

subject of Masonic complaint, or irregularity respecting Lodges or individual Masons within his District, *he is required to report all such proceedings to the Grand Master.* He is to send his report to the Grand Secretary for transmission to the Grand Master. This report must state the offences charged, the law bearing on the point, and his decision on the complaint. In extreme cases where in his judgment a Lodge should be erased, or a brother expelled, *he is to make a special report to the Grand Lodge, stating all the circumstances and his opinion thereon.*

*If a District Deputy Grand Master suspends a Lodge, or a brother, for refusing to comply with his order restoring a suspended brother, he is required to report the circumstances immediately to the Grand Master direct.*

It is the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to proceed with any case or business which may be sent to him, within a reasonable time. He should answer promptly all letters and communications received by him. He is to forward to the Grand Master for his approval, all by-laws, and amendments to by-laws, that may be submitted by his Lodges. He is to report to the Grand Master in every case, where he has granted a dispensation for any purpose; and he is to pay over to the Grand Secretary all fees payable to the Grand Lodge for such dispensations.

Another important duty required of a District Deputy Grand Master arises in connection with the proceedings taken for the formation of new Lodges. When the petition for a new Lodge is to be sent by him with his recommendation or opinion thereon to the Grand Secretary, to be submitted to the Grand Master. In giving his opinion on the merits of the application, he is expected to investigate the circumstances, and see that the regulations of Grand Lodge are complied with. He should satisfy himself that the situation of the proposed new Lodge is such as to afford a reasonable prospect of suc-

cess. It should not be too near another Lodge, as it is far better to have one good Lodge than two poor ones. The population in the locality, and the quality of the material likely to be brought forward, should also be considered.

The District Deputy Grand Master should examine the brother named for Master of the new Lodge in the work, as he has to certify his qualifications in this respect to the Grand Master. He should ascertain and certify that they have a proper and safe room in which to meet; that they are supplied with all the necessary furniture and paraphernalia, and that these necessities have been paid for, so as to afford the new Lodge a reasonable prospect of exemption from debt at its commencement, and that they will not need to be too anxious to make members to the injury of the fraternity. When the dispensation is granted, it is the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to constitute the new Lodge by the proper ceremonies, and set the brethren to work.

There are some other duties which are so closely connected with the powers of a District Deputy Grand Master, that they will be better noticed under that head. The distinction which we have made between powers and duties is founded upon the wording of the Constitution. The words "he may," &c., are indicative of a power; and "he shall," or "he is required to," point out a duty.

*His last official duty is to send in his report.* He is to forward to the Grand Secretary an account of all his proceedings, and of the state of the Craft in his District. He is also to give a list of the Lodges which have been formed in his District during the year, and forward the fees due thereon to the Grand Lodge. This report should be sent in at least fourteen days prior to the Annual Communication. By so doing, the work of the sub-committee "on the condition of Masonry," can be put into shape for presentation to