

Section 5.—To hear and decide all charges and complaints against any officer of the Grand Lodge, and to inflict such punishment on the guilty as may appear just and proper.

Section 6.—To exercise all such powers and perform all such acts as by custom are exercised and performed by Grand Lodges within the ancient customs and landmarks of the fraternity.

ARTICLE VII.

DISPENSATIONS.

Section 1.—No dispensation for the formation of a new Lodge shall be granted, except upon the petition of seven Master Masons, in good standing, residing within this Grand Jurisdiction, in which their first Master and Wardens shall be nominated; said petition shall also set forth the name of the county and place; also that all the petitioners are residents within the proposed jurisdiction, that they have at their disposal a suitable room, with convenient ante-rooms for the practice of Masonic rites; which petition shall be accompanied by a recommendation from the Lodge nearest the place where the Lodge is to be holden, certifying to the truth of the statements contained in the petition, and that the brother named for Master is qualified to open and close a Lodge, and to confer the three degrees. All the petitioners shall sign their full names to said petition, and shall state therein the Lodge of which they are or were members. The limits of all petitioners for dispensation, except those holding membership in this jurisdiction, shall accompany said petition. The membership in this jurisdiction of a petitioner for a Lodge U. D. is in abeyance in the Lodge to which he belongs at the time of his application; if a warrant be granted in place of a dispensation his membership in his old Lodge thereby ceases; if the warrant be refused the brother is at once restored to his former membership. No dispensation for a new Lodge shall be issued unless each brother holding membership in this jurisdiction shall forward with the petition a certificate of the Secretary of the Lodge to which he belongs, that he is entirely clear of the books.

Section 2.—The fee for a dispensation for the institution of a new Lodge shall accompany the petition.

ARTICLE VIII.

CHARTERS.

Section 1.—No charter shall be issued to any new Lodge which has not worked under dispensation to the satisfaction of the Grand