

ELIGIBILITY.

SEC. 5. The Chancellor Commander, Vice-Chancellor, Master of Exchequer, Master of Finance and the Keeper of Records and Seal are not eligible for Trustees.

ARTICLE V.—MEMBERSHIP AND RANKS.

TERMS OF.

SEC. 1. No person shall be initiated into a Lodge of the Order, who is over the age of fifty years, unless by dispensation from the Grand Chancellor or his Deputy, nor who is under twenty-one years of age, nor unless he is a white male of good moral character, sound in health and a believer in a Supreme Being, nor unless he has resided in this jurisdiction for not less than six months prior to the date of his application for membership, except in the case of a brother joining by card, in which case a residence of three months is necessary, and having some visible and legitimate means of support. Each Lodge shall fix a fee for each rank at such a sum as may seem proper; provided, however, that in no case shall the fee be fixed at less than seven (7) dollars for the rank of Page, nor less than four (4) dollars each for the ranks of Esquire and Knight.

APPLICATIONS FOR INITIATION.

SEC. 2. Every application for initiation must be in writing, stating his age, residence and occupation, and signed by the applicant in his own hand, and endorsed by two Knights in good standing, who are members of the Lodge, which must be entered on the records, and the petition referred to a committee for investigation (neither of whom shall have recommended him), whose duty it shall be to report orally and in writing upon the character and qualification of the applicant at the next regular meeting; a notice of the application shall also be sent by the Keeper of Records and Seal, to every other Lodge of the Order in the same city or town where two or more Lodges exist. The applicant shall then, after two weeks, be balloted for by secret ballot, and if approved, he may be admitted. All applications for membership must be accompanied by the initiation fee, and also by a certificate of