

conclusive, and the punishment shall be expulsion.

Sec. 6. If a specific penalty for an offence be provided in the Constitution or By-Laws, the Noble Grand shall enforce it. If none be so provided, the Lodge shall decide, by paper ballot whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension, or reprimand and fine. During the ballot, the accused shall withdraw from the Lodge-room. The ballot shall be first taken on expulsion, and if it shall appear that two-thirds of the ballots are cast for expulsion such will be the penalty. If two-thirds of the ballots are not cast for expulsion, then the Lodge shall proceed to ballot for suspension, and if two-thirds of the ballots are cast for suspension, suspension shall be the penalty, and the Lodge shall proceed to fix the duration of such suspension, **which shall not exceed one year.** If neither expulsion nor suspension is determined as the penalty as above provided, then the penalty shall be reprimand, fine, or both, to be determined by a majority ballot; if fine is determined upon, then the Lodge shall fix the amount, not exceeding ten dollars; if reprimand is decided upon, then the accused shall be reprimanded in open Lodge by the acting Noble Grand.