

# INSTITUTION OF THE HIGH COURT OF NORTHERN MINNESOTA

BY THE  
**SUPREME CHIEF RANGER**  
At Duluth on the 30th June, 1898.

Some time last year a majority of the courts in Northern Minnesota filed petitions for the formation of a High Court for the northern section of the State, and sent Bro. Kemp to meet the Executive Council at Toronto and press upon that body the desirability of granting the prayer of the courts. The Executive Council instructed the S.C.R. to call a conference between the representatives of the northern courts and the High Standing Committee with the view of bringing about an understanding between the brethren, failing which then to institute the High Court. Accordingly a conference was held in St. Paul on the 18th of January last which was attended by the Supreme Chief Ranger, the High Standing Committee of Minnesota and a committee representing the petitioning courts. Arrangements were made whereby the High Chief Ranger was to visit as many of the petitioning courts, especially those in and about Duluth, with the view of getting them to withdraw their petitions for a new High Court, failing which it was understood that the new High Court would be formed in June. The conference, in view of this contingency, agreed to a boundary line which was to separate the two High Court jurisdictions in the event of the second one being formed.

On the return of the S.C.R. from abroad he was advised that the courts in northern Minnesota still desired to be set apart into a new High Court jurisdiction. Accordingly a convention was called in Duluth for the 30th June last for the purpose of settling the matter one way or the other.

On the day named the convention met, when it was found that out of the 19 courts in the proposed new jurisdiction 18 had petitioned for the formation of the new High Court and only one court had withdrawn its petition, thus leaving 17 out of 19 courts in favor of the formation of a new High Court. Bro. O'Neil, the High Chief Ranger, who was present by the invitation of the S.C.R., stated that he was not prepared to say whether his High Standing Committee would raise any question in the Supreme Court regarding the formation of the new High Court. If they did and the Supreme Court endorsed the formation of the new High Court he desired to assure the brethren present that they in the southern jurisdiction would be perfectly content and would enter into a friendly rivalry with the northern High Court as to which would be the most active in promoting the good of the Order. (Applause.) They would endeavor to show them that they in the south could not be beaten in advancing the welfare of the Order, and leading the procession to greater success and prosperity for the I.O.F. in Minnesota.

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The Supreme Chief Ranger then proceeded to institute the new High Court, and conferred the High Court Degree upon the following among other candidates:

M. T. Bywater, Court Duluth, 724; Jno. Kims, Court Duluth, 724; C. J. Marshall, F.S., Court Loyal, 3417; E. C. Regli, Court Duluth, 724; Frank Crassweller, R.S., Court Commerce, 3283; Geo. Robinson, Court Duluth, 724; Chas. Boerner, Court West Duluth, 797; E. W. Boerner, F.S., Court West Duluth, 797; Henry Dworschak, Court Commerce, 3283; L. L. Forest, Treas., Court Commerce, 3283; R. D. McKereher, Court Duluth, 724; F. H. Lannsberry, Court East Duluth, 3318; James Meakin, jr., R.S., Court East Duluth, 3218; W. M. Durdin, Court Duluth, 724; Donald Ross, Court Central Duluth, 1727; Edwin Hock, Chap., Court Commerce, 3283; W. A. Morrison, C.R., Court East Duluth, 3318; Jas. F. Smith, V.C.R., Court Duluth, 724; Louis Roos, Court Commerce, 3283; Wm. Yomherb, S.B., Court Loyal, 3417; Patrick Healy, Court Duluth, 724; E. G. Schneider, Court Commerce, 3283; Geo. Summerhayes, S.W., Court Duluth, 724; Andrew Blais, Court Duluth, 724; R. B. Jones, Court Duluth, 724; M. A. Barnes, Court Duluth, 724; Allan Douglass, Court Spirit Lake, 3430; A. H. Paul, Court Loyal, 3417; J. E. Close, Court Duluth, 724; A. K. Penestron, Court Loyal, 3417; Fred Shadduck, Court Moose Lake, 3512; C. W. Kent, C.D.H.C.R., Court Mille Lacs, 3622; Geo. C. W. Spink, Court Duluth, 724; W. J. Russell, Court Duluth, 724; Fred Gelineau, Court Duluth, 724; Don McLennan, Court Loyal, 3417; Geo. A. Sperin, Court Duluth, 724; J. A. Ennis, Court Central Duluth, 1724; Thos. R. Hancock, J.W., Court Duluth, 724; H. E. Johnson, Court Duluth, 724; E. McLeod, Court Central Duluth, 1724; J. L. Heasley, Court Duluth, 724; S. A. McMahon, Court Commerce, 3283; C. E. Everson, Court Duluth, 724; Geo. Dion, Chap., Court Duluth, 724; Jas. Patterson, V.C.R., Court Loyal, 3417; W. C. Wright, Court Loyal, 3417; James Robinson, Court Duluth, 724; M. Vincent, Court Duluth, 724; Jas. Dunne, R.S., Court Central Duluth, 1724; J. S. McCormick, F.S., Court Central Duluth, 1724; Jno. Mears, Court Duluth, 724; Chas. H. Stern, S.W., Court Commerce, 3283; L. S. Forester, Court Duluth, 724; R. Durham, P.C.R., Court Duluth, 724; G. Gannon, S.B., Court West Duluth, 797; James Konroy, Court Duluth, 724; F. G. Fresise, Court Duluth, 724; Thos. H. Fresise, Court Duluth, 724; Wm. Sibbald, Court West Duluth, 797; H. A. Morrison, Court Duluth, 724; Julius Lange, Court Duluth, 724; J. B. Anderson, Court West Duluth, 797; Chas. Kohagen, Court Duluth, 724; Carl R. Boerner, V.C.R., Court West Duluth, 797; Geo. L. Nitely, Court West Duluth, 797; Louis Kamstad, Court West Duluth, 797; H. W. Krause, Court Commerce, 3283; Paul Bollwein, Court Loyal 3417; F. M. Conley, Court Duluth, 724; W. B. Henderson, Court Commerce, 3283; Erick N. Holmumund, Court Duluth, 724; F. A. Johnson, P.C.R., Court Northcote, 1683; J. E. Dillian, C.R., Court Northcote, 1683; Jno. Hock, Court Commerce, 3283; James Morton, C.D.H.C.R., Court Central Duluth, 1727; H. W. Cheadle, C.R., Court Commerce, 3283; Peter Reberg, Court Central Duluth, 1727; W. D. Bangs, Court Hendrum, 1326; Thomas Clarke, C.R., Court Loyal 3417; C. J. Marshall, Court Loyal, 3417; H. Dash, Court Spirit Lake, 3430; L. E. Gossman, Court Crookston, 3893; C. W. Kent, Court Mille Lacs, 3622; Fred Shadduck, Ct. Moose Lake, 3542; O. C. Gray, Court Moose Lake, 3542.

The following officers were then appointed and installed by the S.C.R.:-