

*Resolved*, That the Master of all subordinate Lodges within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge be required, within three months after the close of this Grand Lodge, to give notice to all non-affiliated Masons within their jurisdiction to connect themselves with some Lodge, and if after such notice, they shall, for twelve months, fail to do so, said Subordinate Lodges shall expel such Masons from all the rights and privileges of Masonry."

Grand Lodges of other States have enacted laws similar to the resolution of the North Carolina Grand Lodge. In many instances non-affiliated Masons are subjected to the highest penalties known to Masonry, if they do not contribute to the support of the Grand or Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction in which they may reside; while others have, with a little more regard to the principles which ought to govern the craft, confined themselves to the passage of enactments depriving non-affiliates of the enjoyments of certain benefits.

In order that all whom it concerns may, at a glance, learn the action which has been taken by various Grand Lodges on this subject, and which, we think, will answer their several purposes, we present the following summary:

The Grand Lodge of *North Carolina* declares that a non-affiliated Mason shall not be permitted to visit the Lodge, or to join in procession; nor shall he be entitled to relief, or Masonic assistance, or burial.

*Virginia* declares that a non-affiliated Mason shall not be entitled to join in a Masonic procession, or to Masonic burial, or any pecuniary aid from a Lodge.

*South Carolina* prohibits them from visiting a Lodge more than once, without becoming a member of some regular Lodge under its jurisdiction, and withholds from them Masonic aid.

*Georgia* declares that Masons non-affiliated for twelve months shall not be permitted to visit any Lodge, nor be entitled to any of the benefits and privileges of Masonry.

*Alabama* say that a Mason should never be allowed a dimit without cause; he has no right to non-affiliate himself, and that none but affiliated Masons shall, in case of death, be buried with Masonic honors, or be entitled to Masonic charity.

*Mississippi* deprives non-affiliated Masons of the rights, benefits, and privileges of the Lodges; that is to say, the right to visit, the right to charitable aid, the right to join in processions and to Masonic burial.

*Louisiana* divests them of all the right to visit, to assist at any public ceremonies or processions, to Masonic burial, or to receive relief for themselves or families from the charity funds of the Society.

*Texas* instructs its Subordinate Lodges not to grant relief to non-affiliated Masons out of the Lodge funds, and refuses them the right to visit any Lodge more than three times.

*Arkansas* maintains that they have no right to visit a Lodge unless by consent of the same, with or without terms; nor to relief from the Lodge; nor to join her local processions; nor to Masonic burial.

*Missouri* declares that they shall have no claim or right to aid from the charity funds of the Grand Lodge or its Subordinates, nor shall they be permitted to visit a Lodge more than twice without the unanimous consent of the members.

*Tennessee* expresses the opinion of its Grand Lodge, that non-affiliated Masons are not entitled, as a matter of right, to the charities of the Society.