

for such terms as may be prescribed by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F.

XII. Should a vacancy occur from any cause in any elective office except that of Grand Patriarch during the recess of the Grand Encampment, such vacancy shall be filled by a duly qualified Past Chief Patriarch, to be chosen by a majority of the remaining elective officers, provided always that the officer so chosen shall serve only until the next annual session of the Grand Encampment when, in the event of the term in the vacant office being still unexpired, the members of the Grand Encampment present shall elect by ballot a member to serve for the remainder of such unexpired term.

XIII. A vacancy occurring in any appointive office during the recess of the Grand Encampment shall be filled by the Grand Patriarch by appointment.

COMMITTEES.

XIV. The elective officers, including the Grand Representatives, shall constitute an Advisory Board to meet during the recess of the Grand Encampment on the summons of the Grand Patriarch, and to advise with him on all matters which in his discretion he may submit for their consideration. The decisions of the Advisory Board shall be final until reversed by the Grand Encampment.

XV. The Grand Patriarch shall, at or before the opening of each annual session, appoint the following standing committees to consist of not less than three members each, and whose duty it shall be to consider and report on such matters as many be referred to them under the by-laws or by resolution of the Grand Encampment:

- On Credentials.
- On Distribution.
- On Finance.
- On Petitions and Correspondence.
- On By laws of Subordinates.
- On Legislation.
- On Mileage and Per Diem.
- On Appeals and Grievances.
- On the State of the Order.
- On Judiciary.
- On Districts.
- On the Patriarchs Militant.
- On Election Returns.

SESSIONS.

XVI. This Grand Encampment shall meet annually on the Tuesday preceding the second Wednesday in August, at such place as may be designated for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., in Ontario; provided that the Grand Encampment may at any regular session, by a majority of the members present and voting,