

new lodges shall pay the necessary expenses of the instituting officer.

ARTICLE VII.

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

SECTION 1. *Charters.*—On the written application of ten or more persons, not less than sixteen years of age, in good standing in any community, the G. C. 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. *Petitions and Appeals.*—All members and Lodges shall have the right to memorialize and petition this Grand Lodge, or appeal against any action or decision which may affect them.

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 a dormant or extinct Lodge in good standing at the time it ceased to work, may, at any time within twelve months thereafter, receive from the Grand Secretary a clearance card under his hand and the