

The decision of the brethren on the application is ascertained only by ballot. If this is favorable, the applicant thereby becomes a member of that Lodge.

When a Lodge has ceased to meet, any former member is eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge on producing a certificate from the Grand Secretary stating the fact and specifying whether the Brother has been registered and his dues paid.

A member who is suspended or expelled from one Lodge, cannot join any other Lodge. So, also, one who has withdrawn from his Lodge without having complied with its By-laws or the general regulations of the Craft, is not eligible for admission to any other Lodge.

A member who withdraws from his Lodge, and proposes to join another, must produce from the former Lodge a certificate of his standing, which is to be presented to the Lodge which he proposes to join before the ballot is taken on his proposition.

It is the duty of every Mason, if possible, to be affiliated with some working Lodge.

An applicant for affiliation, who is rejected by one Lodge, may again apply at once to the same or to any other Lodge. He is not obliged to wait any specified time after the rejection.

There is no restriction as to the number of times a Brother may apply for affiliation.

A member of a foreign Lodge may affiliate with any Lodge in Canada that is willing to receive him.

Suspension for Non-Payment of Dues.

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Although we have almost given up the hope of seeing the system of annual dues swept out of existence in the jurisdictions of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, or a system of life-membership inaugurated, by which members desirous of relieving themselves of it could do so, still we think, we might do something to mitigate some of the injustice that follows upon suspension of non-payment of dues, at least in the jurisdictions of the Grand Lodges of Canada, Quebec and Manitoba. The clause to which we allude is No. 24, Private Lodges, Const. Grand Lodge of Canada, and that of Manitoba is *verbatim*, and that of Quebec the same, but "excluded" in one place is used instead of "suspended." The clause (24) reads as follows:—

"A member suspended for non-payment of dues shall be immediately restored to the Lodge without a fresh ballot, on payment being made of all arrears owing at the time of his suspension and of the regular Lodge dues for the period he was so suspended."

Now, we cannot conceive anything more unfair, more unjust, and more unmasonic than taxing a brother, who is not reaping any of the advantages of the Craft. We are aware that in several jurisdictions in the United States dues cease from the time the brother is suspended. Is it honorable to take money without giving an equivalent for it? We know several brethren suspended for non-payment of dues, who have run unwillingly behind, and cannot afford to pay up;