

4. A trial in either Preceptory, followed by conviction or acquittal, shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence.

CHARGES.

5. All charges of un-Knightly conduct shall be made in writing, with particulars specifying with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, as near as may be practicable, and be signed by the accuser, who must be an affiliated Knight Templar in good standing.

6. All charges and particulars shall be filed with the Registrar of the Preceptory, who shall forthwith notify all the members of the Preceptory that such charges have been received, and that they will be read at the next regular assembly, which shall be held not less than one month after the charges have been received; and at such assembly, the charges shall be read in open chapter of the Preceptory.

7. The trial of charges may proceed at any chapter appointed for the purpose, and continue until completed; and in case the trial be not completed at one chapter, it may be continued at any subsequent chapter to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS, NOTICES, ETC.

8. When charges shall be presented and read as provided above, the Preceptory shall decide by a majority vote whether the charges shall be accepted, and the accused frater be placed on trial, or the charges be dismissed; when decided in the affirmative, the charges cannot be withdrawn, except for cause shown, and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present; such charges may be amended by a majority vote, of which proposed amendment the accused shall have due notice.

9. Immediately upon the acceptance of charges by a Preceptory, the Presiding Preceptor shall appoint the time and place for trial, and shall cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charges and particulars, and notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof; *Provided always*, that the accused shall be entitled to reasonable time and opportunity to prepare his defence.

10. If the accused shall neglect or refuse to attend in person, or by some frater authorized in writing to act as his counsel, after notice has been duly served on him, or if notice cannot be served on him personally by reason of his residence being unknown or beyond the limits of the district in which the Preceptory is located, then a copy of such notice shall be sent to him by mail, addressed to him at his