

without notice, or opportunity for cross-examination by the opposing party. Upon the report being made, notice thereof shall forthwith be given by the Secretary to the party against whom the verdict is rendered, and he or she shall have two weeks in which to file exceptions. If no exceptions are filed within two weeks, the Lodge shall proceed to pronounce judgment upon the verdict and affix the penalty. An appeal from the judgment of the Lodge may be taken at any time within two weeks thereafter, to the District Deputy President, and from that officer to the President of the Assembly, and therefrom to the Grand Lodge; and if no such appeal is taken, the judgment of the Lodge shall be final. When a bill of exception to the report of the committee is filed, the Lodge may determine upon its merits, and either sustain the report of the committee, or refer the same back to the same or another committee, or grant a new trial. If the Lodge deems the exceptions not well taken, it shall proceed to pronounce its judgment and affix the penalty.

Sec. 5. If the accused refuse or neglect to stand trial, when duly summoned, the committee shall report him or her guilty of contempt of the Lodge, which report shall be