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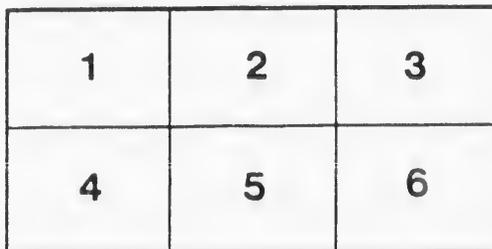
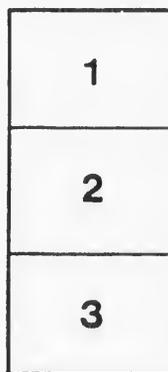
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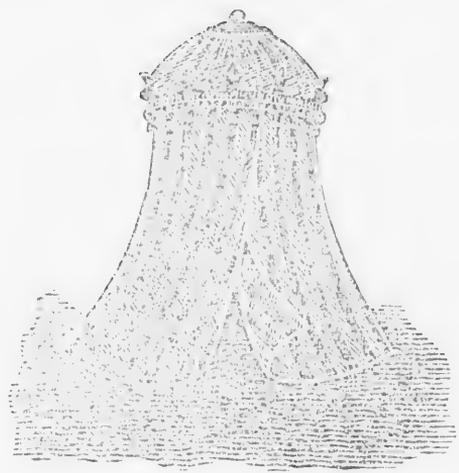
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Patriarch *Geo. Polley*

was admitted

to Membership in Columbia Encampment No. 5, I. O. O. F.,

on the *Fifteenth* day of *July*, 189*0*.

*Wm. E. Elliott* S. R.  
*Geo. W. Edwards* S. R.



## ❖ CONSTITUTION ❖

For the Governing of all Encampments Under  
the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encamp-  
ment of British Columbia,

I. O. O. F.

### PREAMBLE.

For the purpose of ensuring uniformity in the Patriarchal order within the jurisdiction, the Grand Encampment of British Columbia, the supreme tribunal of all Encampments, within its limits, without whose sanction and control no Encampment can exist, ordains the following articles as the Constitution for the government of the Subordinate Encampments of Patriarchs.

### ARTICLE I.

This Encampment shall consist of at least five Patriarchs who have attained the R. P. Degree, and shall be hailed and entitled, COLUMBIA ENCAMPMENT, No. 5, I. O. O. F., of British Columbia, and shall possess the full powers of a Subordinate Encampment, holding a legal unreclaimed charter duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Encampment of British Columbia.

### ARTICLE II.

SECTION 1. No person shall be admitted into this Encampment by initiation who is not a Scarlet Degree member in good standing of a subordinate lodge in good standing, and a resident of the Province of British Columbia, nor for a less sum than six dollars, which shall include all the degrees.

Sec. 2. Applications for membership by initiation shall be made in writing, setting forth age, occupation

and residence of applicant, signed by him and containing the names of two Patriarchs as references, and said application shall be accompanied by a certificate from the subordinate lodge of which he is a member as to his standing in said lodge. The application shall be entered upon the records and a committee of three Patriarchs appointed for investigation, and to report at the next regular meeting of the Encampment, when the applicant shall be balloted for with ball ballots: if more than two black balls appear, the applicant shall be declared rejected, but if less than three black balls appear, he shall be declared elected. (unless the balloting shall be postponed by vote of the Encampment). No re-consideration of an adverse ballot can be had unless all the members who put in black balls shall move for a re-consideration, when, if two-thirds of the members present vote in favor of such re-consideration, the motion shall be declared carried, and the said applicant shall be balloted for at the next regular meeting, when, if more than one black ball appears, he shall be declared rejected, and no further re-consideration shall for any reasons be had. An applicant rejected for membership in this Encampment shall not be eligible to membership in any Encampment for the space of six months.

Sec. 3. Applications for membership shall be made to the Subordinate Encampment nearest the place of residence of the applicant, except in a city or town in which there are more than one Encampment, in which case he may apply to either.

Sec. 4. A Patriarch of the Order wishing to join this Encampment shall present his written application, together with his card, from the Encampment of which he was a member, and said application shall be referred to an investigating committee, who shall report to the Encampment when the application shall be balloted for, unless laid over by a two-thirds vote, and on being admitted, shall pay the sum of not less than one dollar for each degree he has attained.

Sec. 5. An Ancient Patriarch, holding an unexpired withdrawal card or dismissal certificate, desiring to gain membership, shall present a petition, together with his card or dismissal certificate, which shall be referred to a committee and disposed of as provided in Section 4 of this Article.

Sec. 5. The membership of a Patriarch of this Encampment is not affected by his taking a withdrawal card or suspension for non-payment of dues by his lodge until one year shall have elapsed from date of card of suspension, but, after expiration of one year from dates of suspension or card, his active membership in this Encampment shall cease, unless he shall have acquired active membership in a subordinate lodge.

Sec. 6. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all Encampments in this jurisdiction.

Sec. 7. Any Patriarch who is in arrears eleven months for dues and local assessments, shall be notified thereof by the scribe in writing, and informed that unless such dues and assessments are paid or reduced below the amount of one year's dues, within one month of date of notice, that he will be suspended for non-payment of dues. At the expiration of one month from date of notice, if such dues and assessments are not paid, or reduced below the amount of one year's dues, the Scribe shall report the Patriarch as liable to suspension, whereupon the Encampment may by formal action suspend the Patriarch for non-payment of dues. Any Patriarch under suspension for non-payment of dues may be reinstated at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of the members present; and any Patriarch, before he can be reinstated, must pay the amount of one year's dues. And any Patriarch refused reinstatement shall, after the expiration of one year, on proper application and the payment of one dollar, receive a dismissal certificate.

Sec. 9. When an applicant by card is duly elected and presents himself for affiliation, he shall be introduced to the Encampment and sign the Constitution, after which he shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership.

Sec. 10. No Encampment shall admit to membership any person living within the jurisdiction of another Encampment without first obtaining the consent of said Encampment under seal, and any Encampment violating this section shall pay to the Encampment in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides all moneys received from such applicant.

### ARTICLE III.

SECTION 1. The regular contribution and special assessments to this Encampment fund shall be determined by the By-laws: provided, that should there be insufficient in the Encampment fund to pay assessments made by the Grand Encampment, the Encampment shall have power to assess the sum necessary to pay the same upon its members, and such assessment shall be at once due and payable.

Sec. 2. The amount of sick and funeral benefits shall be determined by the By-laws, and shall be paid to such members as are qualified to receive benefits.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### PENALTIES AND TRIALS.

SECTION 1. Any Patriarch who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against any of these articles or the By-laws, shall be subject to be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled, as the By-laws may direct, ancient usage require, or the Encampment determine.

Sec. 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offence involving reprimand, suspension or expulsion. But no member of this Encampment shall be placed on trial unless charges in the following general form be presented to the Encampment in

writing and signed by two Patriarchs of the Order :  
1st. The general charge shall be an averment of conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow. 2nd. The specification or specifications on which the charge is based shall state definitely the time, place and circumstances connected with the alleged offence or offences, and each offence alleged shall be subject to separate specifications ; provided, that any Patriarch suspended or expelled by his Lodge on charges duly preferred shall cease to be a member of this Encampment during the term of his suspension by his Lodge.

SEC. 3. When charges have been preferred against a Patriarch in the proper manner, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from among the peers of the implicated Patriarch. And they shall, with as little delay as the case will admit, summon the parties and examine and determine the matter in question ; and if not involving the suspension or expulsion of a member, or no appeal is taken from their decision to the Encampment, it shall be final without further action from the Encampment. Should the committee be convinced of the necessity of suspending or expelling a member, they shall submit a motion for the purpose to the Encampment for action.

SEC. 4. When a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a Patriarch shall be announced at a regular session when submitted, and made the special order of business for the next meeting, and the accused shall be summoned to appear at the Encampment at the time when it may have been determined to submit and consider the said question, at which time, whether the implicated Patriarch be present or not, the Encampment shall proceed and determine it ; two-thirds of the members present voting in favor of the motion, it shall be carried, and the Encampment shall be fully competent while such motion is under consideration to vary the penalty from the original motion.

SEC. 5. When the decision of the committee appointed under Section 3 for the adjustment of grievances shall not be satisfactory to all parties, either of those interested shall have the privilege of an appeal to the Encampment, and, at the time appointed for trying the appeal, the committee shall present to the Encampment in writing the grounds on which their decision was based, and the parties shall have the privilege of being heard before the Encampment, and the Encampment shall determine the correctness of the decision of the committee by a majority of votes present.

SEC. 6. Any Patriarch feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Encampment against him is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Encampment for a new trial, provided notice of an appeal and the grounds thereof are served upon the Encampment within sixty days after receiving notice of the decision of the Encampment. When notice of an appeal is given within the time limited, the Encampment shall, when requested, furnish the appellant with copies of all records and papers connected with the case. If informality or want of fairness be shown on the formal trial, on the command of the Grand Encampment the Patriarch may be tried anew for the same offence.

SEC. 7. Any Patriarch having been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be sent to all the Encampments in the jurisdiction; and a Patriarch who has been legally expelled shall not again be admitted to membership without the consent of the Grand Encampment.

#### ARTICLE V.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Encampment shall consist of a C. P., H. P., S. W., J. W., Scribe and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each, and in addition thereto, when the By-laws so provide, a Financial Scribe to serve for one year, who shall have charge of the accounts between the Encampment and its members.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall be an O. S., I. S., 1st W., 2nd W., 3rd W., 4th W., 1st G. of T., 2nd G. of T., and Guide.

#### ARTICLE VI.

The duties of the various officers shall be as laid down in their charge of office and as the By-laws of this Encampment shall prescribe.

#### ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. No Patriarch shall be eligible to the office of C. P. until he shall have served a term as S. W.; nor shall any Patriarch be eligible to the office of S. W. until he shall have served a term in some other office in the Encampment, either elective or appointed. Any Patriarch in good standing in this Encampment shall be eligible to any other office in this Encampment. Provided, that in case when all qualified Patriarchs refuse to act as C. P. or S. W., this Encampment, after first getting a dispensation from the G. P., may elect a R. P. degree member for such office who has not rendered the requisite previous service.

All officers shall be eligible for re-election.

All elections for officers shall be by ballot, and a majority of all the valid votes given shall be necessary for election. Provided, that if there be but one candidate in nomination, he shall be declared elected by acclamation.

SEC. 2. The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in May and November of each year, and the installation of officers shall be on the first regular meeting in July and January of each year. Nominations for elective officers shall be made at the regular meeting preceding that of election and on the evening of election.

Sec. 3. Should any officer absent himself for more than three successive meetings (except in case of sickness), the office may be declared vacant by vote of the Encampment, and all such vacancies shall be filled as provided in Section 2 of this Article, and officers so elected shall, upon serving to the end of the term, be entitled to the honors thereof.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

This Encampment shall hold two regular sessions in each month, which shall be styled the regular semi-monthly sessions. Special sessions may be called by the C. P., or on the written request of five Patriarchs.

Sec. 2. Five Patriarchs, including one qualified to preside, shall constitute a quorum for business which must be transacted in the R. P. Degree.

#### ARTICLE IX.

The regular semi-annual terms shall commence on the first regular sessions of January and July, and all terms shall end on the day on which the succeeding ones commence.

#### ARTICLE X.

SECTION 1. Withdrawal cards may be granted to members who are clear on the books according to law by a majority vote by ballot of the members present at any regular meeting when the application is made. Should the Encampment refuse to grant the card, the applicant, on tendering a written resignation of membership, and paying all dues, shall be entitled to receive from the Scribe a certificate under the seal of the Encampment to that effect, and such certificate shall be sufficient evidence of his good standing at the time of such resignation.

Sec. 2. Visiting cards may be granted upon application in open Encampment, or they may be issued by the Chief Patriarch and Recording Scribe to mem-

bers in good standing upon application in writing, but in either case the dues of the applicant must be paid up to the end of the time for which the card is granted, which time shall not exceed one year from the date of the card.

#### ARTICLE XI.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the past officers to prepare and forward to the Grand Scribe, immediately on the installation of officers, the result of the elections, and a regular report of the work of the term, including the names of those admitted, advanced and exalted, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or expelled, and the cause thereof, reinstated and deceased, the whole number in membership, and the amount of receipts.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Encampment, also, to forward to the Grand Scribe a full return of the members of the Encampment ranked according to degrees attained, and a statement of the number of Patriarchs and the number of widowed families relieved by the Encampment in the past term, the number of Patriarchs buried, with the amount of money applied in each case, also amount paid to orphans for their education, also the number of weeks for which sick benefits were paid, and the amount paid, accompanied by the amount to be paid to the Grand Encampment as dues, etc.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Should this Encampment fail to make its returns as required by Article VIII. of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, for three terms, it shall become the duty of the last installed officer to surrender to the Grand Patriarch or (some Patriarch appointed by him) the charter, books, papers, furniture, funds and chattles of this Encampment.

ARTICLE XIII.

DEGREES.

No more than two degrees shall be conferred on the one member at the same session unless a dispensation in writing be obtained from the Grand Patriarch or D. D. G. P.

ARTICLE XIV.

SECTION 1. When any doubt arises as to the true meaning of any of these articles, it shall be determined by the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 2. These articles nor any part of them shall not be altered, amended, suspended or annulled except on motion made and carried in the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 3. This Encampment is invested with full power to adopt or amend such by-laws as it may deem expedient; provided, they do not in any way contravene any part of these Articles, the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Encampment, the Sovereign Grand Lodge, or the principles of the Order.

SEC. 4. All By-laws shall be submitted through the Grand Scribe to the Committee on By-laws for approval, immediately after their adoption, and shall be in force until rejected by said committee or the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 5. This Encampment shall have power to adopt such order of business as it may deem expedient and which is not in contravention to Section 3 of this Article.

Attested,

DAVID MENZIES,

Grand Scribe.

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## BY-LAWS.

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### ARTICLE I.

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### ARTICLE II.

#### OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Encampment shall consist of a C. P., H. P., S. W., J. W., Scribe, Financial Scribe and Treasurer.

SEC. 2. The appointed officers shall be an O. S., I. S., 1st W., 2nd W., 3rd W., 4th W., 1st G. of T., 2nd G. of T., and Guide.

### ARTICLE III.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The C. P. shall preside at all sessions of the Encampment, and, in addition to the powers conferred and duties enjoined on him by the charges, he may summon extra sessions at his option, or shall, when requested in writing, by five Patriarchs of the Encampment. He shall appoint all subordinate officers and committees not otherwise ordered by law or resolutions. He shall sign all orders on the

Treasurer which shall have been passed by the Encampment, and such other documents as require his signature to authenticate them. He shall enforce the charges and these By-laws, prevent innovations, and preserve the strictest decorum. He shall decide all questions of order, subject to the appeal of any member of the Encampment, and give the casting vote whenever there is a tie, except when an appeal has been made from his decision, in which case the question shall be considered lost. He shall superintend all elections or other transactions of the Encampment, and never allow the Encampment to be opened unless he is satisfied that none are present but qualified Patriarchs of the Order. And he shall perform such other duties as may be required by law.

SEC. 2. The H. P. shall perform such duties as are enjoined on him by the charges and regulations of the Order.

SEC. 3. The S. W. shall assist the C. P. in preserving order; and, in the absence of that officer, shall preside over the Encampment. He shall also appoint the minority of all committees on membership, and shall perform such other duties as are required by the charges and regulations of the Order and the laws of this Encampment.

SEC. 4. The Scribe shall record accurately the proceedings of the Encampment; he shall make out all documents and notices; notify the members of all special meetings of the Encampment, and perform such other duties as may by law be required of him.

SEC. 5. The Financial Scribe shall keep the book of accounts with its members; receive all moneys, and pay the same over immediately to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

SEC. 6. The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Scribe all moneys of the Encampment, giving his receipt for the same; and shall pay all orders drawn on him by the C. P. and attested by the Scribe, and no others; and shall give such security

for the satisfactory performance of his trust as the Encampment may require, and perform such other duties as may by law be enjoined on him.

SEC. 7. The J.W. shall assist the S.W. in the performance of his duties, officiate for him in his absence, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Chief Patriarch and the charges and regulations of the Order.

SEC. 8. The appointed officers shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the charges and regulations of the Order, and as may be required of them by law.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### CARDS.

SECTION 1. Any Patriarch against whom there may be no charge of misconduct, and who is clear of the books, shall, on application to the Encampment personally or in writing, receive a card of withdrawal, or one for visiting, by paying his dues up to the time for which it is granted. Visiting cards, 50c., and withdrawal cards, \$1 each.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### DUES AND FEES.

SECTION 1. Every Patriarch of this Encampment shall pay \$1.50 quarterly.

SEC. 2. The fee for initiation into this Encampment shall be \$6, which shall include all the degrees, and the fee for admission by card \$3.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### BENEFITS.

SECTION 1. Every R. P. D. Patriarch in good standing, who has been six months a member of this Encampment, and not been under suspension for three months, shall, if sick and unable to prosecute his ordinary occupation, be entitled to and receive \$2 per week during his indisposition, provided such sick.

ness or disability does not proceed from intemperance or other immoral conduct, or be occasioned by any constitutional disease or bodily infirmity which existed at the time of his admission and was concealed intentionally from the Encampment, the proof of which sickness, in case the member is not in Vancouver, shall be by an Encampment, if there be one; if none, by the affidavit of such member and certificate of a physician. And a member shall be considered in good standing against whom no charges have been preferred and who does not owe more than thirteen weeks dues.

SEC. 2. In the event of the death of a Patriarch qualified as provided by Section 1, there shall be allowed for his funeral expenses the sum of \$20, which shall be paid out of the funds of the Encampment; if there should be no funds, it shall be provided by taxing the members *pro rata*.

SEC. 3. The C. P., H. P., S. W., Treasurer, J. W., and 1st and 2nd Watch shall constitute a standing committee of visitation and relief; to either of whom, in the recess of the Encampment, Patriarchs may be reported sick, and it shall be the duty of this committee to have such services rendered as the nature of the case may require, and report at the next regular meeting of this Encampment. The visiting days of each member of the committee shall be: For the C. P., Sunday; H. P., Monday; S. W., Tuesday; Treasurer, Wednesday; J. W., Thursday; 1st W., Friday; 2nd W., Saturday.

## ARTICLE VII.

### SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. This Encampment shall hold regular sessions on the second and fourth Tuesdays in each month, from October 1st to April 1st at 7.30 o'clock; from April 1st to October 1st at 8 o'clock.

SEC. 2. The elective and appointed officers shall attend every regular session, unless prevented by sickness or absence from the city.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### PENALTIES.

SECTION 1. Any member of this Encampment who shall be guilty of conduct unworthy of a Patriarch, shall be fined, suspended or expelled, at the discretion of the Encampment.

SEC. 2. Before a Patriarch can be reinstated, he shall pay all arrears against him at the time of his suspension.

SEC. 3. No member shall be entitled to vote who is one term in arrears, or be installed to office who is indebted to the Encampment.

## ARTICLE IX.

### FUNDS.

SECTION 1. Three Patriarchs, selected by the C.P. semi-annually in January and July, shall constitute the Committee of Finance, whose duty it shall be to examine into the correctness of all claims against the Encampment referred to them, and to exercise a general supervision over the financial affairs of the Encampment.

## ARTICLE X.

### INVESTMENT OF FUNDS.

SECTION 1. All investments of any moneys of the Encampment which the Encampment may not deem it necessary to keep in the immediate charge of the Treasurer to meet its ordinary disbursements shall be made in the stock either of some chartered bank or banks of this Province, or in some public stock of the Province, or other stock fully guaranteed by Act of the Parliament thereof, or in land or buildings.

SEC. 2. All such investments and all transfers and sales thereof, or any part thereof, shall be made in the name of the Encampment, from time to time, as the Encampment may direct by the C.P. and Scribe, for the time being, and under the seal of the Encampment; all evidences or certificates thereof shall be

placed and kept by them on deposit in such chartered bank agency in this city as they may select and arrange with to that effect, subject only to their joint order, given under the seal of the Encampment, and all dividends or other income accruing therefrom shall be by them duly demanded and received, and the amount forthwith paid over to the Financial Scribe for delivery to the Treasurer.

SEC. 3. All moneys of the Encampment not invested as aforesaid shall be placed by the Treasurer forthwith after he shall have received the same, on deposit, in the name of the Encampment, with one of the bank agencies of this city, to bear such rate of interest as he may be able to obtain thereon from the said bank agency; and his responsibility and that of his securities shall extend, so far as the said moneys are concerned, only to their punctual deposit and to the correctness of his cheques drawn thereon.

SEC. 4. No motion in any way relating to the investment of the funds of the Encampment, as by this section provided for, shall be put to the vote at any meeting, whether regular or special, unless two weeks notice of such motion shall have been given by the mover.

SEC. 5. All motions for the appropriation of moneys belonging to this Encampment other than for the general purposes of the Encampment, and for the relief of members of distant Encampments, shall only be put at a regular meeting of this Encampment, and then only after one month's notice of such motion shall have been given by the mover, and written or printed notices of such motion have been sent to each member of the Encampment.

## ARTICLE XI.

### AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. A motion to alter, amend, suspend or annul these By-laws, or any part of them, shall be submitted in writing only at a regular session, and

shall be entered in the journal; and, at the next regular session, should two-thirds of those present be in favor thereof, the same shall be adopted and have full force as parts of these laws.

SEC. 2. This Encampment has power to adopt such rules of order as a majority shall concur in at a regular session, after having been proposed in writing at a previous session; and, to amend, alter or annul the same in like manner. But a motion to suspend a rule of order for a particular occasion may be adopted at any time by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

TALBOT WARD, C. P.

D. MENZIES, Scribe.

Vancouver, B. C., Nov. 22, 1892.



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# RULES OF ORDER

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Rule 1. As soon as the Chief Patriarch shall have taken the chair, the officers and Patriarchs present shall take their respective stations, and the Encampment shall then be opened in ancient form.

Rule 2. The order of procedure, after opening, shall be as follows :

1. The calling of the roll of officers.
2. The consideration of any excuses which may be offered by absentees from previous meetings.
3. The reading by the Scribe of the minutes of last Encampment night ; the consideration of any objections which may be made to any part thereof, and their approval, with or without amendment, as the case may require.
4. The receiving and consideration of any reports from the Visiting Committees or from other Patriarchs who may have to report the fact of any Patriarch being sick or in distress.
5. The nomination or the election of officers, on the evenings designated for such nomination or election.
6. The receiving and consideration of reports of Committees on Character, and balloting thereon.
7. The initiation of candidates for membership.
8. The receiving of propositions for membership, and their reference to the Committee on Character.
9. The receiving and consideration of any reports of officers or standing committees which may require to be made in pursuance of the By-laws.
10. The receiving and consideration of any reports of special committees in the order of their seniority.

11. The reading and consideration of accounts and other communications in the hands of the Scribe.

12. Good and welfare ; being first, unfinished business, in order of priority at former meetings ; and secondly, new business.

13. The closing of the Encampment.

Rule 3. Any member offering a motion must do so in writing, if a request to that effect be made by the Scribe, the presiding officer, or the Encampment.

Rule 4. No questions shall be put by the presiding officer unless regularly moved and seconded, nor be open for consideration until so put ; and when so put, no other motion shall be receivable, unless it be a motion

1. To adjourn,
2. To lay on the table,
3. To put the previous question,
4. To postpone,
5. To refer, or
6. To amend.

These several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first, second and third thereof shall be decided without debate.

Rule 5. The previous question shall be put from the chair only after it shall have been ascertained that the call therefor is sustained by a majority of the members of the Encampment present, and then shall always be put in the words following: *Shall the question be now put?* which words shall be understood to have reference to whatever question may be pending immediately before such call for the previous question may have been so made.

Rule 6. If the vote of the Encampment taken pursuant to such call for the previous question be in the affirmative, the presiding officer shall thereupon forthwith put to vote the question so pending immediately before such call, and shall allow no amendment or further debate thereon ; and if, on the other

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hand, the vote of the Encampment be in the negative, the presiding officer shall be thereby precluded from putting to vote, during the remainder of the current term, the question so pending as aforesaid.

Rule 7. Any member may require the division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

Rule 8. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall first be taken on the highest sum or number, and longest or latest time proposed.

Rule 9. The yeas and nays shall be taken and recorded, on the call of any member, duly seconded.

Rule 10. After any question, except that of indefinite postponement or the previous question, may have been decided, any two members having voted in the majority may, at the same or next regular meeting, move for a re-consideration thereof, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed upon such motion.

Rule 11. Any question decided by the Encampment shall not again be brought before it, otherwise than by re-consideration, as provided in the foregoing rule, unless notice thereof shall have been given at the meeting immediately preceding; and such notice shall not be received during the term in which the question has been decided.

Rule 12. Every member shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any question, but not oftener, unless by permission of the presiding officer.

Rule 13. Any Patriarch intending to speak on a question shall rise in his place and respectfully address the presiding officer, confining himself to the question, and avoiding personalities; and should more than one brother rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule 14. The presiding officer or any member may call a Patriarch to order while speaking; and, in such case, the debate shall be forthwith suspended,

and the Patriarch so called to order shall not proceed until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanation or appeal from the decision of the chair.

Rule 15. In all cases where a member may appeal from any decision of the chair, he shall use the words following, and none other, unless it be to make necessary explanation:—"I respectfully appeal from the decision of the chair to the Encampment;" and the Encampment shall, after such explanation from the presiding officer as he may deem necessary, proceed forthwith to consider and vote upon the question:—"Will the Encampment sustain the decision of the chair?"

Rule 16. Any Patriarch who may have been called to order for manifestation of temper or improper feeling, must apologize to the Encampment or to any aggrieved party, if required so to do by the presiding officer; and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted so to do by the presiding officer.

Rule 17. The presiding officer, or the Encampment, may, at any time, require all members present to vote upon any pending question, or may excuse any member or members from so doing.

Rule 18. Patriarchs, not members of this Encampment, may address the Encampment on receiving permission to that effect from the presiding officer.

Rule 19. No Patriarch shall retire while the Encampment is open without permission of the presiding officer.

Rule 20. A motion to suspend or alter the order of procedure, as contained in Rule 2, for the remainder of a meeting, may, at any time, be carried by a unanimous vote, or, if as many as seven members call upon the Encampment to sustain it, by a vote of

not less than two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon ; but no motion to suspend or alter such order of procedure for a longer term shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule 21. These Rules, or any part thereof, shall only be altered, amended, suspended or annulled, except in the case provided for by Rule 20.



