

TRIALS AND PUNISHMENTS

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CHAPTER XXX

Of Punishments and Appeals

Section 359--What Are; The punishments which may be imposed on conviction for unmasonic conduct are:

First-Expulsion

Second-Suspension

Third-Reprimand

Sec. 360- Reprimand; A punishment by reprimand must be imposed in all cases where no other punishment is imposed by the Lodge or by law, It is to be given by the Master or person acting as Master, and without a vote of the Lodge.

Sec. 361- Fixed How.-In case of a conviction where the punishment is prescribed by law, the Master shall declare what the punishment is without a vote of the Lodge, and cause it to be entered of record, and it shall then become effective until altered or changed by the Grand Lodge.

Sec. 362-Same ; In case of a conviction where no punishment is prescribed by law, the Lodge shall, by a majority vote determine what the punishment shall be, which vote shall be by ballot, and for that purpose the Master shall first inquire; shall the brother be expelled ? "In answer to such question the ballot shall be taken, and those wishing to answer "yes" shall deposit a ballot with the word yes, and those wishing to answer "no" shall deposit a ballot with the word no. If there is a majority for expulsion, the Master shall declare the accused expelled, which fact shall be entered of record and stand as the judgment of the Lodge. If less than a majority vote for expulsion, then the Master shall inquire: "Shall the brother be suspended?" and in answer thereto the same proceeding shall be had. If there is not a majority vote for suspension, then without further action by the Lodge the Master shall proceed to administer a reprimand, and the secretary shall notify the brother to appear in open Lodge for that purpose at

as early a day as practicable, to be fixed by the Master, which shall be at the same meeting if the presence of the accused is obtainable.

Sec. 363-Same- In special cases, at the discretion of the Master, and where the presence of the accused cannot reasonably be required, as where it would require large expenditures of money, or a long distance of travel, the reprimand may be in writing, forwarded to the accused; but in such case the reprimand shall be read in open Lodge, and filed and preserved among the records.

Sec. 364- Offense in Open Lodge; In any case where a Masonic offense is committed in open Lodge, no formal charge or service of notice shall be necessary to give the Lodge jurisdiction, but jurisdiction at once attaches; and the facts constituting the offense shall be briefly stated by the secretary in the proceedings, by order of the Master as that Brother _____ appeared in open Lodge in a state of intoxication; or, in open Lodge used profane language. The Master shall thereupon direct the brother to show cause why he should not be punished for such conduct. If no showing is made, the Lodge shall proceed to punish. If a showing is made (for which purpose the accused may make his oral explanation, together with any other showing he may have, either to excuse or mitigate it) The Master shall then

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inquire; Brethren, is the brother excused?" The answer shall be by ballot, with the words "yes" or "no", and a majority vote. If excused, no further proceedings shall be had. If not excused, punishment shall be imposed. Before taking such vote the brother shall be required to retire to the Tyler's room.

Sec. 365-Same- If a punishment is to be imposed under the foregoing section, the same methods and rules shall obtain in fixing the punishment and its application, as provided in this chapter for punishment on charges; but the summary method prescribed in the foregoing section shall not be resorted to unless it be at the same meeting where the offense was committed. But the neglect to thus proceed will not bar charges in the ordinary manner.

Sec. 366-Judgment; In all cases of conviction and punishment by a

subordinate Lodge, the judgment shall be in force until reversed, set aside or modified by the Grand Lodge. And in all cases where the punishment imposed is expulsion, a full transcript of the proceedings including the testimony, shall be immediately sent by the Secretary of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary, whether the judgment is appealed from or not; and if no appeal is taken, and no action is taken thereon at the next communication of the Grand Lodge after the receipt of such transcript, then the judgment of the subordinate Lodge shall stand affirmed. It is the right, however, of the Grand Lodge to review and correct such proceedings in the absence of an appeal; but it shall not render a more unfavorable judgment against the accused

Sec. 367- Punishment.; Only one punishment can be imposed under one information; that is, where there is a conviction on two or more charges in the same information, the members in voting a punishment must have in view one adequate to all the offenses for which there is a conviction.

Sec. 368- Appeal; In cases of conviction for unmasonic conduct where the punishment is suspension, the proceedings can only be reviewed in the Grand Lodge on appeal by the accused, and no transcript need be sent to the Grand Secretary unless an appeal is taken.

Sec. 369-Same--Time; Every Mason under judgment or suspension or expulsion may appeal therefrom to the Grand Lodge within thirty days after the rendition of such judgment, by filing written notice of appeal with the Secretary of the Lodge. (See form notice Section 414.)

Sec. 370-Same --Transcript; Whenever an appeal is taken under the provision of this chapter, and no transcript has been sent to the Grand Secretary, the Secretary shall forthwith prepare and forward a complete transcript of the proceedings, including the testimony, and in all cases where preceding the meeting of the Grand Lodge, the case shall be for disposition at such communication, unless continued at the instance of the accused or of the Grand Lodge, if received after such time the case shall be for disposition at such communication only by consent of the accused and the Grand Lodge (For form of transcript on appeal, see section 413.)

Sec. 371- Re-Hearing;After final disposition of any matter pending in the Grand Lodge on appeal,or in which its jurisdiction was original,a re-hearing may be granted upon application therefor by a party thereto,if such showing shall be made that the Grand Lodge believes such re-hearing to be in the interest of justice.

CHAPTER XXXI

Grand Lodge --General Jurisdiction

Section 372- The Grand Lodge has original jurisdiction of all controversies between different Lodges of the jurisdiction, or between a Lodge and a member of another Lodge. It has also jurisdiction for the enforcement of discipline on its own members; that is, members of the Grand Lodge, also members of the Craft, wherever their residence may be, for Masonic offenses committed in this jurisdiction, where, under the law, a subordinate Lodge has not jurisdiction. It has also jurisdiction of offenses of which subordinate Lodge have jurisdiction, but fail through neglect or otherwise, to exercise it. (See Constitution Article III section 4) It also exclusive original jurisdiction of all Masonic offenses arising under the provisions of Chapter V, and paragraphs 5 and 6 of section 306 of this Code.

Sec. 373--Same--Invoked; Any Lodge desiring to invoke the action of the Grand Lodge with regard to itself and another Lodge of the jurisdiction, may do so by petition, setting forth in plain and concise language the grievances or cause of its complaint, and the relief it seeks; which petition shall be filed with the Grand Master, and the Lodge complaining shall also serve on the Secretary of the Lodge complained of copy of the petition, and also a notice to the effect that the petition has been, or will be, filed with the Grand Master. A copy of the notice, with a certificate of service endorsed thereon, shall also be filed with the Grand Master; and thereafter the Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in the premises, and the Grand Master may then refer the matter in controversy to an appropriate standing committee, or to a special committee by him appointed in vacation, to report at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Master, after reference to a committee of any matter so pending, shall notify the Master of each Lodge thereof, that proper hearing then may be had. The Grand Lodge may thereafter act in the premises, both as to substance and form, in its discretion, having at all times in view the attainment of justice between the parties.

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Sec.374.-Same--In any matter of controversy between a Lodge of this jurisdiction and a member of any other Lodge,the action of the Grand Lodge may be invoked in the manner and form as provided in the foregoing section,and after jurisdiction attaches the remaining provisions of said section as to procedure and determination shall also govern.

Sec.375- Same-Complaint; In all cases of complaint of unmasonic conduct against members of the Grand Lodge or against members of the craft over which no subordinate Lodge has jurisdiction.such complaint shall be by information and charges,as provided for subordinate Lodges, the same(with a copy thereof for the accused) to be filed with the Grand Master,who shall notify the accused and furnish him with a copy of the information,and thereafter the Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in the premises. The Grand Master may require the accused to object to the sufficiency of the charges,and to plead thereto at such times as he may deem expedient and the Grand Master shall decide all questions arising in the formation of issues,including objections to any charges. The manner of service by the Grand Master shall be the same as provided in Chapter XXVIII of this Code. The service shall be personal or substituted,under the facts as therein provided.If the service is personal,and there shall be a failure to object or plead in the time prescribed by the Grand Master,or where a plea of guilty is entered by the accused,then the same presumptions,consequences and procedure are to follow in the Grand Lodge, whether in session or during vacation as provided in this Code for the subordinate Lodge.

Sec. 376- Appearance --How; The appearance to the information may be the same as provided in Chapter XXXI.for appearance in subordinate Lodges,and the laws as to objections and plea in subordinate Lodges shall obtain in cases of complaint on information in the Grand Lodge as far as applicable,except that the time for filing the same shall be that fixed by the Grand Master,unless the Grand Lodge shall afterwards grant further time.

Sec. 377- Plea; Where there is a substituted service,the case shall be treated,both by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge,as one with a plea of not guilty.

Sec. 378-Appointment of Committee; In all cases where an issue of fact is presented by a plea of not guilty, whether such plea is entered by the accused or the Grand Master in case of a substituted service, the Grand Master shall ~~appoint~~ ^{appoint} a committee of from one to three, in his discretion, which shall sit at some convenient and reasonably inexpensive place to the parties to take testimony. The Grand Master may in his discretion require such committee to find and report to the Grand Lodge the facts, and their conclusion of guilt or innocence based thereon.

Sec. 379-Report of Committee; The committee thus appointed shall, when their labors are ended, file their reports with the Grand Secretary. If such report only contains the testimony taken, the Grand Secretary shall at once place the same in the hands of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, who shall examine the same and report their findings of fact and conclusions as to guilt or innocence, for the action of the Grand Lodge. If the committee reporting the testimony also report their findings by direction of the Grand Master, then such report shall be presented to the Grand Lodge for its action without reference to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances,

And in all such cases where the proceedings herein provided for are had when the Grand Lodge is not in session, and when the committee by its report finds that the accused is guilty of the charges preferred, such report and findings shall be entered of record in the office of the Grand Secretary and from that date the accused shall stand suspended from all rights and privileges of Masonry until the next session of the Grand Lodge, when final action shall be taken on such report by the Grand Lodge .

Sec. 380 -Punishments ; In all cases of conviction of unmasonic conduct in the Grand Lodge, the punishments shall be those prescribed for subordinate Lodges; and to determine the degree of punishment in particular cases the Grand Master shall observe the rule and method prescribed for Masters of subordinate Lodges (See Section 362)

Sec. 381-Action; After the filing of the report by the committee appointed by the Grand Master, the Grand Lodge has full and complete jurisdiction of the merits of the case and may, in its discretion, review the testimony and approve or disapprove the findings of the committee, in whole or in part, or may refer to other committees. It being the intention that the Grand Lodge, at its communication, has full discretion and authority

for final disposition of the case, subject to such limitation only as are expressed in the law.

Sec. 382- Majority Vote; Convictions and punishments in the Grand Lodge may be had by a majority vote, which shall be by show of hands unless a vote by ballot is ordered.

Sec. 383- Action How invoked: In cases where subordinate Lodges have jurisdiction to enforce discipline and fail so to do, through neglect or otherwise the action of the Grand Lodge may be invoked on the complaint of any Mason, by information filed with the Grand Master, as provided in

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Section 388, except that the information in such case must state that charges have been filed in the subordinate Lodge having jurisdiction of the offense, and that such Lodge has for a period of ninety days neglected or failed to act on said charges.

Sec. 384-Neglect; The fact of whether or not the subordinate Lodge has failed or neglected to enforce discipline, so as to give the Grand Lodge jurisdiction, is a question for the Grand Master, and his decision thereon is conclusive. In this respect he may adopt his own method of inquiry, first giving notice of the information to the accused and the alleged delinquent Lodge, that they may be heard, and herein the Grand Master may exercise a broad discretion that the general interest of the Craft may be served. If the Grand Master shall decide that there has not been such neglect or failure, or if he shall be of the opinion that the charges, even though technically an offense, are not of sufficient importance to merit the action of the Grand Lodge, he may dismiss the same .

Sec. 385-Notice to Accused; If the Grand Master shall be of the opinion that there has been a neglect or failure to act on the part of the subordinate Lodge, and that the charges are of such importance as to merit the action of the Grand Lodge, he shall notify the accused of such conclusion and furnish him a copy of the charges; and as to service of such notice and charges, and in all other respects, the same proceedings are to be had and with like effect, as provided in this chapter and chapter XXVIII

Sec.386-Discipline in Grand Lodge; In matters of discipline of members of the Grand Lodge for unmasonic conduct during a communication of the Grand Lodge,whether during hours of labor or refreshments, it may proceed to try and punish the same in a summary manner and at its discretion.

Sec.387-Suspension and Expulsion-; In cases where the Grand Lodge has original jurisdiction and a Mason is suspended or expelled,it shall be from all rights and privileges of Freemasonry,unless otherwise expressed; and in such cases re-instatement must be by petition to the Grand Lodge, and shall be by a two-thirds vote thereof. A Mason thus re-instated is not to membership in any particular Lodge of the jurisdiction,but has the standing of a demitted Mason,except that in the case of an Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft the re-instatement shall be to the rank and Lodge relationship he held before expulsion or suspension.

Chapter XXXII

Of Charges,Allegations, Objections,Pleading, Trial, Judgment, Appeal, Etc. Section 388- Charges for Masonic Offenses,Charges shall be substantially in the following form:

Lodge No _____ F.& A.M.
Vs.

INFORMATION

To the Worshipful Master,Wardens and Brethren of _____
Lodge No. _____ F.& A.M.,,:
I hereby accused brother _____ a member
of _____ Lodge No _____ F.& A.M. (or an
Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft,or a non-affiliate, or a brother whose
Lodge membership is unknown to complainant,of unmasonic conduct as
Follows:

For that the said brother, on or about the day of 19
 at or near (state time and place with
 reasonable certainty, and always give the facts showing the jurisdiction of
 the Lodge-as, that he is a member, or if a non-affiliate that he resides in
 the jurisdiction, etc. (See Section 308 to 311). then add the facts constitut-
 ing the offense, as), did, without just cause, wrongfully strike Brother A.B.,
 ets. (it not necessary to state the same offense in more than one charge,
 as in Masonry we have no technical rules of evidence, and all proofs are ad-
 missible that tend to prove the substance of the charges. If the offense is
 a continuing one, as habitual drunkenness, then say) for that said brother,
 on or about the day of 19 and on
 other days and at other times, did become and was intoxicated, to his dis-
 grace and that of the Craft.

(if there are different charges, the first shall be entitled "First
 Charge " and the next "Second Charge" and the offense stated in like manner.
 The charges should be signed by the accuser, but if by an officer as such,
 then his style of office should be added as "C.D." Junior Warden)

It should then be endorsed:

Filed this day of A.D. 19 A.L. 59.

 Secretary.

Sec. 389-Allegations--Proof The fact that there is a difference between
 the time as alleged and proved will not defeat the action. The time
 is not material, nor is the place, except that it should not be so stated as
 to mislead in the proofs. It should be somewhere near the time and place
 alleged.

(When the charges are filed the next step in order is to notify the ac-
 cused of the charges, and provide him with a copy, and for that purpose see
 Chapter XXVIII, which give the form of notice, the manner of service,
 and the proof to be made of the service, which is highly important, as it is
 the groundwork of jurisdiction, without which the proceedings are of no avail
 The notice should fix the date at a stated meeting, not less than twelve
 days from the service thereof, for filing the objection or plea with the
 Secretary)

Sec. 390- Objections. If the accused "objects" The question for the
 the Lodge at such communication is, does the information state a Masonic

offence which the Lodge can and ought to try ?(See particularly chapter XXV) And has the Lodge jurisdiction ?(See Chapter XXVI) If the information does not state what is an offence, or if the Lodge has not jurisdiction to try the brother, then the objection should be sustained. If the Lodge has jurisdiction, and the offence is stated, then the objection should be overruled. Without a motion, after deliberation, the Master should inquire; "Brethren, do you sustain the objection? "And the vote should be by show of hands (See Section 331.) If the objection is sustained, the charge should be dismissed by order of the Master, unless the complainant will at once amend it so as to state an offence triable by the Lodge. If there is an objection to more than one charge of the information, a separate vote shall be taken on each.

Sec. 391- Ples Ec.; Any charge to which there is not an objection, or to which an objection is not sustained, must be answered by the ples of the accused. (See Section. 331) If the service is personal, or there is an appearance and no plea is made, the law pronounces the accused guilty (see Section 335), and no trial is to follow.

Sec 392--Same If the service is substituted, and no appearance, than

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there is a triable offense stated and there must be a plea of not guilty, a counsel appointed for the accused and trial. (See Section 329)

Sec. 393 --Judgment. If the accused is found guilty, either upon his plea of guilty or his failure to plead as provided, the Master shall have entered of record, in substance, as follows: " the accused is adjudged guilty in his own admission of the charge of the information"; or of the first or second " as the case may be.

Sec. 394- Punishment. If the accused is adjudged guilty on his own admissions, then the Lodge must proceed to fix the punishment as provided in Chapter, XXX (Observe that if the law fixes the punishment no vote is to be taken. (See Section 361)

Sec. 395--Trial Lodge; If there is an issue to be tried upon a plea of " not guilty " either by the accused or his counsel, where there is a personal service or by the counsel appointed for the accused in case of a substituted

service, then there must be a trial Lodge summoned, as provided in section 336, and the summons to each member may be, in substance, as follows, with the seal of the Lodge attached;

Hall of	Lodge No	F. & A.M.
	Iowa, A.D. 19	A.L. 59

To Brother

Take notice, that a special meeting of _____ Lodge
 No. _____ F. & A.M, is ordered to convene at its hall on the _____ day
 of _____ at _____ o'clock M. to investigate charges
 preferred against Brother, _____ at
 which time and place your attendance is required.

Seal _____ Secretary

Sec. 396- Service; The service may be made by the Secretary, by handing to some and mailing to others, as may be convenient, and but one certificate of service or "return" need be made, and it need not state how it was made as to any member, but may be in the alternative as stated in Section 336.

Sec. 397- Evidence; At this time it should be understood whether the testimony is to be taken before a committee or in open Lodge; and if before a committee it should be appointed; or, if it becomes necessary the Master may appoint a committee for that purpose at any time during the recess; and the Master in appointing, and the committee in the discharge of its duties, should carefully observe the law (See Chapter XXIX, and particularly Section 344 to 345.)

Sec. 398-Same A part of the testimony may be taken before a committee, and a part in open Lodge, and it is for the Master to say how it shall be taken and such directions may be given in open Lodge or during recess; and changes may be made therein as emergencies may require; the purpose being to obtain the testimony with fairness to both parties. (The Master should note the duty to be performed, and select the committee with care. While more may be appointed, it is suggested that aside from the rulings (which devolves upon the chairman), the duties are largely clerical, and a committee of one will work to better advantage than one of a larger number.)

Sec. 399-Same. Whether the testimony is taken in open Lodge or before a committee it must be in writing, and as near as may be in the language of the witness; and the testimony of each witness, when taken, should

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be signed by the witness; but if not signed, it does not invalidate it; and under our law the accused may himself be a witness, but not at the instance of the Lodge (See Section 353)

Sec. 400 Same ;The following will indicate something of a form for a committee appointed to take testimony

Lodge No. F. & A.M.

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PROCEEDINGS BEFORE COMMITTEE
TO TAKE TESTIMONY

The undersigned having been appointed to take testimony in the above entitled cause, gave notice to Brother _____ who is prosecutor for the Lodge, and also to the accused (or his counsel, Brother _____) of the time and place for taking the same. And now, at such time and place, namely the office of C.D. Esq, at _____ Iowa, this _____ day of _____ A.D. 19 _____ A.L. 59, Brother _____ appears for the Lodge, and the accused for himself, or the accused by his counsel, Brother _____ (state the facts as they are; if no appearance, so state) Whereupon we proceeded to taking of testimony.

Brother E.F., A Master Mason, was produced on behalf of the Lodge and being qualified as by law required, testified as follows: Question by prosecutor of the Lodge. Here give questions and answers, and add objections, and rulings as they occur.)

(When the prosecutor closes, then here give questions and answers by accused, or his counsel, or say no examination by the accused)

(Then examination resumed by prosecutor, &c (Then):

W.E. Esq., a profane, was produced by the Lodge, and being duly sworn (See Section 346) was examined, and testified as follows: (Pursue same course)

When the prosecution ceases, then take the same course as to witnesses for the accused, showing always which party calls them.

The party calling a witness should first examine, and then the other and in so doing he is not limited to a cross-examination, but may elicit any information he desire which is material. (See Section 354)

Either party may resume the examination at the pleasure of the committee, having in view the purposes of the testimony.

Sec. 401- Objections Evidence; either part may at any time object to any question or answer, and no grounds of objection need be stated, but merely, " I object to the question," or "answer." and then it may be argued at the pleasure of the committee; and the chairman shall sustain or overrule the objection, keeping in mind that in cases of doubt it is safer to admit than to exclude; because if improper the testimony may afterwards be disregarded, but if excluded wrongfully it may necessitate taking testimony again. This admonition, however, should not lead the committee to too great liberality, and burden the record with clearly improper testimony.

(The rulings should be written down in the minutes, byt no exceptions are necessary to have it reviewed on appeal) See Section 352)

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Sec. 402- Report, When all the witnesses are examined, the committee should add, in substance;

The foregoing is all the testimony taken, and the record thereof shows all the rulings of the committee on the objections or questions presented, and the same is fraternally submitted

committee

Sec. 403--Excluded Testimony. If improper testimony is allowed by the committee, either party may ask on the trial to have it excluded (by which is meant not considered,) and such question must be decided by the Master) and suitable words to invoke his action would be; "The Lodge or the ac-

cused asks that the testimony of Brother _____ or
a part of the testimony of Brother _____ (setting
out the part) be suppressed" No reasons need be given in making the request. After making the request, counsel may suggest any reasons they have for or against it. When informed the Master should say:

"The request is granted" or "refused" as he may judge proper.

Sec. 404- Record; If any oath of the testimony is suppressed there should be no erasure of testimony, but the record of the proceedings should show the action taken, and the testimony suppressed should not be read nor considered on the trial.

Sec. 405--Trial; When the Lodge has assembled for the trial, and is opened as provided in Section 347 and 348, no oath, promise or pledge is necessary to qualify the members to act as a trial Lodge, the covenants of a Master Mason being a sufficient guaranty for every needful purpose.

Sec. 406--Same - Section 349, 350 and 351 are sufficiently specific to guide the Lodge in the trial, observing that if the whole or any part of the testimony is to be taken at the trial, the same rules are to govern as before the committee, the Master, of course, to preside and rule upon all question.

Sec. 407--Same Who Present; It is the duty of every member present at the first meeting to be present at the second; but if for any cause all are not able to do so, that fact is to be noted in the record, and the trial continue. No member who has not been present during the entire trial shall be permitted to vote or take any part in the proceedings.

Sec. 408.-Acquittal : If there is not a conviction the record should so state, with the addition: "The accused is acquitted of the offense (or offenses) charged"

Sec 409-Punishment; If there is a conviction, then see section 359 to 367, as to punishment.

(It is advisable and important that a trial should be concluded at one meeting, as at a second it might be impossible to secure exactly the same attendance; but in cases where this cannot be done the Lodge may be closed to meet at another time, but it should be at the earliest practicable date.

Observe that the Lodge must be closed, and not merely called to refreshment till another date. Of course, as many meetings as are necessary to complete the trial are by law allowed.

Sec.410-Appeal; If there is a conviction and the punishment is suspension, and no appeal is taken, no transcript is needed.

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Sec. 411. Transcript; If there is an appeal, then the Secretary must make out and send to the Grand Secretary a complete transcript of the proceedings including the testimony.

Sec. 412- Same; If there is a conviction, and the punishment is expulsion, the transcript must be sent up whether the appeal is taken or not (see Section 366)

Sec. 413-Record-Transcript; The Secretary shall keep an exact record of the proceedings in the order and the time of their occurrence, and the following will serve as a form for that purpose, including his transcript, if needed

_____ Lodge No _____ F. & A.M.
Vs
_____ (name)

TRANSCRIPT ON APPEAL

At the stated meeting of _____ Lodge No _____
F.& A.M. , held at its hall in _____ Iowa, on
the _____ day of _____ A.D.19 _____ A.L.59
there were present; A,B. Worshipful Master, &c. (giving name of all present)

The Lodge was opened in form on the Third Degree Whereupon among other proceedings, there was presented and read to the Lodge the following;

(Here copy information in full)

Whereupon the Master ordered that the accused be required to answer the charges by the _____ day of _____ 19 _____ and that due service of the charges be made upon him.

And afterwards, on the _____ day of _____ A.D. 19 _____ A.L. 59 there was filed in my office a copy of a notice, in words as follows; (Here copy notice in full) And on the back thereof was endorsed the following return of service (here copy return of service in full) (If anything is filed by the accused before the next stated meeting, then state ;)

And now on this _____ day of _____ A.D. 19
A.L. 59 There was filed in my office as " Objection," "plea" or com-
munication" in words as follows to-wit: (Copy in full)

And now on this _____ day of _____ 19
It being the stated meeting os said Lodge,there were present:(give names
of all)

The Lodge was opened in form on the Third Degree (if accused is per-
sonally present then it must be in the highest degree to which he has attained
if not personally present then the entire proceedings may be in the Third
Degree even though the rank of the accused be lower)and among other
proceedings the following were had in the case of the Lodge against
Brother _____ The accused appeared by
himself (or "by Brother A.B. as ^{counsel} _____" or "by his written communica-
tion," and filed objections to the information,in words as follows (here
copy)

Whereupon the Junior Warden appeared in behalf of the Lodge (or
the Master appoined Brother _____ as prosecutor (for
the Lodge. ,) and being informed in the premises the Lodge overruled the
objection.

(if the objection is sustained so state. Then,if the information is
amended,state that. If after the full action of the Lodge there is no suffi-
cient charge,then the Master,without action by the Lodge,should order as
follows:"There being no sufficient charge against the accused
he is dis-
charged" If there is a charge,and the accused,if present or personally
served;neglects to plead,or pleads guilty,then state;Whereupon the Lodge (or
Master) proceeded to impose a punishment (See Chapter XXX) and
The Master ordered that he stand expelled (if the law fixes the penalty,if
not then),and the Master submitted to the Lodge the question "shall the
brother be expelled ? " Whereupon a ballot was taken and _____
brethren voted yes,and _____ Brethren voted no.If a majority
vote yes,then say; And the Master announced the brother expelled,if less
than amajority voted yes,then proceed on the question as suspension.If
suspension is voted down,then say. whereupon the Master in open Lodge proceed
to adminster a repimand).

If there is an issue on the charge,then add as follows)

Whereupon the accused (or "counsel for the accused") entered a plea of not guilty, and thereupon the Master ordered a special meeting of the Lodge for the _____ Day of _____ A.D. 19 _____ A.L. 59 at _____ O'clock P.M. for the purpose of trying the issue, joined, and ordered that the members of the Lodge be summoned therefore.

Afterward, on the _____ day of _____ A.D. 19 _____ A.L. 59 at _____ there was filed in my office a return of service in words as follows; (Here copy return) (See Section 336)

And now, on the _____ day of _____ A.D. 19 _____ A.L. 19 it being the date fixed for the trial of the issue joined in said cause, there were present (give names of all)

The Lodge was opened on the _____ Degree (highest to which accused has attained) The Worshipful Master announced that the Lodge was organized for the trial of the issue joined on the charge against Brother _____

Thereupon Brother _____ Prosecutor for the Lodge, appeared (for the accused filed has written communication), inserting the copy.

Then let the record show each step taken on the trial, including the balloting, number of votes for and against conviction, for and against each grade of punishment, and the final order.

Before balloting the record should show that the accused and his counsel (if counsel is not a member of the Lodge) retired, and that thereupon the questions were submitted (See Section 362)

If the transcript is sent up on appeal, it should show as follows: And afterwards, to-wit On the _____ day of _____ A.D. 19 _____

A.L. 59 there was filed in my office the following notice of appeal: (Here copy notice of appeal.

The Secretary will add his certificate as follows: .

I _____ Secretary of _____ Lodge

No F. & A.M., hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the charges, proceedings had, evidence given and judgment of the Lodge in the trial of the above entitled cause.

Given under my hand and seal of said Lodge this _____ day of _____ A.D. 19 _____ A.L. 59

Seal

Secretary

Sec. 414- Appeal Notice. An appeal may be taken at any time within thirty days after the punishment is imposed by a vote of the Lodge, or by order of the Master where the law fixes the punishment, but not thereafter; and must be taken by filing with the secretary of the Lodge a notice of appeal, substantially as follows;

To _____ Secretary of _____ Lodge
No _____ F.& A.M.

You are hereby notified that the undersigned appeals from the decision and judgment of said Lodge against him, rendered on the _____ day of _____ A.D. 19 _____ A. L. 59 on charges therein pending to the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, F.& A/M/ of Iowa.

_____, Iowa
A.D. 19 _____ A.L. 59

Signature

Sec. 415- Service. No service of the notice of appeal is necessary more than to leave it with the Secretary, who shall file the same and enter it on the records on the date delivered; and it would be well for the appellant to notice that it is filed on the date received, as it might be important if a question should arise as to whether or not the appeal had been taken in time.

Sec. 416-Complaints, Instruction as to complaints where the Grand Lodge has original Jurisdiction.

Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge has jurisdiction in matters of controversy between Lodges, and no particular form of complaint is required; and it is sufficient to state, in substance as follows:

To the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Iowa F.& A.M.
Lodge No _____ of said jurisdiction.

complaints of _____ Lodge No _____ thereof and states the following facts as grounds thereof: (Then state in plain language the facts relied upon, and what relief, if any, is asked.)

This petition may be prepared by any officer, or member or members of the Lodge as its committee, and signed by them as such; and when prepared it be sent to the Grand Master. A copy should be prepared for the Lodge complained of, and delivered to its Secretary, and on the same should be endorsed as follows;

MASSACHUSETTS
CALENDAR

Take notice that the petition, of which this is a copy, has been with the Grand Master.

Committee

The proceeding is then pending in the Grand Lodge, and the provisions of Chapter XXXI are sufficiently specific.

Sec. 417- Grand Lodge As to instituting other proceedings in the Grand Lodge, Chapter XXXI. is regarded as a sufficient guide, and instructions are unnecessary. After the proceedings are instituted the power of the Grand Lodge is so discretionary that no definit rules of procedure used be given.

APPENDIX

Masonic Calendar

F. & A.M. Symbolic

Ancient Craft Masons Commence their era with the creation of the world calling it Anno Lucius A.L. In the year of Light.

R.A.M. Capitular

Royal Arch Masons Date from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel Anno Inventionis A.L. In the year of Discovery

R. & S.M. Cryptic

Royal and Select Masters Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis A.Dep In the Year of Deposit.

O. H. P.

Order of High Priesthood- Dates from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek .Anno Benefacio A.B
The year of Blessing

K. T. Chivalric

Knights Templar Commence their era with the organization of the order Anno Ordinis A. O. In the year of the Order.

A. A. S. R.

Scottish Rite Masons Uses the Jewish calendar, which adds 3760 to the vulgar era style, Anno Mundi A.M. Year of the world

Rules For Masonic Dated

For the Year 1950

Ancient Craft Masons Add 4000 years to the common era.

Thus 1950 and 4000 A.L. 5950

Royal Arch Masons add 520 years to the common era

Thus 1950 and 520 A.Inv 2480

Royal and Select Masters Add 1000 year to the common era

Thus 1950 and 1000 A.Dep 2950

Order of High Priesthood Add 1913 years to the common era

Thus 1950 and 1913 A.B. 3863

Knights Templar From the Christian era take 118 Thus 118
from 1950 A. O. 1832.

Scottish Rite Add 3760 to the vulgar or common era Thus 1950
and 3760 A. M. 5710

Note Reference in Roman numerals in parenthesis, are to provisions of the Constitution; those in figures are to section of the Code.

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PROCEEDING FIRST SESSION
BOARD OF CUSTODIAN JULY 15, 1926

The Board of Custodian of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Iowa A.F.&A.M. met at the call of the Grand Custodian Wm. Bell and proceeded to organize by passing a rule that the S.P.G.M. present at each session should preside and by electing P.G.M; W.W.Gross secretary for this session.

There were present P.G.Masters, John D. Reeler; I; L. Brown; W.P. Milligan S. Joe Brown; W.W.Gross; and William Bell Grand Custodian. Most Worshipful brother John D. Reeler being the senior P.G.M. present acted as chairman.

The board then proceeded to consider and pass upon the following recommendations submitted to the Grand Lodge in 1925 by Rt. Worshipful brother Wm. Bell Grand Custodian.

Recommendation Number 1.

That the column J. and B. shall not be use inside the lodge room.

This recommendation was ammended by the board to read: That the column J. and B. are not to be used inside the lodge room except during the middle chamber work, and as this ammended was approved by the board.

Recommendation number 2.

That each lodge in this jurisdiction purchase at least one slipper to be worn by the candidate as follows: in the E.A. on the right, and the F.C. on the left foot and on the right as an M.M.

This recommendation was revised by the board to read as follows;

That each lodge in this jurisdiction purchase at least one slipper to be worn by the candidate as follows: in the E.A. on the right, and the F.C. on the left foot but in the M.M no slipper but both sock, and this ammended was approved by the board.

Recommendation number 3.

With reference to the appointment of the committee on uniformity of the work was rejected for reason that it was the opinion of the board that the purpose of this recommendation had been served in the creation of this board.

Recommendation number 4.

With reference to the Grand Honors was revised by the board with hands together and perpendicular.

Position -2- Arms folded right over left hands touching shoulders.
 Position -3- same as position one.

Position -4- Arms dropped to the sides

Words accompanying position "one" all hail, at position "2" title of Grand Officer to whom honors are being given that, position "3" the first name or initials of the Grand Officer and at position "4" the last name. 1926 recommendation of Grand Custodian.

"1" To defect that gloves are not to be worn in lodge room except as prescribed by our ritual was revised by the board to read as follows: "That gloves are not to be worn except as prescribed by our ritual or monitor, and as thus revised was approved by the board.

"2" To the effect that upon entering or retiring from the lodge we shall salute only the East or the other Officer whom the presiding Officer might direct but in no case to salute more than one. This recommendation was approved by the board.

"3" That the apron is to be worn outside of all other clothing. The board finds to be in keeping with what is already the rule in this jurisdiction and therefore reaffirms the same.

"4" To the effect that in the conferring degrees the raps are to begin in the south not in the East.

This recommendation was approved by the board.

John D. Reeler P.G.M. 34 Chairman

I.L. Brown P.G.M. 20

S. Joe Brown P.G.M. 30

W.H. Milligan P.G.M. 17

W.W. Gross P.G.M. 1

Wm Bell G.C. 35

Board of Custodian

PROCEEDING OF THE SECOND SESSION OF BOARD OF CUSTODIAN
 Ottumwa Iowa July 13, 1927

The Board of Custodians of the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M. Prince Hall Affiliation for Iowa and jurisdiction met at the call of the chairman M.W. Brother John D. Reeler 34 Past Grand Master.

In addition to the Grand Custodian, the R.W. Brother H.B. Smuth, 19

there were present the M.W. brother John D.Reeler 34; the M.W. brother W/H.Milligan 17; the M.W. brother S.Joe Brown 30; and the M.W.brother W.W.Gross 1; the last named being elected secretary for this session:

The Board then proceeded to consider and pass upon question submitted by the Grand Custodian, as follows:

Question "1" In first degree, how shall the word be given to the candidate at alter lettered, syllabled or plainly spoken ?

Answer plainly spoken, disapproved.

Question "2" How given in the lecture ?

Answer lettered beginning with "A" Approved.

Question "3"Is the left foot absolutely bare in first degree, and (B) is right foot absolutely bare in second degree ?

Answer Yes Approved.

Question "4" In raising ceremony, shall E.P. and F.C. grip be applied three times ? Answer = Yes*-

Question "5" A member of the lodge is in the ante room without the pass. How shall he be admitted ?

Answer: Admit him and invest him with the pass.

Note : The above being the report of the Board of Custodians to the Grand Lodge in its 40th Annual Communication was by it (the Grand L Lodge) approved, except the answer to question (1) which was disapprove.

Respectfully submitted

W.H.Milligan 17 Chairman

W.W.Gross

S.Joe Brown

John D.Reeler

W.W.Gross Secretary Board of Custodian.

Rulling

According to the new ritual that we are now working in, there are no provision made for the Deacons to escort the Chaplain to and from the Alter at the command "Let us Pray " Therefore, I have ruled that the Deacons escort the Chaplain as has been the custom herefore.

In the clo ing of the third degree on page 70 where there is provision made for prayer, I have ruled that, the word " Let us pray" be used as in the opening of the third degree, and that the Deacons escort the chaplain the same in the closing as recommend for the opening.

In the r ising ceremony, I have riled that the Grand Hailing sign be given only once after the grip of E.P., and twice after the grip of a F.C., making three times altogether that this sign is given.

Ruled that the candidate be not tossed during raising ceremony according to the ritual pg. 141.

July 8, 1947

Reoprt of Board of Custodian.

Our disision regarding certain instructions given, Perfect Ashler L Lodge No. 54 by the Grand Custodian and we also had before us the Gr Grand Custodian and gwo Past Master of Perfect Ashler Lodge who agree as to what the instruction were .

We approve of the instruction given by the Grand Custodian. Adopted

Dr H.A. Martin 34

S. Joe Brown 30 P.G.M.

F.S. Johnson 1 P.G.M.

Branhan W. Hyde. 2 P.G.M.

Carl M. Mays 2 P.G.M.

Howard Brown. 34 P.G.M.

Council Bluff, Iowa.

July 14, 1948

Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge Iowa Jurisdiction.

Greetings:

We the Master of subordinate lodges having been having trouble getting literature and ritualistic books,

Therefore : we wish to submit a resolution wmpowering the Grand Custodian -electe to get the necessary literature, , especially pamphlets for each three degree.

Paternally submitted

W.M.--R.Thompson McNeil 21
 " Leroy Hester Mt Olive 17
 " J.Roberts. Hiram 19
 " Felix Parker Perfect Ashler 34
 " Paul L Wilson Doric 30

Report of Board of Custodian.

Sec; 23. The Grand Custodian shall meet the Board of Custodian from time to time for the purpose of conference and comparison of the work at such place as he may designate; one of which shall be on the Sunday preceeding the Grand Lodge Session and in the city where it is to be held, and at which conference those present shall constitute a quorm .

Sec.23 A. School:

There shall be a school of instruction for teaching work of the Craft, not a lodge for making candidates held each year at the city where the Grand Lodge is to be held. Such school shall be under the charge of the Grand Custodian, subject to such regulation as may be adopted as prescribed.

S.Joe Brown 30 P/G/M.
 Dr.E.A.Martin 29 P/G/M.
 F.S.Johnson 1 P/G/M.
 Branham H.Hyde 2 P/G/M.
 George L Suter 20 P/G/M.
 Carl L.Mays 2 P/G/M.
 Howard Brown 34 P/G/M.
 Paul D.Goodloe 30 P/G/M.
 J.Walter Thompson Custodian.

Council Bluff, Iowa

July 12, 1948

To the Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge F.& A.M. Prince Hall
 affilliation for Iowa and Jurisdiction in its 61st Annual
 Communication:

I herewith submit my report as Grand Custodian for the year.

I am greatly appreciative of the blessings bestowed upon me by the Grand Master of the Universe that I might be one of this Annual Communication.

Having been elected to the office of Grand Custodian at our last Grand Communication at Sioux City, Iowa. I cannot truly state that the year's work has been too prosperous for me.

As Master of North Star #2, my opportunities to visit throughout the jurisdiction were limited, nor have I received any invitation to do so. However, I met with Doric #30 and found the Craft in fine working order.

A school of instruction was held at the Masonic Hall 11th and Center St. in the month of June of which members of Doric # 30 and North Star # 2 of Des Moines, were participants.

Communication were received of Sumner Lodge #3 of Burlington, Hiram Lodge # 19 Davenport, and McNeil # 21 Clinton, Iowa. In as much as I received no contingent fund from Grand Master, I have been unable to stock the Ecce Orienti or Standard Monitor, but the above Lodges were instructed where Masonic supplies could be obtained. My expenses for the year were none.

Balance on hand none.

Supplies in office 40 Burial Service Booklets.

Recommendation:

That some plan be initiated whereby the Grand Custodian might make periodic visits to the lodges throughout the jurisdiction to observe the work and give good and wholesome instruction when needed.

I wish to thank the following brothers for assisting with the Grand Lodge School of Instruction:

Bro. Wilbert Toney, McNeil # 21; Bro. Wm Bell Stjohn # 35;
 Bro. Percy Burt. St John # 35; Bro. H Kendricks, Decatur #14. Bro. Clifford Ashby, Union #1; Bro. Charles Coleman, Doric #30; Bro. Lesley Harkins, Twin City #32; Bro. Leroy Hester, Mt. Olive # 17; Bro. Ebbie Pitts, Hiram # 19 ; Bro Jacob, Rhone, and Kelly North Str #2;
 It is needless for me to give a lengthy discourse on this school of Instruction as you have witnessed it for yourselves.
 Two candidate, Dr. Joseph Ritchie North Star #2, Leroy Carter; Oliver Hudson, Twin City #32 entered, passed and raised. William Teal Twin City # 32 passed and raised, and Robert Herndon

Twin City #32 given the first half of the Master Mason degree.
Twin City Lodge #32 instructed to complete the work. In
closing, I wish to express my gratitude to the Grand Lodge
for having bestowed this honor upon me.

Fraternally submitted

J. Walter Thompson
Grand Custodian.

Burlington, Iowa

July 12, 1949

The Board of Custodian composed of Past Grand Masters and the
presiding Grand Custodian met as prescribed by law .

Those present: Bro. S. Joe Brown P.G.M. Chairman
Bro. Carl Mays P.G.M.
Bro. Geo Suter P.G.M.
Bro. Howard Brown P.G.M.
Bro. H. A. Martin P.G.M.
Bro. C. T. Culberson P.G.M.
Bro. B. N. Hyde. P.G.M.
Bro. Wilbert Toney. Grand Custodian.

On the question submitted by Bro. F. A. Ragland of Eureka #20
concerning the pronouncing of the word found in 2nd degree we find
after research that the "A" should be long and pronounced as
offered by Bro Ragland.

The question concerning the traveling by the S.D. and candidate
is settled by chart formerly in the ritual, therefore there are
no square corner used in making of the candidate.

Report of Board of Custodians

Recommend amendments to Sec 23 as follows:

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time for the purpose of conference and comparison of the work at
such place as he may designate one of which shall be on the Monday
of the Grand Lodge Session and in the city where it is to be held,
and at which conference those present shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 23 (A) School

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the Craft, not a lodge for making candidates held each year at the
city, where the Grand Lodge is to be held.

Such school shall be under the charge of the Grand Custodian, subject to such regulations as may be adopted or prescribed Proposed Amendment to Code.

Sec. (C) Past Master's Degree:

A portion of the business of this School shall be the conferring of the Past Master's Degree upon any permanent members of the Grand Lodge, who have not theretofore been invested with it, from each of which shall be collected the fee provided for in Article XIII of our constitution.

The board approved the rule as adopted by former board of Custodians.

Also the Lecture formerly found in the ritual to be addressed to candidate be adopted.

The board of Custodian having finished their work, the chairman declared the meeting closed.

S. Joe Brown Chairman
Granhan Hyde Secretary

Dr. H.A. Martin

C.T. Culberson

F.S. Johnson

Carl M. Mays

H. Brown

Paul D. Goodloe

W.L. Toney Custodian

Waterloo, Iowa.

July 12, 1950

Report of the Board of Custodian
Most Worshipful United Grand Lodge of Iowa F. & A.M. Prince Hall
Affiliation.

Be it resolved by the board of custodian that it be the regulation of this Grand Lodge that hereafter the Worshipful Master's of this Jurisdiction shall remove his hat upon entrance of any Christian church and to replace it only performing his part of the service.

Fraternally Submitted.

S. Joe Brown Chairman

Dr. H.A. Martin

F.S. Johnson

Branham H. Hyde

Geo. L. Suter

Howard Brown

C. T. Culberson

Beverly G. Taylor

Carl M. Mays Secretary

Moved by S. Joe Brown, second by C. M. Mays Adopted.

Des Moines, Iowa
July 11, 1970

Recommendations

To the M.W. Grand Master, Grand Officers, Past and present we, the Board of Custodians, along with the Grand Lecturer, William B. Hubbard, do submit for your consideration, the following recommendation, which we hope will clarify some of the misunderstanding and confusion which has been caused by our transition from one ritual to another.

1. That the Grand Lecturer continue the District School of instructions as they were last outlined.
2. That the Grand Lecturer, with the approval of the Board of Custodians be empowered to conduct an inquiry, and submit a report which would cover any omissions or variations from the Standard Masonic Monitor by Simmons, and/or submit a book of instruction in those areas in which both are silent.
3. That the Grand Lecturer be empowered to put on any one degree at the District School of Instructions.
4. That all members wear their white gloves when in Lodge assemble.
5. I recommend that since the Past Master degree is given at the Grand Lodge that they be given some type of certificate to show that he has been made a Past Master

Fraternally submitted,

* William B. Hubbard R.W.G.Lect.

Paul L. Wilson P.G.M.

* Louis J. Henry P.G.M.

W.V. Windsor P.G.M.

Charles W. Peguese P.G.M. *

De Edwin White P.G.M.

Carl M. Mays P.G.M.

Jake L. Nelson P.G.M.

Amendment.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1 --1969

The Grand Lodge shall hold one regular communication each year commencing on the second Thursday in July at 9:00 A.M. at which time the Grand Master shall open the Grand Lodge, appoint his committees and deliver his annual address after which he shall turn the Grand Lodge over to the Grand Lecturer, who shall proceed with the Grand School of instruction during the balance of the day, the reports of Committee and other Grand Officers to begin on Friday morning, and the Grand Lodge shall close on Saturday.

ARTICLE XIII REVENUES OF THE GRAND LODGE
Section 1 (B) 1974

The revenues of the Grand Lodge is derived from
the following sources:

- For every warrant or charter, \$15.00
- For dispensation to found a Lodge, \$30.00
- Dispensation to confer three degrees
at one meeting \$5.00
- Dispensation to pass the chair, \$2.00
- For Past Master Degree, \$2.00
- For Grand Lodge Diploma, \$1.00
- For every candidate initiated, \$.75
- For passing, \$.50
- For raising, \$.75

Article XIII
Section 1 (c) 1967

Every Lodge shall pay into the General Fund of the Grand Lodge two dollars (\$2.00) for each and every member on its roll on June 1st and December 1st of each year and to the Grand Relief Fund one Dollar (\$1.00) for each and every member on its roll the 1st day of July, October, January, and April respectively, which quarterly payments shall be accompanied by a report made out upon blanks to be furnished by the Grand Secretary, showing the name of the members for whom paid, Any Member three quarters in arrears shall not be eligible for benefit from the Relief Fund, and no money paid into the Grand Relief Fund shall be transferred or loaned to any department except as hereinafter provided for.

Chapter 11

Section 17 (1954)

Grand Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all moneys and funds of the Grand Lodge; to pay them out only upon the order of the Grand Lodge, attested by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, except as to the charity Funds, and then only as provided by law, to report annually the amount of his receipts and expenditures by items, from whom paid and the amount remaining in his hands; within ten days after installation to execute a bond payable to the trustees of the Grand Lodge, in amount and with sureties to be approved by the said Trustees, conditioned that he will pay or deliver to the Grand Lodge or his successor in office or properly account for all moneys and property that has come into his hands by virtue of his office. A failure to file such bond shall render the office vacant and the Grand Master may thereafter appoint a Grand Treasurer who shall qualify by the filing of such bond and the expenses incurred in securing such bond shall be paid by the Grand Lodge. He shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars per year for his services in addition to his expenses as elsewhere provided for.

Chapter 111

Section 25

1975

Amendment

A Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence to be composed of all Past Grand Masters present and three (3) Non-Past Grand Masters to be appointed from the permanent Membership by the Grand Masters to whom shall be referred all propositions to amend the written law of the jurisdiction and other questions of legal significance, at the discretion of the Grand Lodge. All questions of legal import for the action of this Committee must first be presented to the Grand Lodge and by it referred to this Committee. Provided further that it shall be the prerogative to the Grand Master to appoint the Chairman of this Committee.

Chapter VI Grand Relief Fund
Section 34 1958

All donation from this fund, unless hereinafter provided, shall be on the last day of each regular Grand Communication on account of all deaths that shall have occurred during the preceeding Grand Lodge year of which satisfactory proof has been submitted and proper claimants established as hereinafter provided.

Shapter VI

Section 35 (a) 1959

Unless otherwise provided for, seventy-five percent (75%) of the monies thus collected during each year shall be equally divided among the proper claimants whose rights thereto shall not have been impaired as hereinafter provided ,provided that no claimant shall recieve more than one hundred(\$100.00) dollars, the other twenty-five percent (25%) to be transferred to the General Fund to defray the expense of administering this fund.

Chapter VI

Section 35 (b) 1958

At each Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, unless herein after provided, the Grand Trustees, Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary shall determine the amount to be paid each claimant from this fund and report its findings to the Grand Lodge for approval before payments are made.

Chapter VI

Section 35 (c) 1958

All moneys in the Grand Relief Fund in excess of five Thousand (\$5,000) dollars shall be designated as Grand Relief Fund Reserves.

Chapter VI

Section 35 (d) 1958

Whenever it has been properly established that the claimant is a widow or minor child and that the claim bears no encumbrance the Grand Master may authorize prompt payment of such claim from the Grand Relief Fund Reserves. Provided further, that the payments shall not exceed the amount heretofore specified shall be in accordance with enactment hereinafter provided and shall be reported by the Committee on Grand Relief at each Annual Grand Communication.

Chapter VI

Section 36 (f) 1960

However, any Member reinstated past the age sixty-five years shall not be carried on the roll of the Grand Relief Fund and therefore shall be subject to payments thereto, nor shall he receive any benefits there from/

Chapter VI
Section 37 (c) 1960

Provided that: unless provided for under Article Xlll, Section 2, of the Constitution or whenever the Subordinate Lodge has paid the relief dues of Members who are so situated as to be unable to pay for themselves, then in the event of death the Secretary shall certify to the Grand Secretary under the seal of the Lodge the amount due said Lodge by reason of said payments, and the Grand Secretary shall first draw a warrant payable to said Lodge for said amount and then the other warrant herein provided for. Be it futher provided that all donations made from the Grand Relief Fund covered by Section 2, Article Xlll of the constitution be limited to widows and minor children only.

Chapter XLV
Section 134 1973

The qualifications for an initiate are Faith in GOD, Hope in immortality, and Charity (love) towards Mankind, an applicant shall futhermore have attained the age of 18 years, be under tongue of good report, and except as otherwise provided by Law shall resided for the space of one (1) year within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and six (6) months in the jurisdiction of the particular Lodge.

Chapter XIV
Section 138 1975

The requirement of a Certificate of Health as outlined in foregoing or subsequent section of this Code is no longer deemed necessary. The following Sections are affected:

138, 138B, 162C, 186, 197A, 198, 205, 207, 223F, 226, and 227.

Chapter XV

Section 162 C 1975

An Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft failing to report for advancement within a period of six (6) months, without suitable explanation, shall not be advanced except by a two-thirds vote upon his written application. Said application to be referred to a Committee of investigation and not voted upon before the following stated meeting to approve.

Chapter XVll
Section 197 (A) 1975

At any time within the period of six (6) months after his suspension under the provisions of this chapter, a Brother may be reinstated by presentation of the amount due. The Secretary shall immediately give to the Worshipful Master written notice of such reinstatement.

Chapter XVll

Section 198 (a) 1960

However, any Member past age sixty-five (65) years suspended for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated without presentation of physicians certificate of Health. He shall be subject to subordinate Lodge dues and Grand Tax.

Chapter XLX

Section 212 1975 Grand Lodge Dues

Each chartered Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge shall, collect from its members annual dues, and shall pay into the Grand Lodge treasury the sum of two (\$2.00) dollars for each person who is a member of the Lodge December, 1st of each year and two (\$2.00) dollars for each person who is a member on June 1st of each year, except from members in the Armed Force of the United States during a national emergency or members exempted under provisions of Article XLIII. Section 2.

Section 212 (a) 1975

Qualifications For 50 Year Membership

50 years of good standing in Prince Hall Masonry shall make a member eligible to receive from the Grand Lodge an appropriate lapel pin and wallet card denoting the same, Upon proper application by the 50 year member or a Lodge on his behalf to the Grand Secretary, he may be exempted from Grand Lodge dues and Relief Fund donations.

Chapter XIX

Section 214 1975 Grand Dues.

It shall be the duty of the Master of each subordinate Lodge on or before June 25th, to collect from each member in good standing, the sum of \$2.00 together with all other monies due to the Grand Lodge and forward to the Grand Secretary the amount and a failure to do so shall be prima facie, a neglect of duty, and shall be attended with the same disqualifications and consequences as provided in Section 211 of this code; and said Lodge shall have no voice or vote in the Grand Lodge until said sum is paid.

Chapter XXIII
Section 242 (a) 1960

Convening of Grand Lodge for deceased Grand Officers.
Upon the death of a Grand Master, Past Grand Master, or any
Elective Grand Officer (during an elective Grand Officers
term of office) the Grand Lodge shall convene for such funeral
rites. The Grand Lodge paying the expense for such attendance
of each Elective Grand Officer there attending and the
Deputy Grand Master.

Chapter XXIV

Section 248 1974

Every Lodge in the jurisdiction is required to provide a white apron (lambskin or white leather preferable), to present to the candidate at his initiation, which shall be his for preservation.