

eral or Special Order, transfer to the Department Commander such authority and power, not in conflict with general law, as he may consider to be in the interests of the Patriarchs Militant.

TRIALS.

SEC. 109. Courts martial are forbidden in the Patriarchs Militant. But every Department Council shall prepare a code of laws for the trial and punishment of all offenses peculiar to this branch of the Order, subject to the limitations of general law.

SEC. 110. All offenses against a Canton, and all matters properly cognizable thereby, shall be tried in the Canton to which the accused belongs. And no Chevalier can be expelled from membership in his Canton, without due notice and proper trial.

SEC. 111. All offenses of a military nature, and all breaches of order and military discipline, committed in any of the military Organizations above the Canton, shall be tried, on charges preferred to the Department Commander, and, in such manner, as shall be prescribed by the Trial Code.

SEC. 112. In all cases, as soon as practicable after the trial is concluded, a report of the proceedings shall be forwarded to the Department Commander for his approval. In case he approves the findings, the decision shall be final, except that an appeal shall lie, in case of conviction, to the Department Council, and from its decision to the Commander-in-Chief, or the Sovereign Grand Lodge. In case the Department Commander disapproves of the findings, he may order a new trial, or may entirely reverse the decision of the tribunal that tried the case. In case of such reversal, an appeal shall lie, as aforesaid, from his decision.

SEC. 113. Appeal shall be granted to any Chevalier from the action of his Canton, or to any Canton from the action of any officer, first to the Department Commander; from his decision to the Department Council;