

such companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch Masonic function for the period whilst such craft suspension or expulsion continues in force. But he shall not, neither shall any companion, under any circumstances, be suspended or expelled, until he shall have been summoned to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, and afforded every opportunity of defending himself, either in Grand Chapter as aforesaid, or before other duly constituted authority."

No Insurance.

The loss by fire of Lodge furniture, Regalia, &c., and *no insurance*, is a calamity which we regret to say is not unfrequent. We have continually to record in our Canadian news such occurrences,—it will therefore not be inopportune for us to say a few words of caution and warning to those by whose neglect the loss was incurred—for want of insurance.

According to the Constitution, the books, jewels, and furniture of the Lodge are vested in the Master and Wardens, and they are therefore responsible for their safe keeping, and are bound to use all reasonable care and diligence in their preservation. As Trustees, they are required to make necessary provision against loss, and we hold that it is their duty to see that a proper insurance is effected upon the property entrusted to their care. We have examined the By-laws of several Lodges, and we find a special direction to that effect—that the Master shall annually insure the property of the Lodge for such sum as the Lodge shall direct. When such special provision for insurance is made, there is no difficulty in placing the responsibility on the right shoulders, should a loss occur. The necessity for insuring the furniture, jewels, &c., of the Lodge, has

been frequently referred to by the Board of General Purposes, and, without presuming to dictate to the M. W. the Grand Master, we suggest that he should refuse to approve any code of By-laws which does not require the Master of the Lodge to insure the property of the Lodge. Let every Master see that the Lodge furniture, &c., is insured, even should their By-laws not specially provide for it; and then we will not so often hear of applications to Grand Lodge for remission of dues, on the ground that the Lodge has sustained a heavy loss by fire, on which there was *no insurance*.

Affiliation.

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Affiliation is the term used to imply the reception by a Lodge among its members of one who is already a Mason. Masons, when they join a Lodge, are "affiliated"; others are initiated. Applicants for affiliation are said to be "admitted" as members. Candidates for initiation are "received."

A Mason may affiliate with (or join) any Lodge that is willing to receive him. His application for affiliation must be presented to the Lodge at a regular meeting, and in open Lodge. His name, occupation and residence, and the name and number of the Lodge of which he is or was last a member, or in which he was initiated, are to be inserted in the summons sent to all the members of the Lodge for the next regular meeting. There must be an interval of at least four weeks between the reception of the application and the ballot thereon.