

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 13.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
24, CHARING CROSS, LONDON.

30th April, 1898.

To the Court Deputy,—

Be good enough to see that all the members of your court are made acquainted with the following rules adopted by the Executive Council:

1. All members of the Order who have responded or who may hereafter respond to the call of their country and serve in the army, navy, or militia, shall from the date of such service be classed as in the "Ordinary or Preferred" class, and shall pay the rates provided for such class in section 237 of the Constitutions and Laws.

2. All restrictions as to residence south of the 38th parallel of latitude are hereby suspended, in so far as it affects or may affect the said brethren, such suspension to continue during the time that the said brethren are so engaged in the service of their country.

3. Your Financial Secretary is hereby instructed to transfer any brother who may be in the "Hazardous" or "Extra Hazardous Class" to the "Ordinary or Preferred Class," from the date of his entrance into the military or naval service of his country.

4. All courts are instructed to immediately furnish the Supreme Secretary with the name of each brother who may enter the military or naval service of his country, giving, if possible, such further information as to regiment or ship as to enable the Supreme Officers to keep track of our brethren and to communicate with them from time to time.

The Executive Council have every confidence that your court will give every attention and care, and, if need be, fraternal aid to the families of those of your members who may have responded to the call of duty.

By order,
ORONHYATEKHA,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Supreme Secretary.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 14.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,
TORONTO, 2nd day of May, 1898.

To all High Courts:

1. The Supreme Court is hereby called to meet in Regular Triennial Session at the Head Office, Toronto, Canada, beginning on Thursday, the 25th day of August, A.D. 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock p.m.

2. The High Secretary of each High Court that has elected its representatives is hereby directed to send the credentials of such representatives to Bro. John A. MacGillivray, Supreme Secretary, not later than the 1st day of August, 1898.

3. The credentials of representatives who are elected after the 1st of August, 1898, must be sent to the Supreme Secretary immediately after their election.

4. The "Temple Building," the pride of every Forester, will be dedicated by the officers of the Supreme Court on Tuesday, the 30th of August, 1898. Every Forester throughout our whole jurisdiction is hereby most cordially invited to attend and take part in the imposing proceedings. En-

campments of Royal Foresters, Subordinate Courts and Courts of Companions are cordially invited to attend in a body. All members will be expected to appear in full uniform or regalia.

5. The following prizes will be paid to courts and encampments taking part in the dedication ceremonies:

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| To Encampment which has come the longest distance (not less than 25 swords)..... | \$250 |
| To largest Encampment on parade | 150 |
| To best drilled Encampment (not less than 25 swords) | 100 |
| To 2nd best drilled Encampment Ambrose Kent & Sons donate a silver trophy, value | 50 |
| To Encampment or Court having the best band on parade..... | 200 |
| To 2nd best band, silver Victory cornet, value | 125 |
| To 3rd best band | 50 |
| To Court having come the longest distance (not less than 20 members), a set of officers' sashes, value | 60 |
| To largest Court on parade, set of officers' sashes, value | 60 |

Any Court or Encampment entering for competition must have each of its members taking part appear in the authorized regalia or uniform of the Order, as only those in such uniforms or regalia will be taken into account in such competition.

By order,

ORONHYATEKHA,
Supreme Chief Ranger.

JOHN A. MCGILLIVRAY,
Supreme Secretary.

Quebec to the Front.

The jurisdiction on the St. Lawrence on the first of April led in the matter of total membership with **13,024**, winning the proud position from Ontario that held it from 1881, and that now for the first time takes second place with **12,966**. We do not for a moment conclude that the mother High Court will accept the situation as unalterable. The next issue may give a change in relative positions. It is to be remembered that the High Court of Ontario has only one-third the territory occupied up till two years ago, when the High Courts of Central and Eastern Ontario were formed. In the Province of Ontario as a whole there are 32,559 members. Meantime, it will be interesting to watch whether Quebec can retain the proud position so pluckily won. Bro. Strathearn and his co-workers are to be congratulated on their brilliant work.

We are pleased to learn that Bro. Rev. Wm. J. McCaughan, the popular pastor of St. Andrew's, Toronto, who was obliged to give up work for a few weeks owing to impaired health, is rapidly recovering, and expects to resume his work in St. Andrew's on May 15th. Bro. McCaughan recently completed the first year of his pastorate in Toronto. It was an eminently successful one. A very pleasant social gathering of the congregation commemorated the event.