

32. When any Knight Templar, after due trial, shall be found guilty of conduct unbecoming a Knight Templar, punishment shall follow, which shall be proportionate to the offence.

33. When any Knight Templar shall have been suspended by a Preceptory, he shall be notified of such action by the Registrar, who shall immediately report the same to the Grand Chancellor. When any Frater shall have been acquitted, he shall be notified of the same by the Presiding Preceptor in open Preceptory as well as by the Registrar in writing.

PUNISHMENT.

34. The punishment which shall be inflicted by chartered Preceptories for conduct unbecoming a Knight Templar, after due trial and conviction, shall be in the discretion of the Preceptory either Indefinite Suspension, Definite Suspension, or Reprimand.

35. Suspension for any offence subjects an offender, during such suspension, to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Order of the Temple to the offender and his family.

36. Suspension shall require the vote of a majority of the members present, and the penalty and the period of suspension may be voted upon together or separately; provided, that no definite suspension shall be voted for a longer time than three years, nor for a less time than three months.

37. Reprimand shall be the least Templar punishment, and shall only be inflicted after due trial and conviction, and when voted by a majority of the members present; the reprimand shall be administered in open Preceptory by the Presiding Preceptor.

APPEALS.

38. Any Knight Templar who has been subject to any of the foregoing proceedings of a Preceptory, or against whom charges have been presented, or his accuser, or any member of the Preceptory, has the right to appeal from any verdict or sentence therein in his case rendered or adjudged, and from any vote or decision of a Preceptory upon the subject of any charge, and such appeal may be made to the Supreme Grand Master or to the Sovereign Great Priory.

39. All appeals from any such verdict or sentence of a Preceptory shall be made in writing, and contain a statement of the case, the exceptions taken to the decision of a Preceptory appealed from, and the grounds upon which they are based. The appeal shall be filed with the Grand Chancellor thirty days prior to the next succeeding annual assembly of the Sovereign Great Priory, if possible.

40. The appellant shall give the Preceptory appealed from notice of his intention, within twenty-one days after receiving notice of its

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