

he shall be a Chief Templar or a Past Chief Templar. An application for a Charter shall be presented to the Deputy Grand Chief Templar of the District in which such Lodge is to be located; and if approved by him the application and charter fee, which shall be Twelve dollars and a certificate of approval shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, when a charter may be issued in accordance with the Constitution. If the Deputy shall disapprove of the application he shall nevertheless transmit the same, and the Charter fee to the Grand Secretary, accompanying them with a statement of his reasons for disapproval, for the consideration of the Grand Chief Templar or Grand Secretary. The supplies to accompany a charter shall include, in addition to those necessary for the organization of a Lodge, a copy of Roberts' Digest.

TRIAL OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ARTICLE 15. Before any Lodge can be put on trial, charges duly specifying the offense shall be preferred to the Grand Lodge by the proper Deputy Grand Chief Templar of another Lodge, or by any member of the Grand Lodge, a copy of which shall be served on the said Lodge; and its answer, together with the charges, shall be handed to the Deputy Grand Chief Templar, and by him sent to the Grand Secretary, when the Executive Committee shall take such action as to them shall seem expedient.

SUSPENSION OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.

ARTICLE 16. Any Subordinate Lodge failing to hold meetings for six months, or to make its returns as required by the Constitution, for one year, shall be deemed an extinct Lodge, and its charter shall be forfeited.

CERTIFICATES TO MEMBERS OF EXTINGUISHED LODGES.

ARTICLE 17. Before granting certificates of membership to members of extinct Lodges, the Grand Secretary shall require a recommendation from the Deputy of such extinct Lodge, or some other Deputy in the district, or other satisfactory evidence.

RESTORATION OF CHARTERS.

ARTICLE 18. Applications for restoration of charters of extinct Lodges must be accompanied with satisfactory evidence that a fair opportunity has been given to all who were members in good standing at the time the same became extinct to petition therefor.

DUTIES OF FINANCIAL SECRETARIES.

ARTICLE 19. Financial Secretaries of Lodges are required to present the accounts of members in arrears for collection, regularly each quarter, before another quarter's dues shall have accrued.

SESSIONS.

ARTICLE 20. This Grand Lodge shall not hold open sessions at any time while transacting Grand Lodge business, but may set apart a specified hour during the continuance of the session for instruction in the Subordinate Lodge work, should there be a demand for it, and the business of the Grand Lodge permitting, admitting all who were at the time entitled to a seat in the Subordinate Lodge.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ARTICLE 21. The Grand Chief Templar shall at the opening of each session, appoint the following standing committees, to consist of five each:—Credentialed and Returns, State of the Order and Constitutions, and after the installation of officers at each session the Grand Chief Templar shall appoint standing committees on Appeals, Finance and State of the Order.