

opportunity to see the parade and float, representing in L., B. and C. the greatest fraternal Order in the world.

The Tacoma Courts have resolved to see that all visiting Foresters, their wives, families and sweet-hearts are well cared for.

Again we appeal to you to make an extra effort for new members during the present month, and remain, fraternally yours, in

L., B. and C.,

JOHN A. FORSYTH, H.C.R.

L. N. HANSEN, H.S.

HIGH COURT OF WESTERN MICHIGAN.

Official Circular No. One.

MUSKEGON, MICH., June 1, 1899.

To the Officers and Members of the Subordinate and Companion Courts:

By reason of the adoption of the by-laws, the admission of the Companion Courts into the High Court, the adjustment of our business relations with the High Court of Michigan, of which this jurisdiction until the erection of this High Court has formed a part, and because of other considerations, it is advisable that a circular letter should be written to the members at this time.

The by-laws of the High Court having been adopted by the consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger, they are now in the hands of the printers, and when received by the High Secretary they will be delivered to the several Courts and the High Court officers. It is considered advisable that the by-laws of the High Court, as well as all enactments of the Supreme Court, be published and circulated among the members.

These by-laws, as approved and sanctioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger, provide that the Companion Courts in the jurisdiction of the High Court are now a part of, and entitled to representation in, the High Court, and in all things and to all intents and for all purposes upon the same conditions and terms as the Subordinate Courts now are. Upon this branch of the by-laws, by the dictum of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Companion Courts have no voice in determining their admission into the High Court. The passage of the by-law declaring the Companion Courts entitled to membership and representation in the High Court, and the sanction of the measure by the Supreme Chief Ranger, fully and perfectly completed the relation. From this time forward the Companion Courts, now established and hereafter instituted within the jurisdiction of the High Court, are and will be as fully and completely a part of the High Court in all things as the Subordinate Courts are, except as the relation to each other and the members of each other and to the High Court is defined, declared, expressed or limited in the Constitution and Laws and enactments of The Supreme Court of the Order. Subordinate Courts and Companion Courts are now authorized to conduct the business of their respective Courts jointly, the passwords and secret work being the same for each Court.

Hereafter all Court Deputies of the Companion Courts will be commissioned by the High Chief Ranger, and they will be required, as will be the Court Deputies of the Subordinate Courts, to make and promptly forward to the High Chief Ranger, the report provided for by Section 94, Sub-section

3, of the Constitution and Laws. This valuable and necessary report the Court Deputies are urged to make as directed by the laws, and at least twice a year.

It is sincerely and earnestly the desire of the High Standing Committee that, in localities in which Subordinate Courts are now established, Companion Courts may be organized as speedily as possible; the High Standing Committee, recognizing that the activity, interest and enthusiasm of the entire membership will be greatly magnified and intensified by Companion Courts engaging in the progressive work of the Order.

For the purpose of establishing these Companion Courts, and as well to promote the growth of the membership, the members are requested to canvass among their friends and acquaintances with the view of finding out whether or not a Companion Court can be instituted in their locality, and to communicate the result of their canvass to the High Chief Ranger as speedily as possible, that the necessary steps may be taken to institute a Companion Court in the locality.

The High Standing Committee realize that, through the admission of the women to the ranks of our Order, that a new and potent force for the good, for the progress and advancement of our Order is permanently enlisted and equipped; that thereby the social features of our system will be enlarged, awakened, promoted and increased; the creed and teachings of our laws more carefully and naturally observed and obeyed; the standards of moral obligation and duty, justice and toleration more truly considered and conformed unto; and Fraternity and Brotherhood more generally esteemed and practised. The coming amongst us of the Ladies Companions marks a new era in our progress. Their presence will give a wholesome impetus to the Order, and is an added guarantee to its stability, permanency and perpetuity. Hereafter, more than ever before, to be known and recognized as a member of the I.O.F. will be an added endorsement of private worth and individual character and standing.

On behalf of the Order in this jurisdiction the High Standing Committee extends to the Companions of Foresters a hearty and cordial welcome. May the new relation always be pleasant and mutually advantageous, enduring and confirmed, our interests in and for the Order alert, abiding and constant.

I have much satisfaction in being able to inform the members that a just and equitable adjustment and settlement of the business affairs and relations of the High Courts of Michigan and Western Michigan have been made and completed. The representatives of the two High Courts completed this duty on the 18th of April last. The proceedings and agreements entered into by and between the two High Courts have been reported to me, and the same are now on file in the office of the High Secretary.

The action of the two High Courts has also received the sanction of the Supreme Chief Ranger, which sanction is in writing and is filed in the office of the High Secretary.

Now that the general public is turning its attention to a closer study and review of the science of life insurance in this field, and have learned that nought from nought leaves nought, that twice two cannot make eleven, and that trying to get something for nothing is immoral and speculation, besides being too unreliable to be applied in the