

be made upon a printed form, which will be furnished by the Grand Secretary when applied for.

2.—It is imperative to answer correctly the several questions in such printed form, whether the application is made for the first time or for a renewal of a grant.

3.—It shall be competent for one or more private lodges to form themselves into a Local Board of Relief, and for such Board to frame a code of by-laws and elect a chairman and a secretary-treasurer; and when the formation of such Board and its by-laws have been approved by the Board of General Purposes, the same shall be considered a duly constituted Local Board of Relief under Grand Lodge.

4.—All applications for relief shall be made either through a Private Lodge, signed by the master and secretary thereof, with the seal of the lodge affixed, or by a duly constituted Local Board of Relief, signed by the chairman and secretary-treasurer thereof; and in no case shall an application be made through an individual brother. And it shall be imperative for every lodge intending to recommend an application for relief, to pass a resolution to that effect in open Lodge, record the same in its minute-book, and attach to each application for relief a copy of such resolution, signed by the master or presiding officer and the secretary of the lodge, and having the seal of the lodge attached thereto.

5.—All applications for relief shall be sent to, and be in the possession of, the Grand Secretary before the first day of June immediately preceding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

6.—Grand Lodge grants to a brother or to relatives of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary aid to that given by the private lodge or Local Board of Relief recommending the application. Such grants shall be payable in two equal half-yearly payments, by an order issued by the President of the Board of General Pur-

poses, countersigned by the Grand Secretary, and drawn upon the Grand Treasurer in favor of the grantee and the master of the lodge or of the secretary-treasurer of the Local Board of Relief from which the application for such grant issued, and it shall require the endorsement upon such order of both the grantee and of said master or secretary-treasurer (as the case may be) before the Grand Treasurer is authorized to honor such order. And that all grants which are made payable through the master of a private lodge, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the master to report to the lodge the receipt of such order or orders, and the secretary shall record such report in the minute-book of the lodge.

7.—All private lodges through whose master, and all Local Boards of Relief through whose secretary-treasurer, such orders have been made payable, shall, on or before the first day of June immediately preceding the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, forward to the Grand Secretary a return upon a printed form, which form shall be furnished by the Grand Secretary when applied for. In such return there shall be shown in detail the whole amount of such grant or grants made payable through such master or secretary-treasurer during the current fiscal year, as also the whole amount in detail of such grant or grants paid over to the grantee or grantees during that period; together with such other information as may be required by such printed form of return. Such return shall be signed by the master and secretary of such lodge, and have its seal affixed thereto, or by the chairman and secretary-treasurer of such Local Board of Relief.

8.—No order for any subsequent grant shall be issued until such return for preceding grants shall have been received, as aforesaid, and found to be correct by the Committee on Benevolence or Board of General Purposes.

9.—A grant for which, by reason of the neglect to make such return, no