

Commander from his position and order a new election, subject to appeal to the S. G. L. If the deposed officer appeals to the S. G. L., an election shall not be held until after the decision of that Body is rendered; and the command of the Department will devolve, during the interval, on the officer next in rank.

#### DEPARTMENT COUNCILS.

SEC. 100. Any Department containing a sufficient number of Cantons to constitute a Battalion, may organize a Department Council; and, on being duly certified of the organization of such Council, the Commander-in-Chief shall transfer to it full control of the Patriarchs Militant in the Department, subject to the provisions of general law.

SEC. 101. The meeting for the organization of a Department Council shall be at such time and place, as may be selected by the Department Commander; but, when organized, it shall provide by By-Law for its future meetings.

SEC. 102. A Department Council shall consist of the Department Commander and all officers in command of Cantons, Battalions, Regiments, Brigades and Divisions; but the Council may provide for additional members, being representatives duly elected by the several Cantons and organized Bodies in the Department.

SEC. 103. The officers of a Department Council shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and such others as it may deem necessary for the transaction of its business. The Department Commander shall be the President of the Council, and the Chevalier elected Secretary shall be, ex-officio, Assistant Adjutant-General on the Staff of the Department Commander. In the absence of the Department Commander and Vice-President, the senior ranking officer shall preside.

SEC. 104. The Department Council may make all