

## ARTICLE VII.

## OF PENALTIES AND TRIALS.

SECTION 1.—Clause 1. Any member neglecting or refusing to make payment of his dues or demands against him to the Lodge, according to its By-laws, for the space of eleven months, shall be notified by the Lodge in writing of the state of his account; and, if after one month his account still remains unsettled, he shall be suspended from membership; Provided that no person shall be so suspended until after the fact of his dues being in arrears and unpaid for twelve months shall have been announced in open Lodge at two regular meetings; and provided, further, that no person shall cease to be a member, under this section, whilst charges are pending against him; Provided that in case of absence of a Brother at a distance of fifty miles from his Lodge, two months' additional time shall be allowed him to pay his indebtedness.

CLAUSE 2. Any member suspended from membership for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated in the Lodge from which he was suspended within one year thereafter by paying the amount of one year's dues and by receiving a vote of two-thirds of the members present—a motion to that effect having been laid over one week; but after one year he may be reinstated upon the payment of the fee charged for an initiate of the same age, as provided by the By-laws, or such lesser sums as may be fixed by the By-laws of the Lodge to which such application is made; Provided such sum be not less than the amount of one year's dues of the said Lodge; and he shall petition the Lodge in writing to be reinstated, which shall be disposed of, in all respects, as provided for in Article III., Section 1, for petitions for membership by initiation. A member who has been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues and has been reinstated shall not be entitled to benefits for six months from the date of reinstatement.