

report on the same at the next stated communication, unless further time is granted by the presiding officer. If a favorable report is made the candidate shall be balloted for, but if report is unfavorable no ballot shall be taken but the candidate rejected.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1.—All ballots for degrees or membership shall be taken in open Lodge at a stated communication, and each and every member present shall vote, and none but the Master and Wardens shall inspect the ballot, and if found clear the candidate shall be declared elected, but if one black ball be cast he shall be declared rejected.

Sec. 2.—A rejected petitioner cannot again present his petition to the Lodge within twelve months of his rejection.

Sec. 3.—No member shall, for any cause or any pretense, disclose the rejection of any candidate to any person not a Mason under penalty of severe Masonic censure, and for a second offense suspension, and the Master, immediately on the rejection of a candidate, shall read or cause to be read this section of the By-Laws for the information of all present, and after a candidate has been rejected by the Master, no Brother shall make any motion, observation or debate thereon on a penalty of Masonic censure.

Sec. 4.—Each candidate initiated shall sign By-Laws adopted by the Lodge, and every member shall pay to the Secretary, on or before the first day of January of each year, the annual dues of two dollars and fifty cents for preceding year, and in case of change of residence shall notify the Secretary within ninety days.

Sec. 5.—The Secretary and Tyler shall be exempt from payment of all Lodge dues.