

Chief Templar and Grand Secretary may grant a Charter, and designate a Deputy to institute the Lodge, and instruct the members in the work of the Order. *Provided*, however, that no application emanating from a city, town or village in which a Lodge shall then exist, shall be granted without the consent of such Lodge, or if there be more than one Lodge, without the consent of one of such Lodges, except by vote of the Executive Committee or Grand Lodge.

Sec. 2. *Memorials, Petitions, Appeals.* All members of Subordinate Lodges shall have the right to memorialize or petition this Grand Lodge; also to appeal from the decision of the Worthy Chief Templar or Subordinate Lodge, to the District Deputy, and if there be no District Deputy, or if his decision is unsatisfactory, then appeals may be taken to the Grand Worthy Chief Templar or Grand Lodge, and these rights shall not be abridged by reason of informality.

Sec. 3. *Returns.* All Subordinate Lodges shall make returns at the end of each quarter, as full as the forms provided for them permit, and a failure to make such returns for one year shall work a forfeiture of Charter. Deputies instituting new Lodges shall also make full returns, according to the forms provided them.

Sec. 4. *Surrender of Charter and Books.* The person having in custody the Charter and Books of any Lodge, shall surrender them to the Deputy at any time when ordered to do so by the Executive Committee.

Sec. 5. *Offences.* The Executive Committee on being informed that any Lodge has violated any of the laws of the Order, or is so conducted as to bring reproach upon the Order, shall at once investigate the case, and if they find the charges sustained, take such measures as they may deem necessary to punish the Lodge and protect the Order. But the Lodge may appeal from the act of the Executive Committee to the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 6. *Certificates.* Members of an extinct Lodge, in good standing at the time of its demise may, at any time within twelve months afterward, receive from the Grand Secretary, a certificate, under his hand and the