

court to try his superior. Nor can the junior officer, on his own motion, or on the motion of all of the officers of a Regiment, assume the command and control of a Regiment and set aside the commanding officer. In any business meeting, or on the assembling of a Regiment, if the senior officer is not present, then the next in rank assumes command for that occasion; but when the duty of the particular occasion is passed, then his duty as commanding officer ceases. But on *no occasion* can the junior officer receive and entertain charges against his superior officer.

DECISION 40. An officer can not be the prosecutor or the principal prosecuting witness and also order the Court. Nor can he appoint a Court of Inquiry in his own behalf.

DECISION 41. No mere election makes an officer. To become an officer of a Division there must first be an election, *and then* the Sir Knight so elected *must be installed* before he is an officer.

In case of a Staff officer he must first be recommended for *appointment and commission*, and must then be *commissioned*, and equip himself as the law directs for the position to which he has been commissioned before he can act or assume the duties of the office.

DECISION 42. As soon as a discharge has been voted, or ordered, for a Sir Knight, he ceases to be a member of that Division, and cannot vote or act upon any proposition that may be presented to the Division. This applies to the granting of a discharge to another, or the surrender of a warrant of a Division, as well as to any other business. The Sir Knight Captain can not order the discharge of a Sir Knight when there are less than ten active members present.

DECISION 43. If a Sir Knight fails to attend the funeral of a deceased Sir Knight, either with his Lodge or his Division, both the Lodge and his Division may fine him for non-attendance, according to their by-laws. If, however, he attends such funeral either with his Knights of Pythias Lodge, or any other fraternal organization of which he is a member, then the Division should not assess a fine for non-attendance with the Division, the Sir Knight having testified his respect for the deceased by attending the funeral with such other organization.

DECISION 44. Under no circumstances can members of one Division be transferred to another Division for the sole purpose of contest in a prize drill. None excepting those who are *bona fide* members of a Division can take part with a competing Division.

DECISION 45. There is but one seal to be used by Divisions of the Uniform Rank, to-wit: The seal furnished by the Supreme Lodge through the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal; and the impression of any other form of seal upon official documents would be invalid. A Division that provides a different seal does so in violation of Law. (See Section 2, Article i.; Section 3, Article iv.; Section 1, Article v., General Laws, Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias.)

[All of the decisions were approved.]