

## **ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN**

### **PENALTIES**

#### **SECTION 1**

A candidate having been notified of his or her election to membership of this Lodge and fails to present himself for admittance to membership within ninety (90) days from the date of said election, through no fault of the Lodge, shall forfeit his or her rights under said election unless reasons satisfactory to the Lodge are given and the time limit is extended by the Lodge.

#### **SECTION 2**

Any member whose personal conduct is such that reflects discredit upon the Lodge can be **FINED, LIABLE FOR DAMAGE INCURRED, SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED FROM MEMBERSHIP**; but before his or her name is removed from membership in the Lodge, charges must be referred in writing and submitted to the Lodge at a regular session thereof and then only after a two-third (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting on the resolution to suspend or expel the member. The member can be suspended or expelled; conditioned that the member charges shall be given an opportunity to be heard on the charges referred at a regular session of the Lodge.

#### **SECTION 3**

A person who has lost his or her membership in the Lodge for reason of conduct unbecoming a member shall not be privileged to again petition the Lodge for at least a period of one year from the date that the said member's membership was discontinued.

#### **SECTION 4**

Any member, who has not paid his or her dues to the Lodge within one (1) month after the installment becomes due and payable, shall be in arrears for dues.

#### **SECTION 5**

Any member of the Lodge who is in arrears for dues or assessments for more than thirty (30) days and less than ninety (90) days, shall be deemed to be delinquent or suspended, however, may be reinstated or restored to good standing by the payment of all amounts due, and, in addition thereto, the payment of dues for the whole of the current year in which such reinstatement is made shall be paid.

#### **SECTION 6**

Any member in arrears for a period of six (6) months may obtain membership in the Lodge by again making the same application and paying the same amount that they would have to pay as though they had never been a member, providing however, that no charges by the Lodge are pending against said applicant. This section shall also apply to any member in arrears of payment of any other monies owed this Lodge; conditioned that any member owing monies other than for dues or assessment shall pay an additional fifteen dollars (\$15.00) penalty.

#### **SECTION 7**

No person who shall carry a demit from the Order and shall remain an unaffiliated member, of the Fraternal Order of Police, for a period on time in excess of one (1) year from the date of time

such demit was issued. The same member shall not be allowed to visit this Lodge or join in a procession of its members.

#### **SECTION 8**

An applicant who had petitioned the Lodge for membership by initiation and the petition was rejected, cannot again petition the Lodge until the expiration of six (6) months from the date of rejection; this penalty shall also apply to persons who have been suspended or expelled from the Lodge.

#### **SECTION 9**

Any active member of this Lodge shall not lose membership therein because of retirement due to service or disability, conditioned that said member keeps his or her membership in good and regular standing.

#### **SECTION 10**

Any member who is discharged from any police department but has pending an appeal in his case, shall be considered a member until final disposition of his case by the courts; conditioned that he or she shall keep his or her membership on good standing.

#### **SECTION 11**

No member of this Lodge shall be entitled to vote on any business of the Lodge or sit in meetings of the Lodge if charges within the Lodge have been preferred against such member; nor shall any member be entitled to vote who is under suspension by the Lodge or in arrears for dues.

#### **SECTION 12**

A person who attempts to raise funds for any purpose whatsoever while using either the name of this Lodge or any insignia thereof to aid in such efforts when such efforts have not received previous approval from this Lodge shall be penalized as set out in above sections.