

occurring shall be filled by the Council that designated the member whose place becomes vacant, or by its Sovereign Grand Commander. But the Councils to designate the members shall be numbered from one to the number of which it may be composed, beginning with that which designates the President; and if there is a vacancy in the office of President, the member designated by the next Council shall succeed to the Presidency; and if the office be vacant again, the member designated by the third shall succeed, and so on to the end.

ARTICLE IV.

If it shall be found, after these articles take effect, that any two or more of the United Supreme Councils recognize different Powers of the Rite in another Jurisdiction, as legitimate, each of the United Councils that may have recognized either of such Powers shall submit to every other the reason for its decision, within one year from the taking effect of these Articles; and immediately thereafter each shall consider or reconsider the question, and communicate its decision to the President of the Tribunal of Adjudication, who shall state the questions and the various arguments and opinions to each of the members, and the decision of the majority of the members of the Tribunal shall be accepted as final by the United Councils.

ARTICLE V.

The question of the legitimacy of a new Supreme Council, or of one entering into the League, or seeking to do so, arising after the taking effect of these Articles, shall be considered and determined in the manner provided for in Article iv.

ARTICLE VI.

The question of the legitimacy of a body claiming to be a Supreme Council, created heretofore or hereafter within the jurisdiction of one of the United Supreme Councils, without its consent, shall not be considered by the others.

ARTICLE VII.

But if, in consequence of dissensions in the bosom of a Supreme Council, a schism shall occur, resulting in the co-existence of two bodies, each claiming to be the previously existing Supreme Council or its lawful successor, such controversy may be submitted by one or both of such bodies to the Tribunal of Adjudication; and if it is submitted by both, the decision of the Tribunal shall be accepted by the United Councils as final, but if it is submitted by one only, the conclusions of the Tribunal shall be submitted to all the United Councils, and the matter be determined in the manner provided in Article iv.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any other questions whatever, arising between Supreme Councils of the League, may be by them submitted to the Tribunal of Adjudication, or be considered by that Tribunal at the request of three Supreme Councils, parties to the

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