

the expression of the Grand Chapter at its last Convocation against the organization of any more Chapters. We quote his decisions:—

"LENA CHAPTER, No. 105.—A Companion is notified to be present at a certain regular Convocation and pay dues; a notice is sent by mail to the Companion's last address and not returned; at the specified Convocation the Secretary makes a verbal statement of above facts; a Companion moves the delinquent Companion be suspended; it is put to vote and declared carried by a show of hands.

"Decision.—No written charges having been preferred, the action of the Chapter was void. The Companion is not legally suspended.

"No. 2.—Can a High Priest, after his retirement from the chair, be tried in his Chapter for any official act of his when he was High Priest?

"Decision.—No. He can only be tried by the Grand Chapter.

"No. 3.—Champaign Chapter, No. 50, at the request of Mt. Carmel Chapter, No. 159, gives permission to said Chapter to confer the M. E. and R. A. degrees upon a P. M. of Champaign Chapter without reservation,—where is his membership, and to which Chapter does the fee belong?

"Decision.—On signing the By-laws of Mt. Carmel Chapter he becomes a member of it, and said Chapter is alone entitled to the fee.

"No. 4.—Can an honorary member be legally elected to an office of a Chapter of which he is such a member?

"Decision.—No. An honorary membership entitles him to a seat in the Chapter, but with no further rights.

"No. 5.—Can a Companion vote when in arrears for dues over one year, the By-laws of his Chapter specifying such arrearage of dues as depriving him of that right?

"Decision.—Yes. No Companion can be deprived of the right to vote until charges are preferred against him. Such a By-law, being unconstitutional, is void.

"No. 6.—Can a ballot on a petition be withheld after it is received by a Chapter, a Companion having objected to the ballot being taken?

"Decision.—No. The petition being in the possession of the Chapter, a ballot must be taken and the candidate elected before objections can be made and entertained by the High Priest.

"No. 7.—A Chapter member is suspended by his Lodge. He appeals to the Grand Lodge, and is reinstated. Is he liable to the Chapter for dues during the time of his suspension by his Lodge?

"Decision.—No. He is not liable for dues from the date of his suspension by his Lodge to the time of his reinstatement by the Grand Lodge. (See section 48, Grand Chapter By-laws.)"

He recommends immediate and additional legislation on the financial position of the Grand Chapter, as for a number of years the expenses have exceeded the receipts. On the question of the consolidation of the Council degrees with the Chapter degrees, he has the following:—

"I shall now ask your earnest attention to a matter which I consider of vital interest to Royal Arch Masonry. Many who are present

know the importance of the Royal Arch degrees, the Royal and Select of the Royal Arch Chapter to and were conferred Grand Chapter claim 1853, the General Grand Council to the Grand Council beautiful degrees he dition, except in the Grand Chapters.

"The Grand Chapter ready consolidated Texas is moving to life or death with the Grand Council of these beautiful degrees. Com. H. W. Walter that Cryptic and Chapter. In this State taken the Capitular the Cryptic. By taking upon all Royal Arch and belonged to the General Grand Chapter Capitular Masonry honors and titles to Walter, of Mississippi the crying evil in the application of Grand Council and Grand Chapter I would yield the properly belongs, as Excellent Master with Master with the Royal and giving to it its Chapters that would

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On this subject Council of Royal and referred to the officers:—

"M. E. SMITH.—The Council of Royal Arch memorialize the Grand of jurisdiction and sent that, in order to izations, and at the proper dissemination their opinion a plan