

CONSTITUTION

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THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN CANADA.

- 1.—This organization shall be called **THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN CANADA.**
- 2.—The Object of The Brigade shall be the advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys, and the promotion of habits of obedience, reverence, discipline, self-respect, and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness.
- 3.—Military organization and drill shall be used as a means of securing the interest of the Boys, banding them together in the work of The Brigade, and promoting among them such habits as The Brigade is designed to form. Strict discipline and obedience shall be enforced by all Officers.
- 4.—All Boys between the ages of 12 and 17 shall be eligible as members of The Brigade, and in applying for membership cards they shall fill up a form of application, agreeing to comply with the Rules of the Company, and to set an example of good conduct to their comrades and other Boys. Members shall be expected to do all they can to further the object of The Brigade.
- 5.—The Brigade shall be composed of Companies, which shall be connected with Churches, Missions, Sabbath Schools, or other Christian Organizations.
- 6.—The Companies shall be officered by gentlemen desirous of promoting the objects of The Brigade. Each Company shall be under the command of a Captain, whose Junior Officers shall be Lieutenants. Clergymen may be appointed officers with the rank of Chaplain. The Captain shall appoint Non-Commissioned Officers by promotion from the ranks.
- 7.—Six or more Companies in any town or district may, with the sanction of The Brigade Executive Committee, form themselves into a Battalion, to be designated by the name of such town or district. The Officers of such Battalion shall constitute a Battalion Council, whose duties shall be to appoint annually a Battalion President, Battalion Vice-Presidents, a Battalion Secretary, a Battalion Treasurer, and a Battalion Executive Committee; to admit New Companies to the Battalion; to approve of the appointment of Officers; to make rules for the effective management of the Battalion; and generally to do whatever is necessary to promote the object of The Brigade in its neighbourhood. The Battalion Council shall return statistics and report procedure, as required, to the Brigade Executive Committee, who shall have power to review the actions of the Battalion Council. The Battalion shall cease to exist, as such, if the number of Companies on its strength fall to less than four.
- 8.—Companies in towns or districts where no Battalion has been formed shall have a local designation, shall be under the management of the Executive Committee, in conjunction with their own Officers, and shall communicate direct with the Executive Committee.
- 9.—The Brigade Council shall consist of the members of the Executive Committee and the Captains of all the Companies, or such other Officer of his Company as the Captain may designate. The Council shall meet at least annually, at such places as the Executive Committee may appoint, to receive reports from the Executive Committee, and to discuss the affairs of The Brigade. The Council shall elect annually, by ballot, a Brigade President, Brigade Vice-Presidents, a Brigade Secretary, District Secretaries, a Brigade Treasurer, and an Executive Committee for the ensuing year. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Brigade President, Brigade Vice-Presidents, the Brigade Secretary and the Brigade Treasurer, *ex officio*, and five other members. Three shall form a quorum. The Council shall have power to review the actions of the Executive committee.
- 10.—The Executive Committee shall call a Special Meeting of The Brigade Council, at such place as they may appoint, upon a requisition to that effect being presented to them, signed by the Senior Officers, representing not less than one-tenth of the number of the Companies on the strength of The Brigade.
- 11.—The Executive Committee shall have supervision of all the affairs of the Brigade, shall have power to enrol Companies and Officers in towns or districts where no Battalion has been formed, and shall provide application forms, membership cards, statistical schedules, and other necessary publications, for the whole Brigade, as may be required.
- 12.—Each Company shall give an Annual Contribution towards the Headquarters-Fund of The Boys' Brigade in Canada.
- 13.—This Constitution shall not be altered except by a majority consisting of two-thirds of the number present at a duly called meeting of Brigade Council, and notice of any proposed alteration, which has been duly intimated to the Brigade Secretary, must be sent by him to each member of Brigade Council at least three weeks previously.