

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1.—STANDING COMMITTEES,

Clause 1.—The Elective Grand Officers, exclusive of the Grand Representatives, shall constitute an Advisory Board, who shall meet on the summons of the Grand Master, the duty of which shall be to render assistance and advice to the Grand Master, on such matters as he shall deem it necessary in the discharge of his official duties, to introduce and submit to its notice and consideration, during the recess of the Grand Lodge.

Clause 2.—The following Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of each Annual Session to serve until their successors shall be appointed, unless sooner discharged by vote of the Grand Lodge :—

- Committee on Credentials ;
- Committee on Returns ;
- Committee on Finance ;
- Committee on Laws of Subordinates ;
- Committee on Appeals.

Clause 3.—The Committee on Credentials shall be composed of three Members who shall report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the qualification of Brothers claiming admission as Representatives, and on the validity of their Credentials.

Clause 4.—The Committee on Returns shall consist of three Members, and shall examine and report to this Grand Lodge, without delay, on the regularity of the Returns of Subordinate Lodges.

Clause 5.—The Committee on Finance shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to examine all accounts and claims against this Grand Lodge, previous to their being ordered for payment ; to examine, at each Regular Session, all financial books and accounts of this Grand Lodge, and report thereon ; and to suggest such measures of finance as they may find to be expedient and necessary.

Clause 6.—The Committee on Appeals shall be composed of at least one member from each Subordinate Lodge represented, to whom shall be referred all Appeals and Grievances from Subordinate Lodges, or from members thereof, (unless in the case of charges against members of this