

and the Secretary of the lodge shall notify the absent brother of the fact that charges have been preferred against him, and of the time when the committee is to be appointed; and should the brother fail to appear at the time aforesaid, he shall be deemed to have waived his right of challenge, and the lodge shall proceed to the choice of the committee as herein provided.

Rule 3.—The Secretary shall make a copy of the charge and specifications, affix thereto the seal of the lodge, and certify it substantially according to Form 2, Section V, of the Code, and serve, or cause the same to be served on the accused. He shall also certify, under seal, the original charge and specifications, and deliver the same to the first named member of the committee, according to Form 3, Section V of the Code, and shall notify each member thereof of his appointment, according to Form 4, Section V.

Rule 5.—The first named member of said committee shall, within one week after receiving notice of his appointment, call a meeting of the committee for organization, when a chairman and secretary shall be elected, and a suitable time and place be appointed for an adjourned meeting, which shall not be held in less than two weeks, at which the accuser and accused shall be notified to appear and proceed with the trial. The notice shall be in accordance with Form 5, Section V of this Code, and must be served upon the parties personally, if they can be found, otherwise by leaving the same at their last known place of residence, if in the town or city where the lodge is located, at least one week prior to the time of the trial. If the accused resides out of the town, the notice shall be directed to his last known place of residence and left at the post office, and if the brother so notified shall not appear at the time specified, or offer satisfactory reasons therefor, the committee shall proceed as if he were present, or they may report by resolution to expel the member so refusing to appear, for contempt of the lodge.

Rule 6.—At the time specified for the trial, the accuser and the accused being present and answering, the charge and specifications shall be read, and the accused be required to make answer to each specification contained in the charge. Should the accused object to a specification on the ground of indefiniteness, the accuser shall have leave to amend,