

## Chapter 101 Masonic Discipline-General

**101.01 Persons Subject to Discipline.** Entered Apprentices, Fellowcrafts and Master Masons who are affiliated with a constituent lodge of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin, or who reside within the State of Wisconsin or who sojourn within the State of Wisconsin are subject to discipline by the Grand Lodge.

**101.02 Persons Not Subject to Discipline.**

- (a) The Grand Master of Masons in Wisconsin or the Master of a constituent lodge is not subject to disciplinary action during his term in office, but upon expiration of his term he may be disciplined for unmasonic conduct while in office.
- (b) A Mason who, prior to discipline by the Grand Master pursuant to Sec. 101.03 and prior to the issuance of any charges pursuant to Chapter 103, has in accordance with Sec. 82.08 resigned from all lodges of which he was a member may not be disciplined.

**101.03 Discipline by Grand Master.**

- (a) Prior to the close of the 1992 annual communication of the Grand Lodge, if a Mason has been convicted of a felony or a sexual assault misdemeanor, or has pled guilty or no contest thereto, in a court of competent jurisdiction, the Grand Master may discipline him to such extent as is provided for in the Trial Code and the Grand Master feels appropriate, without the preferring of charges and Masonic trial.
- (b) Effective upon the close of the 1992 annual communication of the Grand Lodge, if a Mason is convicted of a felony or a sexual assault misdemeanor, or shall plead guilty or no contest thereto, in a court of competent jurisdiction, the Grand Master shall expel him without the preferring of charges and Masonic trial.
- (c) If a Mason has been convicted of a felony prior to becoming a Mason the Grand Master may discipline him to such extent as provided for in the trial code and to the extent the Grand Master feels appropriate, without the preferring of charges and a Masonic trial.
- (d) Notwithstanding (a) and (b) above, no action shall be taken by the Grand Master while proceedings for reversal of the judgment of said court shall be pending and undecided.
- (e) A copy of the information, judgment and any other court records as may be available - shall be sufficient evidence to justify such discipline or expulsion. Other evidence, as determined by the Grand Master, will be sufficient evidence to justify such discipline or expulsion. Other evidence, as determined by the Grand Master, will be sufficient if such information, judgment or other court records are not available.
- (f) A Mason disciplined under (a) or (b) above shall have a right of review as provided in Chapter 108.

**101.04 Discipline Upon Charges and After Trial.** A Mason may be disciplined to such extent as is provided for in the Trial Code upon the issuance of Charges and Specifications and after Trial by Commission as hereinafter provided.

**101.05 Who May Issue Charges.** Except as provided in Sec. 101.02,

- (a) A lodge has jurisdiction to consider and issue charges against a Mason who is a member of the lodge or who resides or sojourns in the county in which the lodge is located. If more than one lodge has jurisdiction to issue charges against a Mason, the first lodge to issue charges has exclusive jurisdiction to prosecute such charges.
- (b) The Grand Master may issue charges against any Mason who is a member of a constituent lodge of the Grand Lodge or who resides or sojourns in the State of Wisconsin.

**101.06 Who May Not Issue Charges.** A lodge under dispensation has no authority to issue charges.

**101.07 Grounds for Charges and Discipline of a Mason.** The grounds for charges and discipline of a Mason shall only be for unmasonic conduct, which shall consist of-

- (a) Any conduct which has brought or may bring Masonry into disrepute, or
- (b) Violation of any Masonic obligation, or
- (c) Violation of the Constitution, or any Law or Edict of the Grand Lodge.

**101.08 Determination of Unmasonic Conduct.** The constituent lodge having authority to prefer charges (or the Grand Master if he shall prefer charges) shall make the primary determination, in the light of the surrounding circumstances, whether a Mason's conduct is unmasonic. Such determination must also be made by the Trial Commission, after trial, as hereinafter provided.

## Chapter 102

### Initiation of Bringing of Charges, Committee on Discipline

**102.01 Initiated at Stated Meeting.** Any Mason may initiate the bringing of charges against another Mason by reporting the grounds for such charges at a stated communication of a lodge having jurisdiction and requesting that the matter be referred to the lodge's Committee on Discipline.

**102.02 Master to Refer to Committee on Discipline.** If a Mason has initiated the bringing of charges as provided in Sec. 102.01, the Master shall refer the matter to the Committee on Discipline.

**102.03 Members of Committee.** The Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden of each lodge shall constitute its Committee on Discipline.

**102.04 Member of Committee Affected.** If a matter referred to the Committee on Discipline involves the consideration of the bringing of charges against any member of the Committee, such member shall automatically be removed from the Committee and be replaced by the next highest ranking officer of the lodge, as provided in Sec. 57.01.

## Chapter 103

### Issuance of Charges

**103.01 Consideration and Issuance of Charges by Committee.** The Committee on Discipline shall consider any matter referred to it.

- (a) If the Committee on Discipline determines that the lodge has jurisdiction, that the charges being considered are not frivolous and that there are substantial grounds for the charges being considered, then the Committee on Discipline shall report its findings to the lodge at a stated communication and shall issue charges on behalf of the lodge.
- (b) If the Committee on Discipline determines that the lodge does not have jurisdiction, or that the charges being considered are frivolous, or that there are no substantial grounds for the charges being considered, then the Committee on Discipline shall report its findings to the lodge at a stated communication and shall not issue charges.

**103.02 Report to Grand Secretary.** Upon receipt of the report of the Committee on Discipline, the Secretary of the lodge shall report in writing to the Grand Secretary:

- (a) The date of the stated communication on which the bringing of charges were initiated by a Mason.
- (b) The date of the stated communication on which the committee on Discipline reported to the lodge, and
- (c) The action of the Committee on Discipline.
- (d) If the Committee on Discipline has issued charges, the lodge Secretary shall also furnish the Grand Secretary at that time with two copies of the Charges and Specifications, signed by the members of the Committee on Discipline.

**103.03 Issuance of Charges by Grand Master and Report to Grand Secretary.** If the Grand Master issues Charges, he shall report the same in writing to the Grand Secretary, at the same time furnishing the Grand Secretary with two copies of the Charges and Specifications, signed by the Grand Master.

**103.04 Contents of Charges and Specifications.** The Charges and Specifications shall set forth:

- (a) The name of the lodge (or Grand Master) bringing the Charges.
- (b) The name of the Mason against whom the Charges are made, his last known residential address and the name(s) of any lodge(s) of which he is a member.
- (c) The nature of the alleged unmasonic conduct under Sec. 101.07 (a, b or c).
- (d) The specific facts giving rise to the alleged unmasonic conduct, in clear and definitive terms.

## Chapter 104 Trial Commission

**104.01 Notification by Grand Secretary.** Upon receipt of the Charges and Specifications from a lodge, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Grand Master, and the Grand Master shall appoint a Trial Commission. Upon receipt of the Charges and Specifications from the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary shall notify the Deputy Grand Master, and the Deputy Grand Master shall appoint a Trial Commission.

**104.02 Appointment of Trial Commission.** Upon receipt of the notice from the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master (or the Deputy Grand Master if he appoints the Trial Commission) shall inform the Grand Secretary of the names of the President and other members of the Trial Commission, and the Grand Secretary shall notify them of their appointment.

**104.03 Members of Trial Commission.** The Trial Commission shall consist of five disinterested Wisconsin Masons, not members of any lodge of which the accused Mason may be a member and not members of the lodge bringing the Charges (if the Charges are brought by a lodge). The Grand Master (or the Deputy Grand Master if he appoints the Trial Commission) shall designate one of the members of the Commission as the President.

**104.04 Compensation of Trial Commission.** Each member of the Trial Commission shall be entitled to compensation in the amount of 10 dollars for each day of trial attendance plus his travel, meal and lodging expenses occasioned thereby. The Grand Secretary shall pay such compensation and reimbursement of expenses upon approval of the President of the Trial Commission.

## Chapter 105 Notices, Secretary and President of Commission

**105.01 Duties of Grand Secretary Related to Trial Date, Summons and Notices.** The Grand Secretary shall:

- (a) After consultation with the members of the Trial Commission, set a time, date and place for the trial of the Charges.
- (b) Prepare a Summons which directs the accused Mason to attend the trial of the Charges, advising him of the time, date and place of the trial.
- (c) Send the Summons and a signed copy of the Charges and Specifications to the accused Mason, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to his last known residential address, at least 30 days prior to the date of the trial.
- (d) Formally advise an accused brother of any suspension or expulsion penalty.
- (e) Send copies of the Summons and the Charges and Specifications to each member of the Trial Commission and to the lodge (or the Grand Master) bringing the Charges, by first class mail.
- (f) Furnish the President of the Trial Commission with evidence of the mailings.

**105.02 Duties of Grand Lodge Secretary Related to Trial.** The Grand Secretary or his designee shall be the Secretary of the Trial Commission and he shall:

- (a) Provide a tape recorder and tape(s) and record the trial proceedings,
- (b) Maintain the complete record of the trial proceedings (pleadings, exhibits, documents, tape recording of the trial proceedings and judgment), prepare a transcript of the proceedings and certify to the accuracy thereof, and
- (c) If charges were brought by a lodge, transmit a copy of the transcript to the Secretary of the lodge.

**105.03 President of Trial Commission.** The President of the Trial Commission shall:

- (a) Fill any vacancy in the Trial Commission which may occur at any time.
- (b) Change the trial time, date or place, if he determines that any such change is appropriate; and if such change is made before the trial, he shall notify the Grand Secretary of such change and the Grand Secretary shall notify the parties or their counsel and the members of the Trial Commission of such change.
- (c) Preside at the trial and determine all questions of practice, procedure and admissibility of testimony or other evidence.

## Chapter 106 Trial Conduct and Procedure

**106.01 Prosecution of Charges.** If the Charges are brought by a lodge, the Committee on Discipline of the lodge shall prosecute the Charges; and the highest ranking member shall, personally or by counsel designated by him, act as prosecutor. If the Charges are brought by the Grand Master, he shall prosecute the Charges; and he, or counsel designated by him, shall act as prosecutor.

**106.02 Fees and Expenses of Prosecution.** Any fees and expenses of counsel for the lodge shall be paid by the lodge, and any fees and expenses of counsel for the Grand Master shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

**106.03 Defense of Charges.** If the accused Mason desires to be represented by counsel, he may be represented by counsel. Any fees and expenses of counsel for the accused Mason shall be paid by the accused Mason.

**106.04 Qualifications and Notice of Counsel.** Any counsel for the lodge, the Grand Master or the accused Mason shall be a Master Mason in good standing. The name and address of any such counsel shall be filed in writing with the Grand Secretary at least one week prior to the date of the trial.

**106.05 Notifications by Grand Secretary.** Upon the receipt of notice identifying any such counsel the Grand Secretary shall:

- (a) Send said counsel copies of the Summons, the Charges and Specifications and any other notices or pleadings filed in the matter.
- (b) Notify the President of the Commission and the opposing party or the opposing counsel (if the Grand Secretary has been notified of the existence of opposing counsel) of the appearance of counsel.

**106.06 Attendance at Trial.** Members of the lodge which brought the charges, the Grand Master, counsel for the lodge (or for the Grand Master, if he brought the charges), the accused Mason, counsel for the accused Mason, members of any lodge of which the accused Mason may be a member, witnesses, members of the Trial Commission and the Secretary of the Trial Commission may attend the trial. Any persons not described above may be excluded from the trial by the President of the Commission.

**106.07 Notification of Lodge Members.** Lodge members may be notified of the trial, but they shall not be required to attend.

**106.08 Depositions and Written Interrogatories.** Depositions and written interrogatories may be used as hereinafter provided.

- (a) Upon reasonable notice to the opposing party or opposing counsel, if a witness resides more than 30 miles from the place of the trial, such person's deposition or written interrogatories, under oath, may be taken.
- (b) With the consent of the opposing party or opposing counsel, any person's deposition or written interrogatories, under oath, may be taken.
- (c) In any case not provided in (a) or (b) above, if the President of the Trial Commission so authorizes, any person's deposition or written interrogatories, under oath, may be taken.
- (d) A copy of the transcript of any deposition or the responses to any written interrogatories shall be furnished to the opposing party or opposing counsel prior to the trial.
- (e) The transcript of any deposition or the responses to any written interrogatories may be received in evidence at the trial, in the discretion of the President of Trial Commission.

**106.09 Pleas.** If the accused Mason shall not plead to any specification, the President of the Trial Commission shall order a plea of "not guilty" to be entered into the record. If the accused Mason enters a plea of guilty, evidence shall thereafter be received to aid the Trial Commission is determining the penalty.

**106.10 Evidence and Determination of Trial Commission.** The Trial Commission shall hear and receive the evidence and the arguments of the parties and their counsel, deliberate in closed session and determine whether or not the accused Mason is guilty or innocent of the unmasonic conduct, and if guilty, impose a penalty.

**106.11 Testimony at Trial.** The following rules apply to testimony at the trial:

- (a) In contested cases, the President shall not be bound by common law or statutory rules of evidence. The President shall admit all testimony having reasonable probative value, but shall exclude all immaterial, irrelevant or unduly repetitious testimony. The President shall give effect to the rules of privilege recognized by law. Basic principles of relevancy, materiality and probative force shall govern the proof of all questions of fact.
  - (1) Documentary evidence may be received in the form of copies or excerpts, if the original is not readily available. Upon request, parties shall be given the opportunity to compare the copy with the original.
  - (2) The accused Mason may conduct cross-examinations reasonably required for a full and true disclosure of the facts.
- (b) All testimony given at a trial shall be under oath to testify to nothing but the truth.
- (c) All witnesses shall be subject to cross examination by opposing counsel and to examination by any member of the Trial Commission.
- (d) The testimony of the wife of the accused Mason shall only be received if it is not adverse to the interests of the accused Mason.
- (e) The accused Mason may testify in his own behalf, but he may not be compelled to do so.
- (f) Information received on the third point of fellowship shall not be received in evidence.

**106.12 Written Evidence at Trial.** In addition to the provisions of Sec. 106.08, the following rules shall apply to written evidence at the trial:

- (a) Any written confession of an accused Mason shall be admissible and its weight shall be determined by the Trial Commission.
- (b) Duly authenticated copies of any records of a lodge shall be received in evidence with the same weight as the originals.
- (c) Ex-parte affidavits shall not be received in evidence unless consent is given by the opposing party or opposing counsel.
- (d) Appropriately identified copies of any Information, Indictment, Charges, Judgment or other written document related to a misdemeanor or felony shall be received in evidence only if the accused Mason has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to such misdemeanor or felony.

**106.13 Order of Procedure at Trial.** The order of procedure at the trial shall be:

- (a) Entering of appearances.
- (b) Reading of the report of the lodge Secretary to the Grand Secretary stating:
  - 1. The date of the stated communication on which the bringing of charges were initiated by a Mason.
  - 2. The date of the stated communication on which the Committee on Discipline reported to the lodge, and
  - 3. The action of the Committee on Discipline.
- (c) Reading of the Summons and the Charges and Specifications.
- (d) Review of Service of the Summons and the Charges and Specifications.
- (e) The plea of the accused Mason to each Specification.
- (f) Opening statement by the prosecutor or counsel for the prosecutor.
- (g) Opening statement by the accused Mason or counsel for the accused Mason.
- (h) Presentation of the case for the prosecutor.
- (I) Presentation of the case for the accused Mason.
- (j) Rebuttal of the prosecutor.
- (k) Surrebuttal of the accused Mason.

- (l) Argument of the prosecutor or counsel for the prosecutor.
- (m) Argument of the accused Mason or counsel for the accused Mason.
- (n) Rebuttal argument of the prosecutor or counsel for the prosecutor.
- (o) Surrebuttal argument of the accused Mason or counsel for the accused Mason.
- (p) Deliberation of the Trial Commission.
- (q) Announcement of Findings and Penalty.

**106.14 Findings and Determinations by a Trial Commission.**

- (a) The Trial Commission shall make a separate written finding of fact for each charge.
- (b) Upon a finding of guilty to any charge the Trial Commission shall then determine whether or not the facts in support of that charge resulted in unmasonic conduct.
- (c) A finding of guilt to any charge and the determination of unmasonic conduct must be by the unanimous vote of the Trial Commission.
- (d) If the Trial Commission determines that the conduct contained in the charge was unmasonic it shall impose a penalty pursuant to section 106.15.

**106.15 Penalty.** Upon the determination of unmasonic conduct, the Trial Commission shall determine the penalty to be imposed in the following order:

- (a) For expulsion; and if not adopted, then
- (b) For indefinite suspension; and if not adopted, then
- (c) For suspension for a definite time; and if not adopted, then
- (d) The Trial Commission shall order the Master of the lodge of which the guilty Mason may be a member to reprimand him in open lodge.
- (e) The penalty shall be determined by a majority vote of the members of the Trial Commission.

## Chapter 107 Suspension and Expulsion

**107.01 Standing Prior to Suspension or Expulsion.** A Mason against whom charges have been initiated by a lodge shall remain in good standing until the determination of unmasonic conduct has been made by the President of the Trial Commission following trial as above provided.

**107.02 Effective Date of Suspension or Expulsion.** A penalty of suspension or expulsion shall become effective immediately upon determination by the Grand Master pursuant to Sec. 101.03 or upon announcement by the President of the Trial Commission following trial as above provided. Such penalty shall remain in effect in accordance with its terms unless changed by the Grand Lodge at an annual communication.

**107.03 Effect of Suspension or Expulsion.** A person who has been suspended or expelled:

- (a) Shall not be entitled to any of the rights and privileges of the Craft.
- (b) Shall automatically be removed from any office he may hold in the Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge, and such office shall be vacant.
- (c) Shall not be liable for the payment of dues or assessments to any lodge.
- (d) Shall not be entitled to any refund of funds paid into the perpetual membership plan.

**107.04 Additional Charges.** New Charges may not be brought against a person who has been suspended or expelled, while under such sentence.

## Chapter 108

### Review of Discipline

#### 108.01 Review of Discipline Imposed by Trial Commission or Grand Master.

- (a) Any finding and/or the determination of a Trial Commission or penalty imposed by it (or by the Grand Master pursuant to Sec. 10 1.03) shall automatically be reviewed by the Appeals and Grievances Committee.
- (b) Upon the receipt by the Grand Secretary of the record from the Secretary of the Trial Commission (or notice of discipline imposed by the Grand Master), the Grand Secretary shall promptly notify the Appeals and Grievances Committee who shall review the matter.
- (c) The person disciplined, the prosecutor or respective counsel may submit to the Appeals and Grievances Committee written objections to any findings or penalty imposed. In such event, the Appeals and Grievances Committee may request the opposing party or counsel for the opposing party to submit a written reply.
- (d) Review under this Section shall not be a Trial De Novo but be a review limited to the record as to:
  - 1. Errors in Procedure.
  - 2. The existence of a factual basis to support the action taken.
  - 3. Determination of any erroneous conclusion.
  - 4. Abuse of Discretion.
- (e) The Appeals and Grievances Committee shall submit a written report to the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication, together with the Committee's recommendation to:
  - 1. Approve the Trial Commission's (or Grand Master's) action;
  - 2. Disapprove any part or all of the Trial Commission's (or Grand Master's) action; or
  - 3. Set the matter over until the next annual communication.
- (f) If the Appeals and Grievances Committee recommends that the Grand Lodge disapprove any portion of the Trial Commission's (or Grand Master's) action, the Committee shall make its recommendation with respect to the following:
  - 1. Change a determination of guilty to not guilty of unmasonic conduct;
  - 2. Increase or decrease the discipline imposed; or
  - 3. Grant a new trial.
- (g) Upon receipt of the recommendation of the Appeals and Grievances Committee, the Grand Lodge shall separately vote to adopt (or not adopt) each recommendation.
- (h) If the action of Grand Lodge (other than to grant a new trial) results in an incomplete disposition of the matter, the Grand Lodge shall take such further action as is necessary to dispose of the matter.
- (I) Action by the Grand Lodge shall be final and binding and not subject to further review.
- (j) Interviewing the action of a Trial Commission, the Appeals and Grievances Committee shall recommend and the Grand Lodge shall change a finding of guilty to not guilty or grant a new trial only for material error. Errors in pleading, procedure or admission of evidence shall not be deemed material unless they affect the substantive rights of the party involved.

**108.02 Discipline Imposed by Foreign Jurisdiction.**

- (a) A member of a constituent lodge of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin who has been suspended or expelled by a foreign jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge shall be automatically suspended or expelled as a Mason in Wisconsin, unless the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge takes action as hereinafter provided.
- (b) Such suspended or expelled person may petition the Grand Lodge for review.
  - 1. Such petition shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by a copy of the complete record of the trial or other proceeding in the foreign jurisdiction, or if the same cannot be obtained by the petitioner such information as the petitioner has or is able to obtain with respect to such matter. The petition shall state the reasons the petitioner believes the Grand Lodge should review the matter.
  - 2. Such petition shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall promptly notify the Appeals and Grievances Committee who shall review the matter.
- (c) Upon the request of the Appeals and Grievances Committee, the Grand Secretary shall attempt to obtain any additional information from the foreign jurisdiction.
- (d) The Appeals and Grievances Committee shall submit a written report to the Grand Master and to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication, together with the Committee's recommendation to:
  - 1. Adopt the foreign jurisdiction's action in Wisconsin;
  - 2. Not adopt any part or all of the foreign jurisdiction's action in Wisconsin; or
  - 3. Set the matter over until the next annual communication.
- (e) If the Appeals and Grievances Committee recommends that the Grand Lodge not adopt any portion of the foreign jurisdiction's action in Wisconsin, the Committee shall add its recommendation with respect to proposed action by the Grand Lodge.
- (f) upon receipt of any recommendation of the Appeals and Grievances Committee, the Grand Lodge shall separately vote whether or not to adopt each recommendation.
- (g) If the action of Grand Lodge results in an incomplete disposition of the matter, the Grand Lodge shall take such further action as is necessary to dispose of the matter.
- (h) Action by the Grand Lodge shall be final and binding and not subject to further review.
- (i) In reviewing the action of a foreign jurisdiction, the Appeals and Grievances Committee may recommend and the Grand Lodge may determine that the penalty of suspension or expulsion does not apply in Wisconsin only if the Mason's conduct upon which such discipline was based would not, in its judgment, have resulted in the imposition of such discipline in Wisconsin.
- (j) During any time that the Grand Lodge is not in session the Grand Master may take any action which the Grand Lodge is authorized to take under this section; provided, however, that any action by the Grand Master shall be reviewed by the Grand Lodge at the annual communication.
- (k) The Grand Secretary shall notify the foreign jurisdiction involved of any action taken by the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge pursuant to this section.

**Chapter 109****Restoration of Membership**

**109.01 Action of Grand Lodge on Review of Trial Commission or Grand Master.** If the action of the Grand Lodge changes the determination of a Trial Commission from guilty to not guilty of unmasonic conduct, any penalty imposed shall be voided. In such case, or if a penalty of suspension or expulsion imposed by a Trial Commission (or by the Grand Master pursuant to Sec. 101.03) is voided by the Grand Lodge, the Mason shall be restored to all rights and privileges of the Craft, *nunc pro tunc*, except that any Masonic office which was vacated and filled by a successor shall not be affected.



**109.02 Action of Grand Lodge on Review of Foreign Jurisdiction.** If the action of the Grand Lodge provides that a penalty of suspension or expulsion imposed by a foreign jurisdiction upon a member of a constituent lodge of the Grand Lodge does not apply in Wisconsin, the Mason shall be restored to all rights and privileges of the Craft in Wisconsin, *nunc pro tunc*, except that any Wisconsin Masonic office which was vacated and filled by a successor shall not be affected.

**109.03 Suspension for a Definite Time.** If a member has been suspended for a definite time, upon the expiration of the applicable time period and upon the payment of any unpaid dues for any remaining portion of the year, the Mason shall be restored to all rights and privileges of the Craft from that date forward, without any further action by the Grand Lodge or any constituent lodge.

**109.04 Certain Resignations and Indefinite Suspension or Expulsions.** An Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft or Master Mason in a constituent lodge of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin:-

- (a) who resigns after the close of the 1992 annual communication of the Grand Lodge and is convicted of a felony or a sexual assault misdemeanor (either before or after such resignation), or who resigns for the good of Freemasonry or in lieu of charges being brought, or with terms of his resignation set forth in a letter addressed to the Grand Lodge and made a part of his permanent record
- (b) who has been suspended indefinitely or expelled by the Grand Lodge or by a foreign jurisdiction recognized by the Grand Lodge may petition the Grand Lodge for restoration.
- (c) Such petition shall be filed with the Grand Secretary, who shall promptly notify the Appeals and Grievances Committee who shall review the matter.
- (d) Upon the request of the Appeals and Grievances Committee, the Grand Secretary shall attempt to obtain any additional information, including information from any former constituent lodge of which the petitioner was a member.
- (e) The Appeals and Grievances Committee shall submit a written report to the Grand Lodge at its annual communication, together with the Committee's recommendation to:
  1. Grant the petition for restoration;
  2. Not grant the petition for restoration; or
  3. Set the matter over until the next annual communication.
- (f) Upon receipt of any recommendation of the Appeals and Grievances Committee, the Grand Lodge shall vote whether to adopt the recommendation.
- (g) If the action of Grand Lodge results in an incomplete disposition of the matter, the Grand Lodge shall take such further action as is necessary to dispose of the matter.
- (h) Action by the Grand Lodge shall be final and binding and not subject to further review.
- (i) In reviewing the petition for restoration, the Appeals and Grievances Committee shall recommend and the Grand Lodge shall determine to grant the petition only if it is in the best interest of the Craft that the petitioner's membership be restored.

**109.05 Status of Restored Mason.** If the Grand Lodge grants the petition for restoration, the petitioner shall become an unaffiliated Mason. He may petition any constituent lodge for affiliation.

## Chapter 110 Forms

**110.00 Grand Secretary Shall Prepare Forms.** The Grand Secretary shall prepare such forms as may be appropriate for use in connection with Masonic trials, including the revision of any forms which may have been used prior to the adoption of this section.



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