

Resolution 2007-3

(requires a 5/6 majority to adopt)

Synopsis: The purpose of this resolution is to clarify that an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft Mason may be tried under the same procedure as a Master Mason though he has no right to demand such a trial and if either is convicted of a felony after applying for the degrees they may not continue with the degrees.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Section 129 of the Constitution be amended as follows and that Approved Grand Masters' Decisions No. 23.1 and No. 110 be abrogated (added text in **bold type**, deletions in ~~strike through~~):

Section 129. For any violation of the Ancient Landmarks of the Order, or the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, of the by-laws of his Lodge, or of any portion of the Masonic or moral law all of which is collectively referred to as un-Masonic conduct: (1) a member of a Lodge within this jurisdiction may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, in the manner provided in Sec. 158; (2) A member of a Lodge in another Grand Jurisdiction who resides in this jurisdiction may be tried for un-Masonic conduct in this Jurisdiction and the findings and recommendations of the Lodge shall be transmitted to the Grand Master or the Grand Lodge for reference to the Grand Jurisdiction where the accused holds membership; **(3) the phrase "member of a Lodge," for purposes of this Section and Sections 129.1-129.4 and Sections 150-168, shall include Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts, except that neither an Entered Apprentice nor a Fellowcraft shall have the right to demand a trial if convicted of a felony (see Section 129.2), nor may he proceed with the degrees while charges are pending.** In no case shall the passage of time bar prosecution for un-Masonic conduct.

Decision No. 23.1 ~~An Entered Apprentice may be tried under the same procedure as for the trial of a Master Mason, though he has no right to demand such a trial.~~ **Abrogated.**

Decision No. 110. ~~That a Fellowcraft who had been convicted of a felony may not continue with the degrees and that he is not entitled to a Masonic trial.~~ **Abrogated.**

Fraternally Submitted,

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