

## UNIFORM RANK RITUAL.

Headquarters Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias,  
Indianapolis, Ind., December 2, 1898.

General Orders, No. 3.

I. The following official "Proclamation" of Thomas G. Sample, Supreme Chancellor, and Commander-in-Chief of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, is hereby published for the information and government of the Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, to-wit:

## PROCLAMATION.

The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias,  
Office of the Supreme Chancellor,  
Allegheny, Pa., December 1, 1898.

To all Members of the Order, Knights of Pythias,  
Wherever Established, Greeting:

Whereas, At a regular biennial convention of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias, holden in the City of Indianapolis, State of Indiana, United States of America, holden Aug. 3rd to September A. D. 1898, and upon the sixth day of said convention, to-wit, Monday, August 29th, A. D. 1898, a new ritual for the Uniform Rank was duly and lawfully adopted: and

Whereas, Due notice has been received by me that the said new ritual for the Uniform Rank has been lawfully printed, and the same is now ready for promulgation and distribution:

Now, Therefore, I, Thomas G. Sample, Supreme Chancellor of the Order of the Knights of Pythias, do hereby promulgate the said new ritual, the use thereof by Companies of the Uniform Rank to commence and continue, on and after the first day of January, A. D. 1899, and until the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias shall otherwise order: and it is further ordered that the Major-General of the Uniform Rank, James R. Carnahan, shall immediately make publication of the order or promulgation, and to the end that the same may be properly complied with, he shall at once proceed with the issuance of the said new ritual of the Uniform Rank: and it is hereby further ordered that, on and after the first day of January, A. D. 1899, the ritual now in use for the Uniform Rank shall cease, and its further use, after said date,

by Companies, Officers or Members of the Uniform Rank, is forbidden.

Given under my hand and seal, at the City of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania, United States of America, this first day of December, A. D. 1898, P. P. XXXV.

THOMAS G. SAMPLE,

Supreme Chancellor and Commander-in-Chief.

II. In conformity with the foregoing proclamation of the Supreme Chancellor and Commander-in-Chief, the Major-General announces that he will at once begin the issue and exchange of the new ritual of the Uniform Rank for the old rituals. The Finance Committee of the Uniform Rank have instructed the Major-General to issue the new ritual to each Company of the Uniform Rank in good standing, upon receipt from them of the old rituals now in their possession, without charge for the new rituals, save and except the expressage for the return of the old rituals, and for sending the new.

III. It is therefore ordered that each Company of the Uniform Rank shall immediately forward to the Major-General the old ritual, expressage prepaid, and immediately upon receipt of the same, the new rituals will be forwarded to replace the old ones, without charge for the rituals.

IV. For the information of Companies in shipping the rituals, and as a matter of economy to each Company, comply with the following instructions:

Wrap the ritual in strong paper. Mark the word "Books," on the package, and the express companies will carry the package at one-half cent an ounce, or about eleven cents per package. When the rituals are shipped, write the Major-General of the fact, and enclose eleven cents, in money, or postage, to prepay expressage on the new rituals. This manner of shipment will save fully one-half of the expense. Be prompt in sending in the old rituals.

V. In conformity with the foregoing "Proclamation" of the Supreme Chancellor, the use of any ritual other than the ritual adopted by the

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