

of the term of punishment the brother shall return to his rank in the lodge without further action. A brother who has been legally expelled, shall not be again admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Master.

SEC. 5. All trials arising under the provisions of this Article shall be conducted substantially according to the following

CODE OF PROCEDURE.

SECTION I.

Rule 1.—All charges against members of the Order in this jurisdiction made pursuant to the provisions of Article VII of this Constitution shall be drawn in the manner prescribed in Form I, Section V, of this Code, and be signed by a member in good standing. The general charge shall be an averment of "Conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow," followed by a specification or specifications stating the time, place and circumstances of the offence; and each offence shall be the subject of a separate specification.

Rule 2.—The charges and specifications shall be presented and read to the lodge at a regular session, when open in the order of "New Business," and shall be entered in full on the records.

Rule 3.—The lodge shall, immediately after the reading of the charge, if the accused brother be present, proceed to the choice, by ballot, of a Committee of Trial, consisting of five, who must, if possible, have the same or a higher degree than that attained by the accused. Any member nominated as one of the Committee of Trial may be challenged for cause by the accuser, accused, or any member of the lodge, in which case the lodge shall proceed to the election of the members against whom no challenge has been made. The grounds of challenge or challenges shall then be stated, when the vote shall be taken, and if two-thirds of those voting shall vote in favor of the challenged brother, he shall be declared elected. Should such brother fail to be elected, new nominations must be made and proceedings had until the committee is filled. Should the accused brother be absent the choice of the committee shall be postponed for two weeks,