

*Council shall be formed*, to consist of the Eminent Commander, Past Eminent Commander, First Captain, Treasurer, Registrar and two other Knights, one of whom shall be appointed by the Eminent Commander, and the other by a majority of the Knights present. The Council shall meet whenever summoned by the Eminent Commander, or, in his absence from the city, by the First Captain, who shall preside in the absence of the Eminent Commander. Three Members shall form a quorum. The Council shall superintend the finances, and safe keeping of the property and other paraphernalia of the Encampment, annually insuring the same against loss of fire, for such sum as by them shall be deemed sufficient. The Council shall inquire into and report on the character of every Candidate for Installation and Membership, previous to a ballot being taken. All applications for relief shall be referred to the Council, as also all accounts rendered for payment. All matters of complaint or irregularity shall be referred to the Council, in the first instance, for investigation, and to report thereon at the then next regular assembly. The Council shall annually audit the Treasurer's accounts and report at the assembly on the second Monday in May. A separate Minute Book shall be kept for the Council in which their transactions shall be recorded by the Registrar, and signed by the presiding Knight, after being read before the adjournment of the Council.