

to what may be received for Charter Fees, etc., to meet the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge for the current year, and the amount so estimated shall be assessed upon each Subordinate Lodge in proportion to the number of its members returned at the quarterly report thereof. Such assessments shall be paid by the Lodges quarterly, on the first of February, May, August and November of each year, and shall be forwarded by the Deputy of each Lodge to the Grand Secretary, and shall be sent in registered letters, or in the shape of money orders, otherwise the Grand Lodge will not be responsible for moneys claimed to be sent but not received.

Charters.

Article 14. When a Charter is granted for the organization of a new Lodge, such Lodge shall receive its instructions from the Grand Chief Templar or Deputy Grand Chief Templar, and if a special Deputy be appointed, he shall be a Chief Templar or a Past Chief Templar. An application for a Charter shall be presented to the Deputy Grand Chief Templar of the District in which such Lodge is to be located; and if approved by him the application and charter fee, which shall be Twelve Dollars and a certificate of approval shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, when a Charter may be issued in accordance with the Constitution. If the Deputy shall disapprove of the application he shall nevertheless transmit the same and the Charter fee to the Grand Secretary, accompanying them with a statement of his reasons for disapproval, for the consideration of the Grand Chief Templar or Grand Secretary. The supplies to accompany a Charter shall include, in addition to those necessary for the organization of a Lodge, a copy of Roberts' Digest.

Trial of Subordinate Lodges.

Article 15. Before any Lodge can be put on trial, charges duly specifying the offence shall be preferred to the Grand Lodge by the proper Deputy Grand Chief Templar of another Lodge, or by any member of the Grand Lodge, a copy of which shall be served on the said Lodge; and its answer, together with the charges, shall be handed to the Deputy Grand Chief Templar, and by him sent to the Grand Secretary, when the Executive Committee shall take such action as to them shall seem expedient. This rule shall not interfere with the powers of the Grand Lodge Executive, as defined in Section 5, Article VII., Grand Lodge Constitution.

Suspension of Subordinate Lodges.

Article 16. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to hold meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by the Constitution, for one year, shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its Charter shall be forfeited.

Certificates to Members of Extinct Lodges.

Article 17. Before granting certificates of membership to members of extinct Lodges, the Grand Secretary shall require a recommendation from the Deputy of such extinct Lodge, or some other Deputy in the district, or other satisfactory evidence.

Restoration of Charters

Article 18. Applications for restoration of Charters of extinct Lodges must be accompanied with satisfactory evidence that a fair opportunity has been given to all who were members in good standing at the time the same became extinct to petition therefor.

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