

Official Circular No. 12.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
TORONTO, 15th April, 1898.

To all Subordinate Courts and Members:

The approaching triennial session of the Supreme Court in Toronto, when the magnificent Temple will be formally dedicated to the purposes of Independent Forestry, will be of more than ordinary interest to every court, wherever located. The completion of the palatial home of the Order is an event which concerns every member, because every member is a partner in the great enterprise of which it forms a tangible and conspicuous asset. This is therefore felt by the Executive Council to be a fitting occasion to ask that the membership make a special effort during the last two months of the triennial term to extend the influence and increase the usefulness of the Independent Order of Foresters throughout the world, and in that way to express their appreciation of the great privileges they enjoy by reason of belonging to the Order, and their thankfulness for the success which has thus far crowned the efforts of Supreme, High and Subordinate Courts to make it the largest and best fraternal beneficiary organization in existence. The prompt and generous response of officers and members everywhere to the previous requests of the Executive Council for special efforts to increase the membership encourages the hope that the achievements of this special occasion will completely overshadow in magnitude all previous records of this or any other Order. That those who work to produce the much desired result may not go unrewarded, the Executive Council offers the following handsome prizes to be competed for, namely:

1. To the High Court jurisdiction which shows the largest percentage of actual increase in beneficiary membership between the 30th of April and the 1st of July, 1898—the services of a Supreme Court organizer will be granted free of charge for six months; and to the High Court jurisdiction showing the next largest percentage of actual increase as above—the services of a Supreme Court organizer for three months free of charge (the increase to be computed from the monthly reports sent to the Supreme Secretary at the 1st May and the 1st July respectively).

2. To all courts *now in existence* which initiate 25 members or more during the months of May and June, 1898—a set of officers' badges, or an equivalent in members' badges.

3. To the court *now in existence* that initiates the largest number of beneficiary members—a set of officers' sashes. (The winner of this prize will not be awarded prize No. 2).

4. To the officer or member (deputies or inspectors paid by salary or commission excepted) which secures two new beneficiary members—a handsome lithograph picture of the Temple, or an I.O.F. souvenir coffee spoon.

5. To the officer or member as above who secures four new beneficiary members—a handsome lithograph picture of the Temple and an I.O.F. souvenir coffee spoon, or a copy of the second edition of the History of the Order bound in cloth.

6. To the officer or member as above who secures six new beneficiary members—a beautiful I.O.F. table lamp, or an I.O.F. souvenir spoon and a copy of the second edition of the History of the Order bound in cloth.

7. To the officer or member as above who secures ten new members—a beautiful I.O.F. table lamp,

an I.O.F. souvenir spoon, and a copy of the second edition of the History of the Order bound in morocco.

8. To the Organizing Deputy who institutes the largest number of courts of not less than twenty bona-fide beneficiary charter members each, all of whom have been accepted by the Medical Board before the 1st day of July, 1898—a handsome solid gold I.O.F. jewel and an I.O.F. table lamp.

9. To the Organizing Deputy who institutes the largest court (beneficiary members who have been accepted by the Medical Board before the 1st day of July, 1898, only being counted)—a handsome I.O.F. watch chain and an I.O.F. table lamp.

10. To any lady friend of the Order securing two new members—a handsome I.O.F. souvenir spoon.

11. To any lady friend of the Order securing five new members—a beautiful I.O.F. table lamp.

12. Only candidates who have been accepted by the Medical Board, and actually initiated within the months of May and June, can be counted for any of the foregoing prizes; except in the Pacific Coast jurisdiction and in European jurisdictions, where initiations at the first regular meeting in July may be included for all the prizes except Nos. 1, 8 and 9, if the candidates were proposed, balloted for and accepted by the courts and examined by the court physicians on or before the 30th of June; and in every case where prizes are claimed for candidates initiated in July there must be attached to the claim a certificate signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the court attached, showing the dates of proposal in and acceptance by the court, and the date of examination by the court physician, and a copy of the by-law fixing the regular meetings of the court.

Dispensation is hereby granted to courts desiring to do so to initiate at charter rates between the 30th day of April and the 1st July, 1898.

Submitted in L., B. and C.,

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Supreme Chief Ranger.

JNO. A. MCGILLIVRAY,
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Boston's Mayor on Fraternal Orders.

In speaking of fraternal protective societies recently, Mayor Quincy, of Boston, said: "The United States has seen an extraordinary growth of such societies, and much more encouragement has been extended to them here than in the countries of the Old World. The idea of mutual or assessment insurance is a sound one if the affairs of the society which puts this idea into practice are managed in a conservative or business-like way.

"There is just as much a place for societies of this nature as for the old line companies. Insurance is essentially of modern growth. It is the awakening of the fraternal spirit, of the spirit of co-operation, of mutual dependence. Not independence, but common dependence is the lesson.

"We have all a common life, not only in politics, but in insurance and in all the relations of life. Such a society, which teaches the idea of mutual dependence and helpfulness, is entitled to all legitimate encouragement, and is doing a work of great value to the State and community. It is a great work to promote the feeling of fraternity, of mutual interests, and to unite men into one great organization, in which the interests of all are considered."