chaplain, Physician, Marshal, Historian, and _____ Trustees. **

Section 2. *Of said officers, the following shall be elected annually: _____ and the others shall be appointed. @*

Section 3. At the election of officers (1) nominations may be made. (2) nominations may not be made. (3) it shall be decided by vote of the Lodge, immediately prior to the election, whether or not nominations may be made. #

ARTICLE III**DUTIES AND COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS**

Section 1. The Treasurer shall pay out funds of the Lodge only on an order signed by the Worshipful Master and Secretary, and (except as provided in Article V, Section 1, B) only after the same has had the prior approval of the Lodge.

* Any of the last four may be omitted

+ Must be at least the first five of those named in Section 1 of this Article

@ If all are to be elected, the words "and the others shall be appointed" must be omitted.

Choose one method and omit the other two.

Section 2. The Secretary shall keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Lodge lawful to be written; preserve all papers and records and belongs to the Lodge; keep a separate ledger account of each member, showing the amount of dues he has paid, date of his birth when possible, and the date of his admission, initiation, passing, raising, restoration, withdrawal, suspension, expulsion, or death; keep the financial records of the Lodge in such manner and condition that they may be verified and audited at any time; and perform the duties generally expected of a Secretary.

Section 3. (Specify duties of Trustees if any are included in Section 1 of Article II.)

Section 4. The compensation, if any, of the Treasurer, Secretary and/or Tiler for services for the ensuing year, shall be fixed by the Lodge at the first stated meeting in December and prior to the annual election of officers.*

Section 5. (State what bond, if any the Treasurer and/or Secretary shall furnish, at the expense of the Lodge.)

ARTICLE IV

FEES AND DUES

Section 1. *The fees for the degrees shall be:*

First degree _____ \$ _____
Second degree _____ \$ _____
Third degree _____ \$ _____

Section 2. No petition for the degrees shall be considered unless the fee for the first degree accompanies it, and no degree shall be conferred until after the fee for that degree has been paid. No petition for advancement on certificate and waiver shall be considered unless the fee for the next degree to be conferred upon the applicant accompanies it.

1946,39,93; 1947,109.

Section 3. *Each member in good standing, (+) not raised, admitted, or restored since the close of the Lodge's preceding fiscal year, shall pay annually, (1) before the close of each fiscal year, the sum of _____ dollars to the Lodge as dues. (2) in advance at the beginning of each fiscal year, the Sum of _____ dollars to the Lodge as dues. (3) in advance at the beginning of each fiscal year, the sum of dollars, plus the Grand Lodge per capita tax to the Lodge as dues.#*

1982, 52, 12.

Section 4. Each member raised, admitted, or restored shall pay the Lodge, (1) before the close of that fiscal year of the Lodge, a pro rata amount at the rate specified in section 3 of this article, as dues for the balance of that fiscal year. (2) in advance, a pro rata amount at the rate specified in section 3 of this article, as dues for the balance of that fiscal year. @.

* *Instead*, the amount of compensation for any of these officers may be definitely fixed by the bylaws per meeting, per month, or per year.

+ State here exceptions, if any, in parenthesis.

Choose one method and omit the other two.

@ Choose one method and omit the other, conforming to the method chosen in section 3 of this article

Section 5. The fee for affiliation shall be _____ dollars, which must accompany the application therefor.*

Section 6. The Secretary shall read to the Lodge each year, at a stated meeting in _____ the names of those members whose dues for the Lodge's previous + fiscal year have not been paid or remitted; and charges shall be preferred against such members, in the manner prescribed by Grand Lodge law, not later than the first stated meeting in _____.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES

Section 1. The Worshipful Master shall, as soon as possible after the installation of officers each year, appoint the following Standing Committees; of each of which a majority shall constitute a quorum:

A- An Auditing Committee, whose duty it shall be to audit the books, vouchers, records; and all reports of the Treasurer and the Secretary, and report fully thereon at a stated meeting in January and at such other times as the Worshipful Master may direct.

B- A Charity Committee, consisting of three members of the Lodge, who shall have authority during recess of the Lodge to expend not more than \$_____ dollars for that purpose.

C- A Conduct Committee, consisting of three members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to take cognizance of the conduct of the brethren within the jurisdiction of the Lodge, reconcile differences which may arise among brethren, and when proper, prepare and prefer charges to the Lodge for its action.

D- A Visiting Committee, whose duty it shall be to visit sick and distressed brethren and their families and sick and distressed widows and orphans of deceased brethren, and report to the Worshipful Master of the Lodge.

E- An Inquisitorial or Interview Committee, consisting of three or more members of the Lodge, whose duty it shall be to interview each prospective candidate from whom a petition for the degrees has been received and obtain from him such information relative to his motives and moral fitness as may appear advisable. No ballot on such petition shall be taken until after said committee has reported thereon.

1946,39,93; 1947, 109; 1960,51, 116

ARTICLE VI

DELINQUENCY OF INVESTIGATOR

Section 1. Whenever a member to whom a petition has been referred for investigation shall fail to report thereon at the proper time or to present a satisfactory explanation of his failure to do so, he shall be summarily discharged by the Worshipful Master, if necessary. and another appointed in his stead.

* If section 5 is used, the words "raised, admitted, or restored" in section 4 of this article should be changed to "raised or restored"

+ Instead of the word "previous," the word "current" may be substituted if the second option is used in sections 3 and 4 of this article.

ARTICLE VII**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Section 1. The following shall be the order of business at all stated meetings, unless the Worshipful Master shall otherwise direct.

A- Reading and approving all unapproved minutes of previous meetings.

B- Reading and referring petitions.

C- Reports of committees on petitions.

D- Balloting on petitions.

E- Reports of committees other than on petitions.

F- Unfinished business.

G- Receiving and considering resolutions.

H- Bills and communications.

I- Disposing of such other business as may lawfully come before the Lodge.

J- Conferring degrees.

Adopted _____ 20 ____

Signature of Worshipful Master

Signature of Secretary

SEAL

The Individual Mason

TITLE 5

Chapter 1

Demits, Transfers, Affiliation, and Nonaffiliation

5.101. The right of a Mason to withdraw from membership or to demit, and thus sever his connection with the chartered Lodge of which he is a member, belongs to every Mason who has paid all of his dues to said Lodge and can meet other conditions mentioned in 5.102 below. If he no longer desires to be an affiliated member, the Lodge should not hold that fact against him, but should grant his request for a demit regardless of his reasons for making the request.

T. B. 304, 305; 1851, 21; 1880, 20; 1910, 35; 1969, 71, 124.

5.102. A application for a demit must be made in writing at a stated meeting and must be signed by the applicant or by the Secretary of a Lodge which has elected the applicant to membership upon receipt of a demit or transfer certificate. A demit granted otherwise is void and the certificate of demission, if issued, must be revoked. Such application having been thus presented, the Secretary having reported all dues of the applicant paid or remitted, a demit or transfer may not be denied if the application therefor was received by the Secretary of the Lodge prior to the first stated meeting held in the third month of its fiscal year, if dues up to and including the previous year have been paid or remitted, and no charges are pending the Worshipful Master having given ample opportunity for any Brother present to ask for time in which to prefer charges or to appeal from a verdict of acquittal and no member having responded, it is the duty of the Worshipful Master (a motion is not necessary) to declare the petition granted (but it is not to be granted in favor of any particular Lodge), and from that moment, the membership of the applicant ceases. A certificate of demission, for which a fee may not be charged, must be issued by the Secretary and dated, and may be signed by the Worshipful Master and/or the Secretary under the Lodge seal, but it is not invalidated by the absence of the Lodge seal or the signature of the Worshipful Master.

1874, 443; 1877, 24; 1879, 354; 1882, 208; 1883, 364; 1889, 18; 1894, 574; 1895, 26; 1898, 20; 1909, 31, 35; 1912, 36, 58; 1917, 44, 46; 1928, 32, 122; 1929, 47, 142; 1951, 115; 1953, 108; 1954, 58, 110; 1962, 46, 112.

5.103. CERTIFICATE OF DEMIT

A certificate of demit is presumed to have been issued lawfully. The action of a Lodge granting a demit may not be reconsidered or revoked, even if a certificate of demission is not delivered or if a check for payment of dues is not paid. A demitted Brother may become a member of a Lodge only through petition for affiliation (5.110).

1884, 536; 1895, 26; 1903, 23; 1917, 42; 1969, 71, 124; 1987, 53, 122, 134; 1988, 23, 50, 131, 2007.

5.104. Neither a legally issued demit nor its equivalent keeps the holder thereof in good standing for a period longer than one year from the date granted, and he is not thereafter entitled to any Masonic privilege except that of affiliation or Masonic burial if the Lodge requested approves. All demits issued in this jurisdiction must express these limitations, but there is no time limit within which an application for affiliation may be made, regardless of the age of the demit.

1914, 66; 1916, 46, 51, 110; 1917, 41; 1918, 29, 30; 1919, 25; 1926, 34; 1927, 131; 1953, 108.

5.105. No certificate except a certificate of demission or of transfer of membership from a Lodge or of good standing from the Grand Secretary (see 4.204 and 6.805) evidences the severance of a Brother's membership in the Lodge granting the certificate or its equivalent of a demit, and no other certificate may serve as a demit for affiliation in another state. Certificates of good standing should not be issued by Lodges to Master Masons, except as stated below, as a current dues card is sufficient evidence of good standing. Such certificates may be issued to Entered Apprentices or Fellow Crafts, for purpose of identification, as they are not entitled to regular dues cards.

Certificates of good standing will be issued to members in good standing of defunct Lodges, to members raised in or affiliated with U. D. Lodges, which fail to receive a charter, and to members restored to the rights and privileges of Masonry, but not to Lodge membership.

If a certificate of good standing is required by a member before another Lodge will accept his petition for transfer, such certificate should plainly state that it may not be used in lieu of a demit and is not a release by the issuing Lodge.

A Tennessee Lodge has no duty in the matter when a Lodge in another state refuses to accept a demit because of its age.

1686, 209; 1895, 21, 24; 1910, 36; 1912, 34; 1918, 30, 80; 1919, 74; 1921, 87; 1925, 49; 1969, 71, 124.

5.106. A duplicate certificate of demission without Lodge action, may be issued to a demitted Mason who requests it, and may not be refused if the original is lost. It should show the original date and the reason for its issuance and should be marked "duplicate."

1872, 176; 1908, 28; 1914, 68; 1916, 111; 1919, 25; 1925, 41.

5.107. A demit may not be demanded or required to satisfy the misconduct of a Brother. It is evidence of the moral standing of the holder on the date of its issue, although it is not equivalent to a certificate of character and if a Lodge grants a demit merely that it may be rid of an undesirable member, it practices fraud upon the fraternity.

1895, 21, 24; 1918, 79; 1919, 74.

5.108. A demitted Mason, or one whose Lodge is defunct, but who is otherwise in good standing, is termed a nonaffiliate. He is subject to the rules of the fraternity, and Lodges have the power to exercise all the rights of discipline over nonaffiliates in their jurisdiction and they are derelict to duty if they fail to do so.

T. B. 305; 1882, 208; 1883, 349; 1896, 20; 1919, 77.

5.109. Nonaffiliation does not deprive a Brother of his individual rights as a Mason, but only of such additional rights as are acquired by a Lodge membership (5.104). Both he and his family have claims upon individual Masons, but they are not entitled, as a matter of right, to the charities of the Lodge or to the honors of the Institution.

T. B. 305; 1870, 533; 1883, 349; 1914, 148.

5.110. Affiliation is the act by which a Mason is received into the membership of a Lodge other than that in which he was made a Mason, or by which he is reinstated to membership in his parent Lodge after demission (5.103). He may affiliate with a Lodge only by a petition for membership and except when he has been healed (4.1308), the petition must be accompanied by his demit or its equivalent (5.105 and 5.117). If the Lodge of the applicant has ceased to exist or its charter has been forfeited, a certificate of good standing at that time from the Grand Secretary of the grand jurisdiction in which the Lodge was

located will be recognized as a demit. A demitted Mason or a member of a Lodge which has lost its charter is not responsible for unpaid Grand Lodge tax of his former Lodge.

1866, 588, 1889, 18; 1895, 23; 1897, 21; 1910, 33; 1917, 42; 1918, 35; 1921, 87; 1922, 33, 66; 1925, 49; 1929, 47, 54, 142; 1978, 118; 1988, 23, 50, 131.

5.111 A petition for affiliation may not be received if it is based on a demit from a Lodge not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. It may be received if based on a duplicate of the applicant's last demit from a recognized Lodge.

1916, 111; 1922, 35.

5.112. A Master Mason may affiliate with and become a member of any Lodge that will receive him, even if he can neither read nor write, is in bad health, or has a physical defect, and regardless of his place of residence or of the date of his dismissal from his former Lodge. In this respect he is exempted from restrictions of state lines or jurisdictions.

1866, 589; 1869, 379; 1876, 621; 1879, 355; 1892, 20; 1897, 21; 1906, 32; 1908, 31; 1913, 27, 28; 1914, 66, 70; 1917, 44; 1920, 24; 1922, 33; 1926, 34; 1927, 131.

5.113. A petition for affiliation must be signed by the applicant with his full correct name; also, as recommenders, by two members in good standing of the Lodge to which application is made. It must be presented on the first day or night of a stated meeting of the Lodge; must state the name, age, residence and vocation of the applicant, and whether similar application has been made to another Lodge. If a former application was rejected by ballot or held up by objection, the petition must give the name and location of the rejecting Lodge, and, as nearly as possible, the date of rejection. He may file a new petition after 30 days at any future stated meeting.

1848, 23; 1872, 172; 1909, 32; 1911, 45; 1920, 77; 1948, 32, 101.

5.114. A petition for affiliation takes the same course as one for degrees (4.1304 through 4.1307) and may not be received by a Lodge unless the petitioner is vouched for as, or can prove himself to be, a Master Mason. A demit is not a sufficient voucher and is necessary only to satisfy the Lodge that the petitioner is not a member of another Lodge.

If a Brother dies pending action upon his petition for affiliation, the minutes of the succeeding stated meeting should show the facts, and the fee paid, if any, must be returned to his legal representative.

1874, 421; 1879, 353; 1880, 20; 1895, 21; 1908, 34; 1911, 45; 1924, 37.

5.115. An applicant for affiliation may, but ought not, be present while the ballot is being taken on his petition. If it is rejected, he is entitled to receive a certificate of that fact from the Lodge rejecting him and to have the demit, filed with his application, returned without endorsement thereon; but he is not thereby relieved from the disabilities attached to nonaffiliation. It is his duty to apply again to the same or to another Lodge, which he may do at any future stated meeting, but not until the expiration of thirty (30) days from his rejection. There is no limit to the number of applications he may make, but he must sign a petition each time, of which no notice is necessary, and the same formalities must be observed each time as at first. The ballot may be taken on the new petition after a lunar month expires, but only at a stated meeting. A unanimous ballot is required for affiliation and a two-thirds majority ballot is required for reaffiliation with the Lodge from which the applicant demitted.

1866, 596; 1870, 533; 1879, 353, 354; 1883, 371; 1890, 286; 1892, 20; 1898, 19; 1914, 66; 1919, 23; 1948, 32, 101; 1953, 107; 1969, 71, 124; 1987, 53, 122, 134; 1988, 23, 50, 131.

5.116. Unless the bylaws of a Lodge require that each Brother who affiliates with it must pay to it a certain affiliation fee, the Lodge has the right to charge him such fee; but if its bylaws require that he pay such fee, payment must be submitted with the petition.

1929, 46.

5.117. A Master Mason in good standing, privileged to demit (5.102), may make application to a Lodge for membership therein by transfer, without first demitting from the Lodge of which he is a member, which also applies, so far as this grand jurisdiction is concerned, to such transfers to or from Lodges in other jurisdictions having the same law. Such application must be made in writing at a stated meeting, signed by the applicant and give his age, residence and the name, number and location of the Lodge of which he is a member, state that he is in good standing therein, that no charges are pending against him and that he desires to transfer his membership to the Lodge to which the application is made.

It shall be received by the Lodge to which presented, provided the applicant holds an official dues card for the current year, issued by the Lodge of which he is a member (which must be a regular lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee or by a Grand Lodge recognized by the Grand Lodge of Tennessee - see list in proceedings), and shall take the same course as that provided for petitions for affiliation on demit. No notice or inquiry of any kind should be sent to the other Lodge until a ballot is spread upon the application. If elected by the Lodge to which application is made, the Secretary of said Lodge shall notify the Lodge of which the applicant is a member (4.1508), sending the lower half of the transfer form being sure that the request for demit is attached and signed by the applicant, that he has been elected to membership by affiliation, conditioned to and effective upon issuance of demit by that Lodge, whereupon, at the next stated meeting, all dues of the applicant having been paid or remitted (4.1806 and 4.1807), and no charges having been preferred or time requested in which to prefer the same or appeal from a verdict of acquittal, the Worshipful Master shall declare the application granted (a motion is not necessary) and said Lodge shall issue a demit or the certificate attached to the regular transfer form, and cause it to be mailed direct (4.1508) to the Secretary of the new Lodge, his membership ceasing in the old and becoming effective in the new Lodge **ON THAT DATE.**

1952, 49, 50, 113.

Chapter 2

Visiting and Avouchment

5.201. Although visitation is a privilege and not a right, yet to visit any Lodge which he may desire to enter as he passes through the world is one of the most important Masonic privileges of a Master Mason in good standing. It is based on the principle of the identity of the Masonic institution as one universal family, and is the exponent of the well-known maxim that "in every clime a Mason may find a home, and in every land a Brother."

M. 29, 203; S. 14, 180; Chase 298; 1869, 374; 1899, 19; 1912, 37; 2001.

5.202. It is the prerogative of the Worshipful Master to control the admission of visitors to his Lodge, by withholding that permission without which they may not enter; and he may exclude a visiting Brother (unless the Brother is entitled to visit by the nature of his office) from his Lodge, without being called upon for his reasons for so doing, and from this there may be no appeal.

Const 2.105(1); T. B. 281, 300, 322; S. 181; 1866, 588; 1879, 355; 1899, 19; 1923, 80.

5.203. A Lodge may exclude from visiting it one who has been expelled by it but restored by the Grand Lodge to the rights and privileges of Masonry.

1853, 33.

5.204. Any member, including the accused on trial before his Lodge, may object to the admission or presence of a visitor (unless he is entitled to visit by the nature of his office), provided he is present in the Lodge when the visitor is announced (6.609). In such case the Master must refuse admission, but an objection to a visitor is not valid in the absence of the objector.

Const. 2105(1); T. B. 281, 322; 1866, 588; 1879, 354, 399; 1894, 574; 1923, 80.

5.205. Every person in the hall must be known to be a Mason in good standing of the degree on which the Lodge is to be opened. The Worshipful Master must know them to be such either by personal knowledge, examination, legal information or avouchment; and he must be satisfied that a visitor is a Mason in good standing of the degree on which the Lodge is opened before ordering his admission. If the avouchment is not satisfactory, he must order an examination by a committee (5.104).

Ritual; 1868, 209.

5.206. A Brother may not be required to exhibit a receipt for the current year's dues before being allowed to visit a Lodge, if he is vouched for (5.208); but a visitor from another grand jurisdiction who seeks admittance into a Lodge and is not vouched for, may not be examined until he has presented a card or receipt for dues showing him to be in good standing in a regular Lodge; nor may a member of a Tennessee Lodge be examined until he has presented a standard receipt for dues. Such examination should be conducted by the Worshipful Master or by a committee appointed by him for the purpose; it should be rigid and thorough, and the result convincing beyond a reasonable doubt. The Tiler's Oath should be administered, and should conclude rather than precede the examination.

T. B. 300, 301, 303; S. 183, 185; M. 211, 213; 1917, 54, 116; 1924, 114; 1925, 37; 1948, 15, 103.

5.207. The possession of a certificate of demission or of a written testimonial is not sufficient proof to justify admission to a Lodge. Personal avouchment is necessary, even for one whose petition for membership is before the Lodge or who desires advancement therein on certificate and waiver.

1868, 209; 1880, 20; 1922, 34.

5.208. A Master Mason in good standing may vouch for another (4.1404) who is present at the time, if he knows him to be in good standing, and (a) if he has been present with him within a legally constituted and duly opened Lodge of the degree for which avouchment is made, (b) if he has been introduced to him by a Brother known to be a Master Mason in good standing, who says in so doing, "I have sat in open Lodge with this Brother," or "I have carefully examined him," (c) if, as one of a committee or otherwise he has carefully examined him. The personal examination of a Brother by another casually met should rarely be accepted. The Brother vouching must be known to be competent to conduct such an examination.

T. B. 300, 301; M. 220; 1842, 463; 1874, 449.

Chapter 3

Charity

5.301. Every Lodge is entitled to all the rights and benefits, and has all the burdens and responsibilities, which properly belong to a subordinate Lodge; but while a Lodge, as an organization dispensing charity from a common fund like a municipal corporation, is primarily bound to look after the indigent within its own territorial jurisdiction, yet in the broad sense of our covenant relation Masonic charity is not controlled by territorial jurisdiction. On becoming a Mason a man becomes a member not only of a Lodge, but of the whole Masonic family. A Mason's charity should be bounded only by his ability to contribute to the needs of the applicant. In this sense Masonic charity attaches to the individual member, and not to the Lodge.

A. L. 8; 1875, 523; 1883, 349; 1904, 34.

5.302. Worthy Masons are entitled to relief from brethren and Lodges whenever they are found in need of it. A Brother or a Lodge granting such aid is not entitled to demand reimbursement therefor, except in accordance with a previous agreement; but when a member is relieved by a Lodge not his own, common courtesy and duty alike demand that his Lodge reimburse the Lodge giving relief to its member, if its financial condition permits it.

T. B. 304; 1882, 209; 1895, 24; 1896, 56; 1910, 33; 1915, 85.

5.303. A Lodge should not bestow charity upon a traveling Mason until it first confers, by telegram or otherwise, with the Lodge to which the applicant claims to belong; nor may the funds of the Lodge be dispensed for charity without the consent of the Lodge, unless its bylaws authorize it.

1897, 21; 1904, 33.

5.304. The widow and orphans of a member who died while in good standing do not lose their claim upon the Lodge, even if he committed suicide; but when it becomes known that his widow and daughters are not living virtuous lives, they are not subjects of Masonic relief. When a Mason's widow marries a profane she loses her claims upon the fraternity.

1882, 207; 1893, 288; 1896, 22.

Chapter 4

Dual Membership

5.401 Dual membership or membership in a Lodge of this grand jurisdiction and a Lodge of another grand jurisdiction at the same time is permitted subject to the provisions of this chapter.

5.402 Dual membership is permitted only if the other Grand Lodge (1) allows dual membership; (2) will furnish a certificate of standing for dual membership or its equivalent when one of its Masons seeks dual membership here; (3) will notify this Grand Lodge when one of its Masons is elected to membership there or his membership is terminated; and (4) will recognize the suspension or expulsion here of a Mason holding dual membership.

5.403 Application for dual membership here is in the same way, and under the same rules as affiliations on demit from another grand jurisdiction, except it is on a certificate of standing for dual membership or its equivalent, issued by the other Grand Lodge and approved by the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge.

When application for dual membership is applied for here the applicant must furnish the Lodge with the certificate of standing for dual membership or its equivalent issued by his Grand Lodge. The Secretary of the Lodge shall forward the certificate to the Grand Secretary who will endorse his approval thereon if it is in order and return it to the Secretary. The applicant cannot be elected to membership until the Lodge receives the certificate back from the Grand Secretary with his approval endorsed upon it.

5.404 A member of a Lodge here, who desires to affiliate with a Lodge of another grand jurisdiction for dual membership shall apply in writing to the Grand Secretary for his certificate of standing for dual membership. The application must show the full name and birth date of the applicant, the date to which his dues are paid, that he has no charges pending against him, and the name, number and location of the Lodge he will apply to for affiliation. The application must be certified correct under the Lodge seal by the Secretary of the Lodge and forwarded to the Grand Secretary who will, if it is in order, issue the certificate.

5.405 A certificate of standing for dual membership is substantially the same as a certificate of good standing, except it must show the date to which the dues are paid, that it is not a demit, and that it is granted to the applicant for use in applying for membership in a Lodge in another grand jurisdiction mentioned in his application. It must have the Masonic history of the applicant endorsed on it and contain such other information or instructions as maybe deemed useful.

5.406 If a Mason holding dual membership demits from the Lodge in another grand jurisdiction it will not change his status here, but if he is suspended or expelled from a Lodge in another grand jurisdiction he is deemed suspended or expelled here. On receipt of notice from the other Grand Lodge, his membership here will be terminated by entry on the records of the Lodge and the Grand Lodge.

5.407 The Grand Secretary will notify the other Grand Lodge when one of its members is elected to membership here or his membership is terminated.

5.408 Dual membership means membership in more than one grand jurisdiction. There is no limit on the number of Lodges to which a Tennessee Mason may belong. For the Grand Lodge which utilize the term "plural membership" the term "dual membership" as used herein shall be the same as "plural membership" in such other Grand Lodges.

2012

Chapter 5

Plural Membership

5.501. A Master Mason who is a member in good standing of a Lodge in this grand jurisdiction, may become a member of one or more additional Lodges in this grand jurisdiction, provided he has been elected to membership by affiliation to said additional Lodge, and provided further that each Lodge to which he has been elected records him a plural member in the Lodge's reports to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

5.502. (1) Plural members are permitted to hold any office in one subordinate Lodge. If a plural member holds the office of Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden Treasurer or Secretary in one lodge, he may hold any office whether appointed or elected in the other subordinate lodge of which he is a member. This provision is permitted provided that the time and date of the stated meeting of one lodge does not conflict with the other. In the event that the time and date of the stated meeting of both Lodges are the same, the plural member cannot hold office, either appointed or elected in more than one lodge at the same time.

2010, 2018, 2024

5.503. Should a Master Mason holding plural membership desire to withdraw his membership from one of the Lodges to which he belongs; he will ask for a demit from said Lodge and immediately inform all other Lodges to which he belongs of said demit.

5.504. Nothing within this chapter shall be construed to limit in any way the power of any Lodge to impose discipline upon any plural member of said Lodge. If convicted of a Masonic offense the plural member shall suffer the same punishment in all Lodges of which he is a member.

1993.

TITLE 6

THE PENAL CODE

Chapter 1

General

6.101. Title 6 shall be known as The Penal Code Chapters 8 apply exclusively to individual Masons and Chapter 9 exclusively to Lodges. Chapters 1 and 10 may apply to both.

6.102. Discipline of a Mason of this grand jurisdiction by the disciplinary authority of another grand jurisdiction for an offense committed there is recognized here if the other grand jurisdiction accords the same rights and privileges over its Masons to this grand jurisdiction. The Grand Master determines finally all matters of comity.

6.103. The primary purpose of Masonic discipline is to preserve the good repute and integrity of the Masonic institution by the prosecution and punishment of a Lodge or a Mason whose acts or omissions have injured the Craft as a whole, the Grand Lodge, a Mason or even a profane. It is not intended for the determination and settlement of private disputes whether religious, political or secular. However the fact that such a private dispute is involved will not prevent discipline if a Masonic offense has been committed.

6.104. Prosecutions pending at the time of the adoption of a new law are continued and disposed of in conformity with the old law unless the new law expressly provides otherwise. New prosecutions are under the new law.

6.105. Prosecution for a Masonic offense that is a felony or involves moral turpitude may occur at any time but prosecution for any other offense must commence within one year after it is discovered or it is barred. Prosecution begins when charges are preferred.

6.106. Masonic discipline may be applied to conduct engaged in prior to the granting of a charter or prior to being made a Mason if the conduct is discovered afterwards and is a grave Masonic offense and if discipline is invoked promptly.

6.107. The date of service of any summons or notice is deemed to be the date it is delivered personally or the date it is placed in the mail to be delivered.

6.108. In computing the time in which a thing must be done, the first day shall be excluded and the last day included except when the last day falls on Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday it shall be excluded. When no time is fixed, the thing is to be done within a reasonable time.

6.109. If the accused neglects to appear after being served with charges and summons as provided herein the trial shall proceed to judgment on the proof without him.

6.110. Every Mason except the accused may be required to be a witness at a trial and state all that he knows about the case. But he may not be required to reveal information received under his obligation or as counsel for the accused. The accused may be a witness but may not be compelled to. If he is not a witness it shall not be used against him for any purpose.

6.111. The accused is presumed to be innocent. He may not be convicted unless the prosecution proves he is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

6.112. A judgment of conviction or acquittal of the accused or other official record in his case in a court of law may be received in evidence by certified copy thereof from the court. Such record is not conclusive of the accused' guilt or innocence and is merely evidence. The accused may be tried and convicted or acquitted regardless of the result of a trial in a court of law.

6.113. When the trial is by a Commission the Chairman may take the statement of a profane or of a Mason who is unable to attend the trial, at another place, reduce it to writing, and use it in the trial as evidence. When the trial is by a Lodge the Secretary may take the statement of a profane or of a Mason who is unable to attend the trial, and must if requested take the statement of an accused who cannot be present in open Lodge because he is a suspended Mason or nonaffiliate, at another place outside the Lodge, reduce it to writing and use it in the trial as evidence.

But no such statement may be taken and used as evidence in the trial unless the accused and the accuser are present by agreement or have been notified of the time and place the statement is to be taken and have a reasonable opportunity to be present in person and by counsel and ask questions of the witness. The Chairman or the Secretary shall give all necessary notice.

6.114. The Judge Advocate is authorized to prepare a manual for the conduct of trials, which must be consistent with this Code to be filed in the office of the Grand Secretary and made available for inspection by a Commission or a Lodge. The Grand Secretary may furnish copies of such parts thereof as may be requested.

Chapter 2

Offenses

6.201. An indiscreet and unwise act, even though amounting to unmasonic conduct, is not necessarily a Masonic offense subject to punishment. A penalty is invoked only for a willful and intentional violation which should be determined by the overt acts of the accused. Also, a Mason is entitled to know with reasonable certainty the Masonic offenses for which he may be held accountable. Accordingly, a Mason may be put to trial and punished only for a transgression that is willful and intentional and declared in this Code to be a Masonic offense.

6.202. Violations of the bylaws, rules and regulations of a Lodge and the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge that amounts to Masonic offenses are delineated separately in this Code. An act done or omitted that violates any other obligation assumed in the three degrees is a Masonic offense.

6.203. It is a Masonic offense to commit any felony whatever, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. A misdemeanor involves moral turpitude if the act is so immoral that it is an act of baseness, vileness, or depravity in the private and social duties which a man owes to his fellow men or to society in general.

6.204. The following are violations of the bylaws, rules and regulations of Lodges or of the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge and amount to Masonic offenses:

-
- (1) Willful nonpayment of dues.
 - (2) Drunkenness.
 - (3) Gambling, in any amount or at any time, which may unreasonably impair one's ability to support himself or those having prior claims upon him, or which causes a discredit to the brother or to the fraternity.
 - (4) Profanity or the habitual use of obscene and filthy speech.
 - (5) Defamation of a Mason or a profane, a Lodge, the Grand Lodge, or the fraternity.
 - (6) Refusal to answer questions in a trial, unless the one refusing has received his information under his Masonic obligation, or as attorney for the accused, or failure or refusal to answer a summons to appear at a trial.
 - (7) Failure of an officer of a Lodge to settle and to return his books over to it at the proper time, or failure to perform with fidelity a duty as an officer of a Lodge or of the Grand Lodge.
 - (8) To object to initiation, advancement or affiliation for revenge or on purely personal, political or religious grounds.
 - (9) To threaten to prevent, by blackball or objection, affiliation or conferring degrees.
 - (10) Refusing obedience to the commands of a Masonic superior.
 - (11) To make a false statement about a material matter in an application for the degrees, affiliation or restoration.
 - (12) To engage in the illegal manufacture or sale of drugs, beer and intoxicating liquors as a beverage.
 - (13) To cause or permit a place of business where beer is sold to become disreputable and a discredit to the fraternity.
 - (14) To wear a Masonic emblem, or otherwise claim to be a Master Mason in good standing while an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft Mason, a suspended or expelled Mason, or a Mason unaffiliated for more than one year.
 - (15) To be a member of an organization composed of Masons that permits or encourages Masonic offenses.
 - (16) Using Masonic membership for political or commercial purposes.
 - (17) To publish or report the proceedings of the Grand Lodge without authority, or to criticize in the public print or other media Masonic methods, proceedings and policies.
 - (18) To answer roll call for another at Grand Lodge.
 - (19) To allow a Lodge building to be used for unauthorized purposes.
 - (20) To use unauthorized printed or written keys, ciphers, notes or characters purporting to be descriptive of the secret work, lectures or ritual of the three degrees as presently worked in Tennessee.
 - (21) To disregard an objection to initiation, advancement or affiliation.
 - (22) To reveal a vote on a petition for the degrees, restoration or affiliation, except to withdraw a black ball or correct an erroneous announcement, and to inquire or seek to discover how another voted.
 - (23) To exhibit in open Lodge gross disrespect for Lodge members, the Grand Lodge or its officers, or the fraternity in general.
 - (24) To interfere with the work or the peace and harmony of a Lodge by repeatedly preferring baseless or purely technical charges or charges purely for spite or revenge.
 - (25) To abuse or mistreat wife and children or neglect to provide for them according to ability.
 - (26) To be an atheist at the time of initiation or become one afterwards.
 - (27) To engage in lewd conduct. To promote or engage in homosexual activity. To cohabit immorally in a situation without the benefit of marriage.
 - (28) To promote or encourage the production, distribution or use of obscene films, pictures or writings.
 - (29) To declare oneself a candidate for, or to actively campaign for, or ask another member to campaign for him, for an office in the Lodge.

6.205. Any violation of a bylaw, rule or regulation of a Lodge or the constitution or a law of the Grand Lodge not otherwise specified as a Masonic offense in this Code is a Masonic offense if a Mason who has been engaging in such violation refuses to cease and desist after being warned by a Lodge or the Grand Master.

Chapter 3

Punishments

6.301. The punishments inflicted in a Masonic trial are reprimand, definite suspension or suspension for a definite period of time, indefinite suspension, and expulsion.

Suspension and expulsion automatically remove from office an accused who is an officer. When the punishment is reprimand and the accused is an elective officer of a Lodge, removal from office may be invoked.

6.302. The penalty for nonpayment of dues is indefinite suspension. The penalty for other offenses may be any of the punishments. However, expulsion is inflicted only for an offense involving moral turpitude or a flagrant violation of Masonic law.

6.303. Exclusion is a Masonic penalty but it is not used in a trial and instead is imposed without charges and trial. The Lodge or the Master or the Grand Master may exclude a member from a meeting for conduct that disrupts order and decorum which is in the nature of a preceding for contempt. A Master may exclude a visitor, except Grand Officers, without assigning a cause which is a prerogative of his office. Exclusion continues only for the duration of the meeting from which a Mason is excluded.

6.304. Reprimand is a mild punishment and is considered rather as an admonition and as a notice of intention to preserve the dignity of the Order. It should be administered, after time for appeal has expired, in open Lodge at a stated meeting by the Master or under his direction or in cases decided by the Grand Master by him or at his direction in such manner as he may elect.

6.305. Suspension, either definite or indefinite, deprives a Mason of all his rights and privileges while the penalty operates except that of appeal and of petitioning for restoration.

6.306. Expulsion irrevocably severs all connection between a Mason and the fraternity and is called Masonic death. The family of an expelled Mason has no claim on the fraternity.

6.307. A suspended or expelled Mason may not be admitted into a Lodge for any purpose.

6.308. PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES OF DISCIPLINED MASONS

A. The names of Masons expelled or suspended under Masonic law during the preceding year shall be published in the Grand Lodge Proceedings on a page that states in bold print at the top of the page:

**CONFIDENTIAL AND PRIVILEGED INFORMATION. DISCLOSURE
TO A PERSON NOT A MASON IS A SERIOUS MASONIC OFFENCE.**

B. At the heading of the list of those expelled, the Proceedings shall state:

**“The following named people are no longer eligible to receive Masonic
communication.”**

C. The word “expelled” (or any equivalent) shall not be printed anywhere in the Proceedings to describe the action of any Lodge in this or any other Grand Jurisdiction against an individual.

Chapter 4

Jurisdiction

6.401. In accordance with the Ancient Landmarks, every Mason is amenable to the laws and regulations of the jurisdiction in which he resides, even though he be a member of a particular Lodge in some other jurisdiction.

1980,58,125.

6.402. The penal jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and of a subordinate Lodge is as follows:

- (1) The Grand Lodge has penal jurisdiction, which is original and exclusive, over its officers and other Masons who commit an offense against the Grand Lodge and over the Grand Master and Masters of Lodges, who commit any offense. It may assume original penal jurisdiction over any Mason if the subordinate Lodge having jurisdiction neglects or refuses to exercise it. When the Grand Lodge is not in session, the Grand Master acts for it in all penal matters.
- (2) Except in cases in which the Grand Lodge has original penal jurisdiction, a subordinate Lodge has penal jurisdiction (1) over its members who commit an offense anywhere, including suspended or expelled members and its Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts over whom it has not waived jurisdiction, and (2) over all Masons who reside and commit an offense in its territorial jurisdiction.

A Mason charged with an offense in a subordinate Lodge shall have the same right the Lodge has to request that he be tried by a trial commission.

1980,58,125,126.

6.403. When penal jurisdiction is concurrent among Lodges, the Lodge in which charges are first preferred takes jurisdiction to the exclusion of other Lodges.

6.404. When original penal jurisdiction is assumed by the Grand Lodge it becomes exclusive and any proceedings commenced in the Lodge are terminated. Such jurisdiction may be assumed at any stage of the proceedings prior to judgment. If judgment has been made, the Grand Lodge will review the case only on appeal.

Chapter 5

Charges

6.501 Charges against all Masons except the Grand Master are preferred only by the Grand Master or some other affiliated Master Mason in good standing or by a Lodge. Charges against the Grand Master are preferred only by the Grand Lodge.

6.502 Charges against Grand Officers and other Masons for an offense against the Grand Lodge and against Masters of Lodges for any offenses are filed with the Grand Master. Charges against all other Masons are filed with a Lodge having penal jurisdiction over them.

6.503 When the Grand Lodge assumes original jurisdiction the Grand Master may prefer or cause to be preferred charges against the accused. If charges are pending in a

Lodge, he may proceed on them or on new charges at his option. On request the Secretary of the Lodge shall file with the Grand Master six copies of pending charges under Lodge Seal.

6.504 Charges must be in writing and signed by the Mason preferring them or if preferred by a Lodge they must be signed by the Junior Warden or some other member designated by the Lodge for that purpose.

6.505 Charges need not be in any particular form or comply with any technical rules but must specify the offense the accused is charged with and state the facts constituting the offense in ordinary and concise language and in such a manner as to enable a man of common understanding to know what is intended. Multiple offenses may be charged at the same time but their separate nature must clearly appear.

6.506 Charges are preferred or accepted by a Lodge having penal jurisdiction or by the Grand Lodge or Grand Master exercising original jurisdiction if there is probable cause to believe an offense has been committed and the accused committed it.

6.507 The accused is not entitled to notice that charges are being considered by a Lodge or the Grand Master or to appear and be heard on the same. He becomes entitled to notice only after charges are pending and a trial is to be conducted.

6.508 Charges in a Lodge must be read in open Lodge and preferred or accepted by the Lodge by majority vote at a stated meeting which must be reflected in the minutes. Until charges are written, signed and read they cannot be preferred or accepted by the Lodge. Charges must be accepted or rejected within a reasonable time after they are preferred by a brother. They cannot be indefinitely postponed.

6.509 After charges are pending and ready for trial they cannot be amended or changed. New charges must be preferred or accepted instead.

6.510 If a Mason other than the one who signs the charges is to be the accuser in the trial his name shall be endorsed thereon as such.

6.511 If charges are not accepted the same charges may be preferred a second time but no more. If refused twice the only remedy is appeal.

6.512 When charges are preferred before the Grand Master or a Lodge and are not accepted, the Grand Master or the Secretary respectively shall make and sign a written statement of the evidence presented, including any reasons assigned by the Grand Master or the Lodge for not accepting them, which shall be preserved for use in the record in case of appeal.

Chapter 6

Trials

6.601. When the Grand Master is to be tried by the Grand Lodge the Grand Lodge shall adopt a resolution detailing the procedure to be used in the case which shall include provisions for notice and a hearing in person and by counsel. Termination of the Grand Master's term shall not terminate proceedings against him for an offense committed during his term.

6.602. The trial of all other Masons is:

- (1) By a commission acting for the Grand Lodge in cases of original jurisdiction when the Grand Lodge is not in session, or
- (2) By a commission acting for a Lodge at the request of the Lodge or the accused, or
- (3) By a Lodge.

1981,51,120

6.603 When the Grand Lodge has exclusive original penal jurisdiction, which includes offenses committed by a Master during his term of office, or assumes original penal jurisdiction, the Grand Master shall appoint a trial commission which shall conduct a trial and report its findings to the Grand Master together with its recommendations on innocence or guilt and punishment. The report shall be in writing and signed by a majority of the members. The Grand Master shall review the record made before the commission including the report and pronounce an independent judgment. The judgment shall take effect on the date thereof. He shall deliver or mail a copy of his and the commission's action to the accused. A copy shall be sent to the accused's own Lodge if an affiliate in this grand jurisdiction or to proper authority if in another grand jurisdiction. The Secretary shall read the results of the trial at the next stated meeting of the Lodge.

6.604 When a Lodge has penal jurisdiction and has preferred or accepted charges, it may decide by majority vote to request that a trial commission be appointed to try the accused or the accused may make such request by notice to the Worshipful Master. In such case the Secretary shall forward to the Grand Master six copies of the charges under Lodge Seal together with notice the Lodge or the accused has made the request. The Grand Master then shall appoint a trial commission which shall conduct the trial and decide the case for and instead of the Lodge. When the commission has made its findings and judgment, which shall be in writing and signed by a majority of the members, the judgment shall take effect on the date thereof. It shall send a copy of the same to the Secretary of the Lodge with copy to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary. The Secretary shall read the findings and judgment of the commission to the Lodge at the next stated meeting after receiving them and note the result of the trial in the minutes. He shall send the accused a copy of the findings and judgment but failure to do so shall not invalidate the judgment.

1981,51,120.

6.605 A trial commission, whether appointed to act for the Grand Lodge or a Lodge, shall be composed of three (3) disinterested Past Masters who shall not be members of the Grand Lodge Appeals and Grievances Committee or members of a Lodge to which the accuser or the accused belongs. Commissioners may be excepted to by the accuser or the accused for bias, interest or other cause by notice in writing to the Grand Master setting out the reasons at least 10 (ten) days before the trial in which event the Grand Master shall grant or deny the exception and his action shall be final. He may appoint other commissioners as may be necessary prior to the trial. The term of no commissioner shall expire until his work is completed or he is relieved regardless of when the Grand Master's term ends. He shall appoint a chairman who shall be in charge of the trial and shall act for the commission in all preliminary matters including the issuance and service of any summons or notice. Commissioners shall receive no compensation for their services. All necessary expenses of the proceeding may be paid but the Grand Master must first approve the same.

1979,123, 2007

6.606 A commission, whether acting for the Grand Lodge or a Lodge, shall cause a certified copy of the charges, together with a summons to appear at the time and place of the trial, to be served on the accused by a messenger who is a Master Mason or by certified return receipt requested mail sent to him at his address if known. But if he evades service or refuses delivery or if his address is unknown and cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry the copy of the charges and the summons sent to him at his last known address by certified return receipt requested mail shall be sufficient notice. The trial shall be not less than 15 days after the accused is served with a copy of the charges and a summons. The commission shall immediately appoint in writing counsel for the prosecution, who may or may not be the accuser, he to be consulted in that regard if there is an accuser, and thereafter he shall be responsible for the presentation of the case for the prosecution at the trial. It may appoint also in writing counsel for the accused, who may or may not be the accused, he to be consulted in that regard if possible, and thereafter he shall be responsible for the presentation of the case for the defense at the trial. The accused may select counsel of his own, in which case, the commission shall not appoint his counsel. All counsel must be Master Masons in good standing. The chairman shall summon any witness who knows any material facts about the case requested by the parties or counsel, they furnishing the name, address and telephone number of each, and any witness known by the chairman to be a witness for either side. No profane may be summoned but may be requested to appear. All papers sent out by the commission shall include the name and address of the chairman.

1979,123.

6.607 Trial by a commission acting for a Lodge is held in the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge. Trial by a commission acting for the Grand Lodge, of a Master of a Lodge or a Mason over whom original jurisdiction is assumed, is held in the territorial jurisdiction of his own Lodge or a Lodge that otherwise would have had penal jurisdiction over him, and of a Mason who commits an offense against the Grand Lodge, in the Grand Lodge building. The commission may change the venue for good cause.

6.608 If the accused desires to raise any objection to the sufficiency of the charges or any other objection whatever to the proceeding he must file his motion in writing with the chairman at least 10 days before the trial. If no motion is filed in time all objections may be treated as waived and the trial may proceed on the merits at the appointed time.

A motion to dismiss the charges for some defect or slip in preferring or accepting the same should be denied unless it appears the accused will be prejudiced thereby in his trial. A motion may be granted, however, if the charges are invalid or if proceeded with will prejudice the accused. If the charges are dismissed on motion they cannot be amended. The commission in such case will report its action and its work will end. New charges may be preferred or accepted by proper authority and another commission appointed composed of other or the same members. The same process preliminary to trial is followed on new charges as on any others.

The commission may continue a hearing that has not commenced by notice to the parties and witnesses personally or first class mail or continue a hearing already commenced by announcement at the hearing. Summons and notice in such cases remain

in effect and Masons are bound to be present at the new time set A trial may not be indefinitely postponed.

6.609 A trial by a commission is conducted in a Lodge room or other place that can be properly tiled. The commission may admit any Master Mason in good standing to the hearing but it may restrict those present before it to the accuser, accused, counsel for the prosecution and defense, reporter, and one witness at a time. It is authorized to appoint other than counsel such persons as may be necessary to assist it in the trial including a Tiler, marshal and reporter. All present shall be Master Masons in good standing except an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, suspended Mason or nonaffiliate may be present if he is the accused or as a witness while a witness. A profane may be present only while a witness.

6.610 The object of a Masonic trial is to discover the truth and technicalities are to be ignored but the hearing must be orderly and on competent evidence to achieve justice. Except as otherwise provided in Masonic law, the rules for the conduct of trials and the reception of evidence are substantially as in a court of this state.

A witness may not be sworn in the trial and an atheist may not be a witness. The commission may take the statement of a profane or a Mason who is unable to attend the trial in another place for use in the trial as described in the general provisions of this Code.

The chairman shall cause to be kept a full, true and perfect record of the entire proceeding, including the appointment of the commissioners and all correspondence, the facts about the issuance and service of every notice and summons, the disposition of motions, the filing of exhibits, and a written narrative of the substance of what is said at the trial by the witnesses and others that is material. The narrative may be a separate document or incorporated in the findings and must be signed by a majority of the members. In addition the chairman may cause a verbatim report to be made of the hearing by means of a reporter or a recording device but the incurring of any expertise connected with the same must be approved by the Grand Master. All of the papers and the entire record shall be filed with the Grand Secretary at the conclusion of the case. The chairman may at that time certify the record or he may wait and certify it in case of an appeal.

6.611 The members of a commission are for the time being superior Masonic officers vested with all the powers necessary for the discharge of their duties and all Masons are bound to obey their lawful commands.

Commissioners may not receive any evidence except in the trial or discuss the merits of the case with any other person until the case is over.

6.612 The request of a Lodge or the accused for a trial of the accused by a commission is granted to promote harmony and justice and this method of trial is recommended except in the trial of charges for nonpayment of dues which is always by the Lodge. But a Lodge is entitled to try the accused in open Lodge in all cases in which it has penal jurisdiction and the accused has not requested a trial by a commission. The trial in open Lodge must be in the manner and under the regulations herein specified.

1981,51,120.

6.613 The only way to suspend a member for nonpayment of dues is to prefer charges against him and dispose of his case as provided in this section.

At a stated meeting, after the Lodge has remitted the dues of such delinquent members as it may elect, the Junior Warden shall prefer charges against all other delinquent members for nonpayment of dues which shall be in writing and signed by him as in other cases. After the Junior Warden has preferred charges, he or the Secretary shall read the same, or the names appearing thereon, to the Lodge and the Lodge shall act on the charges by majority vote. If the charges are accepted the Secretary shall immediately mail to the last known address of each member charged by first class mail with his return address thereon, a copy of the charges showing the amount due together with a summons to attend the next stated meeting, or other stated meeting set by the Lodge, to answer the charges.

At the stated meeting specified in the summons, if the dues are not paid and the members are not present to show cause why they should not be suspended or are present and fail to show cause, the Lodge may by two thirds majority vote suspend indefinitely all such delinquent members. The Lodge may, after such charges and notice, still remit dues or postpone the trial to another stated meeting without further notice but ultimately the charges must be disposed of. When a member is suspended indefinitely for non payment of dues the Secretary shall immediately mail to the suspended member, at his last known address by first class mail with a return address thereon a notice of the suspension together with a blank application for restoration, but failure to do so shall not invalidate the suspension.

The official minutes shall reflect the foregoing proceedings, including the names of members whose dues are remitted, those charged with non payment of dues, and those suspended.

6.614 In all cases in which trial is by the Lodge, except in cases for nonpayment of dues, trial shall be in open Lodge at a time to be fixed by the Lodge. The Secretary shall serve a certified copy of the charges, together with a summons to appear at the time and place of the trial, under seal of the Lodge, on the accused personally or by certified return receipt requested mail sent to him at his address if known. If the accused Mason evades service or refuses delivery or if his address cannot be ascertained after diligent inquiry the copy of the charges and the summons sent to him at his last known address by certified return receipt requested mail shall be sufficient notice. The trial shall be not less than 15 days after the accused is served with the copy of the charges and a summons. The Secretary must certify under Lodge seal the manner and time he served the papers and file the certificate in the record of the case.

The Secretary shall summon every resident member ⁴ of the Lodge to attend the trial of the accused which summons shall be delivered personally or sent by first class mail at the same time he serves the charges and summons on the accused. The Secretary must certify under Lodge Seal that he served the summons on resident members, listing their names and addresses, and file the certificate in the record of the case.

The Worshipful Master shall immediately appoint counsel for the prosecution and notify said counsel and the accuser in writing of his appointment. The appointed counsel shall be responsible for the presentation of the case for the prosecution at the trial. The accused may select his own defense counsel, but if he makes no selection, the Master shall appoint his counsel. All counselors must be Master Masons in good standing. The Secretary shall summon any witness requested by the parties or their counsel or the

Worshipful Master, they furnishing the name, address and telephone number of each. He shall serve each summons personally or by first class mail and keep a record thereof to be filed with the other papers in the case. No profane may be summoned but may be requested to appear outside the Lodge to give his statement.

1979,123, 2006, 2017.

6.615 The Worshipful Master presides at all trials by the Lodge. It is his duty to see that the accused has a fair and impartial trial and he should not participate in the argument of the case before the Lodge or attempt to influence its decision.

He may preside even in a case in which he is interested but may elect not to do so in which event he shall designate a Past Master to preside in his stead.

6.616 If the accused desires to raise any objection to the sufficiency of the charges or any other objection whatever to the proceeding he must file his motion in writing with the Secretary at least 10 days before the trial. If no motion is filed in time all objections may be treated as waived and the trial may proceed on the merits at the appointed time.

A motion to dismiss the charges for some defect or slip in preferring or accepting the same should be denied unless it appears the accused will be prejudiced thereby in his trial. A motion may be granted, however, if the charges are invalid proceeded which will prejudice the accused. If the charges are dismissed on motion, they cannot be amended. New charges may be preferred or accepted by the Lodge and the cause proceeded with anew.

The Lodge may continue a case before it has commenced by notice given to the parties and the witnesses by the Secretary or after it has commenced by announcement at the hearing. In such case any summons remains in effect and a Mason is bound to be present at the new time appointed. A case may not be indefinitely postponed.

6.617 The object of a Masonic trial is to discover the truth and technicalities are ignored but the hearing must be orderly and on competent evidence to serve justice. Except as otherwise provided in Masonic law, the rules for the conduct of trials and reception of evidence are substantially as in courts of law.

A witness may not be sworn in the trial and an atheist may not be a witness.

A suspended Mason or nonaffiliate may not appear in a trial in open Lodge as a witness or even as an accused. His statement, and likewise the statement of a profane, must be taken outside the Lodge and reduced to writing for use in the trial as described in the general provisions in this Code.

When the accused is a suspended Mason or a nonaffiliate and cannot be present in open Lodge at the trial arrangements must be made for him to be near the place where the trial is held to confer with counsel.

The Secretary shall make a full, true and perfect record of the entire proceeding, including a record of those present when the trial commenced, who entered or retired from the Lodge thereafter and when, the number voting for and against each proposition, and the ruling of the Master in each case. He shall make also a written narrative of the substance of what is said at the trial by witnesses and others that is material and certify that it is correct to the best of his knowledge. He shall cause to be made, if the Lodge requires it, a verbatim report of the hearing by means of a reporter or a recording device.

On Lodge order he shall cause the report to be transcribed. The Lodge must furnish the Secretary with any assistance he may need. All of the papers in the case and the record made by the Secretary, including the report and any transcription thereof shall be preserved and only Master Masons in good standing may inspect the same. The Lodge may authorize copies to be made for use by the parties in preparing their appeal but they must promise to use them for no other purpose.

6.618. When all of the evidence has been placed before the Lodge the parties or their counsel may comment thereon under regulation of the Master after which the accused, the accuser, all visitors, and all members who have not heard all the evidence, shall retire. Only members who have been present and heard all the evidence may be present and vote but a temporary absence from the room shall not disqualify. If the trial is of an Entered Apprentice or FellowCraft, the Lodge shall be closed and then opened on the third degree. The Lodge shall then vote on the case. Every member present shall vote unless excused by unanimous consent of the Lodge. The vote is taken secretly by each member writing his vote on a slip of paper and delivering it to tellers appointed by the Master. The tellers make a written report of the vote to the Master who announces the result.

The first question on which the vote must be taken is, "Are the charges sustained?" and on this question the vote must be taken on each charge separately. Two thirds of all the votes cast are necessary to sustain the charges. No action may be reconsidered after the vote is announced.

If charges are sustained, the next step in the trial, except in cases for nonpayment of dues in which conviction carries with it indefinite suspension, is to determine the punishment. The vote proceeds immediately after conviction before any member has left the room, secretly by writing on slips of paper and delivering them to the tellers, and on each conviction separately.

In cases in which the accused is subject to all the penalties, the Master will put the question without motion, "Shall the penalty be expulsion?" If two thirds of the members present vote "yes," the penalty of expulsion is determined. If less than two thirds vote "yes," the Master will then put the question, "Shall the penalty be indefinite suspension?" If two thirds vote "yes," the penalty is determined. If less than two thirds vote "yes," the Master will then put the question, "Shall the penalty be definite suspension?" If a majority vote "yes," the penalty is determined but the time of definite suspension must be fixed. The vote will be taken first on the longest time placed in nomination, then on the next longest time, and so on until the Lodge agrees by majority vote on the length of time. If the penalty of definite suspension is not agreed on, the Master will put the question, "Shall the penalty be reprimand?" and if a majority vote "yes," that penalty is determined.

Suspension or expulsion automatically removes an officer from office. If the penalty is reprimand, the Lodge may also remove an elective officer from office by majority vote. It is the exclusive prerogative of the Master to remove appointive officers.

The Secretary shall notify the accused of the results of the trial but failure to do so shall not invalidate a conviction.

Chapter 7

Appeals

6.701 All appeals are to the Grand Lodge. There are no appeals to the Grand Master.

6.702 An appeal may be taken from a refusal to accept charges and from a final judgment in a trial as follows:

- (1) By a Mason who prefers charges that are not accepted.
- (2) By the accused or the accuser aggrieved by the final judgment of a Lodge in a trial.
- (3) By the accused, the accuser or a Lodge aggrieved by the final judgment of a commission or the Grand Master in a trial.
- (4) By the Grand Master from the refusal of a Lodge to accept charges and from the final judgment of a Lodge or a commission acting for a Lodge in a trial.

6.703 A refusal to accept charges or the final judgment in a trial stands until it is changed by the Grand Lodge except the Grand Master may on a petition of one aggrieved hold in abeyance a final judgment of conviction and punishment until the Grand Lodge acts. In acting on a petition to hold in abeyance such a judgment the Grand Master uses a sound discretion and acts only after carefully reviewing the record and hearing all parties to the controversy.

6.704 An appeal may be taken in a trial only after final judgment of dismissal, acquittal, or conviction and punishment. All questions, including interlocutory actions complained of, are heard in the same appeal.

6.705 To appeal a refusal to accept charges or a judgment in a trial the appellant shall serve notice of appeal on the opposite party, with copy to the Grand Secretary, by delivery personally or mailing by first class mail with return address thereon, within 30 days after charges are refused or the judgment takes effect. Within 60 days after refusal to accept charges or the judgment takes effect, he shall serve his reasons for appeal on the opposite party, with copy to the Grand Secretary, in the same way as the notice of appeal. Unless these provisions are complied with, no appeal may be allowed except by order of the Grand Master for a delayed appeal as provided herein.

6.706 When the appeal has been perfected by serving notice and reasons on time and is from the action of a Lodge the Grand Secretary shall notify the Secretary of the Lodge to certify the record under Lodge seal and forward it to the Grand Secretary. The Secretary shall have 30 days within which to comply. When the appeal is from the action of a commission or the Grand Master the Grand Secretary shall cause the chairman to certify the record if he has not already certified it. The record from a Lodge may be the original or a copy except original recordings, if any, shall be sent up.

6.707 If a commission or a Lodge makes a record of all or part of a trial by means of a recording device the original recording, authenticated by the chairman or the Secretary, shall be a part of the record on appeal. If it has not been transcribed, the parties or their counsel may hear the recording under the supervision of the Grand Secretary or a member of his staff. But the Grand Master may order the recording transcribed by the Grand Secretary in which event the transcription may be seen instead.

If an applicant fails to perfect an appeal on time through no fault of his own he may petition the Grand Master in writing for permission to take a delayed appeal, which

the Grand Master may grant or deny in his discretion and his decision shall be final. If granted, the appeal shall be perfected in such time and manner as the Grand Master may direct.

6.709 An appeal is heard by the Grand Lodge at the annual communication that occurs 30 days or more after the appeal is perfected or the record made in a Lodge is filed with the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master may order an appeal to be heard at an annual communication that occurs less than 30 days after an appeal is perfected or a record filed.

6.710 A party entitled to appeal or counsel may file a written brief and argument with the Committee on Appeals and Grievances by sending it to the Grand Secretary at least 30 days before the next annual communication with copy to the other party who may reply in 15 days in the same manner. A party or counsel may argue the case orally before the committee by sending a notice on the opposite party at least 30 days before the next annual communication with a copy to the Grand Secretary. If one party gives notice the other may appear and argue without giving notice. The Grand Secretary will notify the parties of the time and place set by the committee for oral argument which may be prior to the convening of the Grand Lodge. Argument before the committee, whether written or oral is entirely on the record and no new evidence may be received. There is no argument by the parties or counsel before the Grand Lodge.

6.711 A record is open for inspection by a party entitled to appeal but a party is not entitled to a copy thereof at the expense of the Lodge or the Grand Lodge. It may be furnished by the Lodge or the Grand Lodge to a party entitled to appeal if he is willing to pay therefor such reasonable charges as may be exacted and pledges that he will limit the use thereof to the purposes of appeal. If the record contains reference to secret work or other matter that might prejudice the fraternity if known by the profane it must be omitted from the copy and the applicant must rely on the original record in that respect. The Secretary or the Grand Secretary makes the determination in such cases.

6.712 The Grand Lodge will not entertain an appeal taken solely to raise a technical point of law and not to prevent a wrong, or one that would serve no useful purpose to decide, or one prosecuted only for the purpose of harassment or fomenting discord. It will dismiss summarily such an appeal.

6.713 On appeal the Grand Lodge may affirm, reserve, modify or change a refusal to accept charges, or a final judgment in a trial. It will make whatever order is necessary to carry out its decision. It will if possible decide every case finally but it may order a new trial in whole or in part.

6.714 The Grand Lodge acts entirely on the record already made in the case. It will hear no new evidence.

6.715 An appeal from a sentence of suspension or expulsion does not act as a stay of punishment. Such sentence takes effect from the time the court or officer exercising original jurisdiction fixes it and may not be fixed to become effective conditionally or at a later date; but a brother may appeal from a sentence of reprimand, and a Lodge should not inflict that punishment without giving reasonable time for an appeal to be taken.

6.716 Reversal, by the Grand Lodge on appeal, of sentence of expulsion or suspension and dismissal of the case, is not restoration, but is absolute annulment of the sentence, and places the brother in the same relation to the Lodge as though charges had not been preferred, to wit, in good standing.

Chapter 8

Restoration

6.801 PETITION FOR RESTORATION OF A SUSPENDED MASON

- A. A suspended Mason may be restored by a Subordinate Lodge or the Grand Lodge as provided herein. A Mason who dies while suspended may not be restored.
- B. A suspended Mason desiring restoration must submit a petition for restoration either to:
1. the Subordinate Lodge from which he was suspended; or
 2. another Subordinate Lodge that is willing to accept him under a concurrent petition for affiliation, or
 3. the Grand Lodge.
- C. A petition for restoration must include:
1. the Mason's full name and signature;
 2. the Mason's date of birth;
 3. the Mason's most recent affiliation by Lodge name, number and location;
 4. the date and reason for suspension;
 5. if the Mason has petitioned another Lodge for affiliation and restoration; and
 6. such other information as may be requested by the Lodge.

1999, 2007.

6.802 RESTORATION OF SUSPENDED MASONS

- A. A suspended Mason can only be restored by the Lodge from which he was suspended by unanimous secret ballot. If that Lodge is defunct, he may:
1. Be restored by any other Tennessee Lodge in which he is concurrently granted membership through a petition for affiliation by unanimous secret ballot (5.110); or
 2. By the Grand Lodge, if he is a resident of another Grand Jurisdiction.
- B. A Mason suspended by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge under exercise of original jurisdiction may be restored only by the Grand Lodge after:
1. the Grand Lodge has received favorable report from a commission specifically appointed to investigate the propriety of the proposed restoration; and
 2. the Grand Lodge has taken affirmative action to restore the Mason.
 3. a Mason restored by the Grand Lodge will be non-affiliated until such time as he has been granted membership in a Subordinate Lodge through a petition for affiliation (5.110).
- C. A Lodge restoring a Brother after his suspension for nonpayment of dues shall remit to the Grand Lodge upon his restoration a per capita amount equal to the per capita rate in the year during which the Brother was suspended.

2006, 2007.

6.803 A Mason may not be restored until after the time fixed in a definite suspension. He is restored under the same rules prescribed for restoration in case of indefinite suspension, except restoration by a Lodge after expiration of the time fixed in a definite suspension requires only a majority vote of the members present.

6.804 An expelled Mason may not be restored to membership by a subordinate Lodge.

6.805 Restoration by a Lodge restores a Mason to all Masonic rights and privileges, including his former status as an Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft or member of the Lodge. Restoration by the Grand Lodge restores a Mason to all Masonic rights and privileges except membership or other status in a Lodge. When restored by the Grand Lodge he receives a certificate from the Grand Secretary which shall be recognized as a demit or as a certificate of good standing and waiver of jurisdiction.

6.806 A suspended Mason may present a petition for restoration any time after suspension. If a petition is rejected, another may not be presented until the expiration of six months.

1999.

6.807 A suspended Mason cannot be restored while he is confined in a jail or penitentiary or on probation because convicted of a crime.

1999.

Chapter 9

The Lodge

6.901 Except for having less than seven members, a Lodge may be put to trial and punished only for a transgression that is willful and intentional and declared to be a Masonic offense in this Code.

6.902 An act or omission by a Lodge contrary to any of the Ancient Landmarks is a Masonic offense.

6.903 It is a Masonic offense for a Lodge to neglect or refuse to obey a lawful order of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Master, or other superior Masonic officer, or to interfere with the execution of such an order.

6.904 It is a Masonic offense for a Lodge to neglect or refuse to obey a lawful summons, notice, or other process.

6.905 The following are violations of the constitution and laws of the Grand Lodge and are Masonic offenses:

- (1) Having a membership of less than seven.
- (2) Failure to meet within a period of one year.
- (3) Failure to be represented in the Grand Lodge for two successive annual communications.
- (4) Arrearages to the Grand Lodge for two years.
- (5) To issue an appeal to other Lodges asking aid or cooperation for any private purpose or personal object except by written order under seal by the Grand Master.
- (6) To confer a degree on an applicant who is rightfully the material of another Lodge without the consent of said Lodge.
- (7) To confer a degree for a Lodge of another grand jurisdiction unless the request is made through the Grand Masters or Grand Secretaries of this and the other grand jurisdiction
- (8) Failure to enforce an answer to a summons.
- (9) To purchase, sell or use unauthorized printed or written keys, ciphers, notes or characters purporting to be descriptive of the secret work, lectures or ritual or use a monitor other than that adopted by the Grand Lodge.
- (10) To refund fees of a candidate except when he is rejected or fails to present himself to take the degree.

- (11) For a Lodge or any Masonically affiliated organization to permit or engage in any form of illegal gambling as described in federal, state, or local law upon any property owned, operated or used by said Lodge or organization, and all other relevant passages the passage of which would affect.

1989,57,126,137. 2026

6.906 Any violation of the constitution or laws of the Grand Lodge not otherwise specified as a Masonic offense in this Code is a Masonic offense if a Lodge that has been engaging in such violation fails to cease and desist after being warned by the Grand Master.

6.907 The punishments inflicted in a trial of a Lodge are reprimand, temporary arrest or suspension of the charter, and arrest or suspension of the charter with recommendation that it be revoked by the Grand Lodge.

6.908 The Grand Lodge has exclusive original penal jurisdiction over Lodges.

6.909 Charges against a Lodge are preferred by the Grand Master, or preferred by another Master Mason in good standing or a Lodge and filed with the Grand Master. They are preferred in the same way and under the same rules as charges against a Mason in a case of exclusive original penal jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge.

6.910 The trial of a Lodge is by a commission acting for the Grand Lodge in the same way and under the same rules as the trial of a Mason in a case of original penal jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge except each resident member must be summoned to the trial personally or by first class mail sent to his last known address. The trial is held in the territorial jurisdiction of the Lodge. The commission may change the venue for good cause. The Grand Master, however, may dispense with a commission and conduct the proceeding himself.

6.911 The accuser or the Lodge aggrieved by the final judgment of the Grand Master may appeal to the Grand Lodge in the same way and under the same as in the case of an appeal of a Mason in a case of original penal jurisdiction by the Grand Lodge.

6.912 The final judgment of the Grand Master maybe to arrest or suspend the charter until the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge, with or without a recommendation that it be revoked, or to arrest or suspend it for a lesser period of time. In either event he may, in his discretion, restore the charter before the time has elapsed, which shall restore all the rights and privileges of the Lodge and its members. If the charter is arrested or suspended when the next annual communication occurs the record of the trial shall be certified to the Grand Lodge, whether an appeal has been prosecuted or not, and the Grand Lodge will revoke or restore the charter or take other action thereon.

Chapter 10

Summary Proceedings

6.1001. The disposition of a controversy or question outside a trial is by a summary proceeding which is informal and according to no set rules unless rules are specified in the Code. To be valid the proceeding must at some point give the parties a reasonable opportunity to be heard. The opportunity should be in the original proceeding but it is sufficient if it is given on appeal.

6.1002. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Lodge by a Mason or a Lodge aggrieved by an order or decision made outside a trial by the Grand Master, Grand Secretary, other superior Masonic officer, a Lodge, and by a Master of a Lodge except on admission of visitors and ordering additional ballots.

6.1003. An order or decision made outside a trial stands until it is changed by the Grand Lodge except the Grand Master may on petition of one aggrieved hold in abeyance the order or decision until the Grand Lodge meets.

6.1004. To appeal an order or decision made outside a trial the party aggrieved shall serve notice and reasons of appeal on the Lodge or officer making the order or decision within 30 days after it is made with copy to the Grand Secretary. If the party aggrieved and the Lodge or officer cannot agree on a statement of the order or decision and the material facts involved, the aggrieved party shall make and sign a written statement thereof to the best of his knowledge, file it with the Grand Secretary, and serve a copy on the Lodge or officer in 60 days after the order or decision is made. The Lodge or officer may make, file and serve such a statement in the same way in 90 days after the order or decision is made. Service is by delivery personally or first class mail as in other cases, The statements together with such other statements as the Grand Lodge may require shall constitute the record on appeal. Argument is made and the matter disposed of by the Grand Lodge under the same rules as in an appeal in a trial.

Chapter 11

Automatic Suspension

6.1101. When a Mason amenable to the laws and regulations of this Grand Lodge shall be convicted of a felony in a state or federal court, he shall stand indefinitely suspended automatically from the date recorded on his certified conviction document received by the Grand Secretary, unless such conviction is appealed from, in which event, if the conviction is affirmed his suspension shall become effective on the date of the affirmation, and shall not be restored except by legal action of the Lodge after due petition. No petition for restoration by one so suspended shall be received until at least one year following the completion of the service of his sentence, whether the sentence by probation or confinement in a penal institution.

The automatic suspension regulation may be set aside by the Lodge of which the accused is a member, if within 60 days after the affirmation of the sentence; the Lodge takes action in the case in accordance with the penal regulations of the Code. In this event the decision of the Lodge if it conducts the trial or the trial commission shall prevail. If the Lodge fails to take such action within 60 days after the sentence is affirmed, the automatic suspension regulation becomes effective, and the member shall stand suspended as provided thereby.

1979,120,121, 2015

6.1102. When a Mason subject to the laws and regulations of the Grand Lodge shall file suit in any civil court or initiate an administrative action against the Grand Lodge or any of its officers, agents, representatives, or employees, or any subordinate Lodge in Tennessee or any of its officers, agents representatives, or employees (collectively the "Masonic Body") as a result of any action by a Masonic Body suspending, trying, expelling, or removing from office such person; such person shall stand immediately and irrevocably expelled from the Fraternity, and shall not be restored even if the suit is withdrawn.

2007

TITLE 7

MASONIC WIDOWS, AND ORPHANS' HOME FUND OF TENNESSEE FUND

(As amended 1966, pp. 95-99, 119, 120)

Chapter 1

Organization

7.101. To help, aid and assist, and to the extent of ability, to provide for the necessities of worthy Master Masons, their wives, widows and orphans, is one of the most sacred obligations resting upon every Lodge and upon every Master Mason who is worthy of the title which has been conferred upon him. The Grand Lodge has emphasized this truth by repeated enactments and liberal appropriations. The duty and genius of Masonry require that it extend such aid and encouragement, particularly to those institutions having in view the education of worthy Master Masons' children, as may be done without incurring financial disabilities.

The Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee Fund is an incorporated institution having for its purposes the objects mentioned above. The Old Masons' Home, which was incorporated February 3, 1913, is a part of said institution, but it may be discontinued or converted to the use of widows and orphans whenever, in the judgment of the Grand Lodge, either becomes necessary.

The Grand Lodge has exclusive ownership and control over said funds, and is represented in its management and supervision by a Board of Control of ten members, consisting of four Trustees, who are the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Senior Grand Warden, and Junior Grand Warden, and six other Master Masons who are members of Tennessee Lodges, one of whom shall be appointed annually by the Grand Master for a term of six years with no more than two from one Grand Division of the state.

The Treasurer of said board must furnish bond or insurance coverage for \$500,000 at the expense of the Grand Lodge (see 3.310).

1896, 22; 1897, 26, 38, 58; 59: 1898, 72; 1912, 79, 89; 1916, 82 107, 123; 1917, 110, 112; 1918, 82.83; 1922 57; 1923 109; 1925 22, 125; 1967, 53, 127; 1983, 53, 119.

7.102. The Board of Control has exclusive direction and control of all business transactions of said funds, subject to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and to it are entrusted the administration and management of Grand Lodge relief funds. The Grand Master shall designate the chairman. It makes all necessary rules and regulations concerning its own organization, meetings and modes of transacting business.

It has the power to appoint all officers needed for the successful management of the funds and for the full attainment of its objectives; to define their duties and fix their compensation, and a change in the board will not affect such properly executed contracts; to remove or discharge them whenever, in his judgment the welfare of the fund demands it.

7.103. The members of the Board of Control receive no compensation for their services (except the administrator of such funds).

1897 60; 1999, 2007

7.104. At each annual communication of the Grand Lodge the board must submit a full report of all transactions under its management during the year; said report to be carried in the Grand Lodge pamphlet and proceedings showing an audit has been made of its transactions.

1897, 60: 1913, 68; 1916, 124; 1921, 56; 1922, 58; 1926, 113.

7.105. All contributions and bequests to the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund must pass through the hands of the Secretary of the Board of Control of the Masonic Widows and Orphans Home Fund, and unless otherwise specified, must go to the Endowment Fund. Conditional bequests are not to be accepted until approved by the Grand Lodge. Collections for the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund are always in order and Lodges and members are requested to make special donations for that purpose on the Festival of St. John the Baptist (see 4.1108), which is known and must be observed as Widows' and Orphans' Day. 1899, 83; 1903, 55; 1911, 46; 1912, 106; 1916, 125; 1918, 82, 83; 1927, 29, 2011

7.106. The rules of the Grand Lodge governing the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home are mandatory upon the Board of Control, and they are not subject to the exercise of discretion, even by the Grand Master. 1919, 77.

7.107 ELIGIBILITY AND DISTRIBUTIONS

A. To be eligible for assistance from the Fund the Applicant must be:

- (1) A worthy Master Mason raised in a Tennessee Lodge who continuously thereafter has been a member in good standing of a Tennessee Lodge; or
- (2) A worthy Master Mason raised in a Tennessee Lodge whose membership in a Tennessee Lodge was interrupted thereafter, but has continuously for five (5) or more years previous to filing his Application been a member in good standing in a Tennessee Lodge; or
- (3) A worthy Master Mason raised in other than a Tennessee Lodge who thereafter has been a member in good standing in a Tennessee Lodge for five (5) or more continuous years previous to filing his Application; or
- (4) The worthy Wife, Widow, Mother, and/or natural or legally adopted child of a Master Mason who at the time of his death was a worthy Master Mason eligible for assistance from the Fund for the reasons assigned in Subsections A. (1), (2), or (3) in this Section.

B. of C. 1926, 69; 1896, 22; 1902, 22, 63; 1919, 77; 1920, 75, 1922, 35; 1923, 109; 1975, 53, 119; 1998, 2024

B. Distributions from the Fund for care and assistance may be made to:

- (1) A worthy Master Mason eligible for assistance from the Fund for the reasons assigned in Subsections A. (1), (2), or (3) in this Section; or
- (2) The worthy Wife, Widow, or Mother of a worthy Master Mason who at the time of his Death was eligible for care and assistance from the fund for the reasons assigned in Subsection A. (1), (2), or (3) in this Section, or
- (3) The Mother, Guardian, or Conservator and/or any person, persons, or entity with the lawful right to receive, protect and/or conserve monies on behalf of the natural born or lawfully adopted child, not yet of majority age and/or lawfully adjudged an incompetent and/or in need of a Guardian or Conservator, whose Father at the time of his death was a worthy Master Mason eligible for assistance from the Fund for the reasons assigned in Subsections A. (1), (2), or (3) in this Section; or
- (4) The natural born or lawfully adopted child, competent and of majority age, incapable of earning a livelihood because of physical and/or mental disabilities, whose Father at the time of his death was a worthy Master Mason eligible for assistance from the Fund for the reasons assigned in Subsections A. (1), (2), or (3) of this Section.

1962, 47, 113, 2024

7.108. A Lodge should exhaust its resources so far as it possibly can before applying for assistance for one of its dependents and it may be penalized for imposing upon the Board of Control in this respect. 1923, 28; 1926, 114.

7.109. An application by a Lodge for assistance for one of its dependents must be made on an application form furnished to the Lodge Secretary by the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Control. No applicant will be enrolled for assistance until the applicant has been approved by the Board and the Lodge Secretary so notified. The Board reserves the right to reject any applicant. Applicants must be unable to earn a living and without children able to support them. 1962, 47, 113

Chapter 2

Educational Fund

7.201. The children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews of Tennessee Master Masons in good standing, without other financial means for attending college, technical or vocational school in the opinion of the Educational Committee. which children, have scholastic records justifying such further education in the opinion of the Education Committee, shall be eligible for financial aid to further such training.

1965, 89; 1967, 63, 64, 127.

7.202. A determination of the amount to be received by way of financial aid per year, the number of years for which such aid is available and the recipients of such financial aid will be determined by the Educational Committee.

7.203. The Educational Committee will consist of the Board of Control, Widows' and Orphans' Home Fund of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

7.204. The total amount allotted to the educational fund for each ensuing year will be determined by the Grand Lodge at its annual meeting, based upon the recommendations of the Educational Committee, and the Educational Committee shall, at each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, report in detail its actions during the immediate preceding year.

Chapter 3

Endowment Fund

7.301. The Endowment Fund Commission, whose duty it is to secure and administer a permanent Endowment Fund for the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home of Tennessee Fund, consists of three members, Master Masons and members of Tennessee Lodges, one of whom is elected annually by the Grand Lodge for a term of three years.

1967. 53. 54, 126, 127.

It is organized each year by the election of a Chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary, the Treasurer to be bonded or insured for \$500,000 at the expense of the Grand Lodge (see 3.310).

1897, 46; 1898, 23, 59; 1906, 73; 1912 59; 1917, 110 112; 1958, 52, 144, 117; 1983, 53, 119.

7.302. All monies and funds donated to the Endowment Fund and unidentified donations or un designated bequests must be paid to and received by the commission, which must give its official vouchers in duplicate thereof, one to the person paying, and the other to the Grand Secretary for his archives. The money so received must forthwith be deposited in the name of the three commissioners in some solvent and accredited bank or trust company in Nashville, selected by the commission, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, to be the custodian of the Endowment Fund.

1967, 53, 126, 127; 1969, 71, 124; 1983. 55. 120.

Money so deposited may be drawn out only on the check of two of the three commissioners. The Grand Secretary must be notified of the bank or trust company selected, and he must send the same a copy of this rule.

1899, 80; 1921, 56; 1982, 52, 122.

7.303. The principal of the fund must be preserved inviolate and the entire income from it must be retained and handled by the commission in the same way as the principal and made a part thereof, until the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master otherwise directs.

Unused monies from the appropriations made each year at the Annual Communication shall be deposited in a short term interest-bearing account until such time the Board of Control feels those monies are sufficient to establish an emergency buffer fund in the event interest on the Endowment is not sufficient to fund appropriations for the support and operation if its needs. A full and detailed report of such fund and interest earned shall be made apart of the Board of Control Report given at the Annual Communication.

All securities must be deposited in a box in a vault of some bank or trust company, which box may be opened only in the presence of two of the three commissioners, or of the bonded Treasurer.

1899, 80; 1912, 60; 1917, 95.

7.304. The commission must keep minutes of all its proceedings and accounts of all receipts and disbursements in books to be provided by it and paid for out of the interest on the fund, and it must annually report to the Grand Lodge, giving a succinct account of its doings during the year and of the condition of the fund.

1899, 80.

7.305. The present fund and all subsequent funds received shall adhere to the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act as adopted by the State of Tennessee. These funds shall be invested in the following manner and none other. All investments must be covered by either Federal Deposit Insurance Corporate (FDIC) or Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), or be:

- (1) Obligations of the United States of America, or obligations guaranteed or issued by the United States Government or its agencies;
- (2) Obligations of the State of Tennessee, Counties, Cities or towns of Tennessee as long as such obligations are rated A or higher by Standard and Poor's or Moody's rating agencies. Preferably insured.
- (3) Up to 50% of all funds may be invested in fixed income instruments including those described in section (1) and (2), or in corporate bonds or obligations rated A or higher by Standard and Poor's or Moody's rating agencies. Amount of corporate bonds are restricted to not more than 5% of the total portfolio value from any one issuer.
- (4) Up to 75% of all funds may be invested in equities, Mutual Funds, or Exchange Traded Funds, priced daily on a United States exchange. The amount of equity invested in one company stock is restricted to not more than 1% of the total portfolio value. The amount of investment in one Mutual Fund or ETF is restricted to not more than 20% of the total portfolio value.
- (5) First mortgages on improved real estate in the State of Tennessee at not over fifty per cent of the fair value of said property, bearing interest at the highest rate obtainable with due regard to safety.
- (6) Real estate, where the Endowment Fund Commission now owns, or may hereafter become the owner of an undivided interest in real estate, acquired through the foreclosure of a mortgage held by the commission, or by will.

1912, 59; 1917, 135; 1932, 100, 124; 1945, 40, 99; 1983, 55, 120, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2023.

TITLE 8

GRAND LODGE BUILDING ENHANCEMENT FUND

Chapter 1

Organization

8.101. That funds are available to preserve and enhance the beauty and integrity of the Grand Lodge building, an endowment fund is hereby established. The fund shall be known as The Grand Lodge Building Enhancement and Preservation Fund.

8.102. The fund is to be controlled and maintained by the Grand Lodge, the Secretary of the Board of Control and the Endowment Fund Commission that now controls the existing Masonic Widows and Orphans' Home of Tennessee Fund.

8.103. The Grand Lodge has exclusive ownership and control over said fund, and is represented in its management and supervision by the Building Endowment Fund Commission, whose duty is to secure and administer the permanent endowment fund. This commission consists of three members, Master Masons and members of Tennessee Lodges, one of whom is elected annually by the Grand Lodge for a term of three years. It is organized each year by the election of a chairman, a Treasurer and a Secretary; the Treasurer to be bonded or insured for \$500,000 at the expense of the Grand Lodge (see 3.310).

Chapter 2

Endowment Fund

8.201. All monies and funds donated to the Building Enhancement Fund must pass through the hands of the Grand Secretary, and unless otherwise specified, must go to the Endowment Fund Commission, which must give its official vouchers in duplicate thereof, one going to the person paying and the other to the Grand Secretary for his archives. The money so received must forthwith be deposited in the name of the three commissioners in some solvent and accredited bank or trust company in Nashville, selected by the commission, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

8.202. Money so deposited may be drawn out only on the check of two of the three commissioners. The Grand Secretary must be notified of the bank or trust company selected, and he must send the same a copy of this rule.

8.203. The principal of the fund must be preserved inviolate and the entire income from it must remain and be handled by the commission in the same way as the principal and made a part thereof, until the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master otherwise directs that the fund is creating sufficient interest to fund a specifically approved project or projects.

8.204. All securities must be deposited in a box in a vault of some bank or trust company, which box may be opened only in the presence of two of the three commissioners, or of the bonded Treasurer.

8.205. The commission must keep minutes of all its proceedings and accounts of all receipts and disbursements in books provided by it and paid for out of the interest on the fund, and it must annually report to the Grand Lodge, giving a succinct account of its doing during the year and of the condition of the fund.

8.206. The present fund and all subsequent funds received shall adhere to the “Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act”, Tennessee Code Annotated § 35-10-201, et seq., even if the “Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act” shall hereafter be amended or repealed.

These funds must be covered by either Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC), or be:

- (1) Obligations of the United States of America, or obligations guaranteed or issued by the United States Government or its agencies; or
- (2) Obligations of the State of Tennessee and Counties, Cities or Towns of the State of Tennessee, as long as such obligations are rated A or higher by Standard and Poor’s or Moody’s rating agencies with preference being given to such obligations that are insured; or
- (3) First mortgages on improved real estate in the State of Tennessee at not over fifty per cent of the fair value of said real estate, bearing interest at the highest rate obtainable with due regard to safety; or
- (4) Real estate, where the Endowment Fund Commission now owns, or may hereafter become the owner of an undivided interest in said real estate, acquired through the foreclosure of a mortgage held by the Endowment Fund Commission, or by Will.

Not less than 50% of all funds shall be invested in fixed income instruments, including those obligations herein described as (1) and (2), or in corporate bonds or obligations rated A or higher by Standard and Poor’s or Moody’s rating agencies.

The amount of corporate bonds is restricted to not more than 5% of the total portfolio value from any one issuer.

Up to 50% of all funds may be invested in Equities, Mutual Funds or Exchange Traded Funds, priced daily on a United States Exchange, including those obligations herein described as (1) and (2).

The amount of equity invested in one company stock is restricted to not more than 1% of the total portfolio value.

The amount of investment in one Mutual Fund or one Exchange-Traded Fund is restricted to not more than 20% of the total portfolio value.

Chapter 3

Approval of Projects

8.301. Projects funded by the Grand Lodge Building Enhancement Fund must have prior approval in the following manner: The Grand Lodge Building Committee will compile a list of the enhancement or maintenance projects to be considered for approval. These will be prioritized according to need (emergency maintenance work would still be covered in the regular Grand Lodge budget until the interest accumulated in the enhancement fund can sufficiently finance this maintenance) or “would like to” projects. The chairman of the Building Committee will secure bids for performing the work on the proposed project(s), including the estimated duration of time required to complete the project(s), from at least

three (3) sources. He will then submit these projects to the Secretary of the Board of Control and the Grand Master. The three of them will then decide which project(s) are attainable considering the amount of funds available and approve the project(s).

8.302. The Endowment Fund Commission will then be notified that a project has been approved, the firm cost of the project and the time the funds for payment of the project must be available. The commission will then make arrangements to have the funds available at the appropriate time.

Index

ABSENCE	Paragraph
ACCUSED; Proof necessary to sustain charges.....	6.111
ACCUSED; When evidence may not be heard during	6.609, 6.617
ACCUSED; May be punished for contempt	6.109
ACCUSED; Incarcerated, may be tried as though present	6.113
ELECTION; Officer may be elected during	4.304
INSTALLATION; Elective officer holds office until	3.1206, 4.303
OBJECTION; Of objector does not invalidate, when	4.1701
ACCEPTANCE:	
MEMBER; Lodge may not be compelled	4.1603
OFFICE; May be declined	4.304
ACCOUNTS:	
W. & O. HOME FUND; Annual audit to be made.....	7.104
W. & O. AND OLD MASONS' HOMES; Combined.....	7.101
ACCUSED: See Trial	Index page 63
ACCUSER:	
CHARGES, See Charges	Index page 10
MOTIVES; Should be assumed to be proper	6.103
VOTES; May not in trial.....	6.618
ACQUITTAL: Verdict of, does not prevent appeal.....	5.102, 6.702, 6.704
ACT: Act and not motive determines unmasonic conduct	6.201
ADDRESS:	
GRAND MASTER; To be printed in advance.....	3.704
MASTERS AND SECRETARIES; To be printed in proceedings	4.311
TRIAL; If unknown, of accused	6.606
ADJOURN: Motion to, is unmasonic	4.1106
ADMISSION:	
ANNOUNCEMENT; Should be made when of member or visitor	4.1105
GRAND LODGE AUDITORIUM; Who may be on main floor.....	3.204
QUALIFICATIONS; Of candidates, necessary for	Title 4, Chap. 13
VISITOR; Member present may object to	5.204
W. & O. HOME; Rules governing.....	Title 7
ADVANCEMENT:	
ACTION; May be on, at any stated or called meeting, or by a committee.....	4.2002(1), 4.2003(1), 4.903(3), 4.1410-11
AVOUCHMENT; Necessary when on certificate and waiver	5.205
BALLOT; See Ballot.....	Index page 5
BLACKBALLED; When and how new petition may be handled.....	4.1309
CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING; Who may apply for.....	4.1406, 4.1408
CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING; May be given when	4.1406, 4.1408
COMPELLED; May not be	4.1401
DEFUNCT LODGE; Procedure for, of material of.....	4.1406
DELAYED; Procedure same as if not delayed	4.1408-9

ADVANCEMENT— Continued	Paragraph
EXAMINATION; See Examination	Index page 26
FOREIGN MATERIAL; May be how	4.1408, 4.1508
HOW MAY BE HAD, THOUGH NO ONE FOUND WHO WITNESSED	
PREVIOUS DEGREE	4.1409
INTERVAL NECESSARY; Twenty-eight days must elapse	4.1411
JURISDICTION; Must be in parent Lodge or Lodge having	4.1408
MOTION PERTAINING TO; May be at a	
stated or called meeting	4.903(3), 4.1409
NUMBER; At one time and at the same meeting	4.1506
OBJECTION; See Objection	Index page 46
PETITION; See Petition, Advancement	Index page 50
PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATIONS; Rule applies to	4.1301
PROFICIENCY; Majority <i>viva voce</i> vote decides re	4.1410, 4.2001, 4.2002(4)
REMOVAL; In case of, how may be made	4.1406, 4.1408, 4.1508
RESIDENCE, TIME OF; None for, on certificate and waiver	4.1408
VOTE; Must be after examination	4.1410-11
WAIVER; See Jurisdiction, Waiver	Index page 38

ADVERTISING:

EXPULSION; Not to be done except	6.308
Use of Masonry for commercial purpose condemned	6.204(16)

AFFILIATION:

AVOUCHMENT OR PROOF; Necessary	
before petition	5.114, 5.116, 5.205
BALLOT; Applicant may, but ought not, be present during	5.115
BALLOT; When and how must be taken	4.1306, 4.2001, 4.2002(1), 5.115
CERTIFICATE; From a Lodge, not act as demit	5.105
CERTIFICATE; From Grand Secretary equivalent To demit	
.....	4.110, 5.105, 5.110, 6.805
DEATH; In case of, pending action on petition for	5.114
DEFINED; Definition given	5.110, 5.112
DEFUNCT LODGE; Certificate necessary for, of member of	5.110
DEMIT; Rules governing	Title 5, Chap.1
DUAL MEMBERSHIP; Rules governing	Title 5, Chap.4
DUES; May be required for unexpired term	4.1806
DUES; May not be required for time of non affiliation	4.1806
DUES; May be charged on member admitted during the year	4.1806
DUES, GRAND LODGE; NON-AFFILIATE	4.1806
ELECTION; Must be by ballot at stated meeting	4.1103, 4.2001, 5.114, 5.117
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; May not affiliate	5.114
FEE; When Lodge may charge	5.116
HEALTH OF APPLICANT; Does not affect acceptance	5.112
ILLITERATE; May be made although	5.112
JURISDICTION; Where Master Mason may affiliate	5.103, 5.112
OBJECTION; See Objection	Index page 46
PER CAPITA; Demitted Mason or member defunct Lodge not liable	5.110
PETITION; Rules governing	4.1304, 4.1309, 5.110, 5.114
PETITION; Rules same although to Lodge issuing demit	5.103
PHYSICAL DISQUALIFICATIONS; Rule of, no applicable	5.112
REJECTION; Duty to apply again even elsewhere	5.115
REJECTION; May not demand name of objector	4.1706
REJECTION; When petition may be renewed and ballot taken	4.1703-04
REJECTION; Does not relieve non affiliate of disabilities	5.115
TIME LIMIT; None	5.104, 5.112

AFFILIATION — Continued	Paragraph
TIME LIMIT; When foreign Lodge declines to accept old demit.....	5.115
TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP; Rules governing	5.110, 5.117
U. D. LODGES; May be with.....	4.108(b)
VOTE; Required.....	4.2002(3), 5.103, 5.115
AFFIRM: May not be substituted for “swear”	4.1510
AGE:	
CANDIDATE; Requirements re.....	4.1301, 4.1305
CANDIDATE; Lodge must determine whether barred by.....	4.1304
DEMIT; Has no effect on affiliation	5.104, 5.112
AID: See Charity.....	Index page 12
AIR LINE: Determines jurisdiction in re adjoining counties in absence of agreement	4.1201, 4.1205
ALABAMA: Re jurisdiction of Lodges near line.....	4.1205
ALIEN ENEMY:	
MEMBERSHIP; Not to be made Masons during war.....	4.1303
STATUS; Of member not affected because of war.....	4.1303
AMENDMENT:	
CHARGES; Not permissible to	6.509
CODE; Changes in law to be published annually	4.1002
CONSTITUTION; How made.....	2.107(2)
MINUTES; May not be made at a later meeting by omitting part.....	4.406
REGULATIONS AND EDICTS; How and when may be changed.....	3.306
RETROACTIVE; Of Grand Lodge laws, only when.....	3.306
ANNOUNCEMENT: ADMISSION; When should not be made	4.1105
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION, GRAND LODGE:	
Rules governing.....	Title 3, chap. 2
ANSWER:	
GRAND MASTER; To queries, when to be specific.....	3.401(13)
ROLL– CALL; Failure penalized	3.210
ROLL– CALL; For another is Masonic offense	3.210
SUMMONS; What constitutes.....	4.2101
APPEAL	Paragraph
AID; Not to be made by Lodges to other Lodges without	4.1006
AID; Authority of Grand Master for, expires when	4.1006
AID; How, when and by whom to be handled	7.101
COOPERATION; Not to be made by Lodges except	4.1006
DECISION OF WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May not be made to Lodge.....	4.412
DECISION OF WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Re new ballot	4.2005
DECISION OF WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Re visiting	5.202
LODGES; May not be from action of Grand Lodge	4.1006
PROCEDURE; Alike whether from action or decision of.....	Title 6, Chap. 7
VISITATION; Refusal to permit, may not be appealed.....	5.202

APPEAL, PENAL:

CHARGES; Refusal to accept, may be appealed.....	6.702
COMMISSION; Findings of, and decision of Grand Master.....	6.702
DELAY; Power of Grand Lodge not exhausted because of.....	6.708
ENTERED APPRENTICE OF FELLOWCRAFT; Has what right of.....	4.1412
EVIDENCE; Rules governing.....	6.714
GRAND LODGE; Powers of, <i>re</i>	3.303, 3.304, Title 6, Chap. 7
GRAND LODGE; Grand Master will not consider	6.701
GRAND MASTER; See Grand Master, Appeal.....	Index page 31
NEW TRIAL; Grand Master may not grant.....	6.702
NOTICE; Requisites of.....	6.706
PERFECTING; Must be at least 30 days before Grand Lodge	6.709
PRIVILEGES OF ACCUSED; Status of, pending	6.703
PROCEDURE; Defined	Title 6, Chap. 7
PROCEDURE; Alike whether from action or decision of.....	6.702
PUNISHMENT; Not act as stay of, except.....	6.703
REPRIMAND; May be from sentence of, pending which	6.715
RESTORATION REFUSED; See Restoration, Rejection.....	Index page 57
REVERSAL AND DISMISSAL; Grand Master may not order.....	6.703
REVERSAL AND DISMISSAL; Status of member after	6.716
RIGHT OF; When may be exercised.....	Title 6, Chap. 7
RIGHT OF; Even though only one member interested	6.702
RIGHT OF; Lost if not within 60 days	6.705
STAY; Does not act as, except	6.715
SUSPENSION; When confirmed on, term begins.....	6.715
TECHNICAL; Not to be entertained unless	6.712
TIME; Required within which to be taken	6.705
VERDICT OF ACQUITTAL; When may be taken from.....	6.702
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May be taken in trial of.....	6.702

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES: See Committee, Grand Lodge.....Index page 14

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS, GRAND LODGE:

See Committee, Grand Lodge..... Index page 47

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS, GRAND LODGE:

DEMIT OR TRANSFER; permitted.....	4.602
INSTALLATION; When may be installed	4.302
NUMBER; May be all below Secretary, if bylaws provide	4.602
RESIGNATION; Is permissible.....	4.602
REVOCATION; Worshipful Master may revoke and fill vacancies.....	4.602

APPOINTMENT:

COMMITTEES, GRAND LODGE; Is by Grand Master	3.401(8), 3.901, 3.903
COMMITTEES, LODGE; Prerogative of Worshipful Master.....	4.407
GRAND MASTER; Those of, which require approval	3.903
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES; By Grand Master to other Grand Lodges	3.401(2)
GRAND VISITOR; Grand Master may appoint	2.105(1), 3.401(5)
OFFICE; See Vacancy in Office	Index page 65

APPROPRIATION: GRAND LODGE; Requires report from

3.901(3)

APRON: PAST GRAND MASTER; Provided for

3.1211

ARKANSAS: Re jurisdiction of Lodges near line

4.1201

ARREARAGES:

- DUES; Right to vote or hold office not lost because of 4.1604
- GRAND LODGE; When by Lodge, forfeits charter when 4.201(1), 4.1804
- GRAND LODGE; Representative may not be enrolled until paid 4.409
- GRAND LODGE; To be reported by Grand Secretary 2.106(3)

ASSAULT OF MASTER MASON: Is Masonic offense, unless 6.205

ASSISTANCE: See Charity Index page 12

ASSOCIATION: See Club Index page 13

ATHEIST: WITNESS: Is incompetent 6.610, 6.617

ATTENDANCE:

- COMPULSORY; Disapproved 4.1101
- ELECTION; Presence of majority of members not required 4.305
- FINES; For failure of, not permissible 4.1101
- GRAND LODGE; Of members at meetings of, required 3.206
- RIGHT OF MEMBER; To attend own Lodge, unless 4.1604
- SUMMONS; Worshipful Master may issue for 4.2101

ATTORNEY: See Counsel Index page 16

AUDIT:

- GRAND LODGE; Annual to be made 3.901(3)
- W. & O. HOME FUND; Annual to be made 7.104

AVOUCHMENT:

- ALL PRESENT; Must be known to be entitled to attend 5.201
- DEMIT; Not sufficient 5.207
- JURISDICTION, WAIVER; Necessary before admitting holder 5.207
- RIGHT OF; When may be exercised 4.203, 5.207
- STANDING, GOOD; Includes 5.208
- SUFFICIENCY; Rules of governing Title 5, Chap. 2
- TESTIMONIAL; Written, not all sufficient 5.207

AWARD:

- NOT RENDERED VOID; When accused not notified of result 6.615
- RIGHT TO FIX; Is inherent with Lodge 6.402
- SUBMISSION TO; Must be paid pending appeal, except 6.703

BACKGROUND CHECKS; Each lodge shall 4.1502

BALLOT:

- ADVANCEMENT; When may be taken 4.1103, 4.1307, 4.1308, 4.1411, 4.2002
- ADVANCEMENT; Must be unanimous 4.2002(1), 4.2004
- ADVANCEMENT; Proper method of, on proficiency of candidate... 4.1410, 4.1411
- AFFILIATION; Applicant may, but ought not be present 5.115
- AFFILIATION; When and how must be taken 4.1103, 4.1304, 4.2003(2)
- AFFILIATION; Vote required 4.203(3), 5.103, 5.115
- BLACK BALL; See Black Ball Index page 7
- BLANK BALLOT SLIPS; Must be counted 4.2003(2)
- BOXES; Several may be used at same time 4.2003(1)
- CALLED MEETING; May not be at, except 4.1103, 4.2001
- CANDIDATES; Strictly and inviolably secret 4.2007
- CHARGES; Members under, not disqualified, except 4.307, 4.1604

BALLOT:— Continued	Paragraph
COLLECTIVE; Permissible, but	4.2003(1)
COMPLETION; When commenced, must be concluded.....	4.2006
DECLARATION; Can be only by W. M.....	4.2005
DEFINITION; Term defined.....	4.2002, 4.2004, 4.2007
DEGREES; When and how must be taken and vote required (All three 2/1/46).....	4.1103, 4.1304, 4.1307, 4.1410-11, 4.2003(1)
DEGREES; Lawful election to receive may not be rescinded	4.1207
DEGREES; One elects to unconferred.....	4.1408, 4.2003(1)
ERROR; When may and may not be corrected.....	4.2005, 4.2007
ERROR; By Brother not entitled to, voids—Procedure	4.205
EXAMINATION; Secret not required.....	4.1411
EXAMINATION; For advancement, not to be had until after	4.1409
EXCHANGE COURTESY; Unnecessary to agree to.....	4.1509
EXPOSURE OF; Discussion of merits of candidate not to cause	4.2007
EXPOSURE OF; Is offense, also attempt to learn other's, except.....	4.2007
EXPOSURE OF; Threat to blackball or prevent degrees is offense.....	6.204(11)
FAILURE TO VOTE; Voids, unless	4.2004
INSPECTION; Is by Worshipful Master and Wardens only.....	4.2006
NEW; When may and may not be ordered.....	4.2005, 4.2008
NON AFFILIATE; Ballot by, renders result void.....	4.2005
OBJECTION; New must be had when removed or expired.....	4.1703
OBJECTION; Prevents if filed before	4.1701
PETITION; How and when to be taken and law governing.....	4.1307
PETITION; Presence of, not necessary at time taken, when.....	4.210
PETITION; After reception of, must be taken unless	4.210
PROFICIENCY; May be at stated or called meeting	4.1103-04
PROFICIENCY; Proper method of	4.1410-11
PROFICIENCY; Examination, how and when permissible	4.1409-11
RECOMMENDATION; For restoration after expulsion	6.805
RECOMMENDATION; See Reconsideration	Index page 54
REJECTION; New ballot not to be at subsequent meeting.....	4.2008
REJECTION; Effect of.....	4.2005, 4.2009
RESTORATION AFTER EXPULSION; When and how must be taken	6.804, 6.807
RESTORATION AFTER DEFINITE SUSPENSION.....	4.2002(4), 6.803
SLIPS; When must be used	3.1204, 3.1205, 4.2003(2), 6.618
STATED MEETING; May be only at, except.....	4.1103, 4.2001
TILER; Must be given opportunity to.....	4.2004
UNFAVORABLE REPORT; In case of, must still be taken.....	4.2010
VOTE; See vote.....	Index page 66
WHEN AND WHERE; For degrees, affiliation or restoration 4.903(3), 4.1101, 4.2001, 4.2002	
WITHDRAWAL OF BLACK BALL; Rules governing.....	4.2009
 BEER:	
SPECIAL REGULATION.....	4.1301, 6.204(13)
SERVING; Where not permitted	4.1116
 BELIEF:	
IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL; Necessary	4.1302
SUPREME BEING & ACCOUNTABILITY TO HIM; Necessary	4.1302
 BEQUESTS:	
W. & O. HOME; If unidentified, go to Endowment Fund	7.303

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

- OFFICERS GRAND LODGE; To be furnished by 3.1208
 BIRTH; Date of, must be reported..... 4.1004

BLACK BALL:

- ADVANCEMENT; When and how new petition may be handled 4.1408
 EFFECT OF; For degrees, advancement on certificate and
 waiver, or affiliation..... 4.1309, 5.113
 ERRONEOUS; When may and may not be corrected 3.401(10), 4.2004
 EXPOSURE; See Ballot, Exposure Index page 6
 NEW PETITION; When may be received and ballot taken 4.1309, 4.1408, 5.113
 NUMBER CAST; Should not be made known..... 4.2006
 ONE APPEARING; Second ballot is advisable..... 4.2005
 REJECTION; See Rejection Index page 54
 THREATENING; Grave Masonic offense 6.204(9)
 WITHDRAWAL; Rules governing 4.2007, 4.2009

BOARD, EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT:**BOARD OF CONTROL, W. & O. HOME:**

- ADMISSIONS TO HOME; Rules of governing..... 7.107, 7.109
 APPOINTMENT; When , how and by whom to be made 3.901(7), 7.101
 APPROPRIATION; Funds not to be expended by until 7.107
 BEQUESTS; Should not accept conditional, until 7.105
 BUDGET; Required to submit annually in advance 7.104
 COMPENSATION; Not to be paid to members, but expenses allowed 7.103
 CONTRACT; Change in, not affect properly executed 7.102
 EXPENDITURES; Audit required 7.104
 MEMBERSHIP; Who composes 7.101
 POWERS OF; Defined 7.101
 RELIEF FUNDS, GRAND LODGE; Has charge of 7.101
 REPORTS; To make annual, how..... 7.104
 RULES; For W. & O. Home referred to 7.106
 TREASURER'S BOND; Required at expense of Grand Lodge 7.101

BOARD OF CUSTODIANS:

- See Custodians of the Work and Lectures..... Index page 17

BOND, GRAND OFFICERS:

- BOARD OF CONTROL, W. & O. HOME; Required of Treasurer..... 7.101
 COST OF; Blanket form provided at expense of Grand Lodge..... 3.702
 CUSTODY; To be deposited for safe keeping 3.702
 ENDOWMENT FUND; Required of custodian of 7.301
 ENDOWMENT FUND COMMISSION; Treasurer of, bonded 7.301
 GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY; Each must give 3.702
 GRAND TREASURER AND GRAND SECRETARY; Procedure if
 fail to give..... 2.105(3), 2.105(4)
 SURETIES; Who approves 3.702, 7.101, 7.303

BOND, LODGE OFFICERS:

- BYLAWS; May require..... 4.1903
 ENFORCEMENT; Lawful for Lodge..... 4.1903

BRISTOL: JURISDICTION; Of Lodges, defined..... 4.1202

BUDGET:

- GRAND LODGE; When and how distributed 2.107(1)
- GRAND LODGE; Must be balanced..... 3.901(3)

BUDGET: W. & O. HOME; Required made..... 7.104

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Grand Lodge.....3.901(9), 3.904(3)

BURIAL: See Funeral Index page 28

BUSINESS:

- CALLED MEETING; May not be transacted at, except 4.1104, 4.1106, 4.2001
- CALLING OFF; Not a continuation of stated meeting 4.1106
- HOLIDAY; May be on, except..... 4.1107
- NEW LODGE; May transact, before constitution.....4.108
- ORDER OF; Is controlled by Worshipful Master 4.406
- PROJECT; Lodge may not participate in or approve..... 6.905(5)
- QUORUM; Necessary 4.1101
- TRANSACTION; Is constitutional power of Lodge..... 4.903(3)
- VALID; Only when in Lodge of third degree except..... 4.903(3), 4.2001

BUTTON: Paragraph

- LAPEL; Provided for 50/60/70/75-year members 4.1802
- LAPEL; Provided for Past Grand Masters 3.1210

BYLAWS:

- ABIDING BY; Duty of every member..... 4.902
- AMENDMENTS TO; Must be submitted to in duplicate..... 4.1901
- APPROVAL; Must be by Grand Lodge, not Grand Master..... 4.1901
- APPROVAL; Will not validate if conflict with 4.1901
- APPROVAL; When submitted for, requirements re..... 4.1901
- BONDS OF OFFICERS; May be required by 4.1903
- CALLED MEETINGS; May not be amended at 4.1103, 4.1106, 4.1902
- CHANGE IN; If proposition to make is tabled, requirements re 4.1902
- CHANGE IN; How made..... 4.1901, 4.1902
- CHANGE IN; Requires majority vote 4.2002(4)
- CHANGE IN; Grand Master may not authorize 4.1901
- CHANGE IN; When of Grand Lodge, may be prescribed when 3.306
- CHARITY; May authorize giving, without consent of Lodge..... 5.303
- COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE; Dispensations committee acts as 3.901(2)
- COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS; If any should be specified by 4.1903(2)
- COMPENSATION OF OFFICERS; When changed do not require approval 4.1902
- CONFLICT; Void when conflict with Grand Lodge laws or..... 4.1901
- DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS; May not cause 4.1604
- DUES; May require advance payment of..... 4.1806
- DUES; Existence of, not sufficient notice to delinquent 6.613
- DUES; Must specify 4.1805
- DUES; Classing assessment as, invalid 4.1805
- DUES; Lodge may not change without regular action on..... 4.1805
- DUES; When affecting, not require approval 4.1902
- DUES; May provide for remission of..... 4.1807
- FEE FOR AFFILIATION; Must specify before Lodge may charge..... 5.116
- FEES FOR DEGREES; Must specify 4.1502
- FEES FOR DEGREES; May require total amount paid before 4.1502
- FEES FOR DEGREES; Governed by, in effect when conferred 4.1502
- FEES FOR DEGREES; When affecting, not require approval..... 4.1902

BYLAWS:— Continued	Paragraph
MAKING; Is constitutional power of Lodge	4.903(1)
NEW; Must be approved by Grand Lodge before effective	4.112
ORDER OF BUSINESS; Not control, if Master directs	4.406
STATED MEETING; Fixing additional, not require approval	4.1902
SUSPENSION OF; Not permissible on any pretense	4.1902
TIME OF MEETING; Control. How may be changed	4.1102, 4.1902
TRUSTEES, POWERS OF; Should fix	4.301
U. D. LODGE; May adopt Uniform Code	4.112
U. D. LODGE; Must submit to Grand Lodge, when.....	4.112
UNIFORM CODE; When Lodges must adopt.....	4.1901
UNIFORM CODE; Recommended for adoption by all Lodges.....	Title 4, Annex A

CALLING OFF:

PRACTICE OF; Lodge may do so, but.....	4.1106
TO ANOTHER DAY; Not a continuation of stated meeting.....	4.1106

CANDIDATE:: Paragraph

AGE OF; Lodge must determine whether barred by	4.1301, 4.1303
BALLOT FOR; Strictly and inviolably secret	4.2007
CRIMINAL OFFENSE; Service of sentence for, not a bar, but	4.1304
DISCUSSION OF; Merits of, not disapproved, but.....	4.2007
ELECTION; Threat to prevent, is Masonic offense.....	6.204(8)
FAILURE TO APPEAR; Result of	4.1307
FALSE STATEMENT; Effect of making in petition.....	6.204(11)
INVESTIGATION; Must be made	4.802, 4.1306, 4.1309, 4.1408
JURISDICTION; See Jurisdiction, Territorial.....	Index page 38
MOTIVES; Must make satisfactory statement re	4.1302
NAME; Must be written in full.....	4.1304
NAMES; Publication of, permissible to whom.....	4.1008
NUMBER; At same meeting, limited	4.1506
OFFICE; Use of Masonry by, to secure, condemned.....	4.1302
OFFICE, GRAND LODGE; Unmasonic to seek.....	3.1201
PROBATION; Rejected elsewhere may apply when.....	4.1205
QUALIFICATIONS; Described and explained.....	Title 4, Chap. 13
QUALIFICATIONS; Electing Lodge decides re, except	Title 4, Chap. 13
REJECTION; See Rejection.....	Index page 54
RESIDENCE; Must actually and legally be within jurisdiction	4.1204, 4.1207
SIGNATURE; Rules governing.....	4.1301

CELEBRATION:

PUBLIC; When permissible	4.2301, 4.2302
U. D. LODGE; How public may be held	4.108(f)

CERTIFICATE: TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS; When and in

what form Lodge may issue if.....	4.1811
-----------------------------------	--------

CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER:

DEMIT; Is not equivalent to	5.107
PROFANE; In case of removal Lodge may issue to.....	4.1206
WAIVER; Does not act as or include	4.1406

CERTIFICATE OF FIFTY/SIXTY/SEVENTY/ 75 YEARS MEMBERSHIP:

DUES; See Dues.....	Index page 22
GRAND SECRETARY; Issues when.....	4.1812

CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING:

APPLICATION FOR; May be granted by Lodge, when	4.1406, 4.1407
CHARGES; Prevent issuing	4.1406
CHARTER ARREST; In case of, to be issued when	4.204
DEATH; When may and may not be issued after	4.1811
DEFUNCT LODGE; See Defunct Lodge, Certificate.....	Index page 18
DEMIT; From Grand Secretary, equivalent to	4.110, 5.105, 5.110, 6.805
DEMIT; None other from a Lodge equivalent to.....	5.105
DUAL MEMBERSHIP; How obtained	5.403, 5.404
DUPLICATE; May be issued	4.1407
ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT; When entitled to.....	4.109, 4.1406, 4.1408
OBJECTION; Not prevent giving.....	4.1406
OBTAINING; May be by one desiring, or	4.1406
REJECTION; In case of, to be returned.....	4.1408
REMOVAL; In case of permanent, may be given	4.1407
RESIDENCE, TIME OF; None required for advancement on.....	4.1408
RESTORATION; Entitles to, when	6.805
TRAVELING; Does not act as demit.....	5.105
WAIVER; Must accompany, for advancement.....	4.1309
WAIVER; When and how may be included in	4.1309

CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP:

ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; May not be to	4.1406, 4.1601
FORM; Standard, provided.....	4.1003
NEW LODGE; When required of signers for	4.105

CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY:

HOLDERS OF; Authorized to teach.....	3.1007
LIFE OF; Good for three years, provided	3.1007
LIST; Of holders of, to be published.....	3.1007

CHAPLAIN:

ELECTED OR APPOINTED; As bylaws provide.....	4.301, 4.602, Title 4, Annex A
INSTALLATION; If appointed, may be at any time	4.302
REMOVAL; If appointed, may be removed	4.602
RESIGNATION; Permissible if necessary	4.602
VACANCY IN OFFICE; How can occur and be filled	4.601
WITHDRAWAL; By demit or transfer permissible	4.602

CHARACTER:

CERTIFICATE; See Certificate of Character	Index page 9
---	--------------

CHARGES:

ABANDONMENT; How may be done	6.608
ACCEPTANCE; Proper method of	Title 6, Chap. 5
ACCEPTANCE; Refusal ends case, but may be appealed.....	6.511
CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING; Prevent issuing	4.1406
COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION; Refusal to report, cause for	4.804
COPY; What Secretary must furnish to accused, and how	6.614
COURT FINDINGS; Rules re, as evidence.....	6.112
DATE; Error in, not fatal to.....	6.608
DEBT; Masonry not a collecting agency for.....	6.103
DEFAMATION OF ORDER; Proper grounds for.....	6.204(5)
DEMIT; May not be demanded or granted when.....	5.107
DISCUSSION OF; Permissible before vote.....	6.508

CHARGES — Continued	Paragraph
DISQUALIFICATIONS BY; Member under, not disqualified from....	4.306, 4.1604
DUES; Pendency of, not relieve from payment of.....	4.1806
DUES; May be for nonpayment, although partly settled	4.1805
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; May be against.....	4.1412
EVIDENCE IN COURT; May not be preferred because of.....	6.112
FAILURE TO SUSTAIN; Ends case and acquits accused	6.511
GRAND MASTER; Against.....	6.501
GRAND MASTER; By	6.502, 6.503
GRAND MASTER OR GRAND LODGE; May order preferred	
	3.303, 3.304, 3.401(6), 6.503
IGNORING; Not proper way to dispose of.....	6.508
INSTALLATION; Will not prevent	4.307
JUNIOR WARDEN; Usually but not necessarily the accuser....	4.505, 6.504, 6.510
JURISDICTION; Lodge has over whom	5.108, 6.402
LODGE; When against, how handled.....	6.909-12
MEMBERSHIP; Failure to show, not invalidate	6.608
NEW OFFENSE; May be preferred for.....	6.402
NON AFFILIATE; Lodge must exercise jurisdiction over	5.108
NON AFFILIATE; May not prefer.....	5.104
NON AFFILIATE; When may be preferred against.....	5.108, 6.402
NON AFFILIATE; If jurisdiction concurrent, who disciplines.....	6.403
PENITENTIARY; May be preferred against member in.....	6.606
POLITICAL OFFENSE; May not be made basis for.....	6.103
POSTPONEMENT OF CONSIDERATION; May not constitute	
abandonment.....	6.508
PREFERRING; Rules governing	Title 6, Chap.5
PREFERRING; Is inherent right of Lodge	4.902(3)
PREFERRING; May and may not be by whom	6.501-3
PRIOR OFFENSE; May be for, committed before initiation.....	6.106
PRIOR OFFENSE; May be for, committed before Lodge existed.....	6.106
PROCEDURE; Necessary	Title 6, Chap. 5
PROFANE; May not prefer	6.501
PROFANE; Evidence of, may be taken to sustain.....	6.113
PROSECUTOR; Junior Warden should act as, but	4.504, 6.504, 6.510
RECEPTION; Must be received or investigated if	6.508
RECEPTION; Majority vote determines	4.2002(4), 6.508
RECONSIDERATION; May not be had	6.509
REFUSAL TO ACCEPT; May be appealed	6.511
RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES; May not be basis for.....	6.103
RESOLUTION; May not be used to enforce obedience to	4.1903
RIGHTS; Pendency of, not affect	4.307, 4.1604
SERVICE OF; How procured.....	6.606, 6.614
SERVICE OF; May not be in newspaper.....	4.2101, 6.613-14
SIGNING; Failure to be signed is fatal defect	6.508
SOJOURNER; May not be tried by Lodge other than first	
taking jurisdiction	6.402
SPECIFICATIONS; Must contain, stating particulars.....	6.505
SUSPENDED MASON; May be preferred against	6.617
THREAT; Should be preferred against one who makes	6.204(9)
VOTE; Two-thirds necessary to sustain	4.2003(2)
VOTE; Member preferring may	6.508
VOTE; Member under, may, on any question except.....	4.306, 4.1604
VOTE; Counsel for either side may if.....	4.1604, 6.618
VOTE; Where and how must be taken	4.1411, 4.2001-3, 6.508, 6.618
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Procedure when against	6.603

CHARITY:

APPEAL FOR; See Appeal, Aidl.....	Index page 3
BYLAWS; May authorize giving, without consent of Lodge	5.303
CHARTER ARREST; Not affect right to.....	4.203
DUTY; Attaches to individual rather than Lodge	5.301
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; May not claim on Lodge.....	4.1402
FAMILY; Unworthy, of deceased member, has no claim for	5.304
FAMILY; Of expelled Mason has no claim for	6.306
FAMILY; Of Entered Apprentice of Fellow Craft may not claim	4.1402
FUNDS OF LODGE; may not be dispensed for, without.....	5.303
GRAND MASTER; May not solicit, from certain Lodges	4.1005
NON AFFILIATE; Has claims for, on individual but not Lodge.....	5.109
NON AFFILIATE'S WIDOW AND ORPHANS; Have no claim for, on	5.109
REIMBURSEMENT; Right to demand, only when	5.302
REMARRIAGE TO PROFANE; Loses claim of widow on fraternity	5.304
RIGHT OF; Defined.....	Title 5, Chap. 3
STRANGER; Rules re granting, to	Title 5, Chap. 3
SUICIDE'S WIDOW AND ORPHANS; Do not lose rights	5.304

CHARTER:

ARREST OR SUSPENSION; Effect of	4.201(1)
ARREST OR SUSPENSION; Only by Grand Master or Grand Lodge.....	3.301, 3.401(6), 4.201(1), 4.201(2)
ARREST OR SUSPENSION; Certificate may be issued when	4.109, 4.110
CUSTODY OF; Is with Worshipful Master, but.....	4.408
DISPENSATION; Grant of charter continues, until	4.109
DUES, GRAND LODGE; Lodge not liable for, during arrest of.....	4.203
DUPLICATE; When may be issued	4.203
FEE; How much and when due.....	4.113
FORFEIT; Causes which may result in.....	4.201(1), 4.1804
FORFEIT; Ask other Lodges for aid, cause for	4.1005
FORFEIT; Conferring degrees, illegally, cause for	4.1509
FORFEIT; Failure to enforce answer to summons, cause for	4.2104
FORFEIT; Invasion of jurisdiction, cause for.....	4.1509, 4.1511
FORFEIT; Membership of less than seven, cause for.....	4.201(1)
FORFEIT; Failure to be represented at two meetings of Grand Lodge, cause for	4.201(1)
FORFEIT; Failure to observe and maintain deportment cause for.....	6.906
FORFEIT; Purchase, sale or use of cipher ritual cause for.....	4.1511
FORFEIT; Use of incorrect ritual cause for.....	4.1511
FORFEIT; Refunding fees for degrees cause for.....	4.1504
FORFEIT; Once arrested and confirmed, may not be restored nor may its number be used again	4.204
GRAND LODGE; Powers re	3.301, 4.110, 4.201, 4.204
GRANT; How may be granted	3.301, 4.201
LOSS; When avoidable, fee must be paid for duplicate.....	4.201
MISPLACEMENT; Not an unavoidable loss	4.201
NAMES OF OFFICERS; To appear in.....	4.109, 4.201
PRESENT; Must be at all meetings	4.201
PHOTOSTATIC COPY; May be used.	4.201, 4.408
REMOVAL; Not permissible to suspend Lodge functions.....	4.408
RESTORATION; Grand Master may not order.....	3.402(5)
RESTORATION; May be by Grand Lodge unless forfeit confirmed... 3.301, 4.203	
REVOKE; Grand Lodge may	3.301, 4.201(1)
STATE; Copy of charter issued by.....	page 1-1 & 1-2

CHARTER — Continued:	Paragraph
SURRENDER; How accomplished	4.201(1)
U. D. LODGE; Status of members and property if refused.....	4.110
CHECK: UNPAID; Does not invalidate demit.....	5.103
CHILD: EVIDENCE; May be taken but inadvisable when	6.113
CHRISTMAS: Work may be performed on, if not Sunday.....	4.1107
CHURCH:	
CONDEMNATION; Membership in, which condemns Masonry	4.1303
POLYGAMY; Membership in, which condones, bars.....	4.1303
PROCESSION TO; When permitted	4.2302
CIPHERS:	
LECTURERS; To report re	3.1008
USE OF; Cause for penalty or forfeit of charter	4.1511
CIRCULARS:	
AID; Asking for cooperation, when my be issued	4.1005
INSTRUCTIONS OF DELEGATES, RE; No right to issue.....	4.1006
NAMES; To members permissible containing, of whom.....	4.1008
RETURNS; Grand Secretary to notify Lodges re	4.1004
CITIZENSHIP:	
IF NOT A CITIZEN; Not a test of eligibility for degrees	4.1303
CLANDESTINE:	
BODIES; Other than those recognized, condemned	3.309
PETITION; How clandestinely made Mason may, for degrees	4.1308
CLERGYMAN:	
DUES AND PER CAPITA; Same as other members	4.1801
FEES FOR DEGREES; Lodge may not waive or refund except	4.1501, 4.1504
CLOSING:	
GREAT LIGHTS; What constitutes.....	4.1513
LODGE; Prerogative of Worshipful Master, when	4.405
LODGE; Must be separate on each degree	4.1513
CLUB:	
IF COMPOSED OF MASONS; May not permit.....	6.204(15)
WORD “ MASONIC” ; May not be used without	3.309
CODE:	
AMENDMENTS; How made.....	2.107(2), 3.306
LATEST EDITION; Copy of must be kept in Lodge room.....	4.1002
OWNERSHIP; Returns must show — failure penalized.....	4.1004
SUPPLEMENT; Annual, to be published.....	4.1002
COMMERCIAL INSTITUTION: Masonry is not.....	6.204(16)

COMMISSION:

EXPENSES; To be paid, how	6.605
MEMBERS; Required for, of different Lodges	6.605
OBJECTION; May be made to, by accused.....	6.605
PUNISHMENT; May not prescribe, but recommend only except when appointed on Lodge request.....	6.603
REQUIRED; When.....	6.602
SECRETARY; Who may be.....	6.609, 6.616
TRIAL; When and how used in	6.602
TRIAL; Decision, Grand Master, on report of, may be appealed.....	6.702(3)
TRIAL; Personal or responsibility not affected by termination of term of Grand Master.....	6.605
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Procedure for trial of.....	6.603

COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE:

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES; Of whom consists and when meets	3.901(2), 3.902
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES; Duties of.....	2.104(5)(B), 3.901(2)
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES; No member of affected Lodge may serve	3.901(2)
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES; Only abstract to be printed	3.901(2)
APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES; Appeal must be perfected on time	6.710
APPOINTMENT; Is by Grand Master.....	3.901
BUILDING; Duties of.....	3.904(3)
BUSINESS FOR; Must be in hands of Grand Secretary when	2.107(2), 3.905
BUSINESS FOR; To be placed before, by Grand Secretary.....	2.107(2), 3.905
BYLAWS; Dispensations Committee acts as	3.901(1)
CREDENTIALS; Duties of	2.104(5)(G), 3.901(5)
DISPENSATIONS AND BYLAWS; of whom consists, when meets and duties of.....	2.104(5)(A), 3.901(1), 3.902
DUTIES; Defined.....	Title 3, Chap. 9
ELIGIBILITY; Who may be appointed	3.802
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE; Of whom consists	3.901(6)
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE; Duties of.....	2.104(5)(c), 3.901(6)
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE; To submit changes in recognized.....	3.901(6)
HUMAN RESOURCES; of whom consists	3.902(13)
INSURANCE; of whom consists and duties	3.901(12)
JURISPRUDENCE; of whom consists and when meets	3.901(4), 3.902
JURISPRUDENCE; Duties of.....	2.104(D)(5), 3.901(4)
JURISPRUDENCE; Legislation must be referred to.....	3.901(4)
JURISPRUDENCE; Chairman of, acts as judge advocate.....	3.901(4)
MASONIC EDUCATION; Consists of three members.....	3.901(11)
MASONIC EDUCATION; Duties determined by Grand Lodge	2.104(5)(C)
SPECIAL; Grand Master may appoint	3.401(8), 3.904
STANDING; Enumerated and specified	Title 3, Chap. 9
STATE OF THE CRAFT; of whom consists and duties.....	3.903
TERMS OF; Standing committees to be appointed annually.....	3.901
WAYS AND MEANS; of whom consists and when meets.....	3.901(3), 3.902
WAYS AND MEANS; Duties of.....	2.104(5)(E), 3.901(3)

COMMITTEE, SUBORDINATE LODGE:

APPOINTMENT; Prerogative of Worshipful Master	4.407, 4.801, 4.803
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; May not serve on.....	4.1405
INQUISITORIAL OR INTERVIEW; Duties of.....	Title 4, Annex A
INVESTIGATION; See Investigation.....	Index page 37
PAYMENT; May not demand, for services unless	4.801

COMMITTEE, SUBORDINATE LODGE: -- Continued:	Paragraph
PETITION; Majority report is lawful	4.802
PETITION; Appointment of new on, old failing to report	4.803
PETITION; If report unfavorable, ballot must still be	4.2010
REFUSAL TO REPORT; Charges may be preferred for	4.804
REPORT; In case of illegality, petition may be arrested after	4.407
STANDING; Are those required by bylaws	4.801
TRIAL; Accused may object to	6.605
TRIAL; Authority of, in taking evidence	6.113, 6.610
TRIAL; Lodge is quasi, of Grand Lodge in	3.304
CONDUCT:	
ENFORCEMENT OF DISCIPLINE; Inherent right of Lodge	4.902(3)
ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT; Amendable for to	4.1412
RESPONSIBILITY; Each Lodge responsible for, of	5.108
STANDARD; Lodges admonished to maintain highest	6.201
UNMASONIC; Determined by act and not motive	6.201
UNMASONIC; Determines between, and Masonic offense	6.201
CONGREGATE LODGE:	
CUSTODIAN OR LECTURER; May be done by	3.1005
PREROGATIVE; Is, of Worshipful Master	4.403
PREROGATIVE; Is, of Grand Master	3.401(5)
CONSECRATION:	
LODGE; Ceremony – who may perform	4.114
U. D. LODGE; May not occur	4.108(i)
CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES:	
LECTURERS; To report on practicability of	3.1103
RULES; To be observed	4.1111
CONSTITUTION:	
GRAND LODGE; Superior to	3.101
NEW LODGE; Ceremony — who may perform	4.114
NEW LODGE; Is prerogative of Grand Master	3.401(4)
NEW LODGE; Must precede installation	4.114
U. D. LODGE; May not occur	4.108(i)
CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS OF A LODGE:	Described and enumerated
	4.903
CONTEMPT:	
PUNISHMENT; May be inflicted on accused for, if fails	6.204(23)
CONTRACT:	
BOARD OF CONTROL; Change in, not affect properly executed	7.102
BREAKING; Not Masonic offense, when	6.201
CONTRIBUTIONS:	
UNIDENTIFIED; Go to Endowment Fund	7.105
W. & O. HOME; Always in order	7.105
CONTROVERSIES:	
GRAND LODGE; May receive and determine what	3.304
LODGES; When between, how handled	6.402
MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT LODGES; When between, how handled	6.402

CONTUMACY:

GRAND MASTER OR GRAND LODGE; To authority of, may forfeit..... 4.201(1)
 REFUSAL OF COMMITTEE TO REPORT; Constitutes4.804

CONVICTION:

CANDIDATE; for criminal offense, not bar, but.....4.1303
 COURT; In civil, not conclusive in Masonic trial.....6.112
 FELONY; Automatic indefinite suspension, unless.....6.1101
 PUNISHMENT; After, some, must be inflicted.....6.618
 TRIAL; Requires two-thirds vote..... 4.2002(3), 6.618

CORNER STONE:

CEREMONY OF LAYING; Prerogative of Grand Master 3.401(7)
 DISPENSATION; Not necessary, for laying..... 3.401(7)
 LOCATION; Preferably, but not necessarily, in northeast..... 3.401(7)
 PERFORMANCE; Only subordinate Lodge may be opened for 3.401(7)
 PERMISSIBLE; Laying is, for what kind of buildings 3.401(7)
 PERMISSIBLE; Laying is, when Lodge owns second floor only..... 3.401(7)
 PROCESSIONS; Allowable with dispensation.....4.2302
 RELAYING; Ceremony of not necessary when Lodge hall is rebuilt4.1115
 SUNDAY; May no be laid on..... 3.401(7)

CORPORATION LINES: Not limit territorial jurisdiction4.1203

CORRESPONDENCE:

COMMITTEE ON; Duties 3.901(6)
 FOREIGN GRAND LODGE, WITH; Should be through4.1508
 GRAND MASTER; May not demand copy of, of former 3.402(6)

COUNCIL: See Higher BodiesIndex page 34

COUNSEL:

JUNIOR WARDEN; May act as, when6.606, 6.614
 RIGHT OF; Both accused and accuser may have6.606, 6.614
 VOTE; May in trial, if member4.1604, 6.618
 WITNESS; May be compelled to testify, except6.110

COURTESY WORK: Rules governing 4.1508, 4.1509

COURTS:

ACQUITTAL BY; Not relieve Lodge from responsibility6.112
 ACTION OF; Ought not, but may postpone trial waiting.....6.112
 ACTION OF; Must not determine guilt or innocence in Masonic6.112
 CONVICTION; Record of, admissible but not conclusive6.112
 EVIDENCE GIVEN IN; Rules governing, in Masonic trial.....6.112
 RECORDS OF; Sufficiency of, as evidence6.112

CRAFTSMAN, TENNESSEE

APPROVED; Final authority as to monitorial work4.1511
 CEREMONIAL WORK; Publication of, in, authorized4.1511
 USE OF; Lodge may not refuse.....4.1510

CREDITS: OF LODGES; To be refunded4.1803

CRIMINAL OFFENSE: Service of sentence for, not a bar, but.....4.1303

CRITICISM: Of Masonic methods, policies and proceedings in
public print prohibited..... 3.207

CUSTODIANS OF THE WORK AND LECTURES:

APPOINTMENT; Rules governing 3.904(1)
AUTHORITY; Control Grand Lectures..... 3.1101
AUTHORITY; May call together, enter, preside over Lodge..... 3.1005
CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY; May issue..... 3.1007
CRAFTSMAN, TENNESSEE; May publish ceremonial work in 4.1511
DEGREES AND LECTURES AT GRAND LODGE; Responsible for..... 3.1004
DISTRICTS; To determine division of..... 3.1101, 3.1102
EXPENSES, OF VISITS; May be collected from Lodge 3.1006
MEETING OF; When to meet 3.1104
OTHER OFFICE, HOLDING OF; Not a bar to service as 3.1003
REMOVAL; Grand Master may remove and fill vacancies..... 3.1003
REMUNERATION; Lodge visited to pay, according to..... 3.1006
RITUAL; They, not Grand Master, to decide and answer re 3.402(8), 3.1001
RITUALS; To report Lodge not conforming to 3.1103
SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION; May appoint..... 3.1005
WORK AND LECTURES; To preserve free from error 3.1001

DATE:

BIRTH; Must be reported 4.1004
CHARGES; Error in, not material 6.608
DEMIT; Is necessary 5.102
OBJECTION; To be entered on minutes 4.1702

DEACONS:

INSTALLATION; If appointed, may be at any time 4.302
RESIGNATION; Permitted if necessary..... 4.602
REMOVAL; If appointed, may be removed by 4.602
SELECTION; May be elected or appointed as bylaws provide 4.602
VACANCY IN OFFICE; How can occur and be filled 4.506
WITHDRAWAL; By demit or transfer permitted 4.602

DEATH:

AFFILIATION; In case of, pending action on petition for 5.114
CERTIFICATE GOOD STANDING; When may issued after 4.1811
DUES; Not settle delinquent 4.1809
RESTORATION AFTER; May not be made..... 6.801
VACANCY IN OFFICE BECAUSE OF; See Vacancy in officeIndex page 65

DEBATE:

CONTROL OF; Is with Worshipful Master..... 4.405, 4.406
TRADUCTION; Not permissible even in..... 6.202

DEBT:

DEMIT; To Lodge other than for dues will not prevent 4.1805
DUES; Delinquent, constitute moral and legal..... 4.1809
MASONIC OFFENSE; Masonry not collecting agency for..... 6.103

DECISIONS:

GRAND LODGE; Are final and binding..... 3.101, 3.304
GRAND LODGE; Will decide no question of law except..... 3.305
GRAND MASTER; See Grand Master, DecisionsIndex page 31
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; See Worshipful Master, DecisionIndex page 69

DECLARATION:

- FORMAL; Of rejection makes ballot final.....4.2008
 OF BALLOT; Must be made by W. M.....4.2005

DEDICATION:

- BUILDINGS; Unauthorized except for Masonic..... 3.401(7)
 BUILDINGS; Ceremony – who may perform 3.401(7)
 LODGE; Ceremony – who may perform4.114
 PROCESSION; For, of Masonic building, authorized.....4.2302
 U. D. LODGE; May not occur 4.108(i)

DEFECT:

- CHARGES; Error in date not material.....6.608
 CHARGES; Failure to sign is fatal6.508
 CHARGES; Failure show membership accused not fatal6.608
 PHYSICAL; See Physical qualificationsIndex page 51

DEFENSE: Even when accused makes none, some evidence should be6.109

DEFUNCT LODGE:

- ADVANCEMENT; Procedure for, of material of4.1401
 AFFILIATION; Must be on certificate from Grand Secretary..... 5.110
 CERTIFICATE; Equivalent to demit when..... 4.110, 5.105, 5.110, 6.805
 CERTIFICATE; Who are entitled to 4.110, 4.204, 4.1406, 6.805
 CERTIFICATE; Not to be issued until demise complete 4.204
 FUNERAL; Nearest Lodge may hold.....4.2205
 MEMBERS; Dues may not be collected for4.1806
 MEMBERS; STATUS OF; Become NON-AFFILIATES4.204
 NUMBER, OF LODGES; May not be used again4.204
 PROPERTY OF; Becomes property of Grand Lodge.....3.308
 PROPERTY OF; To be disposed of to best advantage by 4.903(7)
 PROPERTY OF; Only Grand Treasurer may dispose of..... 4.903(7)
 RESTORATION; What Lodge may restore former members of.....6.802
 REVIVAL OF; May not occur — remedy of former members.....4.204
 WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Status of when serving as such at time
 of charter arrest4.701

DEGREE:

- A NEW; May not be conferred unless4.1505
 CALLED MEETING; May be conferred at, any time except
 Sunday4.403, 4.1107
 CITIZENSHIP; Not a requirement for.....4.1303
 CLANDESTINE; May be petitioned for, by.....4.1308
 CLOSING; Each must be separately closed.....4.1513
 COMPLETION; Part of, may not be postponed except4.1507
 COMPLETION; All lectures pertaining to each, necessary for4.1507
 COMPLETION; Lodge which begins, entitled to complete4.1509
 COMPLETION; When original is defunct4.1406
 CONFERRING; May be done in G. W. M. N. Memorial.....4.1512
 CONFERRING; May not be done in two or more separate Lodge
 rooms at the same time.....4.1109
 CONFERRING; Constitutional power of Lodge 4.903(2)
 CONFERRING; Must be where and when4.1501
 CONFERRING; To confer lower, need not open on third.....4.1513
 CONFERRING; By other than Worshipful Master, permitted4.1512
 COURTESY; Exchange of, rules governing..... 4.1508,4.1509

DEGREE: — Continued:	Paragraph
EDICTS; Changes in, affect what degrees	3.306, 4.1502
ELECTION TO RECEIVE; May not be rescinded.....	4.1207
EXCHANGE COURTESY; Rules governing.....	4.1508, 4.1509
FAILURE TO APPEAR; Jurisdiction retained how long	4.1207
FEES; See Fees, Degrees	Index page 27
FIRST; Master Masons Lodge not necessary for	4.1513
FOREIGN; Exchange of teams for conferring, permissible but.....	4.1512
FOREIGN; How request must be made to, or by, re.....	4.1508, 4.1509
GRAND LODGE; May be exemplified before, by whom	3.1004
INTERRUPTION; Procedure in case of.....	4.1507
INTERVAL BETWEEN; Twenty-eight days must elapse	4.1506
LANGUAGE; What must be used in.....	4.1510
LECTURES; All, pertaining to each, must be given.....	4.1507
LECTURES; May be at same time to several candidates.....	4.1507
METHODS AND CUSTOMS; What, must be used in.....	4.1510
MUSIC (a) The lodge may use	4.1510
NOTES FOR; May not be paid for by	4.1503
NUMBER; At one time and at same meeting	4.1507
OPENING; Each must be separate.....	4.1513
OUT OF TIME; Grand Master may not authorize	4.1506
RITUAL; What must be used in	4.1510
ST. JOHN'S DAY; May be then conferred, except.....	4.1107
SECOND; Master Masons' Lodge not necessary for.....	4.1513
SIDE; Grand Lodge does not recognize.....	3.309
TAX ON, GRAND LODGE; Liability with Lodge owning material.....	4.1508
UNFINISHED; When may be and procedure.....	4.1507
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May refuse to confer, notwithstanding.....	4.407

DELINQUENT LODGES:

FAILURE TO PAY GRAND LODGE DUES ON TIME;	
Results of	4.1803, 4.1804
NOTICE TO; Grand Secretary to send, when.....	2.106(3)

DEMIT:

AFFILIATION; Rules governing	5.110, 5.114, 5.117
AGE OF; Has no effect on affiliation	5.104
APPLICATION FOR; Rule governing	5.104
APPLICATION FOR; Issued on oral request, is void.....	5.102
ASSESSMENT; Failure to pay special, not justify refusal of.....	4.1805
BURIAL; Masonic, permissible regardless of date of.....	4.2203
CERTIFICATE; From Grand Secretary equivalent to	4.110, 5.105
CERTIFICATE; None other, from a Lodge, equivalent to	5.105
CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER; Not equivalent to	5.105
DATED; Not proper unless	5.102
DEBT; Other than for dues will not prevent	4.1805
DEFUNCT LODGE; Certificate equivalent to	4.110, 5.105
DELIVERY; Valid though certificate not actually delivered.....	5.103
DUES; If payable in advance, amount to be paid before demit is	
granted, except.....	4.1806
DUES; Nonpayment of check for, does not invalidate.....	5.103
DUPLICATE; Rules governing issuance.....	5.106
ENDORSEMENT OF; Fact of rejection not to be noted on	5.115
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; May not be to,	
or from	4.1406, 5.114
FEE; May not be charged for.....	5.102
FOREIGN; Acceptable, must be from recognized	5.111

DEMIT: — Continued:	Paragraph
GRANTING; Procedure	4.1806, 5.102
LEGALITY; Carries presumption of lawful issue	5.103
LIMITATIONS; Must express.....	5.104
LOSS; Duplicate may be issued.....	5.106
MEMBERSHIP; How member of foreign Lodge may acquire.....	4.1601
MEMBERSHIP CEASES; Immediately when demit declared granted	5.102
MISCONDUCT; May not be demanded in satisfaction of.....	5.107
MORAL STANDING; Is evidence of, at date of issue	5.107
MOTION; Of Lodge to grant, unnecessary	5.102
OFFICERS; May be granted to, except Worshipful Master.....	4.506, 4.601
PARTICULAR LODGE; Not to be granted in favor of.....	5.102
RECONSIDERATION; Not permissible	5.103
RIGHT OF; When may be exercised	5.101
RIGHT OF HOLDER; Defined	5.101, 5.110
SEAL; Absence of, does not invalidate.....	5.102
SECRETARY; When may be granted to	4.601
SIGNATURE IF WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Not indispensable.....	5.102
SURRENDER OF; Must be filed with Lodge on election	5.110
TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP; How may be accomplished	
without demit.....	5.117
TREASURER; When may be granted to	4.601
U. D. LODGE; May affiliate members on	4.108(b)
U. D. LODGE; May not grant.....	4.1109(8)
UNDESIRABLE MEMBER; To grant to, merely to be rid of, is.....	5.107
VISITOR; Will not alone admit	5.114, 5.205
VOUCHER; Is not a Masonic voucher	5.114, 5.205
WARDENS; When may be granted to	4.506
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May not be issued to	4.410
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May not order, except in open Lodge	5.102
DEPORTMENT: Lodges admonished to observe	6.906
DEPOSITION: When evidence may be obtained	6.113, 6.610, 6.616
DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS: Bylaws may not cause	4.1604
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER:	
DUTIES; Defined	3.501
ELIGIBILITY; Rules of governing	3.1202
TERM OF; Not more than one year in succession	3.1202
VISITS BY; Expected to visit Lodge.....	3.501
DISBURSEMENTS:	
RECORD OF; Should appear in minutes.....	4.903(6)
DISCIPLINE:	
ENFORCEMENT; Is inherent right of Lodge	4.902(3)
EXERCISING; Duty of Lodge over all Masons in	
jurisdiction.....	4.412, 5.108, 6.402
DISCUSSION:	
CANDIDATE; Of merits of, not disapproved, but	4.2007
CHARGES AND EVIDENCE; Permissible before vote	6.618
CONTROL OF; Is with Worshipful Master.....	4.405
PETITION; Informing profane of, not Masonic offense.....	6.201

DISPENSATION:

BYLAWS; Grand Master may not grant for change in.....	4.1901
DEGREES; May not be granted to confer more than.....	4.1506
DEGREES OUT OF TIME; May not be granted for	4.1506
ELECTION; When necessary for	4.114, 4.302
ELECTION OUT OF TIME; When may and may not be given for	4.114, 4.303, 4.410, 4.502, 4.505, 4.506
GRAND MASTER; Duty and prerogative of, to issue	3.401(9)
GRAND MASTER; To report reason for issuing or refusing.....	3.401(9)
HEALING; Grand Master may issue proxy for.....	3.401(11)
INSTALLATION; When may and must be had for.....	4.114, 4.302
LODGE UNDER; See U. D. Lodge	Index page 65
MEETING PLACE, CHANGE OF; Rules governing	4.1109
MEETING, TIME OF; Stated may not be changed by	4.1102
NEW LODGE; When may issue for.....	4.102
NEW LODGE; Rules governing	3.401(4), 4.114
NEW LODGE; May be revoked at any time, but if not.....	4.109
PAST MASTER'S DEGREE; Grand Master may not grant, to confer.....	4.310
PROCESSION; Those for which may not and need not be issued.....	4.2302
REMOVAL OF LODGE; Rules governing	4.1109
TIME OF ACT; Must be within term of Grand Master, or.....	3.401(9)
VACANCIES; Which may be filled by election with	4.410, 4.502, 4.601

DISPENSATION COMMITTEE, GRAND LODGE:

See Committee, Grand Lodge	Index page 14
----------------------------------	---------------

DISSOLUTION OF LODGE:

CHARTER; Acts for which, may be revoked.....	4.201(1)
POSSIBLE; In only two ways	4.201(1), 4.201(2)

DISTRICT CHAIRMEN:

DUTIES.....	3.1801 - 3.1809
-------------	-----------------

DISTRICT DEPUTY CHAIRMEN:

DUTIES.....	3.1901 - 3.1905
-------------	-----------------

DOCTOR: Same index as for Chaplain Index page 10**DOMICILE:** Rules governing Masonic..... 4.1201, 4.1203, 4.1206, 4.1408, 5.112**DROPPING FROM ROLL:**

PENALTY; Illegal and void as.....	4.1808
REQUEST; May not be done even by	4.1808
STANDING; Incorrectly done, does not affect.....	4.1808

DRUNKENNESS:

OFFENSE; Is a Masonic offense.....	6.402(2)
------------------------------------	----------

DUAL MEMBERSHIP: Rules governing..... Title 5, Chap. 4**DUES, GRAND LODGE:**

ARREARAGE; Grand Secretary to report.....	2.105(4), 4.1803
ARREARAGE; For two years may cause forfeit of charter.....	4.201(1), 4.1804
ASSESSMENT; Grand Lodge may make such as sees fit	3.302
CHARTER ARREST; Lodge not liable for, during term of	4.203

DUES, GRAND LODGE: — Continued:Paragraph	
DEGREE TAX; Liability is with Lodge owning material	4.1508
DELINQUENT LODGES; Grand Secretary to notify when.....	2.105(4), 4.1804
ERRONEOUS REPORTS; Grand Secretary corrects, but not to avoid	4.1004, 4.1803
FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS; Remission may be made on, when.....	4.1801
MINISTERS; To be paid on	4.1801
NEW LODGE; To be paid on signatories who become members	4.1801
NOTICE OF AMOUNTS; Grand Secretary to send to Lodges	4.1004
OVERPAYMENTS; To be promptly refunded.....	4.1803
PAYMENTS DELAYED; Lodge to be penalized because of.....	4.1803
PER CAPITA; Demitted Mason or member defunct Lodge not liable	5.110
PER CAPITA; Lodge may relieve members of, but	4.1807
PER CAPITA; Not payable on member suspended	4.1801
REMISSION; Not to be done because of loss of property	4.1803
REPRESENTATIVES; Until paid, may not be enrolled.....	3.205
SUSPENSION, IRREGULAR; To be collected in case of	4.1808
TIME OF PAYMENT; Must be by February 10	4.1803
U. D. LODGE; What Lodge pays, on signatory member of	4.1802

DUES SUBORDINATE LODGE:

ADVANCE PAYMENT; Bylaws may require.....	4.1806
ADVANCE PAYMENT; Bylaws re, may not deprive member of rights	4.1604
AFFILIATION; See Affiliation, Dues.....	Index page 2
AMOUNT; Right of Lodge to fix, is inherent.....	4.902(6)
AMOUNT; Bylaws must specify.....	4.1805
AMOUNT; Necessity for charging sufficient	4.1805
ASSESSMENT, SPECIAL; Not to be classed as	4.1805
CHANGE OF; Requires regular action on bylaws.....	4.1902
CHANGE OF; Does not require Grand Lodge approval.....	4.1902
CHARGES; Pendency of, not relieve from payment of.....	4.1805
CHARGING; Is inherent right of Lodge	4.902(6)
CHECK FOR DISHONORED; Does not invalidate demit	5.103
COMMENCEMENT OF; May date from time of raising or admission.....	4.1806
DEATH; Does not settle delinquent.....	4.1809
DEFUNCT LODGE; Member of not liable	4.1806
DELINQUENT; Constitute moral and legal debt	4.1809
DELINQUENT; Existence of bylaw not sufficient notice to	6.613
DEMIT; If payable in advance, amount to be paid before demit may be granted.....	4.1806
DEMIT; Must be granted though unpaid, if.....	4.1806
DROPPING FROM ROLL; Rules governing	4.1808
ENTERED APPRENTICES OR FELLOW CRAFTS; Not required to pay.....	4.1402
FIFTY-YEAR MEMBERS; If remitted in full, no Grand Lodge dues charged	4.1801
INDIGENT MEMBERS; Ought to be remitted	4.1807
MINISTERS; Same rules as for other members	4.1805
NEW MEMBERS; May be collected on member raised or admitted	4.1806
NON-AFFILIATE; Not liable for, during non-affiliation	4.1806
NONPAYMENT; Willful, is a Masonic offense	6.204(1)
NONPAYMENT; Procedure necessary to punish and restore	6.613, 6.801-6.807
NONPAYMENT; Charges may be for, although partly settled	4.1805
NONPAYMENT; Bylaw requiring payment may not be disregarded	4.1805
NONPAYMENT; If convicted for, must be indefinitely suspended	6.613
NONPAYMENT; Notice to trial for, by newspaper, forbidden.....	6.613

DUES, SUBORDINATE LODGE — Continued.....	Paragraph
NONPAYMENT; One suspended for, may not visit or sit in	6.307
NOTES; May not be taken for	4.1806
RECEIPT; Must be furnished annually	4.1813
RECEIPT; Standard form must be used	4.1003
RECEIPT; Required of stranger before examination	5.206
REFUND; If paid in advance, when Lodge may or may not refund	4.1806
REMISSION; May be on certain members, but	4.1807
REMISSION; Grand Master may not order	4.1807
RESTORATION; See Restoration, Dues	Index page 57
SUSPENSION; How erroneous may be corrected	4.1808
SUSPENSION; May not be charged during term of	4.1806
SUSPENSION, IRREGULAR; Does not relieve from payment	4.1808
U. D. LODGE; May be charged by, against all members	4.409
U. D. LODGE; Signatory members, paid to and by what Lodges	4.1802
VOTE; Right to, not lost merely by failure to pay	4.1604
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May not be suspended for nonpayment of	4.411
 DUTIES OF A LODGE:	
BURIAL; To bury those who die in good standing if	4.2201
BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS; To forward for approval	4.112
CODE; To own and keep in Lodge room latest copy of	4.1002
DEMITTS; To grant under proper conditions	4.1806, 5.102
DISCIPLINE; To exercise over all Masons and offenses where	5.108, 6.402
FORMS; To use only those furnished by Grand Secretary	4.1003
GRAND LODGE MEETINGS; To be represented at	4.201(1)
PAYMENTS; To make to Grand Secretary as required	4.1004, 4.1801
PROCEEDINGS; To read synopsis of, when	4.1001
RETURNS; To make to Grand Lodge as required	4.311, 4.1004, 4.1801
RITUAL; To use only that approved and adopted by Grand Lodge	4.1510, 4.1511
SEAL; To procure, and affix to all official papers	4.115
 EDICTS:	
CHANGES; Before adoption, to be reported on by	3.901(6)
CHANGES; Affect only what petitions and degrees	3.306, 4.1502
CHANGING; Rules governing	2.107(1), 3.306, 3.901
CONFLICT; All bylaws conflicting with, are void	4.1901
EFFECTIVE DATE; Immediately after adoption, unless	3.306
POWER TO MAKE; Grand Lodge has	3.306
SUSPENSION; Grand Master may not order	3.402(1)
 EDUCATION:	
AFFILIATION; Ability to read and write not required for	5.112
PETITION; Requirements re signature of candidate	4.1301
 ELECTION OF OFFICERS:	
ABSENCE; Valid, though absent when elected	4.304
ACCEPTANCE; Member elected may decline	4.304
ATTENDANCE; Presence of majority of members not required	4.305
BALLOT SLIPS; Written, should be used	3.1204, 4.306, 4.2003(2)
BLANK BALLOT SLIPS; Must be counted	4.2003(2)
CHARGES; Do not affect right to election	4.307
DISPENSATION; When may and may not be given for	4.302, 4.505
DISPENSATION; When must be from Grand Master to hold	4.302, 4.505
ELIGIBILITY; Who may be elected	4.301, 4.304, 4.401
GRAND LODGE; Rules governing	3.1202 - 3.1205

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: — Continued:	Paragraph
LODGE OF THIRD DEGREE; Must be held in	4.903(3)
NEWLY CHARTERED LODGE; Rules governing.....	4.109, 4.114
NOMINATIONS; Permissible, but secret vote without, better	4.306
REPORT OF; List of officers to reach Grand Secretary by	4.301
TIME OF; When should be, unless later by dispensation	4.301
U. D. LODGE; May not hold.....	4.108(a)
VACANCIES; See vacancy in Office.....	Index page 65
VOTE; Rules governing, re	3.1204, 4.306
WHO SHALL BE NAMED; And how	4.301, 4.602
ELECTIONEERING: For Grand Lodge office, condemned.....	3.1201
ELIGIBILITY:	
CLANDESTINE MASONS; May petition	4.1308
GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES; Who may be appointed to	3.901
GRAND LODGE OFFICES; Rules governing.....	3.802, 3.1202
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE; Only permanent members of Grand Lodge	3.401(2)
OFFICE, LODGE; Who may be elected to.....	4.304, 4.401
PETITIONERS FOR DEGREES; Electing Lodge decides re, except	4.1301, 4.1508, 4.1509
PETITIONERS FOR DEGREES; Rules governing	4.1203, 4.1205, 4.1304, 4.1308, 4.1309, 4.1509
EMBLEM:	
FIFTY/SIXTY/SEVENTY/SEVENTY FIVE YR Member; Provided for.....	4.1812
PAST GRAND MASTER; Provided for.....	3.1210
WEARING UNLAWFULLY; Penalty for	Civil law 39-6-501, 6.204(14)
EMPLOYEES OF GRAND LODGE:	
RETIREMENT; Plan provided	3.1301
ENDOWMENT FUND COMMISSION:	
ELECTION; Rules governing.....	3.901(10), 7.301
INVESTMENTS; How shall be made	7.305
LOANS; Have authority to make.....	7.305(5)
RULES GOVERNING; Prescribed	Title 7, Chap. 3
TREASURER OF; Bonded.....	7.301
ENDOWMENT FUND, W. & O. HOME:	
CONTRIBUTIONS; To receive all unspecified.....	7.303
CUSTODIAN; Rules governing	7.302
ELECTION;.....	3.901(10), 7.301
INCOME; To be add to fund until otherwise ordered	7.303
ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFTS:	
ADVANCEMENT; See Advancement	Index page 1
AFFILIATION; May not affiliate	4.1406, 4.1408, 5.114
APPEAL; Have same rights of, as Master Mason	4.1412
CERTIFICATE GOOD STANDING; When entitled to	4.109, 4.1405, 4.1408
CERTIFICATE OF MEMBERSHIP; May not be issued to	4.1416, 4.1601
CHARGES; May be preferred against.....	4.1412
CHARGES; May not be preferred by	6.501
CLAIM; Have none on Lodge treasury.....	4.1402
COMMITTEE; May not serve on.....	4.1405
CONDUCT; Amenable to Lodge for	4.1412

-
- ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFTS:— Continued:.....**Paragraph
- DEFUNCT LODGE; Entitled to certificate..... 4.109, 4.1406, 4.1407
 - DEMIT; May not be to, or from..... 4.1406, 5.117
 - DUES; Not required to pay..... 4.1402
 - EXAMINATION; See ExaminationIndex page 25
 - FAMILY; Has no claim for assistance..... 4.1402, 7.109
 - FUNERAL; Not entitled to Masonic 4.1403, 4.2203
 - OBJECTION; During life of, waiver not to be given..... 4.1406
 - OFFICE; May not hold 4.1405
 - PENAL LIABILITY; Same as Master Mason 4.1412
 - PROCESSION; May not appear in Masonic..... 4.1403, 4.2301
 - RIGHTS; Re examination and application for advancement..... 4.1409, 4.1410
 - STATUS; Are property and not members of Lodge 4.1401, 4.1601
 - TRIAL OF; Charges, evidence and vote to be in
 - what degree 4.903(3), 4.1412, 4.2001
 - VISITATION; Have right of, when 4.1404
 - VOICE OR VOTE; Have none 4.1405
- ENTERED APPRENTICE, DEGREE OF:** Third degree need not be open 4.1513
- ENTERED APPRENTICES' LODGE:**
- BUSINESS WHICH MANY BE CONDUCTED IN; Defined..... 4.903(3)
 - OPENING; May be without Master Masons' Lodge 4.1513
 - OPENING; May not be done at same time when opened in another degree 4.1513
 - QUORUM; One to be examined may be counted to make 4.1411
- EVIDENCE:**
- ABSENCE OF ACCUSED; Proof necessary to sustain charges..... 6.109
 - ABSENCE OF ACCUSED; When, may not be heard during..... 6.113
 - APPEAL; Rules governing..... Title 6, Chap. 7
 - COMPELLED; May be, by committee or Lodge unless..... 6.110
 - COPY; Requirements re 6.113, 6.610, 6.617
 - COPY; Not mandatory that transcript be furnished defendant..... 6.707, 6.711
 - COURT; Rules governing, in Masonic trial 6.610, 6.617
 - COURT RECORDS; Sufficiency of, as evidence..... 6.112
 - DEPOSITION; May be obtained by..... 6.113, 6.610, 6.617
 - DISCUSSION OF; Permissible prior to vote..... 6.618
 - ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; To be in his
 - degree 4.903(3), 4.1412
 - FELONY; Conviction for, automatic suspension..... 6.1101
 - INNOCENCE OF ACCUSED; Must be presumed..... 6.111
 - MINUTES; Of Lodge are competent 4.406
 - NEW; Not to be heard on appeal, but 6.714
 - OATH; Should not be given under, even by profane 6.610, 6.617
 - PROFANE, OF; May convict, how to be taken 6.113
 - REFUSAL; To give, in a trial is Masonic offense unless..... 6.110
 - RULES OF; Conform to those in civil court, except 6.610, 6.617
 - SECRET; Revealing, Masonically given, may not be compelled 6.110
 - SUBMISSION OF; Is property of Lodge and must be submitted 6.617
 - TAKING; Lodge must decide by whom, to be 6.617
 - TAKING; Time and place for, to be fixed by 6.617
 - WITNESS; See WitnessIndex page 68
 - WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Duty of, to testify..... 6.110

EXAMINATION:

ADVANCEMENT; Entitled to though objection filed	4.1411
ADVANCEMENT; How and when must be conducted	4.1103, 4.1104, 4.1409, 4.1410
ADVANCEMENT; How may be had, though no one found who witnessed previous degree	4.1508
APPROVAL; Motion re	4.903(3), 4.1411
COMPLETE; Must include all of first section	4.1409
FAILURE TO HOLD; Does not invalidate later degrees	4.1409
OBJECTION; Does not prevent	4.1411
OTHER LODGE; May be arranged to be held by, or for....	4.1409, 4.1508, 4.1509
PROFICIENCY; Holders of certificates of, must pass, when	3.1007
PROFICIENCY OF CANDIDATES; Majority vote decides re.....	4.1411, 4.2002(4)
PROFICIENCY OF CANDIDATE; When and how conducted and approved	4.1410, 4.1411
QUORUM; Aspirant to be examined may be counted to make	4.1411
VISITOR; Rules governing	5.201, 5.202, 5.203, 5.206
VISITOR; Receipt for dues necessary, when	5.206
VISITOR; Written testimonials not alone sufficient to admit	5.207
VOTE; Proper method of, on proficiency of candidate	4.1411
WAIVER; Examination must precede advancement on	4.1407
WHEN TO BE HELD; May be at stated or called meeting, or before a committee	4.1103, 4.1410, 4.1411

EXCHANGE COURTESY:

DEGREES AND LECTURES; Rules governing	4.1508, 4.1509
---	----------------

EXCLUSION:

MEMBER; How, when and by whom may be inflicted	3.401(12), 6.303
VISITORS; Unappealable right of Worshipful Master	5.203, 5.204

EXECUTIVE POWERS; Grand Master; Explained..... Title 3, Chap. 4**EXPENSES: COMMISSIONERS; To be paid, how** 6.605**EXPULSION:**

APPEAL; Does not act as stay of	6.715
APPEARANCE IN LODGE; Expelled Masons may not appear in Lodge	6.307
DUES; Owing at time of, when collectible	4.1810
EFFECT OF; Severs all connection	6.306
EMBLEM; Expelled Mason no right to wear	6.204(14)
FAMILY OF EXPELLED; Has no claim on Fraternity	6.306
FUNERAL; Giving, to expelled Mason is serious offense	4.2102
GRAND MASTER; May not order without trial	3.402(7)
INHERENT RIGHT; Is an, of Lodge	4.902(3)
NOTIFICATION; Member may not receive, in Lodge, but	6.307
PUBLICATION; How and when may be made known	4.1008
PUBLICATION; Names of expelled to be printed	6.308
REMOVAL; Retains jurisdiction	6.802, 6.804
RESTORATION; See Restoration	Index page 57
REVERSAL; By Grand Lodge not restoration but annulment	6.716
TERMS OF; Beings when	6.603, 6.604
U. D. LODGE; May inflict	4.108(e)
VOTE; Requires two-thirds	4.2002(3)
WITNESS; Expelled Mason may testify, how	6.113, 6.610, 6.617

FAMILY:

- CERTIFICATE; When and in what form Lodge may issue to.....4.1811
- ENTERED APPRENTICE AND FELLOW CRAFT; Has no claim
for aid4.1402, 7.201
- EXPELLED OF; Has no claim on Fraternity..... 6.306, 7.201
- NON-AFFILIATE; Has claim for charity on whom.....5.109
- UNWORTHY; Of deceased members, has no claim for charity.....5.304

FEES:

- AFFILIATION; In case of death, to be returned when5.114
- AFFILIATION; When Lodge may charge.....5.116
- CHARTER; For, to Grand Lodge.....4.113
- CHARTER; When fee must or must not be paid for duplicate4.202
- DEGREE; Rules governing..... Title 4, Chap. 15
- DEGREE; All to be collected before requesting courtesy work.....4.1508
- DEGREE; Who collects and to whom belongs when by or for
another4.1508, 4.1509
- DEGREE; When may and may not be refunded 4.903(6), 4.1504
- DEGREE; Change in bylaw affecting, not require approval.....4.1902
- DEGREE, MINIMUM; \$60.00 for three4.1502
- DEGREE, MINIMUM; Grand Lodge may prescribe..... 2.106(6), 4.1902
- DEGREE, MINIMUM; Fixing by Grand Lodge not retroactive..... 3.306, 4.1502
- DEGREE, MINIMUM; Those in effect at time of work..... 3.306, 4.1502
- DEGREE, WAIVER; Belongs to Lodge advancing candidate on4.1408
- DEMIT; May not be charged for5.102
- DISPENSATION, NEW LODGE; To Grand Lodge4.103
- INVASION OF JURISDICTION; Penalty for.....4.1509

FELLOW CRAFT: See Entered Apprentice and Fellow Crafts..... Index page 24

FELLOW CRAFT, DEGREE OF: Third degree not necessary for4.1513

FELLOW CRAFTS' LODGE: Same index as Entered

Apprentices' LodgeIndex page 24

FELONY: Conviction for, automatically suspends..... Title 6, Chap. 11

FIFTY/SIXTY/SEVENTY/SEVENTY-FIVE YEAR MEMBERS:

- DEFINITION OF4.1801
- DUES; May not be collected by Lodge if.....4.1801
- LAPEL BUTTON AND CERTIFICATE4.1812
- PER CAPITA TAX; Not payable if dues remitted4.1801

FINES:

- GRAND SECRETARY; Has no authority to waive4.1004, 4.1803
- LODGE; To be penalized for what..... 4.1004, 4.1305, 4.1506, 4.1509, 4.1803
- NONATTENDANCE; Not permissible for4.1101

FIRST DEGREE: Master Masons' Lodge not necessary for.....4.1513

FISCAL YEAR:

- GRAND LODGE; Ends December 31..... 1974 Proceedings, page 110
- SUBORDINATE LODGE; Ends December 31 re Grand Lodge records4.1004

FOREIGNER: Being a, does not bar candidate4.1303

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES:

CORRESPONDENCE WITH; Should be through	4.1508
EXCHANGE COURTESY; Must be arranged by	4.1508
OFFICIAL LIST; To be kept revised and published annually	3.901(6)
RECOGNITION; Requisites for	3.901(6)

FOREIGN LODGE:

CHARITY; Rules governing	5.301, 5.302
DEGREES; Exchange of teams permissible, but	4.1512
DEGREES AND LECTURES; Re making request for, to or by	4.1512
DEMIT; Necessary for member to petition for new	5.103
EXPELLED; May not receive petition from one expelled by	6.804
INSTALLATION; Of Tennessee officer may not be by	4.309
MEMBER; How may become member of Tennessee Lodge	4.1601
PAST MASTER; Not recognized as such	4.703
REJECTION BY; Not binding on Tennessee Lodge, but	4.1205

FORMS:

STANDARD; Must be used	4.1003
------------------------------	--------

FOUNDATION STONE:

CORNER STONE; See	Index page 16
-------------------------	---------------

FUNDS, SUBORDINATE LODGE:

ACCOUNTING; Failure of an officer to make Masonic offense	6.204(7)
CHARITY; May not be dispensed for, without	5.301
CONTRIBUTION TO; To require of members is inherent power	4.902
CONTROL OF; Is constitutional power	4.903(6)
CONTROL; Grand Lodge will not interfere with, unless	4.903(7)
DISPOSITION; How may be expended	4.902(3), 4.903(7)
DISPOSITION; Refunding any part of degree fee not permissible	4.903(5)
PAYMENT OF; Worshipful Master must authorize	4.408, 4.409
RECORD OF; Minutes should show, of receipts and	4.903(6)
U. D. LODGE; How many dispose of	4.409

FUNERAL:

CEREMONIES; Who may perform	4.2202
CHARACTER OF DECEASED; When questioned, Lodge decides re giving	4.2202, 4.2203
CHARTER SUSPENDED; Member in good standing has right of	4.2205
CHARTER SUSPENDED; Nearest Lodge holds	4.2205
CONTROL; Of procession and ceremony, with Worshipful Master	4.2207
DEFUNCT LODGE; Nearest Lodge holds	4.2205
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; Not entitled to Masonic	4.1403, 4.2202
EXPELLED MEMBER; Giving to, is grave offense	4.2202
GRAND OFFICER; Present or past, who shall officiate at	4.2207
INDIVIDUAL; Individual Masons as such may not give	4.2202
JOINT; Not to be with others, but procession may be if	4.2207
JOINT; May be for Past Grand Officer	4.2207
NON-AFFILIATE; Has no right to Masonic, but may be given	4.2204
NON-AFFILIATE; Control of, is with what Lodge	4.2205
PROCESSION; Rules governing	4.2301, 4.2302
PROCESSION; May be joint with others, but	4.2207
REMOVAL; Lodge may perform to whose jurisdiction body removed	4.2204
RESTORATION; Not permissible after death for	6.801

FUNERAL: — Continued:Paragraph	
RIGHT OF; Who has and when applies.....	4.2203
SERVICE; Only authorized version may be used.....	4.2201
SOJOURNER; What Lodge should give	4.2204
SUICIDE; In case of, Lodge should decide re giving	4.2203
SUMMONS; May be issued to members to attend	4.2102
SUNDAY; May be held on.....	4.1107
SUSPENDED MEMBER; Giving to, is grave offense	4.2202
 GAMBLING: Is a Masonic offense.....	6.204(3)
APPENDANT ORGANIZATIONS; Must not engage	6.204(15)
(SEE RAFFLES) Lodge.....to permit or engage in.....	6.905(11)
 GEORGIA: Re territorial jurisdiction of Lodges near line.....	4.1201
 GEORGE WASHINGTON MASONIC NATIONAL MEMORIAL:	
Lodges may open and confer degrees there, when.....	4.1512
One dollar to be donated to the G.W.M.N.M. each year	4.1801
GOD:	
BELIEF IN; Necessary for petition.....	4.1302
 GRAND LODGE:	
ACTION OR DIRECTION; Last made by, controls	3.208
ADMISSION TO; Whom Grand Tiler may admit on main floor	3.204
APPEAL; Does not vacate action or decision of Grand Master.....	6.715
APPEAL; May not be from, to Subordinate Lodges.....	4.1005
APPEAL; Powers of, <i>re</i>	Title 6, Chap. 7
APPOINTMENTS OF GRAND MASTER; Which must be approved by.....	3.904
ASSESSMENTS; May make such as sees fit	3.302
BONDS; To be provided for.....	3.310
BOOKS; When must be closed and audited.. <i>1974 Proceedings, page 110</i> , 3.901(3)	
BUDGET; To be distributed.....	2.107(1)
BUILDING ENHANCEMENT FUND	8.101
BYLAWS; Alone has power to approve.....	3.401(1)
CHARGES; May order preferred	3.303
CHARTER; Powers of, <i>re</i>	3.301, 4.109, 4.110, 4.201
CHARTER; Issued by State.....	page1-1
COMMITTEE; See Committee, Grand Lodge.....	Index page 14
CONSISTS; Of whom	3.102
CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES; May approve	4.1111
CONSTITUTION; Mandates of, superior to	3.101
CONTROVERSIES; Powers of, <i>re</i>	3.304
CONTUMACY TO AUTHORITY OF; Possible result of	4.201
CONVENING; Is prerogative of Grand Master	3.201, 3.202, 3.203
DECISIONS; Are final and binding.....	3.101, 3.304
DECISIONS; Will decide no question of law, except.....	3.305
DEFINED; And described	3.102
DEFUNCT LODGE; Property of, goes to Grand Lodge	3.308
DEGREES; May be exemplified before each, by whom	3.1004
DEGREE TAX; Liability is with Lodge owning material	4.1508
DUES; See Dues, Grand Lodge.....	Index page 21
EDICTS, REGULATIONS AND LAWS; Powers of, <i>re</i>	3.306
ELECTION; Rules governing.....	3.1201 - 3.1206
EMPLOYEES; Retirement plan provided	3.1301
EXPULSION; Names to be printed	6.308
FISCAL YEAR; Ends December 31.....	<i>1974 Proceedings, page 110</i>

-
- GRAND LODGE: — Continued:**.....Paragraph
- FOREIGN; See Foreign Grand Lodge.....Index page 28
- FOUNDATION STONE; Not to be open for laying..... 3.401(7)
- FUNDS OF; How payments from, must be made..... 3.704
- GRAND REPRESENTATIVES; See Grand Representatives.....Index page 31
- INCORPORATION; Noted..... page 1-1, 3.101
- INSURANCE; Bond provided from Grand Officers3.102(2), 3.310
- INTRUSION; By whom condemned 3.309
- JURISDICTION; Defined 3.101, 3.301 - 3.304, 6.401, 6.404
- LAWS OF; Grand Master may not suspend, but must obey 3.401(4), 3.402(1)
- LOANS; Grand Master may not make for, or authorize 3.402(2)
- MEETINGS; Rules governing..... Title 3, Chap. 2
- MEETINGS; No other to be held during hours of..... 3.206
- MEETINGS; Lodge charter suspended is miss too..... 4.2101(1)
- MEMBERSHIP; How constituted3.102(1) - 3.102(4)
- MINUTES OF; Control until changed by..... 3.208
- NAME; Official name of.....page 1-1, 2.101(1)
- NEW LODGE; May issue charter for..... 3.301, 4.101, 4.104 - 4.105, 4.109
- OVERPAYMENTS TO; To be promptly refunded 4.1803
- PAST ELECTED GRAND OFFICERS; Are members of, when 3.102(2)
- PAST MASTER; Are members of, when 3.102(3), 4.701
- PAY ROLL; To be prepared by2.105(E)
- PER CAPITA; See Dues, Grand Lodge.....Index page 22
- PLACE OF MEETING; Rules governing..... 3.201
- POLITICS; Not to give endorsement to political measures 6.103
- POWERS; Describe 3.101, 3.301 - 3.309, 2.104(1)
- PRESIDING; Who presides and in what order 3.211, 2.105(2)
- PRINTING; Grand Secretary to have done..... 3.704
- PROPERTY, SUBORDINATE LODGE; Interest of, in..... 4.903(7)
- PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS; Re, in newspapers 3.207
- PUNISHMENT; Power of, re..... 303.3, 6.401, 6.404, 6.701
- QUORUM; Consist of..... 3.204
- RECOGNITION; Of other bodies 3.309
- REPRESENTATIVES; See Representatives Index page 56
- RESTORATION; Procedure and rules governing..... Title 6, Chap. 8
- RESTORATION; Status and rights of one restored by..... 6.805
- RETURNS; May require Lodge to make 3.302
- REVENUE; Whatever affects, to be referred to 3.901(1)
- REVERSAL; See Reversal.....Index page 58
- RIGHTS; Are sole and exclusive..... 3.101
- ROLL CALL; May be demanded by five Lodges 2.104(4)
- ROLL CALL; May be ordered when, penalty for failure to respond..... 3.210
- SIDE DEGREES; Does not recognize..... 3.309
- SUPPLIES FOR; To be purchased by Grand Secretary 3.704
- TRIAL; Powers of, re..... 3.304, 6.602, 6.605
- VOTE IN; See vote Grand Lodge.....Index page 66
- WORK IN LECTURES; Power of, re 3.307
- GRAND MASTER:**
- ACT, OFFICIAL; To be reported to Grand Lodge for review3.401(1), 3.401(9)
- ADDRESS OF; To be printed in pamphlet form in advance 3.704
- AID; Authority of, to solicit, expires with term 4.1005
- AID; Lodge may not appeal to others for, without his..... 4.1005
- AID, APPEAL FOR; Should not be sent to 5.302
- ANSWERS; To queries to specific when..... 3.401(13)
- APPEAL; Rules governing 6.703

GRAND MASTER: — Continued:	Paragraph
APPEAL; Does not vacate action or decision of.....	6.715
APPEAL; Rules and method of, same from action of.....	6.702
APPOINTMENT; Those of, which require Grand Lodge approval.....	3.904
APPOINTMENT; May not appoint officers of constituted Lodge.....	3.402(3)
BONDS; Must approve what	3.702, 7.301
BONDS; Must deposit for safe keeping.....	3.702
BYLAWS; May not approve, disapprove, or authorize change	4.1901
CHARGES; May order preferred.....	3.401(6)
CHARGES OR COMPLAINTS; Procedure as the result of.....	6.501
CHARITY; May not collect from specific Lodges	4.1005
CHARTER; May arrest or suspend.....	3.401(6), 4.203
CHARTER RESTORATION; May not revive suspended charter.....	3.402(5)
CIRCULARS; Requirements re, from Lodge to other Lodges	4.1006, 4.1007
CIVIL LAW; Not to rule on questions involving.....	3.401(13)
CLUB; If composed on Masons and permits immoral practice empowered to dissolve.....	3.401(1), 6.102
COMMISSIONERS; To appoint, when	6.603, 6.604
COMMITTEES, GRAND LODGE; To appoint all.....	3.401(8)
CONGREGATE LODGE; Is prerogative of.....	3.401(4)
CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES	4.1111
CONTUMACY TO AUTHORITY OF; Possible result of	4.201(1)
CONNER STONE; Laying is the prerogative of.....	3.401(7)
CORRESPONDENCE; May not demand copy of former Grand Master.....	3.402(6)
DEATH, IN CASE OF	3.211
DECISIONS; Authority re, and effect of.....	3.401(1) - 3.401(14)
DECISIONS; What, to be publish in Proceedings	3.401(1)
DECISIONS; When and how to be made	3.401(6) - 3.401(14)
DECISIONS; When may be appealed	6.702
DEDICATION; Performing ceremony is prerogative of	3.401(7)
DEFUNCT LODGE; May not dispose of property of	4.903(7)
DEGREES; May not authorize conferring more than	4.1506
DEGREES OUT OF TIME; May not authorize.....	4.1506
DISCIPLINE OVER; Grand Lodge may enforce	3.304
DISPENSATION OF; See Dispensation.....	Index page 21
DUES; May not order Lodge to remit.....	4.1807
DUTIES OF; Enumerated.....	2.105(1), 3.401(1) - 3.401(14)
EDICT; May not suspend under any circumstances.....	3.402(1)
ELIGIBILITY; Rules governing.....	3.1202
EXCLUSION; May administer.....	3.401(12)
EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY; Has of Grand Lodge when	3.401
EXECUTIVE POWER; Explained.....	3.401(1) - 3.402(8)
EXPULSION; May not order, without trial.....	3.402(7)
FOREIGN LODGES; May request degrees or lectures by or for.....	4.1508
GRAND LODGE ACTION; May not review.....	3.402(1)
GRAND OFFICERS; May summon, question and suspend from office	3.401(3)
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES; Duties re	3.401
GRAND VOTERS; May appoint	3.401(5)
HALL, LODGE; May not approve appeal for aid in building.....	4.1005
HEALING; Is prerogative of.....	3.401(11), 4.1308, 4.1509
ILLEGALITY; Powers of, in case of.....	3.401(10)
INSTALLATION; Presenting Warr signet ring is part of.....	3.1207
INVESTIGATION; May dispense with, by Lodge.....	3.304
JUDGE ADVOCATE; May consult, but	3.901(6)
LAW OF GRAND LODGE; May not suspend, but must obey	3.402(1)
LECTURER; Annually appoints one for each district	3.1107

GRAND MASTER—Continued:	Paragraph
LIMITATIONS OF; Enumerated.....	3.402(1) - 3.402(8)
LOANS; May not make, for Grand Lodge or authorize.....	3.402(2)
MEETINGS, GRAND LODGE; May call special at any time	3.201
MEETINGS, GRAND LODGE; May postpone, when.....	3.203
MEMBERSHIP; Does not decide on admittance to.....	4.1301, 4.1601
NEW LODGE; When may issue for dispensation for.....	3.401(4), 4.102
NEW LODGE; May revoke dispensation for	4.109
NEW LODGE; Duty of, to constitute in person or	3.401(4)
NEWSPAPERS; Proceedings not to be printed in, without	3.207
OFFICER, SUBORDINATE LODGES; May not suspend from office and restore, any	3.401(6)
OFFICERS, GRAND LODGE, APPOINTIVE; To be appointed by.....	3.401(8)
ORDERS; Binding until	3.401(1), 3.401(13)
ORGANIZATION; If composed of Masons and permits immoral practice, empowered to dissolve	3.401(1), 6.102
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION; Method by which exercised.....	6.401
PORTRAIT OF; To be furnished to Grand Lodge by.....	3.1208
PRESIDE; Duty of, in Grand Lodge, and right of, in any Lodge...3.401(1), 3.401(5)	
QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATE; Not to be determined by	4.1303
QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATE; How to answer questions	4.1301
REELECTION; Not permissible.....	3.1202
REPORT; Must make to Grand Lodge	3.401(1), 3.704
RESIDENCE; Questions of, not to be determined by.....	4.1203
RESIDENCE OF PROFANE;	4.1204
RESTORATION; May not grant	3.402(4)
REVERSE; May not reverse action of Lodge, except.....	3.402(4)
RITUAL; May not authorize change in	3.402(8)
RITUAL; Not to answer question re.....	3.402(8)
RULINGS; What to be printed in proceedings	3.401(1)
SIGHT; Making Masons at, is prerogative.....	3.401(14), 4.1501
STAY OF PROCEEDINGS; May order, until meeting of Grand Lodge.....	6.703
SUCCESSION TO OFFICE; Rule of	2.105(2), 3.211
SUMMONS; May summon any Lodge in Jurisdiction	3.401(5)
SUSPENSION FROM MEMBERSHIP; May not order without trial.....	3.402(7)
TITLES; Not to answer questions re.....	3.401(13)
TRIAL OF; May be by Grand Lodge	3.304
TRUSTEE; Is, of W. & O. Home	7.101
VISITS OF; Duty of, to visit Lodges	3.401(5)
VOTE; In case of tie, casts deciding, except.....	3.401(1)
W. & O. HOME; Is member Board of Control and Trustee.....	7.101
W. & O. HOME; May not waive rules re admission to	7.109

GRAND OFFICERS: See Officers, Grand Lodge.....Index page 47

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:

APPOINTMENT; By Grand Master to other Grand Lodges	3.401(2)
ELIGIBILITY; Only permanent members of Grand Lodge eligible.....	3.401(2)
RECOMMENDATION; Must be by Grand Master to other.....	3.401(2)
REPLACEMENT; To be made when	3.401(2)

GRAND SECRETARY:

ARREARAGES; To report to Grand Lodge	2.106(3)
BOND; Required of.....	3.702
BOND; Procedure if fails to furnish	2.105(4)
BOOKS; Must place notice on, sent to Lodges.....	4.1001
CERTIFICATE GOOD STANDING; To issue, when and to whom	4.109, 4.110, 4.1406
CODE; To publish annual supplement of.....	4.1002
COMMITTEES, GRAND LODGE; To note matters for attention of.....	3.905
COMPENSATION; Is fixed from time to time by Grand Lodge.....	3.703
COUNTERSIGNATURE; To be on Grand Treasurer's checks	3.704
DELINQUENT LODGES; To notify, of delinquency when.....	2.106(3)
DUES, GRAND LODGE; Must advise Lodges of amount	4.1004
DUTIES; Defined.....	2.105(4), 3.704
ELECTIONEERING; To read resolution condemning, when	3.1201
ELIGIBILITY; Rules governing.....	3.1202
EXPENDITURE CONTRACT; Signing	3.705
FIFTY/60/70/75 YEAR MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE; Shall issue when ..	4.1812
FINES; May not waive	4.1004, 4.1803
FORMS; To furnish Lodges with standard	4.1003, 4.1004
MEMBERSHIP, GRAND LODGE; To read list of, with votes, when	2.104(4)
NAMES AND ADDRESSES; To publish, of Master and Secretaries	4.311
NEWSPAPER PUBLICATIONS; To read rule re, when	3.207
OVERPAYMENTS; To report to Grand Treasurer	4.1803
PAYMENTS; Must certify those made by Grand Treasurer.....	3.704
PENALTY; Has no authority to waive	4.1803
PRINTING; To contract for.....	3.704
PROCEEDINGS; To mail synopsis of, to each Lodge	4.1001
REELECTION; Permissible	3.1202
REPORT OF; To be printed in pamphlet form in advance	3.704
RETIREMENT PLAN; For	3.1301
RETURNS; See Returns.....	Index page 58
ROLL CALL; At opening of Grand Lodge to read.....	3.210
SUPPLIES; To purchase for Grand Lodge and Grand Officers	3.704
W. & O. HOME; Contributions for, must pass through his	7.105

GRAND TILER:

ADMITS WHOM; None but members of Grand Lodge on main floor	3.204
--	-------

GRAND TREASURER:

BOND; Required of.....	3.310
BOND; Procedure if fails to furnish	2.105(4)
COMPENSATION; Is fixed from time to time by Grand Lodge.....	3.703
DEFUNCT LODGE; To dispose of property to best advantage	4.903(7)
DUTIES; Defined.....	2.105(3)
ELIGIBILITY; Rules governing.....	3.1202
OVERPAYMENTS; To be refunded by.....	4.1803
PAYMENTS BY; Grand Secretary must certify and countersign.....	3.704
REELECTION; Permissible	3.1202
REPORT OF; To be printed in pamphlet form in advance	3.704

GRAND VISITORS:

APPOINTMENT; Grand Master may appoint.....	2.105(1), 3.401(5)
DUTIES; Defined.....	3.401(5)
REPORT; Must make written, to Grand Master when.....	3.401(5)

GRAND WARDEN:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH; To furnish.....	3.1208
DUTIES; Similar to those of Wardens in Lodge.....	3.601, 3.602
ELIGIBILITY; Rules governing.....	3.1202
REELECTION AS; Not permissible to succeed self	3.1202
RIGHTS; Entitled to occupy station when.....	3.601, 3.602
SUCCESSION; Rules governing.....	3.602
TRUSTEE; Is, of W. & O. Home	7.101
VISITS; Expected to visit Lodges	3.601
W. & O. HOME; Is Trustee and member Board of Control.....	7.101

GREAT LIGHTS: CLOSING; What constitutes	4.1513
--	---------------

GROUND FLOOR: LODGE HALL	4.1112
---------------------------------------	---------------

GUILT ADMITTED:

EVIDENCE; Must still be taken to justify verdict	6.109, 6.606, 6.614
PUNISHMENT; Some, must be inflicted	6.618

HALL, LODGE:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; May not be served in.....	4.1116
BUILDING OR REBUILDING; Soliciting help in, not to be approved.....	4.1005
CHANGE; See Removal, Lodge.....	Index page 56
CORNER STONE; Of hall rebuilt, ceremony of laying unnecessary	4.1115
DEDICATION; Ceremony, who may perform.....	3.401(7)
DEDICATION; May not occur on Sunday.....	3.401(7)
GROUND FLOOR; Must be above unless privacy assured.....	4.1112
JOINT USE; With other orders, permissible but inadvisable.....	4.1114
MORE THAN ONE; Lodge may not have except in emergency.....	4.1109
NEW LODGE; Petition for, must state that suitable, secured.....	4.1109
OWNERSHIP; When with Lodge and when with Grand Lodge	4.903(7)
OWNERSHIP; With whom may be acquired jointly	4.1117
REHEARSAL OF WORK; Where may be done.....	4.1112
RENTING; May be subrented, but	4.1113
RESIDENCE; Rules re occupation of, for Masonic purposes.....	4.1113, 4.1114
TRUSTEES; May not determine use of, unless	4.1113
USE; Not unlawful but inadvisable to allow for non-masonic.....	4.1113
USE; Masonic offense to make possible use of, when.....	4.1113

HANDGUNS	4.415
-----------------------	--------------

HEALING:

CLANDESTINE; Effect of.....	4.1308
IRREGULAR MASONS; Prerogative of Grand Master.....	3.401(11), 4.1308

HEALTH; See Physical qualifications.....	Index page 51
---	----------------------

HELP: MASONIC; See Charity.....	Index page 12
--	----------------------

HIGHER BODIES; RECOGNIZED; List of only ones.....	3.309
--	--------------

HIGHER PRIESTHOOD; See Higher Bodies.....	Index page 34
--	----------------------

HISTORIAN; May be elected or appointed	4.301, Title 4, Annex A
---	--------------------------------

HOLIDAY; When work or business may be done on.....	4.1107
---	---------------

HOLY BIBLE: CLOSING; What constitutes.....	4.1513
---	---------------

IGNORANCE:

- ASSAULT; That object of, not known to be a Mason, no excuse..... 6.202
- CHARTER FORFEIT; May result from..... 4.201(1)
- LAW; Will not excuse Worshipful Master for violation of..... 4.412

ILLEGALITY:

- ACTION OF LODGE; Grand Master may reverse..... 3.401(10)
- PETITION; May be arrested after report 4.407

ILLEGITIMACY: Does not alone bar from Masonry 4.1303

ILL HEALTH: See Physical qualifications.....Index page 51

ILLITERACY: Bars for degrees but not for affiliation..... 4.1303, 5.1112

IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL: Belief in, is essential 4.1302

INCORPORATION:

- GRAND LODGE; Noted page 1-1, 3.101
- OLD MASONS' HOME; When done 7.101
- W. & O. HOME; Noted 7.101

INDIGENT MEMBERS:

- DUES; Ought to be remitted..... 4.1807
- PER CAPITA; Lodge may relieve, from, but must pay 4.1807

INHERENT POWERS:

- ENUMERATED; And discussed..... 4.902
- INFRINGEMENT; Grand Lodge may not infringe, but 3.101, 4.902

INITIALS: Not to be used, but names in full..... 4.1304, 5.113

INITIATION:

- DELAYED; If longer than one year 4.1207
- JURISDICTION; What Lodge may receive petition for,
and when 4.1203 - 4.1207
- OBJECTION; See Objection.....Index page 46
- PETITION; See Petition.....Index page 50
- PRIOR OFFENSE; Charges may be for offense prior to..... 6.106
- REJECTION; See Rejection.....Index page 54

INNOCENCE:

- OF ACCUSED; Must be presumed 6.111

INNOVATION:

- IN THE RITUAL; Not permissible, to be reported..... 3.1008, 4.1510 - 4.1512

INQUIRIES: ANSWERS TO; By Grand Master, to be specific when..... 3.401(13)

INSTALLATION:

ABSENCE; In case of, former elective officer serves until	3.1206, 4.303
APPOINTIVE OFFICER; May be performed at any time	4.302
CEREMONY; By whom may be performed	4.309
CHAPLIN; When may be installed	4.302
CHARGES; Against, will not prevent	4.307
DEACONS; When may be installed	4.302
DEGREE; Must be in Lodge of third	4.903(3)
DISPENSATION; Not necessary for public installation	4.309
DISPENSATION; When may and must be had for	4.114, 4.204, 4.302
DISPENSATION; When for, out of time, reason must be reported	3.401(9)
FAILURE; In case of, old elective officers hold over	3.1106,
FOREIGN LODGE; May not be performed by	4.309
GRAND MASTER; Presenting Warr signet ring a part of	3.1207
NECESSARY; Before officer can legally enter upon duties	4.308
NEW LODGE; May not occur until after constitution	4.114
NEW LODGE; Must occur when	4.114
PLACE OF; May be in an auditorium other than Lodge hall, and without dispensation	4.309
PROXY; May not be by	4.308, 4.309
PUBLIC; May be, if private ceremonies omitted	4.309
REELECTION; Unnecessary in case of	4.308
REPORT OF; List of officers to be sent to	4.311
RIGHT OF; Is inherent with Lodge	4.902
STEWARDS; When may be installed	4.302
TERMS; Of newly chosen officer begins following	4.308
TILER; When may be installed	4.302
TIME OF; When must be and when may be	4.301, 4.1107
WARDEN; May not be performed by unless also Past Master	4.309
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Has right to install successor	4.309
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Incomplete without Past Master's Degree, but	4.310

INSTRUCTION:

LODGES; System of	3.1001, 3.1005, 3.1007
LODGES; Requirements re lectures to be given each month	4.1515
REPRESENTATIVES; Is inherent right of Lodge	4.902(7)
SCHOOL OF; May be appointed by Custodians	3.1005

INSURANCE: FIDELITY; Grand Officers bonded	3.702
---	-------

INTENT:

LAW OF; Controls, rather than its strict letter	6.201
MOTIVE; Unmasonic conduct determined by act, not	6.201

INTERVAL:

BETWEEN DEGREES; Twenty-eight days must elapse	4.1506
--	--------

INTOXICATING LIQUORS:

DRUNKENNESS; Is a Masonic offense	6.204(2)
ILLEGAL MANUFACTURE OR SALE, AS BEVERAGE; Bars from Masonry	4.1301
LODGE HALL; May not be served in	4.1107

INTOXICATION: DRUNKENNESS; Is Masonic offense	6.204(2)
--	----------

INTRUSION: By unrecognized organizations, condemned	3.309
--	-------

INVASION: See Jurisdiction, Territorial, Invasion.....Index page 38

INVESTIGATION:

CHARGES; When, by Lodge may be dispensed with 3.304
 COMMITTEE OF; When to be appointed 4.801, 4.1408, 5.205
 COMMITTEE OF; Re appointed of new, old failing to report..... 4.803
 COMMITTEE OF; May be punished for refusal to report..... 4.804
 COMMITTEE OF; Must exercise due diligence 4.803
 COMMITTEE OF; After rejection, when new is and is not needed 4.1307
 COMMITTEE OF; Majority may make lawful report..... 4.802
 PETITION FOR ADVANCEMENT; When is and is not necessary..... 4.1408
 PETITION FOR THE DEGREES; Further unnecessary within
 one year 4.1207

ITINERANT LECTURERS; Prohibited unless 4.1514

JEWEL; Past Grand Master, provided for 3.1210

JUDGE ADVOCATE: Chairman Jurisprudence Committee acts as..... 3.901(4)

JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN: See Grand Warden.....Index page 34

JUNIOR WARDEN: See Warden.....Index page 67

JURISDICTION CONCURRENT:

CHANGE; Effect of acquisition of, on fees for degrees 4.1502-4.1504
 CITY LODGES; Rules governing, re 4.1201-4.1203
 CONCURRENT; When candidate resides on line 4.1205
 CORPORATION LINES; Not limit territorial jurisdiction, except 4.1201-4.1205

JURISDICTION, GRAND LODGE:

DESCRIBED; And defined 3.101, 3.304
 PENAL; Defined 3.207, 3.303, 3.309, 6.401
 RIGHTS; Are sole and exclusive 3.101

JURISDICTION, PENAL:

APPEAL; In case of Subordinate Lodge loses 6.701
 DEFUNCT LODGES; Is with neighboring Lodges..... 6.402, 6.802
 DEMITTED RESIDENT OF ANOTHER STATE; Lost on, except..... 6.402
 EXTENT; Lodge has, over whom..... 6.402
 GRAND MASTER; May exercise original, by..... 6.401
 LAW; Every Mason amenable to, of jurisdiction where resides 6.402
 MASONIC OFFENSE; Who has, in case of..... 3.304, 6.402
 NON-AFFILIATE; See charges, NON-AFFILIATE.....Index page 11
 REMOVAL; Not lost by, of suspended or expelled member..... 6.402
 RESOLUTIONS OF LODGES; May not be enforced unless 4.1903
 RESTORATION; See Restoration.....Index page 57
 SOJOURNERS; Lodge possesses over 6.402
 STATE LINES; Does not pass, except 6.402
 SUMMONS; Rules governing 4.2101-4.2105
 WAIVER; In case of, lost except..... 6.402

JURISDICTION TERRITORIAL;

ADVANCEMENT; When and where may be petitioned for	4.1408
AFFILIATION; When and where petition for, may be.....	4.1304, 5.110-5.116
AIRLINES; Rule of, governs, except	4.1201
BRISTOL TENNESSEE; That of Lodge in, defined	4.1202
BURIAL OF NON-AFFILIATE; Control of, is with what Lodge.....	4.2203
CITY; See Jurisdiction, Concurrent	Index page 37
DEFUNCT LODGE; Is with neighboring Lodges.....	4.1201
DEGREES; What Lodge may receive petition for, and when.....	4.1202-4.1207, 4.1408
DISTANCE; Is regulated by	4.1201
EXCHANGE COURTESY; In case of, electing Lodge retains	4.1508
EXTRA; When extends beyond State lines.....	4.1201
FOREIGN; When profane removes to Tennessee only by demit or equivalent.....	4.1601
FUNERAL; What Lodge has over	4.2201-4.2206
INVASION; Penalty for and procedure in case of.....	4.1509
INVASION; Membership may not be forced upon invaded Lodge	4.1601
LINE; Membership may not be forced upon invaded Lodge	4.1601
REJECTION; By Lodge not having, does not prevent new petition being filed with Lodge having.....	4.1206
REJECTION; In case of, Lodge does not retain perpetual when	4.1206
REJECTION; Lodge having concurrent retains perpetual when.....	4.1206
REMOVAL; When lost over profane in case of	4.1207
REMOVAL; How acquired over E.A. or F.C. in case of.....	4.1408
REMOVAL; Lost over petitioner in case of, when.....	4.1206
REMOVAL; Lodge retains over suspended member.....	6.802
REMOVAL; Lodge retains over expelled member.....	6.804
REMOVAL OF LODGE; Rules governing	4.1109-4.1111
RESIDENCE; Of applicant for degrees, defined	4.1205
RESIDENCE; Rules governing	4.1205
RESIDENT MEMBER; Defined.....	6.614
RETENTION; Over profane who has petitioned or been elected	4.1208
STATE LINES; Rules governing.....	4.1201
SUMMONS; Applies to all Masons within.....	4.2102

JURISDICTION WAIVER:

ADVANCEMENT; When, where and how may be on.....	4.1407, 4.1408
ADVANCEMENT; Must be on, in other than parent Lodge	4.1408
ADVANCEMENT; When made on, becomes member of electing Lodge	4.1408
AVOUCHMENT; Necessary before admittance of holder	5.207
DUPLICATE; May be issued	4.1407
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; May be issued only to	4.1407
OBJECTION; May not be given during life of.....	4.1406
PARTICULAR LODGE; Not to be given in favor of.....	4.1407
PENAL JURISDICTION; Lost in case of, except.....	6.402
PETITION OF HOLDER; Requirements re.....	4.1307, 4.1309, 4.1406
PROFANE; Not to be given to, or received from	4.1206, 4.1407
RECONSIDERATION; Not permissible	4.1407
REJECTION; Must be returned in case of.....	4.1408
RULES GOVERNING; Issuing and using.....	4.1304, 4.1407, 4.1408
VOTE GRANTING; Must be unanimous and on slips of paper.....	4.2002(1), 4.2003(2)
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May not grant, must be by Lodge	4.1407

JURISPRUDENCE: See Committee, Grand Lodge.....Index page 14

-
- JUSTIFICATION: TRADUCTION;** None, and may not plead when of Mason ..6.202
- KENTUCKY:** Re jurisdiction of Lodges near line 4.1201
- KNIGHTS TEMPLAR;** See Higher Bodies.....Index page 34
- LAW:**
- AMENDMENT, GRAND LODGE; How made 2.107(1), 2.107(2), 3.306
 - AMENDMENT, GRAND LODGE; Not retroactive unless 3.306
 - CIVIL; Grand Master not to rule on questions re 3.401(13)
 - GRAND LODGE; Grand Master may not suspend 3.402(1)
 - GRAND LODGE; Will decide no questions of, except..... 3.305
 - GRAND LODGE; Powers of, re 3.304, 3.305, 3.306
 - IGNORANCE OF; Will not excuse Worshipful Master for violation..... 4.412
 - INTENT OF; Controls rather than its strict letter..... 6.201
 - VIOLATION; Of law of the land is Masonic offense when 6.203
- LAWYER;** See Counsel.....Index page 16
- LECTURERS:**
- APPOINTMENTS; Rules governing 3.1005
 - AUTHORITY; May call together, enter, preside over any Lodge 3.1005
 - CIPHER RITUALS; To report purchase, sale or use of..... 3.1103
 - CONTROL OF; Is with Custodians 3.1101
 - DISTRICTS; Rules governing division of state into..... 3.1101
 - DUTIES; Enumerated..... 3.1102, 3.1103
 - ITINERANT; Prohibited unless..... 4.1514
 - REMUNERATION; By Grand Lodge..... 3.1105
 - RETIREMENT PLAN ; Rules for 3.1301
 - RITUAL; To report attempted changes in, or deviation from 3.1103
 - SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION; Fulfills requirement for giving of lectures 4.1515
 - SYSTEM; Rules governing..... Title 3, Chap. 11
 - WORK AND LECTURES; To teach only that imparted to them 3.1103
- LECTURES:**
- DEGREE; All pertaining to each, necessary to complete 4.1507
 - EXAMINATION; See Examination.....Index page 26
 - FAILURE TO USE ADOPTED; To be reported..... 3.1008
 - GIVING; May be simultaneous to several candidates..... 4.1506
 - GIVING; One of the three must be given in Lodge each month 4.1515
 - OTHER LODGE; How may be taught and heard by 4.1508, 4.1509
 - REHEARSAL BEFORE GRAND LODGE; When and by whom
to be given 3.1004
- LEGAL HOLIDAY:** When work or business may be done..... 4.1107
- LEGAL INFORMATION;** One vouched for must be present 5.205, 5.208
- LEGISLATION, GRAND LODGE:**
- To be referred to Jurisprudence Committee 3.901(4)
 - LEGISLATION, Grand Lodge; How adopted 3.306, 2.107(1), 2.107(2)
- LEWIS JEWEL**.....3.1701
- LIBRARY:** Rules Governing..... Title III, Chapter 14
- LIFE MEMBERS: DUES OF;** Lodge may remit for life..... 4.1807
- LIFE MEMBERSHIP; Rules Governing 4.2501, 4.2517

LIGHTS:

- GREAT; What constitutes closing4.1513
 LESSER, REPRESENTATIVES OF; Proper position4.1513

LIQUORS: See Intoxicating Liquors.....Index page 36

LIST OF OFFICERS: Must be reported on Return.....4.311

LOANS:

- ENDOWMENT FUND COMMISSION; May make.....7.305
 GRAND MASTER; May not make or authorize for Grand Lodge..... 3.402(2)

LOCATION OF LODGE: See Hall, Lodge.....Index page 34

LODGE:

- ADJOURN; Motion to, is unmasonic4.1106
 ADMISSION TO; Announcement should not be made of member
 or visitor when.....4.1105
 APPEAL FOR AID; Not to make, to other Lodges without4.1005
 BALANCES DUE TO; To be paid4.1802, 4.1805
 BUSINESS PROJECT; May not participate in or approve.....4.1007
 CALLING OFF; May do so up to next stated meeting, but4.1106
 CALLING OFF; Not a continuation of stated meetings.....4.1106
 CLOSING; See Closing.....Index page 13
 COMMITTEE; See Committee, Subordinate Lodge.....Index page 14
 CONDITION OF; Lecturer to report on3.1103
 CONDUCT; Must observe and maintain highest standard of6.201
 CONSECRATION; May not be, of U. D. Lodge.....4.108(i)
 CONSOLIDATION; Rules to be observed4.1111
 CONSOLIDATION; Lecturers to report on practicability of3.1103
 CONSTITUTION OF; See Constitution.....Index page 15
 CONTROVERSY; When between Lodges, how handles.....6.402
 DEDICATION; Of U. D. Lodges, may not occur4.108(i)
 DEFUNCT; See Defunct Lodge.....Index page 18
 DISSOLUTION; Causes of revocation of charter.....4.201
 DISSOLUTION; Possible in only two ways.....4.201
 DUTIES; See Duties of Lodge.....Index page 23
 ELECTION; See Election of Officers.....Index page 23
 ENTERED APPRENTICES; See Entered Apprentices' Lodge..... Index page 25
 FELLOW CRAFTS; Same index as for Entered Apprentices'
 Lodge.....Index page 25
 FISCAL YEAR; Ends December 31, so far as Grand Lodge is concerned.....4.1004
 FUNDS; See Funds, subordinate LodgeIndex page 28
 FUNCTIONS OF; Only Grand Lodge or Grand Master
 may suspend3.301, 3.401(6), 4.201, 4.408
 INHERENT RIGHTS; Enumerated4.902
 INHERENT RIGHTS; Grand Lodge may not infringe, but 3.101, 3.304, 4.902
 INSTRUCTION OF; System of Title 4, Chap. 15
 INSTRUCTION OF; Lectures to be given each month4.1515
 JURISDICTION; See Jurisdiction.....Index page 37
 MEETINGS CALLED; See Meetings Called.....Index page 40
 MEETINGS STATED; See Meetings Stated.....Index page 40
 MEETING PLACES; See Hall Lodge.....Index page 34
 MEMBERSHIP; See Membership.....Index page 43
 NAME; When may not be changed except by Grand Lodge consent4.107, 4.109
 NAME; May not be of a living person or existing Lodge.....4.107

-
- LODGE — Continued:**.....Paragraph
- NAME; When of a locality, must be changed if removed 4.109
- NEW: See U. D. Lodge.....Index page 65
- NEWLY CHARTERED; See Newly Chartered Lodge.....Index page 45
- OFFICERS; See Officers, Subordinate Lodge.....Index page 48
- OPENED; May be in G. W. M. N. Memorial and degrees conferred 4.1512
- OPENED; Should not be left untitled 4.2004
- OPENING; See Opening.....Index page 48
- POWERS OF; Inherent and constitutional 4.902, 4.903
- PREVIOUS ACTIONS OF; Worshipful Master may not void ,if..... 4.413
- PROPERTY; Trustees may not determine use of, unless..... 4.1112
- PROPERTY; When ownership is with, and when with Grand Lodge..... 4.903(7)
- PUNISHMENT; May be inflicted upon..... 3.303, 3.401(6)
- REMOVAL; See Removal, Lodge.....Index page 56
- RESCINDING ACTION OF; May be by Grand Lodge only..... 3.402(4), 6.716
- REVIVAL OF DEFUNCT; May not occur, remedy of members is 4.204
- ROOM; See Hall, Lodge.....Index page 34
- SORROW, OF; Permissible..... 4.2209
- UNDER DISPENSATION; See U. D. Lodge.....Index page 65
- UNITING; Lodges may not seek to unite in 4.1105, 4.1106
- LODGE OF RESEARCH:**
- AUTHORIZATION; Rules governing Title 4, Chap. 24
- LOTTERY:** Participating in, is Masonic offense 6.204(3)
- MAJORITY:**
- CHANGE IN LOCATION; Will decide..... 4.2002(4)
- PETITION; Lawful report may be by, of committee 4.802
- REQUIRED; For various Lodges acts 4.2002, 4.2004
- REQUIRED; Decides all questions unless otherwise specified 4.2002(4)
- MAKING A MASON AT SIGHT:**
- Is prerogative of Grand Master 3.401(14), 4.1501
- MARSHALL:** INDEX Re; Same as for Chaplin.....Index page 10
- MASONIC CLUBS;**
- IMMORAL PRACTICE; By members of, not permitted..... 6.204(15)
- WORD “MASONIC”: Not to be used for, without..... 3.309
- MASONIC OFFENSE:**
- BALLOT; Exposure of, or attempt to learn, is except 4.2007, 6.204(22)
- BEER; When serving is 4.1116, 6.204(13)
- CIPHER RITUAL; Purchase, sale or use of, is when 4.1511, 6.204(20)
- CONTRACT; Breaking of, is not, when..... 6.201
- DEBT; Masonry not a collection agency for..... 6.103
- DEFAMATION; Of Masonic order is 6.204(5)
- DEMIT; May not be demanded or granted in satisfaction of..... 5.107
- DESCRIBED; Various 4.1113, 6.204
- DETERMINING; Is province of Lodge..... 6.201
- DETERMINING; Act and motive determines 6.201
- DRUNKENNESS; Is..... 6.204(2)
- DUTY OF LODGE; To take cognizance of all, within jurisdiction 5.108, 6.402
- EMBLEM; Wearing unlawfully is..... 6.204(14)
- EVIDENCE; Giving in court is not..... 6.112

MASONIC OFFENSE:— Continued:	Paragraph
FALSE STATEMENT; In petition, about material is.....	6.204(11)
GAMBLING; Is when	6.204(3)
JURISPRUDENCE; Who has, in case of	3.304, 6.401, 6.402
LODGE BUILDING; Allowing use of, is when	4.1113
NONPAYMENT OF DUES; Willful is	6.204(1)
OBJECTION; Is, if filed for revenge or	6.204(8)
OBJECTOR; Persistent efforts of applicant to learn, is	4.1706
POLITICAL; Political offense is not	6.103
PRIOR; Trial may be for, committed before initiation	6.106
PRIOR; Trial may be for, committed before Lodge existed	6.106
PROFANITY; Is	6.204(4)
PUNISHMENT; Lodges have inherent right of, for	4.902(3)
REFUSAL OF OFFICERS; To settle and turn over books, is	6.204(7)
ROLL CALL; To answer for another, is	3.210, 6.204(18)
SLANDERING; Is	6.204(5)
STRIKING; To attempt to strike a Mason, is	6.202
SUMMONS; Failure to answer is, unless	4.2102
THREAT TO BLACKBALL; Is	6.204(9)
TRADUCTION; Is, and justification may not be plead	6.204(9)
UNMASONIC CONDUCT; Difference between, and Masonic offense	6.201
 MASONRY:	
USE OF; For personal gain, condemned	4.1302
USE OF; For advertising or commercial purpose condemned	4.1513
 MASTER MASON, DEGREE OF; Not necessary to open others for	4.1513
 MASTER MASONS' LODGE;	
BUSINESS; To be conducted in	4.2002, 4.903(3)
OTHER DEGREES; Not necessary to open, before conferring	4.1513
QUORUM; Number necessary for opening and business	4.310, 4.404, 4.1101
 MEETING CALLED:	
BUSINESS; Only that for which called may be done at	4.1104, 4.1106
BUSINESS; Which may not be done at	4.1103, 4.1106
NUMBER; More than one may be held on same day	4.403
PLACE; See Hall, Lodge	Index page 34
PROFICIENCY; Vote on, may be at	4.1104
QUORUM; See Quorum	Index page 54
SUNDAY; May not be held on, except	4.1107
TITLED; Lodges must be	4.2004
VOTING; When may be done at	4.1104, 4.1106, 4.2001
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May call or summon at any time	4.403, 4.2005
 MEETINGS, GRAND LODGE: Rules governing	102
 MEETINGS, STATED;	
ADDITIONAL; By law fixing, not require Grand Lodge approval	4.1902
BALLOT; May be taken only, except	4.1103, 4.1104, 4.2001
BUSINESS; Which may be done only at	4.1103, 4.1106
CALLING OFF; Permissible up to next, but	4.1106
CALLING OFF; Not a continuation of, except when called on again the same day, and at the same meeting	4.1106
EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES; May be only at, except	4.1103, 4.1410
FAILURE TO HOLD; Minutes should show reason	4.1102

MEETINGS, STATED — Continued:Paragraph	
FAILURE TO HOLD; For one year, causes charter arrest	4.201(1)
MOON LODGES; Time of, regulated by, defined	4.1102
NOTICE OF; Is unnecessary	4.1101
PLACE; See Hall Lodge.....	Index page 34
QUORUM; See Quorum;.....	Index page 54
TILED; Lodges must be	4.2004
TIME OF; Must be at hour fixed by bylaws	4.1102
TIME OF; How may be changed.....	4.1102
TWO PER MONTH; If bylaws fix, what may be done at.....	4.1103

MEMBERSHIP:

ACCUSED; Failure to show, does not validate charges	6.608
ADMITTANCE TO; Lodge must decide, how may be acquired.....	4.1301, 4.1601, 5.103
BALLOT FOR; Must be unanimous	4.1701, 4.2002(1), 5.103, 6.804
CERTIFICATE OF; See Certificate of Membership.....	Index page 10
CHURCH; Membership in what, does and does not bar from	4.1303
COMPELLED; May not be	4.1601
DEMIT; Of applicant for demit, ceases when	5.104
DUAL; Allowed in one Lodge in Tennessee and one Lodge outside of Tennessee	5.101
FOREIGN; May be transferred to Tennessee, how	4.1601
FORFEITED; How may be	4.1604
GENERAL; A Mason is member of whole Masonic family	5.301
GOOD STANDING; Defined.....	4.306
GRAND LODGE; How constituted.....	3.101
HONORARY; Member may not hold in own Lodge	4.1602
NEW LODGE; Certified list of, to be sent Grand Secretary	4.116
NUMBER; Below seven makes existence of Lodge unlawful	4.201(1)
OTHER ORDERS; In other secret orders, not a bar	4.1301
PETITION FOR; Rules governing.....	5.110-5.117
PLURAL; In State only	5.501-5.504
REQUEST; When degree conferred by, is with electing Lodge	4.1508
RESIDENT; Defined	6.614
RESTORATION; When restores to, and when not.....	6.805
REVERSAL OF CASE; Reestablishes	6.716
RIGHTS OF; Defined	Title 4, Chap. 16
RIGHTS OF; Limitations re, of NON-AFFILIATE	5.103, 5.104, 5.108, 5.111
SEVERANCE; What kind of certificates servers.....	5.105
SEVERANCE; Omission from roll does not server.....	4.1601
STANDARDS OF; Grand Lodge may fix	4.902
SUSPENSION FROM; Grand Master may not order, without trial.....	3.402(7)
TRANSFER OF; How may be accomplished without demit	5.117
U. D. LODGE; Rules governing	4.101 - 4.112
WAIVER; When advancement made on, is with electing Lodge.....	4.1407
WHO COMPOSES; Master Masons only.....	4.1401, 4.1601
WHO MAY BE ADMITTED; Decision is inherent right of Lodge.....	4.902(1)

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE:

TO OUR ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD; To be printed.....	4.2209
---	--------

MEMORIAL SERVICE:

PERMISSIBLE; When	4.2206
PUBLIC; Procession may be for, without dispensation	4.2302
SUNDAY; May be held on.....	4.1107

MENTAL INCAPACITY: CANDIDATES; Law same as regards physical 4.1301

MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL:

DUES AND PER CAPITA; Same rules as for other members..... 4.1801

FEES AND DEGREES; Lodge may not waive or refund except 4.903(6), 4.1504

MINORS:

PETITION; May not be received from 4.1301, 4.1305

W. & O. HOME; Who may be admitted to..... 7.107

MINUTES:

AMENDMENT; May not be made at later meeting by omitting part 4.406

APPROVED; Must be at stated meeting only and may be at any 4.1103

CONTENTS; All transactions lawful to be written..... 4.406

CONTROL OF; Is with Worshipful Master..... 4.406

CORRECTION OF; May not be made by Secretary's certificate 4.406

DISBURSEMENTS; Should show record of..... 4.903(6)

EVIDENCE; Are competent as, in Masonic trial..... 4.406

GRAND LODGE; Control until changed by 3.208

KEEPING; Method prescribed 4.406

LECTURERS; Must show by whom and when given in Lodge 4.1515

LOOSE-LEAF; May be kept in when typewritten 4.406

MEETING; If stated not held, should show why 4.1102

MONEY; Should show receipt and payment of..... 4.903(6)

OBJECTION; When and how should be recorded in..... 4.1702

PREVIOUS ACTION; May be rescinded when 4.413

PREVIOUS ACTION; Worshipful Master may not declare void if 4.413

SIGNING; To be by Master and Secretary in own hands 4.406

SYNOPSIS OF PROCEEDINGS; To show reading of 4.1001

TRIAL OF; Character of, required..... 6.610, 6.617

TRIAL OF; Not mandatory that transcript be furnished defendant..... 6.711

TYPEWRITTEN; May be, and kept in loose-leaf book..... 4.406

U. D. LODGE; Correct keeping by, essential 4.109

MISSISSIPPI: Re jurisdiction of Lodges near line 4.1201

MISSOURI: Re jurisdiction of Lodges near line..... 4.1201

MONEY:

APPROPRIATION; When may be made in Lodge 4.1102, 4.1103

MINUTES; Should record receipts and payments of..... 4.903(6)

MONUMENT: PROCESSION; Permissible for unveiling or erecting..... 4.2302

MOON LODGES: Time of Stated Meeting; regulated by, defined..... 4.1102

MORAL LAW:

OFFENSE AGAINST; Any, is Masonic offense..... 6.203

RULE AND GUIDE; Of every Mason 6.202

MOTION:

DEMIT; Unnecessary to grant 5.102

PENALTY; Unnecessary in determining 6.618

PETITION; To receive, proper but unnecessary 4.1306

PROFICIENCY OF CANDIDATE; Proper method of passing on..... 4.1411

WHEN; May be made and voted on 4.903(3), 4.2001

MOTIVES:

- ACCUSER; Should be assumed to be proper6.103
- CANDIDATES; Must take satisfactory statement re4.1302
- CONDUCT; Do not alone determine unmasonic.....6.201

MUSEUM: Rules regarding..... Title III, Chapter 14

NAMES:

- CANDIDATES; Must be written in full4.1302
- COMMITTEE; To whom petition referred, to be given to4.1201
- GRAND LODGE; Official title 2.101(1)
- LODGE; When that of a locality must be changed if removed.....4.109
- LODGE; When may not be changed except by Grand Lodge consent.....4.107
- LODGE; May not be of living person or existing Lodge.....4.107
- MASTERS AND SECRETARIES; With addresses, to be published4.311
- NEW OFFICERS; List of, must be furnished Grand Secretary4.311
- OBJECTOR; Rejected may not demand or seek to learn4.1706
- OMISSION FROM ROLL; Not affect good standing 4.1604, 4.1808
- PETITIONS, Must be written in full on.....4.1304, 5.113
- PUBLICATION OF ; Permissible, of whom4.1008
- RETURNS TO GRAND SECRETARY; Must be in full.....4.1005

NATURALIZATION: Not essential for petitioning4.1303

NEW LODGE: See U. D. LODGE.....Index page 65

NEWLY CHARTERED LODGE:

- BUSINESS; May be transacted before constitution4.109
- CHARTER GRANT; Continues dispensation until constitution.....4.109
- CONSTITUTION; Is prerogative of Grand Master 3.401(4)
- ELECTION OF OFFICERS; Rules governing4.114
- GRAND MASTER; Duty and prerogative re 3.401(1)-3.402(8)
- INSTALLATION; When may not and when must occur.....4.114
- MEMBERSHIP; Certified list of, to be sent Grand Secretary.....4.116
- COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS.....4.109
- ORGANIZATIONS; Consists of what.....4.114

NEWSPAPER:

- CRITICISM IN; Of Masonic Methods, policies and proceedings prohibited3.207
- NOTICE; Not sufficient for trial or restoration 4.2101, 6.606, 6.613
- PRINTING PROCEEDINGS GRAND LODGE IN; Prohibited unless.....3.207
- SERVICE OF CHARGES; May not be by, on accused.....4.2101
- SUMMONS; By publication in, not legal4.2101

NEW TRIALS: See Trial, New.....Index page 63

NOMINATIONS:

- GRAND LODGE; Rules governing.....3.1204
- LODGE; Lawful but inadvisable4.306

NON-AFFILIATE:

- BALLOT BY; Renders result void4.2005
- BURIAL; Has no right to Masonic, but may receive4.2203, 5.104
- BURIAL OF; Control of, is with what Lodge.....4.2206
- CHARGES; See Charges, Non-affiliate.....Index page 11
- CHARITY; Has claim for, on whom5.109

NON-AFFILIATE: — Continued:	Paragraph
DEFINITION OF; Given	5.108
DEFUNCT LODGE; Member of, becomes	4.204, 5.108
DUES; Not liable for, during non-affiliation	4.1806
EMBLEM; Must not wear after 12 months	6.204(14)
FAMILY OF; Has claim for charity on whom	5.109
HONORS; Not entitled to, as a matter of right	5.109
ORPHAN OF; Has claim for charity on whom	5.109
ORPHAN OF; Not eligible for assistance.....	7.107
PHYSICAL DEFECT; Does not prevent affiliation	5.112
PRIVILEGE OF; Limitations of.....	5.109, 7.107
PROCESSIONS; May not participate in, or public exercises	4.2301
RESTORATION; To rights and privileges only, makes	6.805
RIGHTS OF; Defined	5.103, 5.109, 5.112
SIGHT MASON MADE AT; Becomes	3.401(14)
VISITATION; Privilege limited to one year.....	5.104
WIDOW OF; Has claim for charity on whom	5.109
 NORTH CAROLINA: Re jurisdiction of Lodges near line	 4.1201
 NOTES: UNPAID; Not alone grounds for refusal to issue demit	 4.1805
 NOTICE:	
APPEAL; Character of.....	6.705
CHANGES IN BYLAWS; Of what, must be sent Grand Secretary.....	4.1902
CHARGES; Rules governing.....	6.501-2
CONSOLIDATION OF LODGES; To consider, must be sent to.....	4.110
NEWSPAPER; Of charges, trial or restoration may not be in.....	4.201, 6.606, 6.613
PETITION RENEWED; After rejection, unnecessary when.....	4.1309, 4.1408, 4.1703, 5.115
PRINTED; Permissible, containing what names	4.1008
PRINTED; Will not serve in lieu of specific	6.606, 6.613
RESTORATION; Written, of petition for, required when	6.802
STATED MEETING; Unnecessary for	4.1101
TRIAL; Rules governing.....	6.606, 6.613, 6.614
 NUMBER:	
CALLED MEETINGS; Several may be held on same day	4.403
DEFUNCT LODGE; Number of, not to be used again	4.204
DEGREES; At one time and at same meeting	4.1506
MEMBERS NECESSARY; To obtain dispensation for new Lodge.....	4.105
MEMBERS NECESSARY; To retain charter	4.201(2)
PETITIONS; Which may be balloted at one time	4.2003(1)
 OATH: TRIAL; Improper in, even for profanes	 6.610, 6.617
 OBJECTIONS:	
ABSENCE OF OBJECTOR; Binding even in, when.....	4.1701
ANNOUNCING; May be made known by objector	4.1702
BALLOT; Prevented by, if filed before	4.1701
CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING; Does not prevent giving	4.1407
COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE; Accused may offer, against.....	6.605
DATE FILED; To be recorded in minutes	4.1702
DEFINITION; Given	4.1701
DEGREE, EXCHANGE COURTESY; Will not prevent	4.1509
DISREGARD OF; Subjects offender to punishment	4.1701

OBJECTIONS: — Continued:	Paragraph
EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATE; Will not prevent	4.1509
EXPIRES; When objector is suspended or membership ceases	4.1703
FOREIGN; When profane rejected in another state may apply	4.1205
INITIATION; Becomes effective when	4.1701
LATER PETITION; Must state particulars of prior rejection	4.1304, 5.113, 6.806
NON-AFFILIATE; Duty to apply again, even elsewhere	5.115
NON-AFFILIATE; Does not relieve of disabilities	5.115
NONMEMBER; May be made, but	4.1705
OBJECTOR; Rejected must not seek to learn name of	4.1706
OBJECTOR; Suspension, expulsion, withdrawal or death of, removes	4.1703
PETITION; New or renewed, may be received when;	4.1309, 4.1408, 4.1703, 5.113
PETITION; Objection does not prevent acceptance of	4.1701
PETITION; Objection prevents ballot on, if	4.1701
PROXY; May not be made by	4.1702
PURPOSE; If for revenge or political or religious	6.204(8)
RENEWAL; When may be renewed	4.1703
RULES; Re making effect of, withdrawing, expiring	4.1701-4.1706
VISITING; Rules re making to, and effect of	5.201-5.208
WAVIER; In case of, may not be given until	4.1407
WITHDRAWAL; Procedure which follows	4.1703
WITHDRAWAL; May not be conditional	4.1703
WRITTEN; Not valid unless signed	4.1702
 OFFENSE: MASONIC; See Masonic Offense.	Index page 41
 OFFICE: CANDIDATE FOR; Use of Masonry by, condemned	4.1302
 OFFICERS, GRAND LODGE:	
AMENABLE; To Grand Lodge and Grand Master	3.401(3)
APPOINTIVE; Duties of	3.801
APPOINTIVE; Eligibility	3.802, 4.701
APPOINTIVE; Who are	3.102(4)
APPOINTMENT; By Grand Master, to serve during his pleasure	3.401(8)
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH; Each elective to furnish	3.1208
CUSTODIANS; May be	3.1003
DUTIES OF; Defined	2.105(1), 2.105(4), Title 3, Chaps. 4-8
ELECTION; Rules governing;	3.1202-3.1205
ELECTIVE; Who are	3.102(4)
ELECTIVE; To continue until successor installed	3.1206
ELECTIVE; Eligibility	3.1202, 4.701
FUNERAL; Who shall officiate at	4.2208
RANK OF; Defined	2.102(1), 2.102(2), 3.103, 3.104
REELECTION; Not permissible, of first four, to same officer	3.401(3), 3.401(8)
REMOVAL; Grand Master may remove from office	3.401(3), 3.401(8)
REPORTS; To be printed in advance	3.704
SEEKING ELECTION; Is unmasonic	3.1201
SUCCESSION; Order of	2.105(2), 3.1212
SUPPLIES FOR; Grand Secretary to purchase	3.704
TRIAL OF; For malfeasance, Grand Lodge has jurisdiction	3.304

OFFICERS, SUBORDINATE LODGE:

ACCOUNTABILITY; Is to Worshipful Master or Lodge	4.2102
APPOINTED; How may resign or demit	4.601
APPOINTED; Grand Master may not appoint, of constituted Lodge	3.402(3)
APPOINTED; Who may be, by Worshipful Master if	4.602
APPOINTMENT; May be temporary, from other Lodges	4.4404
BOND; Bylaws may require	4.1903
CHARGES; Pendency of, against, do not affect rights of	4.307, 4.1604
COMPENSATION; Bylaws must specify, if any	4.1903
COMPENSATION; Change in bylaw re, how may be made	4.1903
CUSTODIAN; May be	3.1003
DEMIT; May be granted to, except Worshipful Master	4.410, 4.506, 4.601
ELECTION; See Election of Officers	Index page 23
ELECTIVE; Who must be and who may be	4.301, 4.302, 4.602
ELECTIVE; May hold only one elective office at the same time	4.301
ELIGIBILITY; Who may be	4.304, 4.401
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; May not be	4.1405
FAILURE OF; To settle and turn over books, is Masonic offense	6.204(7)
FINES; For nonattendance of, not permissible	4.1101
HONORARY MEMBER; May not be	4.1601
INSTALLATION; See Installation	Index page 36
LIST OF; To Grand Secretary required	4.311
NECESSARY AND OPTIONAL; Who are	4.301
NEWLY CHARTERED LODGE; Rules governing	4.114
PHYSICAL DEFECT; Does not qualify	4.307, 4.1604
REFUSAL; Member may refuse to accept office	4.304
REMOVAL; From and restoration to office may be made by Grand Master	3.401(3)
REMOVAL; Worshipful Master may remove appointive	4.602
RESIGNATION; Permissible for appointive, also Secretaries and Treasurers	4.601
RIGHT TO HOLD OFFICE; Not affected except by	4.307, 4.1604
SELECTION; Is inherent right of Lodge	4.902(4)
SUCCESSION OF; Defined	4.502, 4.704
TERM; Begins immediately after installation	4.308
TERM; Elective hold until successor installed	4.303
TILER; Must be given opportunity to ballot	4.2004
U. D. LODGE; May appoint all, except	4.108(a)
U. D. LODGE; May not be installed	4.108(a)
VACANCY; See Vacancy in Office	Index page 65

OLD AGE: Lodge must decide whether candidate barred by 4.1301

OLD MASONS' HOME:

ACCOUNTS; Combined with those of W. & O. Home Fund	7.101
DISCONTINUED OR CONVERTED; May be	7.101
INCORPORATED; When	7.101

OPENING:

CEREMONIES; Should not be a bridged	4.1513
DEGREES; Each must be separately opened	4.1513
FIRST OR SECOND DEGREE; Need not open third for	4.1513

ORDER: OTHER SECRET; See Secret Orders Index page 59

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Controlled by Worshipful Master 4.406

ORDERS OF GRAND MASTER: Binding until	3.401(1), 3.401(13)
ORGANIZATION; See Club.....	Index page 13
ORIGINAL JURISDICTION:	
GRAND LODGE OR GRAND MASTER; May exercise	3.304, 6.401
METHOD; By which exercised.....	6.404
ORPHANS:	
AGE OF; Are minor children of deceased brethren	7.107
CERTIFICATE; When and in what form may be given to, of	
members in good standing.....	4.1811
CHARITY; See Charity, Family.....	Index page 12
NON-AFFILIATE; Has claim for charity on whom.....	5.109
NON-AFFILIATE; Not eligible for assistance	5.109, 7.107
SUICIDE; Orphan of, does not lose claim on fraternity.....	5.304
W. & O. HOME FUND; Rules re eligibility of, for assistance	7.107
OVERPAYMENTS:	
TO GRAND LODGE; To be promptly refunded.....	4.1803
PAMPHLET:	
BOARD OF CONTROL; Reports to be in	3.704, 7.104
REPORTS GRAND OFFICERS; To be in, in advance	3.704
PAST GRAND MASTER:	
APRON; Provided for.....	3.1211
LAPEL BUTTON; Provided for.....	3.1210
SENIOR; Chair on left of Grand Master to be reserved for.....	3.1210
PAST GRAND OFFICERS:	
FUNERAL; May be joint with other order if.....	4.2207
FUNERAL; Who should officiate at.....	4.2207
MEMBERS GRAND LODGE; All elective are, while	3.102(2)
VOTE; Are entitled to one, in Grand Lodge	3.1205
PAST MASTER:	
COURTESY TO; Is entitled, as a courtesy, to seat in East	4.702
DEFINITION; Given	4.701
DEFUNCT LODGE; Status of Master is, when.....	4.701
ELIGIBLE; To any Grand Lodge office.....	4.701
FOREIGN; Has no standing as such	4.703
GRAND LODGE; Is a member of, when	3.102(3)
GRAND LODGE SESSION; Convention of, not to be held during	3.206
INSTALLATION; May be by	4.309
PRESIDES; In an absence of Master and Wardens	4.704
RULES; Governing.....	4.701
VOTING IN GRAND LODGE; Entitled to one vote	3.1205
PAST MASTER'S DEGREE:	
CEREMONIES; None but actual Past Masters may officiate	4.310
CONFERRING; May be by whom, and where.....	3.1004, 4.310
DISPENSATION; Grand Master may not issue, to confer	4.310
INSTALLING OFFICER; Need not to have received	4.309
NECESSITY FOR; Not indispensable for Worshipful Master, but	4.310
NECESSITY FOR; Others not affected if Master has not received	4.310

PAST MASTER'S DEGREE:— Continued:

RIGHT TO; Worshipful Master is entitled to4.310

PAYMENT FOR SERVICES: Committee may not demand, unless4.801

PAY ROLL: GRAND LODGE; To be prepared by2.104(5), 3.901(5)

PENALTIES: See Fines.....Index page 27

See Punishment.....Index page 53

PENITENTIARY:

MEMBER IN; May be tried as if present 6.109, 6.606, 6.614

SUSPENDED MEMBER IN; May not petition for restoration6.807

PER CAPITA: See Dues, Grand Lodge.....Index page 21

PETITION:

ADVANCEMENT; Written unnecessary when4.1409

ADVANCEMENT; Must have certificate and waiver, when4.1408

ADVANCEMENT; Procedure for, when on certificate and
waiver..... 4.1408, 4.1409, 5.202

ADVANCEMENT; When ballot may be on
4.1103, 4.1106, 4.1304, 4.1307, 4.1408, 4.1411, 4.2002(1)

AFFILIATION; If rejected, 30 days must elapse.....5.113

AFFILIATION; By transfer..... 5.113, 5.114

AFFILIATION; By dual membership.....5.403

AFFILIATION; Rules governing;
4.1103, 4.1106, 4.1307, 4.2001, 4.2002(1), 5.111-5.117, 5.207, 5.403

AFFILIATION; Same rules for, in Lodge issuing demit 5.110

ALIEN ENEMY; Not to be made Mason during way4.1303

BALLOT; See Ballot.....Index page 5

CALLED MEETING; May not be received or considered at4.1103

CITIZENSHIP; Not indispensable for4.1303

CLANDESTINE; May be received from.....4.1308

COMMITTEE REPORT; See Committee, Petition.....Index page 15

EDICTS; Change in, affect only those filed for after3.306, 4.1502

FALSE STATEMENT; Candidate making in..... 6.204(11)

FEES; See Fees.....Index page 27

FOREIGN LODGE; May not be received from one expelled by.....6.804

FORMS; Requirements *re*..... 4.1304, 5.113, 6.801

FORMS; Standard, provided for.....4.1003

HEALTH; Ill, bars for degrees, not for affiliation.....4.1301, 5.112

ILLEGALITY IN; In case of, may be arrested4.407

ILLITERACY; Bars for degrees, not for affiliation.....4.1301, 5.112

INVESTIGATION; See Investigation.....Index page 37

IRREGULAR; In case of, Worshipful Master may arrest.....4.407

JURISDICTION; See Jurisdiction, Territorial.....Index page 38

LIFE OF; For initiation, is one year4.1207

MINOR; Not to be received from, under any circumstances4.1305

NEW; For degrees, necessary after one year4.1207

NEW LODGE, FOR; See U. D. Lodge.....Index page 65

NOTICE OF; See Notice.....Index page 46

OBJECTION; Prevents ballot on, if.....4.1701

PRESENCE OF; Not necessary at time ballot taken on, when4.2010

PRIOR INITIATION; When may be repeated.....4.1505

QUALIFICATIONS OF PROFANE; Required for4.1203-4.1207

PETITION: — Continued

- RECEPTION OF; May be refused..... 4.1306, 4.1307
- RECEPTION OF; For degrees, rules governing4.1301-4.1309
- PETITION OF; For advancement, on certificate and waiver,
rules governing..... 4.1304, 4.1306, 4.1307, 4.1309, 4.1407
- RECEPTION OF; For affiliation by transfer5.117
- RECEPTION OF; Objection does not prevent.....4.1701
- RECEPTION OF; For affiliation, rules governing 4.1304, 4.1307, 5.111, 5.403
- RECEPTION OF; After, is property of Lodge.....4.1307
- RECOMMENDERS; Members in good standing of same Lodge..... 4.1304, 5.113
- RECONSIDERATION; Not permissible4.2008
- REJECTION; See Rejection.....Index page 54
- RENEWAL; When may be renewed,
after rejection;4.1309, 4.1408, 4.1703, 4.1704, 5.115, 6.806
- RESIDENCE; Rules governing
4.110, 4.1201, 4.1203, 4.1205, 4.1208, 4.1408, 5.115
- RESTORATION; Rules governing Title 6, Chap.8
- SECRET ORDERS; Membership in others does not affect.....4.1303
- SIGNATURE; Must be in full by applicant 4.1304, 5.113, 6.801
- SUBSEQUENT; Must state facts of former rejection 4.1304, 5.113, 6.801
- TIME OF RESIDENCE; Rules governing.....4.1408
- TRANSFER; Affiliation by5.117
- WAIVER OF JURISDICTION; See Jurisdiction, Waiver.....Index page 38
- WITHDRAWAL; Rules governing4.1307
- WITHDRAWAL; May not be after ballot begins4.1307
- WITHDRAWAL; Request must be by4.1307
- WITHDRAWAL; Status is as though none presented but4.1307
- WITHDRAWAL; Following, when may be again presented.....4.1307
- WRITING; For advancement, on certificate and waiver, must be in4.1408

PHYSICAL QUALIFICATIONS:

- ADVANCEMENT; Rule applies to, except.....4.1301
- AFFILIATION; Rule does not apply5.112
- DEFINITION OF4.1301
- ELIGIBILITY; Electing Lodge decides re, except..... 4.1301, 4.1302, 4.1509
- GRAND MASTER; To answer inquires re, how4.1301
- LODGE DETERMINES; Not Grand Master, but unfit not to be.....4.1301-4.1302
- OFFICE; Does not affect holding4.307, 4.1604
- RULE OF; Prescribed4.1301, 4.1302

PHYSICIAN: Same index as for Chaplin.....Index page 10

PICNICS AND REUNIONS: Procession and regalia not permissible.....4.2302

PLEA:

- ACQUITTAL OF; Not valid in case of appeal 5.102, 6.715
- DATE OF CHARGES; That charges undated, not material6.608
- GUILTY; Some evidence must still be taken 6.109, 6.606, 6.614
- GUILTY; Some punishment must be inflicted6.618
- IGNORANCE; Not valid against charge of assault6.202
- IGNORANCE; Not excuse Worshipful Master for law violation4.412
- JUSTIFICATION; Invalid against charge of traduction6.203
- MEMBERSHIP; That charges fail to show, of accused, not valid.....6.608

POLYGAMY: Membership in church which condones, bars.....4.1303

POLITICAL OFFENSES: Not subject to Masonic discipline	6.103
POLITICS:	
ENDORSEMENT; Grand or Subordinate Lodge not to give to.....	6.103
PORTRAIT: GRAND MASTER; To furnish to Grand Lodge	3.1208
POSTPONEMENT:	
DEGREE, COMPLETION OF; When permissible, and procedure	4.1507
GRAND LODGE MEETING; May be done by Grand Master.....	3.203
STATED MEETING; Not permissible except.....	4.1102
TRIAL, COMPLETION OF; May be done	6.608, 6.616
POWERS OF A LODGE: Inherent and constitutional	4.902, 4.903
PRESIDING:	
CUSTODIANS; Have right of, in Lodge	3.1005
GRAND LODGE; Order of succession	2.105(2), 3.211
GRAND MASTER; Duty in Grand Lodge and right in any Lodge	3.401
GRAND VISITOR; Has right of , in Lodge.....	3.401(5)
GRAND LECTURER; Has right of, in Lodge.....	3.1005
RIGHT OF; Belongs to Worshipful Master, unless	4.403, 6.615
SUBORDINATE LODGE; Order of succession;.....	4.502, 4.701
TRIALS; Worshipful Master presides, even	6.615
PRINTING:	
BOARD OF CONTROL; Rules re report of.....	3.704, 7.104
CONTRACTS FOR; Grand Secretary to make.....	3.704
GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS; To be in advance	3.704
REPORTS; Of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary	3.704
SEAL; Printed facsimile of, not valid when seal required.....	4.115
PROBATION: When rejected candidate may repetition	4.1205, 4.1207
PROCEEDINGS, GRAND LODGE:	
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH; May contain, of newly elected Grand Officer ..	3.1208
BOARD OF CONTROL; Report of, to contain list of holders of.....	3.1007
CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY; To contain list of holders of.....	3.1007
EXPELLED MEMBERS; To contain list of.....	6.308
MEMORIAL TRIBUTES; To illustrious dead, to be in	4.2209
NAME AND ADDRESSES; Of Masters and Secretaries, to be in.....	4.311
NEWSPAPER PUBLICATION OF; Prohibited, unless	3.207
PRINTING; Grand Secretary to contract for.....	3.704
READING OF SYNOPSIS OF; When to be done.....	4.1001
READING OF SYNOPSIS OF; Failure to report, penalized	4.1004
REMOVAL; Notice to be on, re remaining in Lodge room.....	4.1001
RULINGS OF GRAND MASTER; To contain what	3.401(1)
PROCESSION:	
FUNERAL; Joint, with others permissible, but ceremonies separate.....	4.2207
PICNICS AND REUNIONS; Not permissible at	4.2302
RIGHT TO APPEAR IN; Member in good standing has, of own Lodge	4.1604
RULES; Governing	4.2007, 4.2301, 4.2302
SECRET ORDERS; Not permissible by, except	4.108(f)
U. D. LODGE; Not permissible by, except.....	4.108(f)

PROFANE:

- CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER; When and how may be issued to 4.1207, 4.2003(2)
- CHARGES; May not prefer..... 6.501
- EVIDENCE OF; May convict-how may be taken 6.113
- JURISDICTION OVER; See Jurisdiction, Territorial..... Index page 38
- SLANDER OF; Is a Masonic offense..... 6.204(5)
- WAIVER; Not to be given to, or received from..... 4.1405, 4.1207, 4.1407

PROFANITY: PROHIBITED; Is a Masonic offense 6.204(4)

PROFICIENCY: See Examination..... Index page 26

PROOF: See Evidence..... Index page 25

PROPERTY:

- DEFUNCT LODGE; See Defunct Lodge, Property of..... Index page 18
- DISPOSITION OF; Is right of Lodge..... 4.903(7)
- LODGE; Trustees may not determine use of, unless 4.1113
- OWNERSHIP; When with Lodges from action of Grand Lodge..... 4.1006

PROSECUTOR: Junior Warden should act as, but 4.504, 6.606, 6.614

PROTEST: May not be to Lodges from action of Grand Lodge 4.1006

PROXY:

- HEALING; May be done by..... 3.401(11)
- INSTALLATION; Not permissible by 4.308
- OBJECTION; May not be made by 4.1702
- PETITION; May not be signed by..... 4.1301
- REPRESENTATIVE; Condition and rules governing 4.503
- VOTING; May not be done by 4.2001

PUBLICATION:

- CRITICISM IN; Of Masonic methods, policies and proceedings prohibited..... 3.207
- EXPULSION; How and when may be made known..... 4.1008, 6.308
- EXPULSION; Names of expelled members to be printed 6.308
- NAMES; Those of which, permissible by Lodge..... 4.1008
- NEWSPAPER; Of Grand Lodge proceedings in, prohibited unless 3.207
- NEWSPAPER; Notice in, not sufficient for trial or restoration 4.201, 6.606, 6.613-4, 6.804

PUNISHMENT:

- APPEAL; Does not act as stay of, except 6.715
- COMMISSION FOR GRAND MASTER; May not prescribe, but recommend only 6.603
- COMMISSION FOR LODGES; Fixes..... 6.604, 6.610
- CONVICTION; In case of, some, must be inflicted 6.618
- CORRECTION; Inflicted by erroneous vote, may be corrected..... 3.401(10)
- EFFECTIVE; When becomes..... 6.603, 6.604
- FINES; See Fines..... Index page 27
- GRAND LODGE; Power of, re..... 3.301-3.308, 6.603
- GREATER PENALTY; May be inflicted for new offense, but 6.402
- GUILT ADMITTED; In case of, some, must be appealed..... 5.102
- INADEQUATE; If so considered, may be appealed..... 5.102
- INFLICTION; Is inherent right of Lodge 4.902(3)

PUNISHMENT: — Continued	Paragraph
INFLICTION; May not be without trial, except exclusion.....	4.1604, 6.301, 6.303
MAJORITY; When offense committed by, Grand Lodge may.....	6.401
PENALTIES; Defined and described.....	Title 6, Chap.3
PRIOR OFFENSE; May be for, committed before initiation.....	6.106
PRIOR OFFENSE; May be for, committed before Lodge existed.....	6.106
PROCEDURE; Prescribed.....	6.618
RECONSIDERATION; Not permissible, except.....	6.618
RETROACTIVE; Amended law re, not retroactive unless.....	3.306
SUBMISSION; Members must submit to awards, but.....	6.304
TERM OF; Begins when.....	6.603-4, 6.613, 6.618
VOID, When illegally imposed	4.1808
VOTE; When may and where must be taken.....	Title 4, Chap.20
VOTE; Necessary for, prescribed.....	Title 4, Chap. 20, 6.610, 6.618
 PURCHASES:	
SUPPLIES; Grand Secretary to make.....	3.704
 QUALIFICATIONS:	
CANDIDATE; Described and explained	Title 4, Chap.13
CANDIDATE; Conviction for criminal offense not a bar.....	4.1303
CANDIDATE; Electing Lodge decides re, except	4.1301, 4.1508
 QUESTIONS:	
GRAND LODGE; Will decide none of law, except	3.305
GRAND LODGE; Rules re answering, by	3.401(13)
 QUORUM:	
ENTERED APPRENTICES' OR FELLOW CRAFTS' LODGE; Aspirant counts	4.1411
GRAND LODGE; Consists of.....	3.204
MEETING OF LODGE, ANY: Three members of Lodge for business.....	4.1101
 RAFFLING: Classed as immoral practice.....	6.204(3)
Lodge.....to permit or engage in	6.905(11)
 READ, INABILITY TO: Bars for Degrees, not for affiliation	4.1301, 5.112
 REAL ESTATE:	
DISPOSITION OF; Is right of Lodge.....	4.903(7)
OWNERSHIP; When with Lodge and when with Grand Lodge	4.903(7)
 RECEIPTS: STANDARD FORM; Provided	4.1003
 RECOGNITION: OTHER GRAND LODGES; Requisites for, adopted.....	3.901(6)
 RECOGNIZED MASONIC BODIES: Specified	3.309
 RECOMMENDERS:	
PETITION; May be in good standing of same Lodge.....	4.1304, 5.113
PETITION; May request withdrawal of.....	4.1307
 RECONSIDERATION:	
CHARGES; Not permissible, except	6.618
DEMIT; Not permissible	5.103
PETITION; Not permissible	4.2008, 6.806

RECONSIDERATION:— ContinuedParagraph	
PUNISHMENT; Not permissible, except	6.618
RESTORATION; Not permissible.....	6.806
WAIVER OF JURISDICTION; Not permissible.....	4.1408
WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION; Not permissible, but.....	4.1307
RECORDS:	
LODGE; See Minutes.....	Index page 44
TRIAL; Character of, required.....	6.610, 6.617
TRIAL; Not mandatory that transcript be furnished defendant.....	6.711
REELECTION:	
GRAND OFFICERS; May not be done, when	3.1202
INSTALLATION; Unnecessary in case of.....	3.1206, 4.303
REFRESHMENT:	
ELECTION; May not be while Lodge is at	4.302
REFUND:	
DUES; See Dues, Refund, Remission.....	Index page 23
FEEs FOR AFFILIATION; In case of death, to be returned when	5.114
FEEs FOR DEGREE; May be refunded if applicant fails to appear.....	4.1504
OVERPAYMENTS TO GRAND LODGE; To be refunded	4.1803
REGALIA: WEARING; When is permissible in public.....	4.2302
REGULATIONS:	
AMENABLE TO; Every Mason is, of jurisdiction	
where resides	6.102, 6.103
GRAND LODGE; May prescribe	3.306
GRAND MASTER; May not suspend.....	3.402(1)
REHEARSAL OF WORK: Where may be done.....	4.1112
REIMBURSEMENT: RIGHT TO DEMAND; Discussed.....	5.302
REINSTATEMENT: See Restoration.....	Index page 57
REJECTION:	
ADVANCEMENT; After rejection	4.1309
AFFILIATION; See Affiliation, Rejection.....	Index page 2
BALLOT; Declaration of, only W. M.....	4.2005
BLACK BALL; See Black Ball.....	Index page 7
COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION; When new is and is not	
needed.....	4.1307, 4.1408, 4.1703
ERRONEOUS; When may and may not be corrected	3.402(4), 4.2008
FOREIGN LODGE; When profane rejected by, may apply	4.1207
FOREIGN LODGE; Not binding on Tennessee Lodge, but	4.1207
JURISDICTION; Lodge does not retain perpetual when	4.1206
JURISDICTION; Lodge have concurrent retains perpetual when	4.1206
JURISDICTION; Not affected when by Lodge not having	4.1206
LATER PETITION; When may be to same or another Lodge;	
4.1309, 4.1408, 4.1703, 5.115, 6.806	
LATER PETITION; Must state particulars of prior	4.1304, 5.113, 6.806
LATER PETITION; Notice of unnecessary	4.1309, 4.1408, 4.1703, 5.115
NON-AFFILIATE; Duty to apply again, even elsewhere.....	5.115

-
- REJECTION:— Continued**Paragraph
- NON-AFFILIATE; Does not relieve of disabilities 5.115
- OBJECTOR, NAME OF; Rejected may not demand or seek to learn 4.1706
- PETITION; May be upon presentation and without reference 4.1303
- RESTORATION; When may again apply for..... 6.806
- RESTORATION; Suspended may appeal to Grand Lodge..... 6.802
- RELIEF:** See Charity.....Index page 12
- RELIGIOUS:**
- BELIEF; Member of church which condemns Masonry not barred..... 4.1303
- BELIEF; Member of church which condones polygamy barred..... 4.1303
- DIFFERENCES; Not subject of Masonic discipline..... 6.103
- SERVICES; How may attend in procession 4.2301, 4.2302
- VIEWS; Not justify change in ritual..... 4.1510
- REMOVAL:**
- ADVANCEMENT; In case of removal how may be made... 4.1407, 4.1508, 4.1509
- JURISDICTION; See Jurisdiction, Territorial.....Index page 38
- LODGE; Lodge has constitutional power of..... 4.903(1)
- LODGE; Rules governing..... 4.1109
- OFFICERS; See Vacancy in Office.....Index page 65
- PROFANE; Lodge may issue certificate of character, but..... 4.1206
- RENTING HALL:** May be subrented, but 4.1113
- REPORT:**
- BOARD OF CONTROL; Required of..... 3.704, 7.104
- COMMITTEE; See Committee, Subordinate Lodge.....Index page 14
- ENDOWMENT FUND COMMISSION; Required of..... 7.304
- GRAND LODGE OFFICERS; To be printed in advance..... 3.704
- GRAND LODGE MASTER; Must make to Grand Lodge.....3.401(1), 3.401(9)
- GRAND VISITORS; Must make to Grand Master.....2.105(1), 3.401(5)
- LODGE TO GRAND LODGE; See Returns.....Index page 58
- REPRESENTATIVE**Paragraph
- APPOINTMENT; Rules governing 4.409, 4.503
- APPOINTMENT; If Master fails to act as, right reverts to..... 4.503
- ARREARAGES; May not be enrolled until all, paid..... 4.409
- FAILURE TO HAVE; When results in suspension of charter..... 4.201(1)
- GRAND; See Grand Representatives.....Index page 31
- INSTRUCTION OF; Is inherent right of Lodge 4.902(8)
- PAMPHLET; When enrolls, to receive, containing reports of..... 3.704
- PREROGATIVE; Is, of Worshipful Master and Wardens..... 4.409, 4.503
- ROLL-CALL; Penalty for failure to answer, or for another..... 3.210
- U. D. LODGE; May have, to Grand Lodge, but 4.108(g)
- VOTES; Number to which, entitled..... 3.1205
- REPRIMAND:**
- PUNISHMENT; May be inflicted..... 6.304
- PURPOSE AND PROCEDURE; Defined 6.304
- SENTENCE OF; May be appealed, pending which should not 6.304
- RESEARCH LODGE: RULES; Governing**..... Title 4, Chap.24

RESIDENCE:

- HALL; Rules re occupation of, for Masonic purposes4.1114
- JURISDICTION; Rules governing..... Title 4, Chap. 12, 5.112

RESIDENT MEMBER: One living within territorial jurisdiction6.402

RESIGNATION, OFFICERS: Secretaries, Treasurers and appointive may4.601

RESOLUTIONS:

- AMENDMENT; GRAND LODGE LAW; Not retroactive unless3.306
- AMEND LAW; Must be submitted 40 days before 2.107(1), 3.306
- GRAND LODGE; Jurisprudence Committee reports on, before 2.107(1), 3.306
- MEMORIAL; Re our illustrious dead, to be printed.....4.2209
- PENAL ACTION; Of Lodge, not enforceable by, unless4.1903
- UNITE IN; Lodges may not seek to, by, in Grand Lodge.....4.1006

RESTORATION:

- APPEAL; Stops right of Lodge to restore.....6.703
- APPEARANCE IN LODGE; May not be by applicant for6.307
- CHARTER; Grand Lodge may restore unless forfeited confirmed 3.301, 4.203
- CHARTER; May not be by Grand Master 3.402(5)
- COMMITTEE OF INVESTIGATION; Rules governing4.802, 6.802
- DEATH; May not be made after.....6.801
- DEFINITE SUSPENSION; Not necessary, but may be done6.803
- DEFUNCT LODGE; Charter of, may not be restored4.204
- DEFUNCT LODGE; What Lodge may restore former members of.....6.802
- DUES; Rules governing, following suspension for nonpayment6.802
- DUES; Paid when applying for, should be retained4.1809
- DUES; Owed when expelled, to be collected when4.1809
- EXPULSION; Rules governing..... 6.804, 6.806, 6.807
- FOREIGN LODGE; Procedure for, after expulsion by6.804
- GRAND LODGE; Petition to6.802
- GRAND LODGE; Procedure and ruled governing6.802, 6.805
- GRAND LODGE; Status and rights of one restored by6.805
- GRAND MASTER; May not grant..... 3.402(4)
- INHERENT RIGHT; Is an, of Lodge, except when appeal taken..... 4.902(3)
- MEMBERSHIP; When restores to, and when not6.805
- MEMBERSHIP; Reversal of case reestablishes6.716
- NONPAYMENT DUES; No notice to membership necessary.....6.802
- NOTICE RE; Newspaper not sufficient.....4.201, 6.804
- PETITION FOR; Rules governing4.802, 6.802
- PETITION FOR; When must be considered.....6.802
- PETITIONS; May be submitted immediately and every six months thereafter.6.806
- RECONSIDERATION; Not permissible6.806
- REJECTION; Following, when may again apply for.....6.806
- REJECTION; Following expelled may not appeal6.806
- REMOVAL; Not affect jurisdiction over suspended6.801
- SUMMONS; Must be used for, except4.2103
- SUSPENSION; Rules governing Title 6, Chap. 6
- VOTE; Required4.2002, 6.802
- WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May be restored only by Grand Lodge.....6.401

RETROACTIVE:

- AMENDMENT TO GRAND LODGE LAW; Not unless so stated3.306, 4.1502
- FEES FOR DEGREES; Action of Grand Lodge in fixing, not..... 3.306, 4.1502

RETIREMENT PLAN: Provided for Grand Lodge employees.....	3.1301
RETURNS:	
DATE; Must be to what, and reach Grand Secretary when.....	4.1004
FAILURE TO MAKE; When causes loss of charter	4.201(1), 4.1804
FAILURE TO SHOW CERTAIN THINGS; Lodge to be penalized for.....	4.1004
FORM; Rules governing.....	4.1004
GRAND LODGE; May require Lodges to make.....	3.302
LECTURERS; To instruct Lodges as to making	3.1103
OFFICERS; List of, to Grand Secretary on returns.....	4.311
PENALTIES FOR IMPERFECT; Grand Secretary may not waive.....	3.305, 4.1803
PENALTIES FOR IMPERFECT; Go to W. & O. Home Fund.....	4.1004
REUNIONS: Procession and regalia not permissible at	4.2302
REVERSAL:	
DEFINITION AND EFFECT OF; By Grand Lodge	6.713, 6.805
LODGE ACTION; Only Grand Lodge may reverse, except.....	3.401(10)
LODGE PROCEEDINGS; Not to be interfered with, unless.....	6.401
RIGHTS:	
BYLAW; May not affect, of member.....	4.1604
CHARGES OR PENDENCY OF; Do not affect, except.....	4.307
CHARITY; Re, defined	5.301, 5.303
CONSTITUTIONAL OF LODGE; Described and enumerated.....	4.903
ENTERED APPRENTICES; See Entered Apprentices and.....	
Fellow Crafts.....	Index page 25
FELLOW CRAFTS; See Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts.....	Index page 25
FUNERAL; Who has right to, and when applies.....	4.2203
MASONIC; How member may be deprived	4.1604, Title 6
MEMBERSHIP; Defined	4.1604
NON-AFFILIATE; Defined	5.104, 5.109
OBJECTION; Member has right to make, when	4.1701, 5.204
PHYSICAL DISABILITY; Does not affect, of member	4.307, 4.1604
RESERVED OF LODGE; Described and enumerated	4.902, 4.903
RESERVED OF LODGE; Grand Lodge may not infringe,	
but	3.102(1), 3.305, 4.902
TRIAL; Is inherent and inviolable	4.902(3), 6.201
VISITATION; Who are entitled, by virtue of office.....	3.401(5), 3.1005
RING, WARR SIGNET: Presenting to Grand Master, part of installation	3.1207
RITUAL: See Work.....	Index page 69
ROLL-CALL, GRAND LODGE:	
DEMAND FOR; Must occur if representatives of five Lodges	
make	2.104(4), 3.1205
RULES; Governing	3.210
ROOM: LODGE ; See Hall, Lodge.....	Index page 34
ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER: See Higher Bodies.....	Index page 34
RULES OF ORDER: GRAND LODGE; For use by	Title 2, Chap. 2
RULINGS: See Decisions.....	Index page 17

SAINT JOHN'S DAY:

ANOTHER TIME; May be observed at	4.1108
BUSINESS; What, may be done on.....	4.1107
PUBLIC CELEBRATION; Collection for W. & O. Fund proper at.....	7.105
SUNDAY; If on, may be observed then.....	4.1107
U. D. LODGE; May celebrate, but	4.108(f)
WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' DAY; June 24 to be observed as.....	7.105

SALARY:

GRAND SECRETARY; Grand Lodge fixes from time to time.....	3.703
GRAND TREASURER; Grand Lodge fixes from time to time.....	3.703
OFFICER OF LODGE; Bylaws must specify, if any and how changes may be made in.....	4.1902

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION:

CUSTODIANS; May be held by	3.1005
HOLDING; Is compliance with section requiring monthly lecture.....	4.1515

SCOTTISH RITE: See Higher Bodies.....Index page 34

SCRUPLES: RELIGIOUS, Ritual may not be changed because of.....4.1510

SEAL:

CERTIFICATES; To widow or orphan, may show	4.1811
DEMIT; Absence of, does not invalidate	5.102
FACSIMILE; Printed, not valid when seal required	4.115
LODGE; Must possess, and use, unless	4.115
SUMMONS; Must be attached to, when.....	4.2101
U. D. LODGE; Not required to obtain, or use.....	4.115

SECOND DEGREE: Master Masons' Lodge not necessary for.....4.1513

SECRECY:

BOND; Bylaws may require.....	4.1903
BOND; Lodge may enforce.....	4.1903
CONFERENCE; Authorized and defined.....	3.206
DEMIT; When may be granted to	4.601
DUTIES; Defined.....	4.601, 6.609, 6.610, 6.617
FAILURE; To settle and turn over books is Masonic offense	6.204(7)
MINUTES; See Minutes.....	Index page 44
NAME AND ADDRESS; To be published in Proceedings	4.311
RECORD OF TRIAL; Character of, required	6.609, 6.610, 6.617
RECORD OF TRIAL; Not mandatory to furnish copy to defendant	6.711
RESIGNATION; Permissible if necessary	4.601
RETURNS; See Returns.....	Index page 58
SUMMONS; Must sign, when issued by order of Lodge	4.2101
TERM OF OFFICE; Holds until successor installed	4.303
TRIAL; Duties during	6.617
VACANCY; See Vacancy in office.....	Index page 65

SECRET ORDERS:

ACTION TAKEN BY OTHERS; Should not influence Masonic trial	6.112
FUNERAL; Procession may be joint with, but.....	4.2207
HALL; Joint use of, with other, permissible but inadvisable	4.1113
MEMBERSHIP; In others not a bar.....	4.1303

-
- SECTIONS: DEGREES;** All lecturers of each, must be given..... 4.1507
- SENIOR GRAND WARDEN:** See Warden.....Index page 34
- SENIOR WARDEN:** See Warden.....Index page 67
- SENTENCE:** See Award.....Index page 5
- SERMON: PROCESSION TO HEAR;** Permissible when..... 4.2301, 4.2302
- SERVICE:**
- CHARGES; How procured 6.606, 6.613, 6.614
 - CHARGES; May not be in newspaper 4.2101, 6.613
 - FUNERAL; Only adopted, may be used..... 4.2207
 - MEMORIAL; See Memorial Service.....Index page 43
 - PAYMENT FOR; May not be demanded, unless 4.801
 - RELIGIOUS; Procession to attend, permissible when..... 4.2301, 4.2302
 - SUMMONS; How procured..... 4.2101, 6.606, 6.613, 6.614
- SEVERANCE: BALLOT;** May be collective but must be severed if..... 4.2003(1)
- SIDE DEGREES:** Grand Lodge does not recognize..... 3.309
- SIGHT: MAKING MASONS AT;** Is prerogative of Grand Master ... 3.401(14), 4.1501
- SIGNATURE:**
- CANDIDATES; Rules governing..... 4.1301, 4.1304
 - CHARGES; Indispensable to..... 6.508
 - DEMIT; Of Master on, is not indispensable..... 5.102
 - PETITION; Must be in full to 4.1304, 5.113, 6.801
 - RETURNS; Lodge penalized for failure of, to show 4.1004
- SLANDER:**
- JUSTIFICATION; Valid plea against charge of, when 6.204(5)
 - MASONIC OFFENSE; Of Mason or profane, is a..... 6.204(5)
- SOCIETY:** See Club.....Index page 13
- SOJOURNER:**
- CHARITY; Rules governing 5.301, 5.302
 - FUNERAL: What Lodge should give..... 4.2204, 4.2205
 - PENAL JURISDICTION: Lodge has, over 5.108, 6.402
- SOLICITATION:**
- GRAND LODGE OFFICE; Condemned 3.1201
 - OFFICE: Representatives to use Masonry for..... 4.1302
- SORROW: LODGE OF,** Permissible 4.2209
- SPEAKING: PUBLIC,** Procession to, not permissible 4.2302
- SPECIFICATIONS:**
- RULES; Governing Title 6, Chap. 5
 - VOTE; Must be separate on each..... 6.613
- STANDARD FORMS:** Must be used..... 4.1003

STANDARDS OF MEMBERSHIP: Grand Lodge may fix.....	4.902
STANDING, GOOD:	
AVOUCHMENT; Includes.....	5.205, 5.207
CERTIFICATE OF; See Certificate of Good Standing.....	Index page 10
DEFINED; And described	5.105
ILLEGAL INFLICTION OF PENALTY; Not affected by.....	4.1808
OMISSION OF NAME FROM ROLL; Does not alone affect.....	4.1601, 4.1808
SUSPENSION OF CHARTER; Affects, of members in, when.....	4.203
STANDING COMMITTEES:	
GRAND LODGE; Enumerated.....	Titled 4, Chap. 9
LODGE; Those required by its bylaws	4.801
STATED MEETINGS; See Meetings, Stated.....	Index page 40
STATE OF THE CRAFT COMMITTEES	3.903
STATE LINES:	
PENAL JURISDICTION; Defined.....	6.402
TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; Rules governing	Title 4, Chap. 12
STAY:	
PROCEEDINGS IN LODGE; Grand Master may grant, until	6.703
PUNISHMENT; Appeal does not ast as, except	6.715
STEWARDS: Index same as for Deacon.....	Index page 17
STRANGER:	
ADMITTANCE TO LODGE; Rules re.....	4.1105, Title 5, Chap. 2
CHARITY TO; Rules re.....	5.303
STRIKE MASON: ATTEMPT TO; Masonic offense.....	6.205
SUCCESSION:	
GRAND LODGE OFFICE; Defined	2.105(2), 3.211
LODGE OFFICE; Defined	4.502, 4.702
SUICIDE:	
FUNERAL OF; Lodge decides re giving.....	4.2203
WIDOWS AND ORPHANS OF; Do not lose rights	5.304
SUMMONS:	
ACCUSED; Must be issued to, and how must be served.....	6.606, 6.613-14
ANSWER TO; Rules governing	4.2104, 4.2105
BYLAWS; Unnecessary to consider change in.....	4.1902
EXCUSE; Brother may be excused by Worshipful Master or Lodge	4.2104
FORM; Described, with rules governing	4.2101
GRAND MASTER; May issue, to convene Lodge.....	3.401(5)
ISSUANCE; Is prerogative of Worshipful Master.....	4.403, 4.2102
OBEY; Every Mason must	4.2104, 6.204(6)
RESIDENT MEMBER; Defined.....	6.402
TRIAL; Must be to all resident members for, except.....	4.2103
USE OF; When may and when must be employed	4.2102, 4.2103

SUNDAY:

CORNER STONE; May not be laid on	3.401(7)
FUNERAL SERVICE; May be held on.....	4.1107
MEETINGS OF LODGES; May not be held on, except	4.1107
MEMORIAL SERVICE; May be held on	4.1107
ST. JOHN'S DAY; June 24 or December 27-When may be observed	4.1108

SUPPLIES: GRAND LODGE AND GRAND OFFICERS; Grand Secretary

to purchase.....	3.704
------------------	-------

SUPREME BEING: BELIEF IN; Necessary for petition..... 4.1302**SUSPENSION:**

APPEAL; Does not act as stay of	6.703
APPEARANCE IN LODGE; Suspended, may not sit in Lodge	6.307
BYLAW, OF; Not permissible on any pretense.....	4.1902
CHARGES OF; End prosecution.....	6.508
CHARTER; See Charter, Arrest or Suspension.....	Index page 12
CORRECTION; Inflicted by erroneous vote, may be corrected	3.401(10)
DUES; Payment of amount due at time of, to be retained.....	4.1809
DUES; May not be charged during term of	4.1806
DUES; Dropping from roll, illegal except	4.1808
DUES; If erroneous, how may be corrected.....	4.1808
DUES; If irregularly done, Grand Lodge dues to be paid	4.1808
EDICTS OF; Grand Master may not authorize.....	3.402(1)
EFFECTIVE DATE	6.603-4, 6.613, 6.715
EFFECTIVE OD; Defined.....	6.305
EMBLEM; Suspended Mason no right to wear	6.204(14)
FUNERAL; Suspended member not entitled to	4.2203
INDIGENT MEMBERS; Dues should be remitted	4.1807
INHERENT RIGHT; Lodge has, to inflict	4.902(5)
LODGE FUNCTION; May be only by Grand Master	
or Grand Lodge	3.401(6), 4.203, 4.405
MEMBERSHIP FROM; Grand Master may not order, without trial	3.402(7)
NEW OFFENSE; Suspended Mason may be tried for.....	6.402, 6.617
NOTIFICATION; Member may not receive, in Lodge, but.....	6.307
OBJECTOR; Suspension of, removes objection.....	4.1703
PER CAPITA TO GRAND LODGE; Relieves Lodge of.....	4.1801
PUBLICATION; May be made known how and when	4.1008, 6.308
RECONSIDERATION; Not permissible, except.....	6.806
REMOVAL; In case of, jurisdiction not lost over suspended	6.802
RESTORATION; See Restoration.....	Index page 57
REVERSAL, GRAND LODGE; Annuls sentence	6.716
STATUS; Of suspended Mason defined.....	6.305
TERM OF; Begins when	6.603-4, 6.715
U. D. LODGE; Has power to inflict	4.108(e)
VISIT; Suspended, not permitted to	5.201, 5.205, 5.208, 6.307
VOID; When irregularly imposed.....	4.1808
VOTE; Necessary to inflict.....	4.2002(3), 6.618
WITNESS; Suspended Mason may testify how.....	6.617
WORSHIPFUL MASTER OF; Procedure for	6.502, 6.603

SYNOPSIS: PROCEEDINGS; Must be mailed to and read by lodge when 4.1001

TAX:

- ASSESSMENT;.....3.302, 4.1805
- GRAND LODGE; See Dues, Grand Lodge, Per Capita.....Index page 22
- LODGE: State and Federal -filing and regulations4.416
- PRO RATA: Lodge may not assess4.1805

TECHNICALITIES:

- APPEAL; Not alone sufficient grounds for.....6.712
- TRIAL; Not affect decision6.712

TENNESSEE CRAFTSMAN: See Craftsman, Tennessee.....Index page 16

TESTIMONY: See Evidence.....Index page 25

THREAT: Is Masonic offense when 6.204(9)

TILER:

- BALLOT; Must be given opportunity to4.2004
- INDEX; Same as for Deacon.....Index page 17
- OBLIGATION OF; Should be part of visitor's examination5.206

TIME BETWEEN DEGREES: Twenty-eight days must elapse.....4.1506

TIME LIMIT: AFFILIATION: None 5.104, 5.112

TIME OF MEETING: See Meetings, Stated, Time of.....Index page 40

TITLE: QUESTIONS RE: Of property, Grand Master not to answer 3.401(13)

TRADUCTION:

- COURT EVIDENCE; Does not constitute.....6.112
- JUSTIFICATION; None, and may not be plead in defense.....6.202
- MASONIC ORDER: OF , is a Masonic offense..... 6.204(5)
- PROFANE; Of, is a Masonic offense 6.204(5)

TRANSCRIPT: TRIAL; Rules governing.....6.707, 6.7111

TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP: See Demit.....Index page 20

TREASURER:

- BOND; Bylaws may require4.1903
- BOND; Lodge may enforce4.1903
- DEMIT; May be granted to, when4.601
- DUTIES; Defined in Ceremony of Installation.....4.601
- FAILURE; To settle and turn over books, is Masonic offense..... 6.207(7)
- PAYMENT OF LODGE FUNDS; Master must authorize4.408
- RESIGNATION; Permissible if necessary4.601
- TERM OF OFFICE; Holds until successor installed4.303
- VACANCY; See Vacancy in Office.....Index page 65

TRIAL:

- ABSENCE OF ACCUSED; See Absence, Accused.....Index page 1
- ABSENCE OF DEFENDANT; Does not as a confession.....6.111
- ACCUSED; If fails to appear6.109
- ACCUSED; Must retire before vote6.618
- APPEAL; See Appeal, Penal.....Index page 4
- ATTORNEY; See Counsel.....Index page 16

TRIAL: — Continued	Paragraph
CHARGES; See Charges	Index page 10
COMMISSION; See Commission	Index page 14
COMMITTEE; See Committee, Subordinate Lodge, Trial	Index page 15
COURT, ACTION AND EVIDENCE; See Courts	Index page 16
DEFINED; And procedure outlined	Title 6, Chap. 6
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; Rules governing of	4.903(3), 4.1412
EVIDENCE; See Evidence	Index page 25
EXCUSE FROM VOTING; Does not prevent later participation in	6.618
EX PARTE; When may be conducted	6.109
GRAND LODGE; Powers of, re	3.304, 3.305, 6.603, 6.910
GRAND MASTER; May be tried by Grand Lodge	3.304
GUILT ADMITTED; Some evidence must still be taken	6.109, 6.606, 6.614
GUILT ADMITTED; Some punishment must be inflicted	6.618
INNOCENCE OF ACCUSED; Must be presumed	6.111
JUNIOR WARDEN; May act as counsel for accused when	6.606, 6.614
JURISDICTION; See Jurisdiction, Penal	Index page 37
MOTIVE OF ACCUSER; Should be considered proper	6.103
NEW; Grand Master may not grant	6.703
NEW; Only Grand Lodge may grant	6.703
NONPAYMENT OF DUES; See Dues, Nonpayment	Index page 22
NOTICE TO ACCUSED; Rules governing	6.606, 6.614
NOTICE TO MEMBERS; Rules governing	6.614
OATH; Improper in, even for profane	6.610, 6.617
OBJECT OF; Defined	6.610
PLEA; See Plea	Index page 51
PRESENCE OF ACCUSED; May retain until	6.618
PRESIDING; Worshipful Master, even	6.615
PROCEDURE; Necessary for	Title 6, Chap. 6
PROFANE EVIDENCE OF; May convict-how may be taken	6.113
PROOF TAKEN; Is property of Lodge and must be submitted	6.617
PROSECUTOR; Junior Warden should act as, but	4.504, 6.606, 6.614
RECORD; Character of, required	6.610, 6.617
RECORD; Not mandatory that transcript be furnished defendant	6.711
RIGHT OF; Is inherent and inviolable	4.902(3), 6.201
RIGHTS; Member may be deprived of, how	4.203, 4.1604
SENTENCE; See Award	Index page 5
SUBORDINATE LODGE; Is quasi committee and instrument in	3.304
SUMMONS; See Summons	Index page 61
TECHNICALITIES; Not to affect decision	6.712
TESTIMONY; See Evidence	Index page 25
TRANSCRIPT; Requirements re	6.707, 6.711
U. D. LODGE; May occur in	4.108(e)
VENUE; May not be changed	6.607
VERDICT; See Award	Index page 5
VISITOR; Any member, including accused, may object to	5.204
VOTE; See Charges, Vote	Index page 11
WITNESS; See Witness	Index page 68
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; See Worshipful Master, Trial	Index page 70
 TRUSTEES:	
LODGE, Index same as for Chaplin	Index page 10
POWERS OF, Bylaws should fix	4.301
PROPERTY OF LODGE; May not determine use of, unless	4.1113
W. & O. HOME FUND; Grand Master and Grand Wardens are, of	7.101

U. D. LODGE:

AFFILIATION; May be with.....	4.108(b)
BYLAWS; May adopt Uniform Code.....	4.112
BYLAWS; Must submit, to Grand Lodge when.....	4.112
CHARTER GRANT; Continues dispensation until	4.109
CHARTER REFUSED; Status of members and property.....	4.109
CONSENT TO; May be given by majority vote.....	4.2002(4)
CONSENT TO; What Lodges must agree	2.106(2)
DEMIT; Not required from original Lodges to petition.....	4.104
DEMIT; May not grant	4.108(h)
DISPENSATION; Fee to Grand Lodge	4.103
DISPENSATION; May be revoked any time	4.109
DISPENSATION; If not revoked, remains in force until.....	4.109
DUES; See Dues, U. D. Lodge.....	Index page 23
DUES, GRAND LODGE; Should pay on whom.....	4.1802
FORMATION; Rules governing	Title 4, Chap.1
GRAND MASTER; Duty and prerogative re	3.401(4)
HALL; That suitable, secured must be stated and certified.....	4.1202
MINUTES; Not to receive charter unless, properly kept	4.109
NAME; Not to be of a living person, or existing Lodge	4.107
OFFICERS; If change is desired in, Lodge must notify Grand Lodge.....	4.114
PETITION FOR; How may be changed after dispensation granted.....	4.104
PETITION FOR; Who may not sign	4.109
PETITION FOR; Must be recommended by	2.106(2)
POWERS; Described.....	4.709
PROCESSION; Not permissible by, except	4.108(f)
REPRESENTATIVE; May have, to Grand Lodge, but	4.108(g)
RESTORATION; In or by U. D. Or parent Lodge restores in both	6.805
ST. JOHN'S DAY; May celebrate, but.....	4.108(f)
SEAL; Not required to obtain, or use.....	4.115
SIGNATORY, NON-AFFILIATE; Not liable for back dues.....	4.1802
SUSPENSION; Membership of signatory for, in abeyance during.....	4.111
VOTE; All members may, not signatories only	4.1604
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Need not have served as Warden	4.401

UNMASONIC CONDUCT:

DETERMINED; By act, not motive	6.201
MASONIC OFFENSE; Is not necessarily a	6.201

USE OF MASONRY: For personal gain, condemned.....4.1302

VACANCY IN OFFICE:

APPOINTIVE; How can occur and be filled.....	4.602
APPOINTMENT; Grand Master may not make in constituted Lodge.....	3.402(3)
ELECTIVE; How can occur and be filled	4.410, 4.505, 4.601
ELECTIVE; New may be elected , except	4.302, 4.410, 4.505
MEMBERS OTHER LODGES; May be filled temporarily with	4.404
SECRETARY OR TREASURER; How can occur and be filled.....	4.601
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Can occur only by filled	4.410, 4.505

VENUE: May be changed.....6.607

VERDICT: See Award.....Index page 5

VIRGINIA; Re jurisdiction of Lodges near line6.402

VISITATION:

CHARTER SUSPENDED; Privilege of member re, not affected by	4.203
DEFUNCT LODGE; Members of, have privilege how long	4.204
DEMIT; Limitation of holder of, re	5.108
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER; Expected to visit Lodges	3.501
DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE; Not alone sufficient for	5.206, 5.207
ENTERED APPRENTICES AND FELLOW CRAFTS; Have right of, when	4.1404
ENTITLED TO; Who by virtue of office	401(5), 3.1005
GRAND MASTER; Duty to visit Lodges	3.401(5)
NON-AFFILIATE; Privilege limited to one year	5.104
PRIVILEGE; Defined as, and not right	5.201
REFUSAL TO PERMIT; May not be appealed	5.202
RULES GOVERNING; Prescribed	Title 5, Chap. 2
SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED MASON; Not permitted	5.203, 5.206, 5.208

VISITOR:

ANNOUNCEMENT OF; When should not be made	4.1105
AVOUCHMENT; Rules governing	Title 5, Chap.2
EXAMINATION; Rules governing	Title 5, Chap.2
EXCLUSION OF; Rules governing	Title 5, Chap.2
GRAND; See Grand Visitors	Index page 33

VOCATION; Grand Lodge may ban certain	4.902
--	-------

VOTE:

ACCUSED PRESENT; May remain in trial until, but	6.618
ACCUSER; May not vote in trial	6.618
BALLOT; See Ballot	Index page 5
BLANK BALLOT SLIPS; Must be counted	4.2003(2), 4.201(2)
BURIAL OF NON-AFFILIATE ; Necessary for	4.2001, 4.2003
CHARGES; See Charges, Vote	Index page 11
CHARTER SURRENDER ; Majority, necessary for	4.201(2), 4.2002(4)
CIVIL; Right to, not necessary qualification of candidate	4.1303
CONSTITUTION; Necessary for change in	2.107(2)
COUNSEL; For either side may, in trial, if	6.618
DUES IN ARREARS; Right of, not affected by	4.1604
ELECTION LODGE OFFICERS; Rules governing ,re	4.306
ENTERED APPRENTICE OR FELLOW CRAFT; Not entitled to	4.1601
ERRONEOUS; When may and may not be corrected	3.401(10), 4.2004, 4.2005
EXCHANGE COURTESY; Necessary to agree to	4.1509, 4.2002(4)
EXCUSE FROM; Does not prevent later participation in trial	6.618
GRAND LODGE; In case of tie Grand Master decides, except	3.401(1)
GRAND LODGE; Necessary to change Edicts, etc	2.107(1), 2.107(2), 3.306
GRAND LODGE, ELECTION AND ROLL-CALL; Rules governing	3.1204, 3.1205
HONORARY MEMBERS; Not entitled to	4.1601
LEGAL; When must be done to	4.2001
MAJORITY; See Majority	Index page 41
MEETINGS STATED; If two per month, rules re	4.1103
METHODS OF; Defined	4.2003
NEW; When may and may not be taken	4.2005, 4.2008, 6.618
NEW LODGE; Majority consents to formation of	4.2008, 6.618
PLACE OF MEETING, CHANGE IN; Majority decides re	4.2002(4)
PROFICIENCY OF CANDIDATE; Rules governing	4.1410, 4.1411
PROXY; May not be done by	4.2001

- VOTE: — Continued**.....Paragraph
- PUNISHMENT; Required for various..... 4.2002(3), 6.618
- RECOMMENDATION; For Restoration by Grand Lodge..... 6.802
- REQUIRED; For various Lodge acts.....4.2002
- RESTORATION; When and how must be taken and majority
4.2002(3), 6.802, 6.804
- RIGHT AND DUTY; Of every member, when..... 4.1604, 4.2005, 6.618
- RIGHT OF; How member may be deprived of.....4.1604
- RULES; Governing Title 4, Chap.20
- SPECIFICATIONS; Must be separate on each.....6.618
- TRIAL; See Charges, Vote.....Index page 11
- U. D. LODGES; All members may, not signatories only.....4.1604
- VIVA VOCE; When permissible..... 4.2003(3)
- WAIVER OF JURISDICTION; Method of granting..... 4.2003(1)
- WITHDRAWAL OF PETITION; Rules governing..... 4.1307, 4.2002(1)
- WORSHIPFUL MASTER; Has right of, on all questions4.1604
- VOUCHER:** See Avouchment.....Index page 5
- WAIVER:** See Jurisdiction, Waiver.....Index page 38
- WAR:**
- ALIEN ENEMY; Not to be made a Mason during4.1303
- CONTINUES; Legally, until treaty of peace4.1303
- STATUS OF MEMBER; Not affected by4.1303
- WARDEN:**
- ACTING WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May not be tried by Lodge.....4.506
- APPOINTMENT, TEMPORARY; From other Lodges, permissible.....4.404
- DEMIT; When may be granted.....4.506
- DUTIES; Defined..... 4.501, 4.502
- ELIGIBILITY; Who may be elected4.304
- GRAND; See Grand Warden.....Index page 34
- GRAND LODGE; Is member of 3.102(4)
- INSTALLATION; May not perform4.309
- JUNIOR; Proper officer to prefer charges, usually..... 4.504, 6.504, 6.510
- JUNIOR; May act as counsel for accused, when 6.606, 6.614
- JUNIOR; Usually, but not necessarily acts as prosecutor..... 4.504, 6.504, 6.510
- PRESIDES; In absence or disability of.....4.502
- REPRESENTATIVE; Their prerogative to act as3.102(4), 4.503
- RESIGNATION; When permitted.....4.505
- SERVICE TO FILL VACANCY; Does not make him Past Master4.701
- SUCCESSION; Rules governing.....4.502
- SUCCESSION; Not become Master when latter fails to be installed.....4.308
- TERM OF OFFICE; Begins immediately after installation4.308
- TERM OF OFFICE; Continues until successor installed.....4.308
- TRIAL; May be tried by Lodge, except.....4.506
- VACANCY; See Vacancy in Office.....Index page 65
- WARR, A. V.;** SIGNET RING; Presenting, part of installation of3.1207
- WASHINGTON, GEORGE;** MASONIC BIRTHDAY; Procession
permissible.....4.2302
- WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:**
See Committee, Grand Lodge.....Index page 14

WIDOWS:

CERTIFICATE; When and in what form may be issued to	4.1811
CHARITY; See Charity, Family	Index page 12
NON-AFFILIATE; Has claim for charity on whom	5.109
REMARRIAGE; To profane, loses claim on Fraternity	5.304
SUICIDE; Widow of, does not lose rights	5.304
W. & O. HOME FUND; Who are eligible for assistance	5.109, 7.107

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME FUND:

ACCOUNTS OF; Combined with those of Old Masons' Home	7.101
ASSISTANCE BY; Rules governing	7.107, 7.108, 7.109
BEQUESTS; Rules governing	7.105
BOARD OF CONTROL; See Board of Control	Index page 7
BOOKS OF; To be audited annually	7.104
COLLECTIONS FOR; When may and should be taken	7.105
CONTRIBUTIONS TO; Rules governing	7.105
CONTROL; Ownership and management	7.101, 7.102
CORPORATION; Is a	7.101
ENDOWMENT FUND; See Endowment Fund	Index page 24
FAMILY; Unworthy, of deceased member, has no claim for charity	5.304
FUNDS; Rules re expenditures	7.106
NEEDS; Lecturers to inform Lodges re	3.1103
NON-AFFILIATE; Widow and orphans, not eligible	5.109, 7.107
OBLIGATION RE; Reminder of	5.301
OLD MASON'S HOME; Rules governing	7.101
PENALTIES; For making imperfect returns accrue to	4.1004
PENALTIES; For conferring successive degrees in less than 28 days accrue to	4.1506
PURPOSE OF; Outlined	7.101
RULES; May not be waived, even by Grand Master	7.106
TRUSTEES; Grand Master and Wardens	7.101

WIFE: WITNESS; Competent	6.113
---------------------------------------	--------------

WITHDRAWAL;

BLACK BALL; Rules governing	4.2005, 4.2007, 4.2009
MEMBERSHIP; Rules governing	5.101-5.108
OBJECTION; May not be conditional	4.1703
OBJECTION; Procedure which follows	4.1703
PETITION; See Petition, Withdrawal	Index page 51

WITNESS:

ACCUSED; Is competent as	6.110
ATHEIST; Incompetent as	6.610, 6.617
COMPETENCY; Rules of municipal law safe guide in determining	6.610
COUNSEL; May be required to testify, unless	6.110
EXAMINATION OF; When and how conducted	6.113, 6.610, 6.617
OATH; Improper, even for profane	6.610, 6.617
PROFANE; How may be used as	6.113
SUMMONS; May be issued to	4.2102
SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED MASON; How may testify	6.113
WIFE; Competent as	6.113
WORSHIPFUL MASTER; May be required to testify, unless	6.110

WORK:

ACCURACY; Purpose of Custodians to preserve	3.1001
AMOUNT TO BE DONE; At one time and at one meeting	4.1507
CALLED MEETING; May be done at, any time except Sunday	4.403, 4.1107, 4.1108
CEREMONIAL; Custodians may publish	4.1511
CHANGE; Grand Master may not authorize	3.401(2)
CHANGE; When may not be made in	4.1509
CHANGE IN RITUAL, UNAUTHORIZED; To be reported	3.1008
CIPHERS; Use of, cause for penalty and arrest of charter	4.1511
CIPHERS; Lecturers to report re	3.1103
FAILURE TO USE ADOPTED; To be reported	3.1008
FOREIGN LODGE; Exchange of degree teams permissible, but	4.1512
FOREIGN LODGE; How request re, may be made to or by	4.1509
FORM; May be established by Grand Lodge	3.307
GRAND LODGE; To be exemplified before each, by whom	3.1004
LANGUAGE AND METHODS; What must be used in	4.1510
LECTURERS; See Lecturers	Index page 39
POSTPONEMENT; Part of degree may not be postponed, except	4.1507
POWER TO PERFORM; By Lodge, is constitutional	4.903(2)
QUESTIONS RE; To be answered by whom	3.402(8), 3.1001
REHEARSAL OF; Where may be done	4.1112
TEACHING; System of	3.1005, 3.1103
TEACHING; Authorized, by holders of certificates	3.1007
YORK RITE RITUAL; Only, may be used, when	4.1510

WORSHIPFUL MASTER:

APPEAL; See Appeal, Penal, worshipful Master	Index page 4
APPOINTMENT; See Vacancy in Office	Index page 65
CHARGES AGAINST; Procedure	6.502
CHARITY; May not dispense, without consent of Lodge, unless	5.303
CHARTER; Is custodian of and must see that it is present	4.408
CHARTER; May not withhold	4.408
CLOSE LODGE; May, at will, how	4.405
COMMITTEE; Appointment of, is his prerogative	4.407, 4.801
COMMITTEE; Is ex officio member of	4.407
DEATH OF; In case of, Senior Warden must serve as, unless filled by election	4.502
DECISION; May not be appealed to or discussed by Lodge	4.412
DECISION; When may not be appealed	4.2005
DECISION; Lodge may appeal from, except	4.903(4)
DEFUNCT LODGE; Status of when serving, at time of charter arrest	4.701
DEGREE; May refuse to confer, notwithstanding	4.407
DEGREE; May designate another to confer	4.1512
DEMIT; May not be issued to	4.410
DEMIT; May not order issued except in open Lodge	5.102
DISCUSSION; Regulates, and may close debate and put question	4.405
DISCUSSION; May discuss all questions without leaving chair	4.405
DRAFTS ON TREASURER; To be signed by	4.408
DUES; May not be suspended for nonpayment of	4.411
ELIGIBILITY; Rules governing	4.401, 4.402
ELIGIBILITY; Service as Warden in foreign Lodge not qualify	4.401
ELIGIBILITY; May reside elsewhere, even in another state	4.402
EXCLUSION; May inflict, as punishment, how and when	6.303
IGNORANCE; Will not excuse violation of Masonic law	4.412
INSTALLATION; Has right to install successor	4.309

WORSHIPFUL MASTER: — Continued	Paragraph
MEETING, CALLED; May call or summon, at any time.....	4.403, 4.2102
MEETING STATED; May not change time of.....	4.1102
MINUTES; See Minutes.....	Index page 44
NAME AND ADDRESSES; To be published in proceedings	4.311
OFFICERS; Are accountable to.....	4.2102
OFFICERS; If appointive, must appoint and may remove.....	4.602
ORDER OF BUSINESS; Controls	4.406
PAST MASTER'S DEGREE; See Past Master's Degree.....	Index page 49
PETITION, IRREGULAR; May arrest.....	4.407
PRESIDING; Has right of, even	4.403, 6.615
PREVIOUS ACTION OF LODGE; May not declare null and void, if.....	4.413
PROCESSION; Controls	4.2301
REMOVAL FROM OFFICE; May be by Grand Master	3.401(6)
REPRESENTATIVE; Prerogative to act as.....	3.102(2), 4.409
RESIGNATION; Not permissible.....	4.410
RESTORATION OF; May be only by Grand Lodge.....	6.801
RULINGS OF FORMER MASTER; May not set aside, if.....	4.413
SIGNATURE, DEMIT; Not indispensable.....	5.102
SUMMONS; May issue	4.403, 4.2101
SUMMONS; May excuse from	4.2104
TERM; Begins immediately after installation.....	4.308
TERM; Continues until successor installed	4.303
TRANSCRIPT; Duty of, re	2.106(5), 6.711
TRIAL; His duty to see that it is fair.....	6.615
TRIAL; Should not participate in, except to preside.....	6.615
TRIAL; Presides at, even	4.403, 6.615
TRIAL; May be compelled to testify in, unless	6.110
TRIAL; Is exempt from, by Lodge	3.304, 4.411
TRIAL OF; Procedure	6.603
U. D. LODGE; Need not have served as Warden	4.401
VACANCY; See Vacancy in Office.....	Index page 65
VISITATION; Duties and prerogatives re	5.202, 5.206
VOTE; May, on all questions	4.1604
WAIVER OF JURISDICTION; May not issue	4.1407
WITNESS; Has power to summon	4.2101, 4.2102