

Sec. 39. The Grand President, together with the Grand Board of Trustees, shall select a Spiritual Adviser for this Council immediately after the close of the regular Convention. Such Spiritual Adviser shall hold office for a term of three years, or until a successor is appointed.

Sec. 40. The elective officers shall be a Grand President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Marshal, Guard, five Trustees, a Committee on Laws and their Supervision, consisting of three members, and a Committee on Finance and Mileage, consisting of three members, all of whom shall serve for a term of three years, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 62. The Grand Council of the Catholic Mutual Benefit Association of Canada shall have an official organ under the title "THE CANADIAN," said organ to be published monthly and mailed free to all members of the Association; and any mandate, decree, order or notice published therein emanating from the proper authority, shall be and is hereby declared to be official notice for the purpose for which it is given to the officers and members of the Association, or to whom it may concern.

Said official organ shall be, and remain, the property of the Association, and if possible be made self-sustaining by allowing advertisements therein; such advertisements to be under the control of the Grand President and Board of Trustees.

Sec. 74. All branches shall forward annually, on or before the fifteenth day of January, to the Grand Secretary their annual report for the preceding year.

Sec. 75. Branches failing to forward said report as aforesaid, shall be fined the sum of \$10.00, the same to be paid from the general fund of said delinquent branch to the Grand Secretary for the benefit of the General Fund of the Council. If such fine be not paid on or before the first day of March of the same year, the Grand President shall suspend such branch.

Sec. 155. Any member in good standing may resign from the Association by tendering his resignation in writing in the following form:

THE GRAND COUNCIL OF THE
CATHOLIC MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION
OF CANADA.

To.....
Secretary of.....Branch No... C.M.B.A.

Dear Sir and Brother:—
I hereby tender my resignation as a member of.....Branch No. G.C. of C.M.B.A. of Canada, located in..... and I do hereby resign as a member of such Association, and further, I hereby surrender the Policy issued to me by said Association, and I cancel all the rights, privileges and benefits I have heretofore had or now have as such member.
Yours fraternally,

Sec. 155 (a). In addition to the class of members stated and referred to in preceding sections of this Constitution, branches may have

SOCIAL MEMBERS

Such members must be under eighteen years of age or over fifty, or if over eighteen and under the age of fifty years, must have been rejected upon a due application for membership by the Supervising Medical Examiner. They must pay the regular initiation fee of \$3.00 and the monthly dues proposed by the branch to which they belong; they shall not be allowed the right to vote on any question appertaining to the beneficiary or reserve funds, nor shall they be allowed to vote on the election of a representa-

tive to Grand Council Conventions, or on an application for membership of any candidate who is an applicant under our present beneficiary system, or any other beneficiary system that may be hereafter introduced. In all other respects they must submit to the By-laws and Constitution of the Association. They shall not be eligible for any office.

Sec. 177. Seven members in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, excepting that branches having a membership of not more than twenty five may transact business with a quorum of five members. The branch shall be opened at the time prescribed in the by-laws or the standing resolutions, if a quorum be present, including one qualified to preside. In the absence of the President and First and Second Vice Presidents, the Senior Chancellor present shall preside.

Sec. 172. The President shall preside at all meetings of the branch, preserve order therein and enforce the laws, rules and regulations of the branch and those of the Grand Council; decide all questions of order subject to an appeal to the branch, a two-third vote of which shall decide thereon, act as judge of all elections and declare the result to the branch. He shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the branch; he shall sign all orders on the Treasurer for such monies as may be ordered, by a vote of the branch, to be paid; he shall not be entitled to vote except on balloting for candidates, or as otherwise provided in this Constitution; and when the members are equally divided he shall have the casting vote; he shall open and close the branch in due form; he shall call special meetings of the branch when requested to do so by five members, or by his own motion in writing. As soon thereafter as possible, he shall appoint a Business Committee, and a Finance Committee, each of which shall consist of three members in good standing and at the first meeting in each half year, or as soon thereafter as possible, he shall appoint a committee on the Good of the Association, said committee to consist of five members, of whom the Spiritual Adviser shall be one. He shall perform such other duties appertaining to his office as are enjoined by the laws, rules and regulations of the Association.

Sec. 184 (a). The Committee on the Good of the Association shall promote the best interests of the Association locally by arranging for literary or musical entertainments; procure papers of interest to the members to be read or discussed; familiarize members with the Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Order and Ceremonial of the Association; visit members who may not be in good standing, or who may be dilatory in paying dues and assessments, and endeavor by every means to prevent suspensions and expulsions; prepare and keep a record of all persons eligible for membership, which shall be reported at each meeting, that they may be induced to join the Association; create a livelier interest in the Association and cultivate a better fraternal feeling among members.

Sec. 195. Seven valid votes or ballots shall be required to determine any election, motion or question before the branch; but the majority of the valid votes cast shall decide all elections, motions or questions, except such as affect the by-laws, involve an appropriation or expenditure of money,

remove an officer or fine or suspend a member, to determine which shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the valid votes cast. If seven members only be present no appropriation of money shall be made unless it be by unanimous consent. The presiding officer can vote on any question when he is one of any seven members present, but in branches having a membership of not more than twenty five the word five shall take the place of the word seven in this section.

N.B. Wherever the word biennial occurs in the Constitution read *biennial*.

TITLE VII.

CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE GRAND COUNCIL AND BRANCHES

SECTION 210

1. The subject matter of a complaint against any member, officer, board or branch shall be called the charge.

2. The party making the charge shall be called the complainant, and the party against whom the charge is made the accused.

3. The charge shall be in writing signed by the complainant. The material circumstances of the case should be stated with reasonable particularity.

4. The charge, with a copy or duplicate thereof, shall be filed with the branch Recording Secretary, who shall, within three days thereafter, deliver such copy or duplicate to the accused, or mail the same to him prepaid and registered.

5. In all cases, except where the charge is that the accused has not made his Easter duty, the sum of \$10.00 shall be paid to the Recording Secretary at the time the charge is filed. This sum shall be returned to the complainant if the charge is established, otherwise, less the disbursements of the Recording Secretary, it shall be paid to the Grand Secretary for the general fund of the Association.

6. The accused shall file a reply to the charge within seven days after the delivery to or receipt by him of the charge. A copy or duplicate of such reply shall also be left with the branch Recording Secretary, who shall forthwith deliver such copy or duplicate to the complainant or mail the same to him, prepaid and registered.

7. If the accused shall make default in filing his reply within the time hereinafore limited, he shall be held to have admitted that he is guilty of the charge made against him, and the Recording Secretary shall so report to the Grand President.

8. Within three days after the receipt of the reply, if any is made, the Recording Secretary shall, by mail, prepaid and registered, forward the charge and the reply thereto to the Grand President. If matters of fact are in dispute the Grand President shall refer such matters to a member of the Association, who shall investigate the same; otherwise he may render his decision upon the facts admitted.

9. The investigation shall be held at such time and place as the referee shall appoint. At least two days notice of the hearing shall be given by the referee to the complainant and the accused.

10. The parties shall attend at the time and place so appointed, and shall be entitled to be represented by counsel.

11. The evidence shall be reduced to writing and signed by each party or witness.

12. It shall be read over to the witness before being signed, and all such alterations and corrections as are proper shall then be made. After a witness has signed his evidence it shall not be altered in any way.

13. An adjournment may be granted whenever the referee is satisfied that such adjournment is sought in the interest of justice and not for the purpose of delay merely.

14. The complainant and his witnesses (if any) shall first give their evidence and shall be followed by the accused and his witnesses (if any). Evidence in reply may then be given on the part of the complainant. The referee may allow arguments to be presented on behalf of the parties.

15. The referee may employ a stenographer to take the evidence if he so desire, and, if a stenographer be employed, he shall first file a statutory declaration that he will faithfully record, and extend, the evidence and arguments. When a stenographer is employed the evidence need not be signed by the witnesses.

16. Should either party fail to attend at the time and place appointed the referee shall certify the fact to the Grand President.

17. After the evidence and arguments are completed the referee shall forthwith transmit all papers to the Grand President, who shall give his decision thereon within one week after the receipt of the papers and shall notify the Recording Secretary and the complainant and accused of such decision.

18. The Grand President shall have power to impose a fine not exceeding \$20.00 or suspension for any period not exceeding three months, or he may suspend the party found guilty until such time as he has complied with the provisions of the constitution or by-laws, which he has been found guilty of violating.

19. If the Grand President finds that the complainant has preferred a frivolous or malicious charge he may impose a fine not exceeding \$20.00 on the complainant, or suspend him for a period not exceeding two months, or he may impose both fine and suspension.

20. No reinstatement of the offending member shall take place until the decision of the Grand President has been fully complied with.

21. Either party may appeal to the Grand Trustees from the decision of the Grand President by giving notice to him and the opposite party, within seven days after the decision is announced, and the Grand Trustees shall deal with the appeal at their next meeting thereafter.

22. Every decision of the Board of Trustees must be given and communicated at least thirty days before the Convention of the Council, in order to allow the parties a reasonable time to prepare their case on appeal to the Council.

23. In case of such further appeal must be served on the opposite party and the Board of Trustees at least fifteen days before the Convention of the Council, together with the reasons therefor, and all reasons against such appeal must be similarly served at least ten days before such Convention.

24. Every appeal must be accompanied by a deposit of ten dollars to assist in defraying the expenses of such appeal.

25. The tribunal appealed to may reverse, vary, or confirm the sentence of the tribunal appealed from.

26. No new evidence shall be admissible on any appeal.

27. Should the decision in the first