

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Under the General Laws of the Uniform Rank, I am directed to make such recommendations as I may deem for the best interests of the Rank and of the Order in connection with this Rank.

I. I would, therefore, recommend that Section 13, Article vi., be stricken from the General Laws, as the particular case which it was intended to meet at the time of the adoption of said section has been fully met, and the officer has served out the term of his commission, and there is no occasion for said section to remain in the General Laws.

II. I would recommend that Section 8, Article vii., General Laws, be transferred to and become Section 13, Article vi., where it properly belongs, said section having reference solely to regimental meetings, and as it now stands it is embodied in Article vii, which treats solely of Brigades. If this change is made, the sections now numbered 9, 10, and 11, of Article vii., should be numbered 8, 9, and 10, which I recommend to be done.

III. I would recommend that Section 7, of Article vii., be amended so that it shall read as follows:

SEC. 7. In case of the death or resignation of any Brigade Commander, it shall be the duty of the Assistant Adjutant General of such Brigade to at once notify the Major General commanding the Uniform Rank of such death or resignation, and thereupon the Major General shall assign an officer or a member of the Uniform Rank residing in said jurisdiction to the temporary command of such Brigade, who shall discharge the duties of the office until a meeting shall be called by the Major General for the purpose of holding an election to fill the vacancy: Provided, however, that the election for the purpose of filling such vacancy shall not be deferred for a longer period than till the next annual meeting of the Brigade after such vacancy occurred, when, if the vacancy has not been filled by an election, an election shall then be held for a Brigade Commander.

IV. I would recommend that Section now numbered 11, of Article vii, be amended to read as follows:

SEC. 10. Assistant Inspectors-General shall make inspections of the Subordinate Divisions within their respective Brigades whenever required, and shall report the result of the same immediately to the Inspector-General, and shall perform such other duties as may be required of them by the Inspector-General, the Brigade Commander or the Major General: Provided, That the Brigade Commander may assign any officer or officers to aid the Assistant Inspector-General in the inspection of any Division or Regiment of the Brigade, and such officer so assigned to such duty during the discharge of such duty shall be respected and obeyed accordingly, and such officer, after having performed the duty, shall make immediate report thereof to the Assistant Inspector-General of the Brigade to which he is attached.

V. I would recommend that Section 6, Article iii, Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Divisions, be amended to read:

SEC. 6. A member shall be suspended from this Rank for a violation of any part of the obligation assumed on becoming a member thereof. In case of suspension for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, he may be reinstated by payment of admission fee and be subject to the same ballot as when first admitted.