

obligations). All complaints for official misconduct, shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

59. When a controversy shall arise between Preceptories, or between a Preceptory and its Presiding-Preceptor, or charges be preferred, or any informal complaint be made, the same may be filed with the Grand Chancellor, who shall forward the same to the Supreme Grand Master; if the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may proceed in person, or appoint a commission of not more than seven or less than three Presiding-Preceptors, with, if consistent, the Provincial Grand Prior as chairman, (provided he has not been in any way connected with the case), to investigate such charges or complaint; such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses, and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Supreme Grand Master; and said commission shall make such report, and give such opinion to the Supreme Grand Master, as will enable him to make a final decision.

60. When a Presiding-Preceptor, or other officer of a Preceptory, shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

61. Any member of a Preceptory, who is in arrears for dues to such Preceptory, shall be proceeded against in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of such Preceptory in respect to the same, and the Statutes.

62. In case no provision has been made in the By-Laws of a Preceptory for notice to, and procedure against, a member for non-payment of dues, the following procedure shall be adopted:—

63. In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months, it shall be the duty of the Registrar of the Preceptory to read out the name of such member in default, after which a special summons, to appear at the next regular Chapter of the Preceptory, to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with the statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid, shall be sent to such member. Such summons shall be deemed duly served, if mailed to the last known address of such member.

64. In case such member shall not, before such next regular Chapter of the Preceptory, have paid the amount of such dues, and no such excuse be offered as the Preceptory may deem sufficient, the