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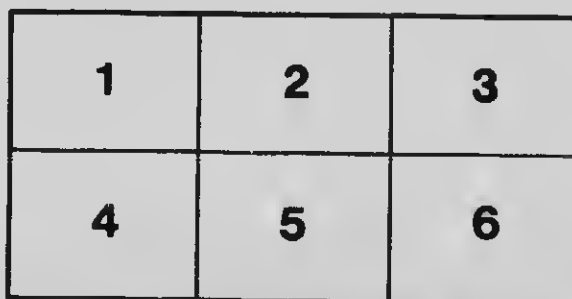
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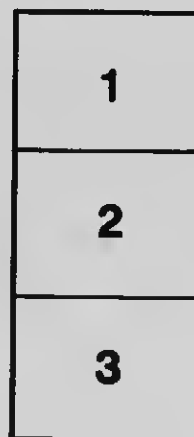
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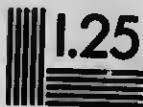
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**As Revised and Adopted by The Supreme Court, at
the Regular Session, held August 26th, 27th,
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The Independent Order of Foresters Consolidated Act

2-3 George V. (Canada), Chapter 113.

*Royal Assent, 16th May, 1913. Accepted by the
Supreme Court of the Order August 26, 1913.*

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters has represented that it is a society incorporated by chapter 104 of the statutes of 1889, which Act was amended by chapter 51 of the statutes of 1896 (First Session) and was further amended by chapter 100 of the statutes of 1901; and whereas the said society has by its petition prayed that the said Acts be consolidated and amended to alter the corporate name and define the investment powers of the said society; to provide an investment board for the investment of the funds of the said society; to define the rights of the members of the said society in the accumulated funds of the said society; to empower the said society to provide for any deficiency in the accumulated funds and to create a fraternal fund and department for the relief of its members and dependents, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as *The Independent Order of Foresters Consolidated Act*.
2. The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters is hereby continued as a body corporate and politic and subject to its existing constitution and laws, but the name of the said society is hereby changed to "The Independent Order of Foresters," hereinafter called "the Society."
3. The constitution and laws of the Society filed in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance, on the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand

nine hundred and nine, as amended by the amendments thereto filed in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance, on the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and eleven, are hereby declared to be the existing constitution and laws of the Society, and, subject to the provisions of section eleven of this Act, to be binding upon the Society and every member thereof until repealed, altered or amended as provided in the said constitution and laws. Amendments to the said constitution and laws shall, within three months after the adoption thereof by the Society, be filed with the Superintendent of Insurance and shall thereupon be binding upon the Society and upon every member thereof: Provided that in the case of contradictory or repugnant provisions in the said constitution and laws, or in the case of any of the provisions thereof conflicting with any Act in force in Canada, the Treasury Board may, after due notice to the executive body of the Society, amend by order of the said Board the said constitution and laws and, from the date of such amendment, the constitution and laws so amended shall be binding upon the Society and every member thereof.

(2) The head office of the Society shall be at the city of Toronto.

4. The value of the real property which the Society or any branch thereof may hold shall not exceed in the case of the Society, in the whole at any one time, the annual value of thirty thousand dollars, and in the case of any branch of the Society the capital value of twenty-five thousand dollars, except in the city of Toronto, where each branch may hold real property to the capital value of ten thousand dollars, and no more; but in towns having less than six thousand inhabitants the capital value of such real property shall not in the case of any one branch exceed five thousand dollars, and the Society may, by provisions in its constitution and laws, determine the manner in which such real property shall be held and conveyed, subject always to the laws of the province, state or country in which the said real property is situate.

5. The property of each branch shall be liable only for the debts and engagements of such branch.

6. The Society shall have the powers of lending and of investment prescribed by *The Insurance Act, 1910*, for companies within the legislative power of the Parliament of Canada and licensed to carry on the business of life insurance in Canada.

7. The Society may constitute an investment board of not less than three or more than five members to have charge of the lending and investment of the funds of the Society, to hold office for such term and to exercise such powers and under such regulations, not inconsistent with this Act or with the provisions of *The Insurance Act, 1910*, applicable thereto, as the Society, or the executive council thereof, may from time to time determine.

8. The Society may deposit outside of Canada such portion of its funds in such government securities as is necessary for the maintenance of any foreign branch; provided that at no time shall more than one-fourth of the accumulated funds of the Society be deposited outside of Canada.

9. The Society shall be entitled to receive a license under *The Insurance Act, 1910*, renewable from year to year, so long as the Society complies with the requirements of this Act and with the provisions of *The Insurance Act, 1910*, applicable thereto, to undertake with its members the contract or contracts of life, disability and sickness insurance specified in the constitution and laws of the Society for a sum or sums not exceeding, in addition to the sick and funeral benefits, the sum of five thousand dollars upon any one life.

(2) On or before the first day of March in each year the supreme chief ranger, or, in the absence of the supreme chief ranger, the past supreme chief ranger or the supreme vice chief ranger and the supreme secretary, or (in the absence of the supreme secretary) the chief accountant of the Society, shall transmit to the Superintendent of Insurance a statement verified by their own oath of the condition and affairs of the Society on the thirty-first of December then next preceding, which statement shall set forth the assets and liabilities

of the Society and its income and expenditure during the previous year and such other information as is deemed necessary by the Minister of Finance or by the Superintendent of Insurance.

(3) Any failure to make such statement shall subject the Society to a penalty of ten dollars for each day during which such default continues, and such penalty shall be recoverable and enforceable with costs at the suit of His Majesty instituted by the Attorney-General of Canada.

(4) The Superintendent of Insurance may examine, or cause to be examined, at its head office or elsewhere, the books, vouchers, and securities of the Society, and its officers shall facilitate such examination so far as it is in their power; and he may address any inquiries to the said officers in relation to the assets, investments, liabilities, doings or condition of the Society, and it shall be the duty of the officers so addressed to promptly reply in writing to such inquiries.

10. The insurance powers of the Society shall be exercised in conformity with the provisions of this Act, including the provisions set out in the Schedule to this Act, which is hereby declared to be part of this Act, and in conformity with the provisions of *The Insurance Act, 1910*, applicable to the Society. Nothing herein shall be held to exempt the Society from the effect of any legislation hereafter passed by the Parliament of Canada in respect of any insurance powers exercised by fraternal societies.

11. The Acts mentioned in the preamble, and the provisions of the existing constitution and laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed, save and except the preamble and sections 3, 4 and 5 of chapter 100 of the statutes of 1901.

[N.B. The preamble and sections 3, 4 and 5 of chapter 100 of the statutes of 1901 are as follows:—

WHEREAS the Corporation known as The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, hereinafter referred to as the Provincial Corporation, was originally incorporated under chapter 167 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario,

1877; and whereas The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, hereinafter referred to as the Dominion Corporation, was incorporated by an Act of the Parliament of Canada, being chapter 104 of the statutes of 1889, which was amended by chapter 51 of the statutes of 1896 (First Session), and the said chapter 104 of the statutes of 1889 received the Royal Assent on the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine; and whereas the Provincial Corporation, on the said second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, ceased to exercise its corporate powers; and whereas by its petition the Dominion Corporation has declared that on the said second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, the Dominion Corporation assumed all the contracts and liabilities of the Provincial Corporation, and that it has paid all the debts, performed all the duties and fulfilled all the obligations, as they have matured, of the Provincial Corporation, and that there are no debts of the Provincial Corporation now remaining undischarged; and whereas the Dominion Corporation has by its petition prayed that it be enacted that it had authority on the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, to accept, and did accept on the said date, a transfer from the Provincial Corporation of all the assets, interest, rights, credits, effects and property, real, personal and mixed, of whatever kind and wherever situate, belonging to the Provincial Corporation, or to which it was or might become entitled; and whereas the Dominion Corporation has, by the said petition, further prayed that it be enacted that it had authority on the said second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, to accept, and did accept on the said date, as members in the Dominion Corporation, subject to the provisions of its constitutions and laws, all persons who on the said date were, subject to the constitutions and laws of the Provincial Corporation, in good standing in the Provincial Corporation, and that it, the Dominion Corporation, had authority to assume on the said date, and did assume, all the liabilities of the Provincial Corporation; and whereas the Dominion

Corporation has, by its said petition, further prayed for certain amendments to its Act of Incorporation; and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, declares and enacts as follows:—

(3) The Dominion Corporation shall be deemed to have had authority on the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, to accept, and shall be deemed to have accepted on the said date, a transfer to the Dominion Corporation, its successors and assigns, to its and their own use absolutely, of all the assets, interests, rights, credits, effects and property, real, personal and mixed, of whatever kind and wherever situate, belonging to the Provincial Corporation, also defined in the preamble, or to which the Provincial Corporation was, is, or shall hereafter be entitled.

(4) The Dominion Corporation shall be deemed to have had on the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, authority to assume, and shall be deemed to have assumed on the said date, all the liabilities of the Provincial Corporation.

(5) The Dominion Corporation shall be deemed to have had authority on the second day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, to accept, and shall be deemed to have accepted on the said date, as members in the Dominion Corporation, subject to the provisions of its constitutions and laws, from time to time in force, all persons who, on the said date were subject to the constitutions and laws of the Provincial Corporation, members in good standing in the Provincial Corporation, and the constitution and laws of the Dominion Corporation, filed in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance on the thirteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, shall be deemed (until altered, amended or repealed as in the said constitution and laws provided, or by the Treasury Board pursuant to section 4 of the said chapter 51 of the statutes of 1896, First Session) to be in full force and effect and binding upon every

member of the Dominion Corporation, including all of such members as were members of the Provincial Corporation.]

12. Notwithstanding anything in the existing constitution and laws of the Society, the Supreme Court of the Society may meet in regular session within six months from the date of the passing of this Act, and if at such session a resolution to accept this Act is supported by two-thirds of the votes cast this Act shall come into force on the day on which such acceptance takes place, and notice and proof of such acceptance shall be filed with the Superintendent of Insurance.

SCHEDULE.

In this Act, the following words and phrases shall mean as follows:—

1. "The Foresters experience" shall mean the tables deduced from the mortality and withdrawal experience of the Society for the years one thousand eight hundred and eight-seven to one thousand nine hundred and seven inclusive and such tables shall be filed in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance.

"Valuation deficiency" shall mean the excess of liabilities over assets, including for the purpose of the computation among the liabilities the present value according to the Foresters experience, and four per cent. annual interest, of the sums assured by the Society's outstanding mortuary benefit certificates or policies, and including among the assets the present value of the future premiums or assessments to be received by the Society in respect of the same certificates or policies, together with the present value of the liens, if any, upon such certificates or policies.

"Accumulated funds" shall mean all the assets of the Society applicable to the Society's outstanding mortuary benefit certificates or policies, but first deducting therefrom the assets transferred to the fraternal fund under the provisions of paragraph 6 of this Schedule.

"Surplus" shall mean the excess of the accumulated funds over and above all the liabilities

of the Society in respect of all its outstanding mortuary benefit certificates or policies, including for the purpose of the computation among the liabilities, reserve for all such outstanding mortuary benefit certificates or policies on the basis of the Foresters experience and four per cent. annual interest.

2. Subject to the provisions of the remaining paragraphs of this Schedule, the Society may and shall from time to time require its members to pay such premiums or assessments as will provide, with the accumulated funds of the Society applicable to the mortuary benefit certificates or policies of such members, for the payment in full of all obligations matured, or to mature under such mortuary benefit certificates or policies whether heretofore issued or hereafter to be issued, without deduction or abatement.

3. The Society shall determine the amount of the accumulated funds which have been accumulated from the payments of the members who entered the Society under the constitution and laws from time to time in force between the first day of January, 1899, and the first day of July, 1911. The amount so determined, together with the premiums or assessments to be received by the Society in respect of the same certificates or policies shall be deemed to be applicable only to the mortuary benefit certificates or policies of the members who entered the Society under the constitution and laws from time to time in force between the said dates. The Society shall also determine in like manner the amount of the accumulated funds which have been accumulated from the payments of the members who entered the Society under the constitution and laws in force on and after the said first day of July, 1911, and the amount so determined, together with the premiums or assessments to be received by the Society in respect of the same certificates or policies shall be deemed to be applicable only to the mortuary benefit certificates or policies of such members. The balance of the accumulated funds, together with the premiums or assessments to be received by the Society in respect of the remaining

certificates or policies, shall be deemed to be applicable only to the mortuary benefit certificates or policies of the members who entered the Society under the constitution and laws from time to time in force prior to the said first day of January, 1899.

4. The Society shall ascertain, as at the first day of October, 1913, the valuation deficiency in respect of all the outstanding mortuary benefit certificates or policies of the members who entered the Society under the constitution and laws from time to time in force prior to the first day of January, 1899, and shall apportion such valuation deficiency among the said members in proportion to the amount of the member's mortuary benefit certificates or policies: Provided that the share of the valuation deficiency so apportioned to any member shall not exceed the reserve proper to such member's mortuary benefit certificate or policy according to the Foresters experience and four per cent. annual interest.

If the Supreme Court of the Society, at the session to be held pursuant to the provisions of section 12 of this Act, by resolution so decides, the Society may charge against each such mortuary benefit certificate or policy as an assessment, a sum not exceeding its proportion of the valuation deficiency aforesaid. Such assessment shall thereupon be payable to the Society by the member on the said first day of October, 1913, or if not so paid, shall be a lien or debt against such member's mortuary benefit certificate or policy bearing interest until paid at the rate of four per cent. per annum compounded annually and together with the interest shall be deducted by the Society out of the moneys or first moneys payable by the Society under the said mortuary benefit certificate or policy; provided that such interest may, at the option of the member, be payable in equal monthly instalments with the monthly premium or assessments of such member; or if the said Supreme Court, by resolution adopted at the said session, so decides, a table of rates shall be established for each age at entry and each year of entry to be payable by the said members respectively on and after the first day of October, 1913, so that the amount of the accumulated funds to the credit of all of the said members, determined

as provided in paragraph 3 of this Schedule, added to the present value of the future net premiums or assessments payable by such members under the said new table of rates shall equal the present value of the benefits stipulated to be paid in the mortuary benefit certificates or policies of such members on the basis of the Foresters experience and four per cent. annual interest, and each such member shall on and after the said first day of October, 1913, pay to the Society the monthly rate of premium or assessment appropriate to his age at entry and year of entry according to the said new table of rates for the amount of such member's mortuary benefit certificate or policy.

In the event of the said Supreme Court failing to adopt at the said session, either of the methods of meeting the valuation deficiency hereinbefore set forth, the Society shall ascertain and apportion to the mortuary benefit certificate or policy of each of the said members its share of the accumulated funds determined as provided in paragraph 3 of this Schedule, and shall charge annually against such credit and interest at the rate earned by the accumulated funds of the Society and the net mortuary assessments or premiums received from such member during the year, such member's share of the mortuary and disability claims accruing during such year, together with such additional annual sums as shall be necessary according to the Foresters experience and four per cent. annual interest to provide the benefits other than the mortuary and disability benefits stipulated in such member's mortuary benefit certificate or policy, and when such credit is exhausted the Society shall collect and is hereby empowered to collect from the said member such additional or increased assessments during each year as shall be necessary to answer such member's share of the mortuary and disability claims accruing during such year together with the additional annual sum aforesaid.

On or before the said first day of October, 1913, the Society shall file in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance a certified copy of the proceedings of the session of the said Supreme Court and a schedule showing the said assessments for all

of the said mortuary benefit certificates or policies according to the age at entry and year of entry into the Society, or the said new table of rates, as the case may be, or in the event of the said Supreme Court failing to adopt either of the said methods as aforesaid, a schedule showing for each age at entry and year of entry the amount to the credit of the mortuary benefit certificate or policy of each of the said members, and upon the said filing the said assessment or the new table of rates or the said credits, as the case may be, shall be binding upon each of the said members.

5. The Society shall, at the request of the member and upon the surrender of the mortuary benefit certificate or policy of such member, issue to such member a new mortuary benefit certificate or policy for such an amount of the mortuary benefit specified in the existing constitution and laws so that the present value of the benefit promised by such new certificate or policy shall equal the present value of his future net premiums or assessments at the rate such member was paying on the passing hereof.

6. The Executive Council of the Society may transfer to a special fund of the Society, to be known as the fraternal fund, such securities and moneys as have heretofore accrued in connection with investments of the accumulated funds of the Society in excess of four per cent. per annum, and so much of the interest to be received from time to time in excess of four per cent. per annum as to the said Executive Council shall seem expedient. At the time of such transfer the Executive Council shall file in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance particulars of the securities and moneys proposed to be transferred to the fraternal fund. The fraternal fund or portions thereof shall be applied from time to time under regulations to be approved by the Supreme Court of the Society in relief of the increased payments or in reduction of the liens or debts, as the case may be, provided in paragraph 4 of this Schedule.

7. The surplus of the Society, or any portion thereof, as the Supreme Court of the Society, in regular or special session, may from time to time

determine, may be transferred to the fraternal fund or may be used for any of the objects of the Society or may be distributed by way of bonus among the beneficiary members of the Society.

8. The liabilities of any member of the Society shall be limited to the assessments, dues, fees, taxes and fines of which at the date which he ceases to be a member by withdrawal, expulsion, suspension or non-payment of assessments or dues or otherwise, notice has been actually given by the Society or which under its constitution and laws have matured and become due; provided that no member or his beneficiary shall be entitled to any pecuniary benefit of the Society during the time such member is in default with respect to the payment of any assessment, dues, fees, taxes or fines; and the provisions of this paragraph shall be printed on each and every policy issued by the Society.

9. Notwithstanding anything in this Schedule contained when the event insured against in any certificate or policy happened prior to the first day of July, 1911, the rights of the member shall be as set forth in the constitution and laws of the Society filed in the office of the Superintendent of Insurance on the 26th day of January, 1909, and when the event insured against in any certificate or policy has happened or shall happen between the said first day of July, 1911, and the first day of October, 1913, the rights of the member shall be as set forth in the existing constitution and laws of the Society defined in section 3 of this Act.

We hereby certify that at the regular session of the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, convened pursuant to section 12 of the foregoing Act, and holden in the City of Toronto, Canada, on August 26th, 1913, and following days, the foregoing, The Independent Order of Foresters Consolidated Act, was accepted and came into force on the said 26th day of August, 1913.

We further hereby certify that at the said regular session holden as aforesaid the following resolution was adopted pursuant to the provisions contained in the Schedule to the said Act:—

Whereas the Order has pursuant to the provisions

of The Independent Order of Foresters Consolidated Act ascertained the valuation deficiency as at the first day of October, 1913, in respect to the outstanding mortuary benefit certificates of the members who entered the Order under the constitution and laws from time to time in force prior to the first day of January, 1899, to be the sum of \$25,250,000; and whereas the Order has as directed by the said Act apportioned such valuation deficiency among the said members in proportion to the members' mortuary benefit certificates subject to the limitation that the share of the valuation deficiency so apportioned to any member shall not exceed the reserve proper to such member's mortuary benefit certificate according to the Foresters experience and four per cent. annual interest.

And whereas the said Act empowers the Supreme Court at this regular session held pursuant to Section 12 of the said Act to charge against each such mortuary benefit certificate as an assessment the proportion of the valuation deficiency aforesaid to be paid to the Order by the member holding such mortuary benefit certificate on or before the first day of October, 1913, or at the option of such member, if not so paid, to be a lien or debt against such member's mortuary benefit certificate bearing interest until paid at the rate of four per cent. per annum compounded annually, and the said Act further empowers the Order to deduct the said assessment and interest at the said rate out of the moneys or first moneys payable by the Order under the said mortuary benefit certificate; Now, therefore, the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters pursuant to the powers contained in the said Independent Order of Foresters Consolidated Act hereby charges against the mortuary benefit certificate of each member of the Order who entered the Order under the constitution and laws from time to time in force prior to the first day of January, 1899, the assessment for each \$1,000 of mortuary benefit held by him (and for other sums of mortuary benefit in proportion thereto at the same rate of assessment) shown in the subjoined table of assessments for his age at entry into the Order and for his year of entry into the Order, and

Table Showing the Assessment per \$1,000 of Mortuary Underwritten and at the Age

Age at Entry	1896 or 1899	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
16.....	100 00	109 00	118 00	128 00	138 00	148 00
17.....	109 00	118 00	128 00	138 00	148 00	159 00
18.....	118 00	128 00	138 00	148 00	159 00	170 00
19.....	124 00	134 00	145 00	155 00	167 00	178 00
20.....	128 00	138 00	149 00	160 00	172 00	184 00
21.....	135 00	146 00	157 00	168 00	181 00	193 00
22.....	139 00	151 00	163 00	175 00	187 00	200 00
23.....	146 00	158 00	170 00	183 00	196 00	209 00
24.....	149 00	161 00	174 00	187 00	201 00	215 00
25.....	152 00	165 00	179 00	193 00	207 00	222 00
26.....	157 00	170 00	185 00	199 00	214 00	230 00
27.....	160 00	175 00	190 00	205 00	221 00	237 00
28.....	166 00	182 00	197 00	213 00	230 00	246 00
29.....	173 00	189 00	206 00	222 00	239 00	256 00
30.....	180 00	196 00	213 00	230 00	248 00	260 00
31.....	184 00	206 00	223 00	241 00	259 00	260 00
32.....	197 00	214 00	233 00	251 00	270 00	260 00
33.....	204 00	223 00	242 00	260 00	260 00	260 00
34.....	213 00	232 00	252 00	260 00	260 00	260 00
35.....	221 00	241 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	260 00
36.....	232 00	253 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	260 00
37.....	242 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	260 00
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Benefit for Members Who Entered During the Year Shown in the Outer Column.

Age at Entry	1880	1879	1878	1877	Age at Entry
16.....	\$ 260 00	\$ 260 00	\$ 260 00	\$ 260 00	16
17.....	260 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	17
18.....	260 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	18
19.....	260 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	19
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28.....	260 00	260 00	260 00	260 00	28
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hereby also charges against the mortuary benefit certificate of each of the said members who is in good standing for the Expectation of Life benefit, an additional assessment of one-half of the amount of the aforesaid assessment: Provided that in determining the amount of the assessment of each member according to the said table the age of the said member on his nearest birthday at initiation or increase of mortuary benefit, as the case may be, is to be taken as the member's age at entry. Provided further that a member who reduced his mortuary benefit certificate in accordance with option A in 1908 is allowed, if he choose, to reinstate his mortuary benefit certificate for the amount thereof before the said reduction upon signing and delivering to the Supreme Secretary before the first day of October, 1913, an application to borrow the difference between the rate of assessment he was paying and his rate as readjusted in 1908, and thereupon his assessment under this resolution of the Supreme Court shall be the assessment computed according to the said table for the amount of his mortuary benefit certificate before such reduction.

And the Supreme Court of The Independent Order of Foresters, pursuant to the said Act, doth hereby further order and require each of the said members to pay the amount of his said assessment to the Order at its Home Office in the City of Toronto, Canada, on or before the first day of October, 1913, or at the option of such member if not so paid, such assessment shall be a lien or debt against such member's mortuary benefit certificate bearing interest until paid at the rate of four per cent. per annum, compounded annually, and together with the interest shall be deducted by the Order out of the moneys or first moneys payable by the Order under the said mortuary benefit certificate; provided that such interest may, at the option of the member, be payable in equal monthly instalments with the monthly premium or assessment of such member.



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THE
CONSTITUTION AND LAWS
OF

The Independent
Order of Foresters

Governing The Supreme Court and
Each and All of Its Branches

Name, Terms and Their Meaning.

1. (1) The Independent Order of Foresters, incorporated by the Parliament of Canada, shall be the exclusive legislative and the supreme governing body of the Order and of any and all branches thereof; and, for the purpose of the insurance or mortuary, disability, sickness and funeral benefits furnished by the Order, as set forth in these Constitution and Laws, shall be deemed to be the corporation contracting with the Beneficiary members of the Order.

(2) The expression, "The Order," wherever used in these Constitution and Laws, in documents connected with the Order and in the correspondence of the Order, unless the context otherwise requires, shall be taken to mean and shall mean The Independent Order of Foresters.

(3) The expression, "application for membership," means application for membership in a Subordinate Court of the Order or in a Companion Court of the Order upon the form prescribed by the Order or by the Executive Council. The expression, "member of the Order," shall be taken to include and shall include a member-at-large as well as a member of a Subordinate Court or of a Companion Court existing by virtue of a Charter granted by The Order.

(4) The expression, "the Constitution and

Laws," shall be taken to mean and shall mean the Constitution and Laws of the Order, inclusive of the "General Laws," "By-Laws" and "Rules of Order," from time to time enacted by The Supreme Court of The Independent Order of Foresters, and as the same may be amended from time to time in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws or in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Canada entitled "The Independent Order of Foresters Consolidated Act" (2-3, George V., Canada, chapter 113), hereinafter called the Act of Incorporation.

(5) The expressions, "Court," or "Courts," wherever occurring in these Constitution and Laws, not immediately preceded by the qualifying word "Supreme," "High," "Subordinate," "Companion," or "Juvenile," shall be taken to apply and shall apply both to a Subordinate Court and to a Companion Court.

(6) The expressions, "accepted by the Medical Board," or "passed by the Medical Board," or "rejected by the Medical Board," wherever occurring in these Constitution and Laws, shall be taken to mean and shall mean that the medical examination (on Form number three as prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council) of an applicant for membership in the Order, or for reinstatement, or for increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, or for enrolment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, respectively, as the case may be, has, in the manner hereinafter provided, been approved and accepted by, or has been rejected by, the Medical Board of the Order.

(7) The expression, "himself," ("myself,") as contained in Section four, sub-section five, of the Constitution and Laws, shall be taken to mean and shall mean the member himself during his lifetime and on his death his estate, except in those Provinces, States or Countries having the Roman or Civil Law, where on the member's death it shall mean his Legal Heirs.

(8) Wherever in these Constitution and Laws reference is made to a section or section and sub-section by number, the reference is to the section so numbered in these Constitution and Laws.

(9) Except by unanimous consent of the Court given at a regular meeting the beneficiary and social members of a Subordinate Court shall be exclusively male.

(10) Except by unanimous consent of the Companion Court given at a regular meeting the beneficiary and social members of a Companion Court shall be exclusively female.

(11) Membership in The Supreme Court of the Order and in each of the several branches of the Order shall be acquired only in the manner and way provided in these Constitution and Laws.

(12) The duly qualified members of Subordinate Courts and of Companion Courts shall be eligible for membership in The Supreme Court and shall be eligible to hold office in The Supreme Court, subject, however, to all the qualifications, conditions and limitations contained in these Constitution and Laws; provided always, that males only shall be eligible for election as members of the Executive Council and as Supreme Auditors.

(13) Notwithstanding that the masculine form only is used in these Constitution and Laws, all the provisions thereof together with any amendments thereto shall be applicable to and shall bind every member of the Order whether such member be a member of a Subordinate Court or a member of a Companion Court.

Composition of The Supreme Court.

2. (1) The Supreme Court shall consist of not less than two hundred nor more than two hundred and ten Active or voting members exclusive of its Honorary Members.

(2) The Active or voting members of The Supreme Court shall be composed of its Officers, Past Executive Officers and Representatives from the High Courts, who are members in good standing in the Order.

(3) Honorary members shall consist of Past Representatives from High Courts, and of those officers of the Royal Foresters who hold the rank of Brigadier-General or who hold higher rank, and such Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers as may have been admitted to the degree of The Supreme

Court. Honorary members shall not be entitled to speak nor vote in The Supreme Court nor to hold office therein.

Powers of The Supreme Court.

3. (1) The Supreme Court has power to establish branches, to be known and hailed as "High Courts," "Subordinate Courts," "Companion Courts," "Juvenile Courts" and "Encampments of Royal Foresters."

(2) It possesses the sole right and power, in the manner hereinafter provided, to grant Charters to its branches, and to revoke the same; and it possesses and holds original and exclusive jurisdiction over all High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of Royal Foresters; and without its sanction or Charter no High Court, Court or Encampment can be formed or continue to exist.

(3) It is the Supreme Tribunal of the Order, and the final Appellate Court except as otherwise provided in these Constitution and Laws, and has power to receive and decide all appeals and to redress any grievance which may arise in the Order.

(4) It has the sole right and power, subject to the Act of Incorporation, and to the provisions of Sections two hundred and thirty-six and two hundred and thirty-nine, to make and amend the Constitution and Laws for its own government and the government of each and all of its branches.

(5) It has the sole right and power to originate and regulate the means of its own support and the support of its branches; to decide all questions arising out of the working of the Order, or out of the Constitution and Laws, and the doing of all other acts necessary to govern, regulate and promote the welfare and interests of any of its branches as well as of the whole Order.

(6) Every member of the Order and every person deriving benefits or other legal rights from such member shall be subject to and shall be bound by the Constitution and Laws in force at the time such member was admitted to membership, as well as by any amendments, revisions

and additions thereto which may thereafter be made from time to time.

(7) No branch of the Order, nor any officer or member of the Order, shall have power to waive any of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; and no act of any branch of the Order nor of an officer or member of the Order, shall be construed to be and shall not be a waiver of any provision of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, nor of any condition of any contract made or undertaken by the Order.

(8) No contract heretofore made or that shall hereafter be made for a monetary or other material benefit of the Order shall be deemed or construed to have matured or to make the Order otherwise liable until the event insured against shall have happened.

OBJECTS OF THE ORDER.

4. (1) The objects of the Order are to unite fraternally and in such benevolent work as the Order may undertake, all persons of sound bodily and mental health and of good moral character who are socially and otherwise acceptable, and who are of the age hereinafter provided, and who are not proscribed by the Constitution and Laws.

(2) To give such aid and benefits to its members and those dependent upon them, as may be provided in the Constitution and Laws.

Benefits of the Order.

(3) The benefits of the Order are provided in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department; the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, and the Fraternal Benefit Department.

The Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department.

(4) In the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department, provision is made for the payment to the beneficiaries of a member in good standing in this department at the time of his decease of an Insurance or Mortuary Benefit of two hundred and fifty dollars, five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, two thousand dollars, three thousand dollars, four thousand dollars or five thousand

dollars, as the case may be, less the amount, if any, previously paid, on account of any other Benefit provided for in the Policy or Benefit Certificate of the member.

The Beneficiaries.

(5) The Insurance or Mortuary Benefit of a member shall be paid to the member himself, or to the wife or husband of, or to the affianced wife of, or to the affianced husband of, or to the children of, or to the blood relations of, or to persons dependent upon, such member, who may have been designated, as provided in the Constitution and Laws, by name as the beneficiary of such member, or, subject to the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger, to such other beneficiary as may be permitted by the laws of the province, state or country in which the member resides at the time of making the designation of the beneficiary or beneficiaries.

(6) In the Mortuary Benefit Department provision is made (a) for the payment to a member in good standing who is adjudged to be totally and permanently disabled by accident or disease and who applies for the said benefit and surrenders to the Order his Mortuary Benefit Certificate, the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit of seven-tenths of the amount of the Benefit Certificate so surrendered, in instalments as provided in Sub-section two of Section one hundred and fifty-eight; or (b) to a member who is totally and permanently disabled on account of old age, and who applies for the said benefit and surrenders to the Order his Mortuary Benefit Certificate, the old age disability benefit of seven-tenths of the amount of the Benefit Certificate so surrendered in one sum, as provided in sub-section seventeen of Section one hundred and fifty-eight.

The Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.

(7) In the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department provision is made for the payment to all who have been enrolled in this Department and are in good standing therein, of—

(a) A Sick Benefit of three or five dollars per

week for the first two weeks and five or ten dollars per week for the next ten weeks of disability through illness or injury, and, subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and sixty-four, sub-section two, a further sum of three or six dollars per week for an additional twenty-four weeks of such disability.

(b) A Funeral Benefit of fifty or seventy-five dollars, subject to the provisions of Sections one hundred and sixty-four, sub-section one; one hundred and sixty-nine, sub-section five, and one hundred and seven.

The Fraternal Benefit Department.

(8) In the Fraternal Benefit Department, provision is made for—

(a) The Medical Attendance of the Court Physician, as provided in Section one hundred and eleven.

(b) The attendance of Watchers or of Nurses during illness, as provided in Section one hundred and thirteen.

(c) The relief of indigent or distressed members, as provided in Section one hundred and seventeen.

(d) The Social Privileges of the Court-Rooms of the Order with their educational and other advantages.

SESSIONS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Regular and Special Sessions.

5. (1) The Supreme Court shall meet in regular session triennially or quadrennially as The Supreme Court may determine from time to time, at the headquarters of the Order in the City of Toronto, Canada.

(2) A Special Session may be called by the Supreme Chief Ranger whenever he deems it to be in the interest of the Order so to do; and it shall be called by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council upon the written request of one-fifth of the active members in good standing upon the roll of The Supreme Court at its last regular session, or upon the written request of a

majority of the Executive Council, or upon the written request of one-third of the High Courts.

(3) The Supreme Secretary shall immediately, on being directed so to do by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by a majority of the Executive Council, give notice to each member of The Supreme Court of such special session, and shall in such notice state the object for which such special session is called.

(4) At least ninety days' notice of a special session must be given to the members; except that if the Executive Council determine that it is a case of emergency sixty days' notice will be sufficient.

(5) Notice of a special session shall be given to each Active member of The Supreme Court by telegram or by letter or by an official circular; the time of such notice shall be computed from the date of sending the last of such telegrams, letters or circulars.

(6) No business shall be transacted at any special session except that which shall be set out in the notice therefor, except with unanimous consent. All special sessions shall be held at the city of Toronto, Canada.

Selection of the Time of Session.

6. (1) The selection of the time for holding the next regular session of The Supreme Court shall be determined immediately after the election of officers.

(2) The time of the next session may be fixed by resolution.

Executive Council May Select Time.

(3) If no time be selected for the regular session of The Supreme Court, as in this section provided, then the Executive Council shall make the selection, and shall publish a notice of the time selected in the Official Organ in at least two issues thereof prior to the time selected for such session.

Quorum of The Supreme Court.

7. (1) One-fifth of the Active members in good standing on the roll of The Supreme Court must

be present before The Supreme Court shall proceed to business; but a less number may act upon the credentials of Representatives, and the Presiding Officer shall have power to appoint a Committee on Credentials, and to confer The Supreme Court degree upon those renorted by such Committee on Credentials as duly accredited Representatives; and the meeting may be adjourned from time to time till a quorum is obtained.

Opening a Session.

(2) The Supreme Court shall be opened at the time and place selected for its sessions, and if a quorum be present shall proceed to business. If there be no quorum present within one half-hour, the members present may pass upon the credentials of the Representatives, or the Supreme Chief Ranger may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

Presiding Officer.

(3) In the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger at the opening of a session of The Supreme Court, the Executive Officer present who is next highest in rank shall preside.

(4) In the absence of all the Executive Officers, a Presiding Officer *pro tempore* shall be chosen from the Active members present.

(5) Whenever the Supreme Chief Ranger, or other Presiding Officer, temporarily vacates the chair, he may call any Executive Officer or Past Executive Officer present to temporarily fill the chair.

Penalty for Absence from a Session.

8. If any Officer of The Supreme Court should absent himself from any session of The Supreme Court without giving an excuse for such absence, which shall be satisfactory to The Supreme Court, the office may be declared vacant, and the vacancy shall be forthwith filled by The Supreme Court; in the case of an appointed office being declared vacant, the same shall be filled by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

REPRESENTATIVES.**Representatives to The Supreme Court.**

9. (1) The number of Representatives that may be required from time to time according to the provisions of Section two shall be apportioned by the Executive Council as nearly as may be *pro rata* to the various High Courts on the basis of membership in good standing on the first day of January immediately preceding the date on which The Snpreme Court Session is fixed to be held; provided that each High Court shall have at least one Representative.

(2) Each High Court at its regular session immediately preceding the regular session of The Snpreme Court shall elect its Representatives to The Supreme Court, to serve till the next regular session of the High Court immediately preceding another regular session of The Supreme Court or until their snccessors are chosen; provided that if no regular session of the High Court intervenes between two regular sessions of The Snpreme Court, immediately upon the call for the regular session of The Supreme Court the High Chief Ranger and High Secretary shall call a session of the High Court to elect representatives to the approaching session of The Supreme Court; provided, however, if said Officers of the High Court or either of them fail or neglect to call said High Court for a period of ten days after the official call for a Snpreme Court is issued, it shall be the duty of the Snpreme Chief Ranger to issue a call for said High Court meeting to elect Supreme Court Representatives and transact such other business as may come before it. Any vacancy in the office of Representative shall be filled by the High Court at its regular session, but if no regular session intervene between the time when the vacancy occurs and the session of The Supreme Court, the vacancy shall be filled by the High Standing Committee; and a Representative so selected or appointed shall hold office for the balance of the term or until his successor is chosen.

Qualifications and Credentials.

(3) Representatives from a High Court must be residents within the jurisdiction of such High Court, must be officers or members in good standing in one of the Courts under the jurisdiction of such High Court, and must be Active members of such High Court, and must have been elected by the High Court they represent, or must have been appointed by the High Standing Committee of such High Court, to the number allotted by the Executive Council. Representatives shall furnish a credential of their election or appointment as such signed by the High Chief Ranger and High Secretary and attested with the seal of their High Court.

(4) In the event of a High Chief Ranger or a High Secretary neglecting or refusing to sign a credential of a duly elected or appointed Representative, it shall be competent for The Supreme Court at its session to deal with and dispose of the case as it may deem best.

(5) Any Representative of a High Court who shall vacate or resign his office of Representative, shall be deemed by so doing to have vacated or resigned any office held by him in The Supreme Court; but the expiration of his term as Representative during the *interim* of the sessions of The Supreme Court shall not vacate any office held by him in The Supreme Court.

(6) Any Representative who is absent at the time of the opening of The Supreme Court, on attention being called thereto, shall, unless excused by The Supreme Court, *ipso facto* forfeit his seat, and the fact of such forfeiture shall be entered upon the records of The Supreme Court.

Allowances.

(7) Representatives who attend the session of The Supreme Court and are present on the first day of the session, shall be entitled to the necessary sleeping car fare both ways, and a mileage allowance of five cents per mile one way for each mile travelled from their respective homes to the place of meeting of The Supreme

Court. Mileage shall be computed by the shortest route between the two points.

(8) Representatives who are not present on the first day of the session, unless an excuse be furnished for such absence, which shall be satisfactory to The Supreme Court, or Representatives who leave before the close of the session without the written permission of the Supreme Chief Ranger shall forfeit all claim to the mileage and per diem allowance.

(9) Representatives shall also be entitled to a per diem allowance of five dollars during the time that would necessarily be occupied in coming from and returning to their respective homes by the shortest and quickest routes, and while actually in attendance at the session of The Supreme Court, except as provided in sub-sections seven, eight and ten of this Section; provided that members of Committees which may have been called to meet prior to the opening of The Supreme Court, as provided in Section nineteen, sub-section ten, shall also be entitled to the same rate of mileage and per diem allowance as if attending the sessions of The Supreme Court; provided always that the time allowance for crossing the Atlantic Ocean shall in no case exceed ten days.

(10) A Representative of a High Court shall not be entitled to receive the mileage and the per diem allowance unless the High Court which he represents is, at the time of the meeting of The Supreme Court, clear upon the books of the Order in respect of all sums which may have been due at the close of the semi-annual term immediately preceding the session of The Supreme Court.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Their Appointment and Duties.

10. (1) Except such Standing Committees as may have been previously appointed under the provisions of Section nineteen, sub-section ten, the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall, at the opening of each regular or

special session of The Snpreme Court, appoint the following Standing Committees, each to consist of five members, viz.:

- Committee on Credentials,
- " " Distribution,
- " " Finance,
- " " Appeals and Petitions,
- " " Constitutions and Laws,
- " " State of the Order,
- " " New Business,
- " " Mileage and Per Diem,
- " " The Press.

(2) The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials and report to The Supreme Court the names of those entitled to seats in The Supreme Court.

(3) The Committee on Distribution shall apportion the various reports, memorials, petitions, appeals and other documents or papers to the appropriate committees.

(4) The Committee on Finance shall examine all accounts presented during each regular session, and report thereon to The Snpreme Court, and estimate the probable amonnt required for the expenses of The Supreme Court for the ensuing term, and report the same in writing to The Supreme Court; also perform such other dnties as may be assigned them by the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Execentive Council or The Supreme Court.

(5) The Committee on Appeals and Petitions shall examine and report on all appeals taken to The Supreme Court; also consider and report upon all petitions, with such recommendations in each case as they may deem best.

(6) The Committee on Constitntion and Laws shall have referred to them for examination all proposed alterations or amendments of the Constitution and Laws, and shall report thereon to The Supreme Court with such recommendations as they may deem best.

(7) The Committee on the State of the Order shall present to The Snpreme Court an exhibit of the condition, progress and prospects of the Order, and suggest such measures to be aken in con-

nection therewith as they may deem to be in the interest of the Order.

(8) The Committee on New Business shall have referred to them what cannot properly be referred to the other standing committees, and they shall report to The Supreme Court at each session thereof; they shall also present any new business which they may deem to be in the interest of the Order.

(9) The Committee on Mileage and per Diem shall prepare a pay roll, showing how much each Officer, Past Executive Officer and Representative entitled to mileage and per diem is entitled to be paid, making the computation in accordance with the provisions of Section nine.

(10) The Committee on the Press shall prepare for publication in the newspapers from day to day, subject to the direction of The Supreme Court and of the Supreme Chief Ranger, a report of the proceedings of the sessions of The Supreme Court.

OFFICERS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Titles of Executive Officers.

11. (1) The Elective Officers of the Court shall be as follows:

Supreme Chief Ranger,
 Past Supreme Chief Ranger,
 Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger,
 Supreme Secretary,
 Supreme Treasurer,
 Supreme Physician,
 Supreme Counsellor,
 Two Supreme Auditors,
 Two Members of the Medical Board.

Provided that The Supreme Court at any regular session thereof may elect the same person to be Supreme Treasurer as well as to be Supreme Secretary, and thereafter during the term for which each officer is elected he shall be known as the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer, and shall perform the duties prescribed in the Constitution and Laws to be performed by the Supreme Secretary and by the Supreme Treasurer.

Titles of Appointed Officers.

(2) The appointed Officers shall be as follows:
 Supreme Orator,
 Supreme Journal Secretary,
 Supreme Superintendent of Juvenile Courts,
 Supreme Organist,
 Supreme Senior Woodward,
 Supreme Junior Woodward,
 Supreme Marshal,
 Supreme Conductor,
 Supreme Messenger,
 Two Supreme Standard Bearers,
 Two Supreme Sword Bearers,
 Supreme Senior Beadle,
 Supreme Junior Beadle.

Eligibility for Office in The Supreme Court.

12. All active members of The Supreme Court shall be equally eligible for any of the offices, except as provided in Section one, sub-section twelve, and in Section two hundred and thirty-seven, sub-section one, and except that the Supreme Physician shall be a duly qualified physician and legally entitled to practice his profession, and the Supreme Counsellor shall be a duly qualified member of the legal profession.

Time of Election of Officers of The Supreme Court.

13. (1) The election of the Elective Officers of The Supreme Court shall take place at each regular session thereof on the afternoon of the second day of such regular session immediately after the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the sitting immediately preceding, unless The Supreme Court is sooner ready to adjourn.

Right of Nomination.

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws, any Active member shall have the right to make any nomination, and the nominations shall be taken in the order in which they are made. A member cannot be nominated, nor elected, unless such member is present at the time, except when such member is unavoidably absent and has

given in writing a satisfactory explanation for such absence, or is temporarily absent, having been previously excused by The Supreme Court or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

Election to Follow Nomination.

(3) The election of an Officer shall immediately follow the nominations for such office, and the nominations for the next succeeding office shall not be made till the election for the preceding office shall have taken place.

Appointment of Tellers.

(4) At every election the Supreme Chief Ranger shall appoint three or more Tellers to count the ballots.

(5) If one of the Tellers shall be nominated for any office such Teller shall forthwith retire from acting as Teller during the balloting for such office, and the Supreme Chief Ranger shall thereupon appoint another to temporarily fill the vacancy thus created.

(6) The Tellers, whenever practicable, shall separate the ballots, and put those cast for each candidate by themselves; after which they will count the ballots cast for each candidate and set down in figures the number thereof on a tally-sheet, also set down the total number of legal ballots cast and the number required to elect, and initial the same, and then hand the tally-sheet to the Presiding Officer, who shall at once announce the result of the ballot. The Tellers shall then seal up the ballots and place them in the hands of the Presiding Officer.

Recount of Ballots.

(7) At any time before final adjournment any two Active members of The Supreme Court may demand a recount of the ballots, which shall forthwith be made by the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, the Supreme Secretary and the two members demanding the recount; the result thereof shall be final as to such ballot.

Destruction of Ballots.

(8) Immediately after the final adjournment the Supreme Chief Ranger shall destroy said ballots.

Appointment of Officers.

14. (1) On the first day of a session of The Supreme Court the Supreme Chief Ranger shall appoint from the Active members present of The Supreme Court, Officers in the place of any Appointed Officers who may be absent from the session.

(2) Before the installation of the Officers, the Supreme Chief Ranger elect shall appoint from the Active members present of The Supreme Court the Appointed Officers, whose term of office shall continue till their successors are appointed at the opening of, or are installed at, the next regular session of The Supreme Court, as the case may be, provided that the Supreme Journal Secretary shall be the nominee of the Supreme Secretary.

VOTES, HOW GIVEN.**Sign Votes and Yea and Nay Votes.**

15. (1) Voting, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws, shall be by the usual voting sign, but upon demand therefor, supported by one-fifth of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be ordered.

(2) The demand for the yeas and nays must be made before the sign votes have been called by the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer. After the sign votes have been called, the yeas and nays cannot be ordered except by unanimous consent.

(3) Whenever the yeas and nays are ordered, the names of all voters shall be entered on the division lists, so that a proper record of each division may be preserved in the journals of The Supreme Court.

Written Ballots.

(4) When two or more candidates are nominated for any office the election shall be by written ballot, and a majority of all the legal ballots cast shall be necessary to elect. The candidate receiving the least number of votes on each ballot shall drop out of the contest until an election is secured. When there is only one candidate nominated such candidate shall at once be declared elected.

Blank Ballots.

(5) In the election of the Auditors or members of the Medical Board, any ballot that does not contain as many names as there are Auditors or members of the Medical Board to be elected, as the case may be, shall be reckoned to be a blank ballot.

Blank Ballots Not to be Counted.

(6) All blank ballots, and all ballots not filled up in accordance with the provisions of subsection five of this section, and all ballots marked for any one not in nomination at that particular ballot, shall be counted as blanks and shall not be taken into account in determining the result of the ballot.

Who Are Entitled to Vote.

16. (1) Each Officer and each Past Executive Officer of The Supreme Court shall be entitled to cast one vote as such; provided that if such Officer also holds the rank of a Past Executive Officer he shall be entitled to cast only one vote.

(2) Each Representative in good standing present from a High Court shall be entitled to cast one vote, except as provided in this section.

(3) An Officer or Past Executive Officer may at the same time be a Representative from a High Court, in which case he shall be entitled to vote both as such Officer or Past Executive Officer and as Representative, except as hereinafter provided.

(4) No Representative shall be entitled to vote in The Supreme Court unless the High Court which he represents is clear upon the books of the Order at the time that such books are last closed, unless permitted by the vote of two-thirds of the members present who are not disqualified under this sub-section.

Votes of Absentees.

(5) The Representative or Representatives of a High Court present during the time any vote or ballot is being taken in The Supreme Court shall be entitled to cast all the votes or ballots to which such High Court is entitled.

(6) The votes or hallots shall be divided equally among the Representatives present, and if there are any odd votes or ballots, they shall be cast as the majority of the Representatives present shall determine; or, if only two are present, the odd votes or hallots shall be cast by the senior Representative.

(7) The seniority of Representatives shall be determined as follows:

(a) By the date of initiation into The Supreme Court;

(b) Next by the date of admission into the Order, and if still equal;

(c) By the age of the Representatives.

Votes of the Presiding Officers and Tie Votes.

(8) Except as provided in sub-section eleven of this section, the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall not vote except in the elections of officers, when he shall cast his hallot the same as other Officers and members entitled to vote.

(9) In a case of a tie in the election of Officers the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall not be entitled to give the casting vote, but a new hallot shall be taken until a clear majority of the legal hallots be obtained for a candidate.

(10) In all other cases if there be a tie, the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall give the casting vote.

Installation of Officers.

17. (1) The installation of the Officers of The Supreme Court shall take place at the last sitting of each regular session.

(2) If any officer to be installed is absent at the time of installation, the office held by such absentee may, by a majority vote of The Supreme Court, be declared vacant and the vacancy forthwith filled by a new election or a new appointment, or the installation of the absentee may be postponed, or the installation may take place by proxy, except in the case of bonded officers who must be personally installed.

(3) Officers who have been already installed and who have been re-elected to the same office may continue to hold their office on their former obligations, instead of being re-installed.

(4) Every Elective Officer after being duly installed, unless he formally resign or be removed for cause, shall hold office until the election, installation and qualification of his successor in office.

BONDS.

Bonded Officers.

18. (1) The Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Treasurer shall each be a Bonded Officer.

(2) The bonds of the Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Treasurer shall not be less than ten thousand dollars each, but The Supreme Court or Executive Council may require either of the said officers to give a larger bond.

(3) Each of said bonds shall be the bond of some Guarantee Company duly approved by the Executive Council.

(4) All bonds of the Officers of The Supreme Court shall be executed in favor of The Independent Order of Foresters, and after approval by the Executive Council, shall be filed with and kept by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(5) A bonded Officer may be installed, but such Officer cannot enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office until such Officer's bond has been duly executed, approved and delivered to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(6) If a bonded Officer-elect should be unable to furnish an acceptable bond before adjournment, The Supreme Court may grant such Officer not more than fifteen days in which to furnish such bond as shall be approved by the Executive Council.

(7) If a satisfactory bond is not furnished by such Officer within the said fifteen days the office shall thereby be *ipso facto* forfeited, and the vacancy thus created shall be duly filled as provided in Section thirty.

(8) If, at any time, in the opinion of the Executive Council in the *interim* of sessions, it

may be deemed advisable to require any bonded Officer to give a new and better bond or bond in a larger amount, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall give such Officer notice in writing to file such bond for approval within thirty days. A failure on the part of the Officer so directed to comply with such notice within the said thirty days shall *ipso facto* create a vacancy in such office; and such vacancy shall be filled by the Executive Council in the *interim* of the sessions as provided in Section thirty.

(9) In case of a vacancy having been filled as provided in the Constitution and Laws, the successor shall be installed by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by a Special Deputy appointed by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(10) Unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Council, an Officer retiring at the end of the term of office shall not deliver up any moneys, books, papers or other property of The Supreme Court, but shall continue to discharge the duties of the office and receive the remuneration attached thereto until the successor has duly qualified as required by the Constitution and Laws.

(11) A bonded Officer who is re-elected shall be held on such Officer's former bond unless the Executive Council should require that a new bond be given.

(12) The fees to be paid to a Guarantee Company and the expenses of preparing and executing a bond of an Executive Officer of The Supreme Court shall be paid by the Order.

**DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS OF THE
SUPREME COURT.****Supreme Chief Ranger.**

19. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger is *ex-officio* President and General Manager of the Order, and it shall be his duty:

(2) To preside at all sessions of The Supreme Court and at all meetings of the Executive Council; to appoint, from time to time, one or more Assistants to himself at the Head Office, who shall have the title and rank of Assistant Supreme Chief Rangers, and who shall have such powers as may be deputed to them, from time to time, by the Supreme Chief Ranger; to have charge and control of the Head Office and all other offices of the Order, and to employ such persons, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to the proper carrying on of the business of the Order, and to have the general superintendence and the management of the affairs of the Order and the promotion of its growth, and to appoint, from time to time, such Inspectors-General, Assistant General Managers, Managers, District Superintendents and Deputy Supreme Secretaries, as the interests of the Order may require, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them, from time to time, by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council. The Supreme Chief Ranger shall have power to remove and discharge, from time to time, any person he may have appointed or employed under the provisions of this sub-section; provided that any engagement for personal services other than a weekly or monthly hiring shall be in writing and if for a longer term than five years shall not be binding unless ratified and confirmed by The Supreme Court at the next session thereof.

(3) To safely keep the corporate seal of the Order; to keep the Cheque Book and issue cheques, duly countersigned by the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Accountant, or if the office of Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer are held by different persons, then by the Supreme Treasurer and the Chief Accountant, to pay all legitimate claims upon The Supreme Court.

(4) To sign, and where necessary, to attach the

corporate seal to all documents and papers that require his signature and the corporate seal to properly authenticate the same.

(5) To select and promulgate, from time to time, the semi-annual password to take effect on the first day of January and the first day of July, respectively, in each year, and to furnish the same, through the Supremo Secretary, to the Supreme Officers, Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers, High Chief Rangers and High Secretaries.

(6) To grant Dispensations to initiate applicants for membership at any time at less than or without the regular fees; to grant such dispensations as may be required and are authorized by the Constitution and Laws, and to grant such other dispensations as he may deem to be in the interest of the Order.

(7) To appoint Court Deputies for such Courts as may not be under a High Court, who shall perform the same duties and have the same rights and powers as Court Deputies of a High Chief Ranger; and to appoint Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers whenever and wherever he thinks the good of the Order requires it, with such powers as may be vested in them by the Constitution and Laws and with power to perform such other duties as may be authorized in writing and required of them by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and he may require such Deputies to give bonds in such sum as he may deem proper, being not less than five hundred dollars each, for the faithful performance of their duties; to appoint, in case of necessity, as Court Physician, one who is not a member of the Order; and to exercise such other powers as may be given to him by the Constitution and Laws.

(8) To decide all questions; and his decisions may be promulgated by him from time to time by circular or by publication in the Official Organ. All decisions of the Supreme Chief Ranger shall be of binding authority on the Order until reversed by the Executive Council or The Supreme Court.

(9) To call meetings of the Executive Council at his own volition, or at the direction of a majority of the members thereof.

(10) To appoint all committees required by the

Constitution and Laws, except the appointment thereof be otherwise ordered by vote of The Supreme Court; provided always he may appoint the Standing Committees prior to the meeting of The Supreme Court, and summon such of them as he may deem best to meet not earlier than ten days prior to the opening of the session of The Supreme Court.

(11) To call special sessions of The Supreme Court as provided in Section five; to call special sessions of a High Court or of any Court or other branch of the Order whenever he deems it to be in the interest of the Order so to do; to suspend the Charter of a High Court or the Charter of any other Court or branch of the Order; to suspend an officer from office, or to suspend an officer or member from the Order; to summon and try any officer or member of the Order or of any Court or Branch of the Order guilty of an offence under the Constitution and Laws, and on conviction to suspend or expel such offending officer or member from the Order; and to perform such other duties as may be required for the proper administration and enforcement of the Constitution and Laws.

(12) To instruct all Banks wherein any of the uninvested funds of The Supreme Court shall from time to time be deposited not to allow any of the same to be withdrawn except upon the joint cheque of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Supreme Secretary-Treasurer and the Chief Accountant; or if the office of Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer are held by different persons, then upon the joint cheque of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Supreme Treasurer and the Chief Accountant; provided always that all invested funds shall be subject only to the order of the Executive Council, signed by each member thereof.

(13) To delegate by written commission, revocable at pleasure, to any member of the Executive Council, or to his assistants, or any of them, or to such other person or persons as he may appoint for such purpose, so much of the power vested in him by the Constitution and Laws as to him shall seem expedient, and thereupon the official acts, within the scope of such delegated power, of any such delegate of the Supreme Chief

Ranger, shall, until reversed or set aside by himself, have the same force and effect as if done by the Supreme Chief Ranger himself, subject to the like appeal from such official acts as is provided by the Constitution and Laws from acts and decisions of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(14) At each regular session of The Supreme Court the Supreme Chief Ranger, with the approval of The Supreme Court in session, shall appoint an Inspection Committee of three members of the Order; and it shall be the duty of such Inspection Committee to inspect both as to form and substance all securities owned or held by the Order and also all current investments that shall be authorized by the Investment Board defined in Section 33, sub-section 19, of the Constitution and Laws; and such Inspection Committee shall publish quarterly or oftener in The Forester, the Official Organ of the Order, a statement of the facts with respect to all investments and securities, together with their recommendation, if any, with respect thereto.

Disability of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(15) In case of the disability of the Supreme Chief Ranger during the *interim* of sessions of The Supreme Court, by illness or other cause, if deemed necessary by the Executive Council, the Executive Officer who is next highest in rank, being a resident of the Dominion of Canada, shall take temporary charge of and perform the duties of said office until such disability be removed, and shall receive such remuneration for his services as the Executive Council may determine.

Past Supreme Chief Ranger.

20. The Past Supreme Chief Ranger, having a seat in the Executive Council, shall be the member of The Supreme Court who shall have been last elected to that office, and he shall possess all the qualifications required for the Supreme Chief Ranger by the Constitution and Laws and by the General Laws.

Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger.

21. The Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger shall in the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger and of the Past Supreme Chief Ranger preside at the sessions

of The Supreme Court or at the meetings of the Executive Council.

Supreme Secretary.

22. (1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Secretary to make to The Supreme Court, on the first day of each regular session, a complete report of the condition of the Order; and to present therewith a full and correct statement of the amount of moneys received and disbursed during the last term and since last report; and to give a detailed statement of the condition of the Order and of all his official acts during the term.

(2) To see that a correct report of the proceedings of The Supreme Court is kept; to read to The Supreme Court all communications, petitions and other documents or papers; to prepare and publish a copy of the proceedings of The Supreme Court within three months after the close of each regular or special session; to compile and arrange for publication, subject to the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger, all amendments to the Constitution and Laws that may be adopted by The Supreme Court.

(3) To keep such books, and in such manner, as the Constitution and Laws of the Order require, or as the Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger may from time to time direct.

(4) To promptly perform all duties relating to the Benefit and other Funds, which may be ordered by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and in such manner as the Constitution and Laws require.

(5) To conduct the general correspondence of The Supreme Court.

(6) To keep a record of the name and location of High Courts, and of the name, number and location of Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of Royal Foresters, with their membership and date of institution; to keep an historical record showing the name, age, residence, date of initiation, name and number of Court, name of beneficiaries, amount of Benefit held by, and standing of, each beneficiary member of the Order.

- (7) To keep a Mortuary Benefit Register showing the name of each deceased member and the name and number of the last Court of which he was a member, date and cause of death, amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held, amount and to whom paid, and date of such payment; also to keep a Total Disability Benefit Register in such form as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger; also to keep a Sick Benefit Register in such form as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.
- (8) To issue to every beneficiary member of the Order, whose medical examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, the required Policy or Benefit Certificate; such Policies or Benefit Certificates shall be numbered consecutively, and shall show the names of the beneficiaries.
- (9) To have charge of the books, papers, and all rituals and other private works belonging to The Supreme Court.
- (10) To keep a true and correct account between the Order and all High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of Royal Foresters, and all other parties with whom it has dealings.
- (11) To receive all moneys due to the Order and deposit the same daily to the credit of the Order in a chartered bank designated by the Executive Council, and to obtain a marked duplicate of the deposit receipt, and without delay send or deliver the same to the Supreme Treasurer, and, at the same time, notify the Supreme Chief Ranger of the amount of money so deposited.
- (12) To transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger at the commencement of each month, for publication in the Official Organ, a report comprising the following items; cash received, and from what source; total paid the Supreme Treasurer.
- (13) To examine all reports and remittances received by him; also to send to a Branch of the Order making a remittance, a proper receipt therefor.
- (14) To exhibit the books, accounts, papers and property of the Order to any member of the Execu-

tive Council whenever requested so to do; and give full information upon any point connected with the Order whenever so requested by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(15) To furnish to High Courts the supplies needed for Courts under their respective jurisdictions, and to furnish supplies to Courts not under the jurisdiction of a High Court, and also to Encampments of Royal Foresters.

(16) To nominate the Supreme Journal Secretary, and to be responsible for the proper discharge of the duties of that office.

(17) To deliver to his successor in office, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger, all books, papers, funds, furniture or other property or effects of the Order at the expiration of his term of office, or at any time on the order of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council.

(18) The Supreme Secretary shall perform such other and further duties as may, from time to time, be required by The Supreme Court, or by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

Supreme Treasurer.

23. (1) The Supreme Treasurer shall not pay out any money whatsoever, except upon cheques duly signed by the Supreme Chief Ranger, Chief Accountant, and countersigned by himself; provided that in the event of The Supreme Court at any regular session electing the same person to be Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer, the said cheques shall be countersigned by the Chief Accountant in the head office of the Order or by such other officer as the Executive Council by resolution may determine from time to time.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Treasurer to keep a correct and separate account of all moneys received for the Benefit Funds of the Order, and pay out the same only on cheques drawn to pay the several Benefits provided for in the Constitution and Laws, or for investment, or as ordered by The Supreme Court in accordance with the Constitution and Laws; to keep a correct and separate account of all moneys belonging to the General Fund; to transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, at the commencement of each month, for

publication in the Official Organ, a statement showing the amount received since last report for each Benefit Fund and the General Fund, the amount of the Benefit paid and to whom paid; also to transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger weekly, a certified statement of the amount of funds deposited by the Supreme Secretary in the Bank to the credit of the Order.

To have the books of the department of the Supreme Treasurer correctly posted and ready for examination by the Auditors immediately after the close of each calendar year, or at such other time or times as The Supreme Court, or the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger may order; to make to The Supreme Court, on the first day of each regular session, a full and correct report of the state of the Treasury of the Order.

(4) To permit any member of the Executive Council so desiring it, during office or other reasonable hours, to inspect the books and accounts of the Supreme Treasurer's department; and to perform such other duties as may be required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(5) To deliver forthwith to his successor in office or to such person or persons as may be designated, whenever called upon to do so by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, all moneys, debentures, bonds, mortgages, and other securities, books, papers and other property of the Order which may be in the custody or possession of, or under the control of, such Supreme Treasurer.

Supreme Physician.

24. (1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Physician to prepare and submit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, whenever so requested, a chart showing unhealthy districts in which Courts should not be organized, or where initiations should be temporarily suspended, or where enrolment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department should be discontinued.

(2) To carefully examine, when referred to him by the Supreme Chief Ranger or Supreme Secre-

tary, all papers and matters appertaining to either the Insurance or Mortuary Benefits, or Total Disability Benefits, or Sick and Funeral Benefits, of the Order; and if, in his opinion, any fraud exists or has been perpetrated, to notify the Supreme Chief Ranger, who shall take the necessary steps for a thorough and complete investigation.

(3) To forthwith deliver to his successor in office, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger, upon his request, all books, papers and property of The Supreme Court appertaining to the office of Supreme Physician committed to, or coming into, his possession or control.

(4) To perform such other duties as the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Executive Council, or the Constitution and Laws, may require.

Supreme Counsellor.

25. (1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Counsellor, on being so required by the Supreme Chief Ranger, to revise all Forms used by the Order, or by any of its branches.

(2) To examine and pass upon, when so required, the regularity of all bonds, notes, or other securities or evidence of indebtedness to the Order.

(3) To carefully examine and report in writing upon all questions affecting the Order, which may be referred to him in writing by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(4) To prepare, when requested so to do by the Supreme Chief Ranger, all papers that may be necessary or required in connection with the work of the Order.

(5) To examine into all claims presented against the Order concerning which there is any doubt or dispute, when so required by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(6) To advise and give directions in such legal matters as may be submitted to him by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and to perform such other duties as may be required by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council; and to forthwith deliver to his successor in office, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger upon his request, all

the books, papers and effects appertaining to his office.

Supreme Auditors.

26. (1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Auditors to audit the books of the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer quarterly, and at any other time when requested by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(2) They shall have ready for presentation at the opening of each regular session of The Supreme Court, a full and complete printed report of their audits covering the period since the last report to The Supreme Court to the 31st December immediately preceding the session of The Supreme Court.

Supreme Journal Secretary.

27. The Supreme Journal Secretary, under the direction of the Supreme Secretary, shall keep a record of the proceedings of The Supreme Court; and at the close of each session, if so required, he shall assist the Supreme Secretary in the preparation of a copy of the minutes of the proceedings for publication.

Other Supreme Officers.

28. The Supreme Orator, Supreme Superintendent of Juvenile Courts, Supreme Organist, Supreme Senior Woodward, Supreme Junior Woodward, Supreme Marshal, Supreme Conductor, Supreme Messenger, Supreme Standard-Bearers, Supreme Sword-Bearers, Supreme Senior Beadle and Supreme Junior Beadle, shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the Supreme Chief Ranger during the session of The Supreme Court, and such other duties as may be prescribed by the ritual, customs, usages, and the Constitution and Laws.

Salaries and Compensations.

29. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger, the Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Treasurer shall be paid monthly such salary as The Supreme Court shall determine from time to time. They shall also be paid all necessary travelling expenses and other outlays incurred by virtue of their respective offices.

(2) If, however, no salary shall be fixed for the above offices by The Supreme Court prior to installation, the salary for each office shall remain the same as it was during the previous term; and if no salary be fixed by The Supreme Court for any other salaried officer, the Executive Council shall determine what salary, if any, shall be paid to the incumbent of such office.

(3) The other members of the Executive Council and the Appointed Officers shall be paid their travelling and other expenses incurred by virtue of their office, and shall be entitled to the same per diem allowance while in actual attendance at the sessions of The Supreme Court as the Representative.

(4) The Secretary of the Medical Board shall receive such salary for his services as The Supreme Court may determine from time to time.

(5) The Supreme Auditors shall receive such salary for their services as The Supreme Court may determine from time to time.

(6) The compensation of the Supreme Journal Secretary shall be determined from time to time by The Supreme Court at its sessions.

(7) All other expenses in connection with The Supreme Court or the sessions thereof, and in connection with meetings of the Executive Council, shall be fixed either by The Supreme Court or by the Executive Council.

(8) The persons employed by the Supreme Chief Ranger at the Head Office of The Supreme Court, or elsewhere, shall receive the salary or allowance from time to time determined by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

Composition, Powers and Duties.

30. (1) The Executive Council shall consist of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Past Supreme Chief Ranger, the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, the Supreme Secretary, the Supreme Treasurer, the Supreme Physician and the Supreme Counsellor.

(2) The powers and duties of the Executive Council of The Supreme Court, in addition to

those defined elsewhere in the Constitution and Laws, shall be as follows:

(a) During the recess of the Supreme Court to exercise all the executive and judicial powers thereof.

(b) To borrow on account of the Mortuary or General Fund of the Order from any other Fund at the legal disposal of the Executive Council, or from a bank or other loaning institution, or from any other source, paying the current rate of interest therefor, and such loan and the interest thereon shall be a charge upon that Fund only of the Order for which such borrowing was made.

(c) To determine the form and inscription of the Corporate Seal of the Order and of each of its branches; also to determine, from time to time, the form and substance of the various Certificates and Forms required to be used in the Order; and to prescribe from time to time, the ritual that shall be used by each branch of the Order.

(d) Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws, to hear and determine any charge against any Officer or member of The Supreme Court, or of a High Court, or of a Subordinate Court, or of a Companion Court, or of a Juvenile Court, or of an Encampment of Royal Foresters; to suspend from the Order for cause any Officer or member thereof; to review, re-hear or re-try, any case or proceeding of any branch of the Order, or of any tribunal thereof, or to vary, modify, augment, reverse or set aside any finding or decision of any such branch or tribunal; to suspend or revoke the Charter of any High Court, or Subordinate Court, or Companion Court, or Juvenile Court or Encampment of Royal Foresters for neglect or refusal to perform any lawful duty, or for violation of the authority or mandates of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or for neglect or refusal to perform any of the functions of such branch of the Order as contemplated by the Constitution and Laws.

(3) Whenever in the opinion of the Executive Council the number or the amount of claims for

Sick Benefits made in any territory, district or locality is excessive, the Executive Council may discontinue in such territory, district or locality the further enrolment of members in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department for such time as the Executive Council may deem expedient.

(4) All members of the Executive Council shall be *ex-officio* members of all High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of the Royal Foresters, and shall have all the rights of the Active members of such Branch, except the right to vote or to hold office in such Branch.

(5) The quorum of the Executive Council shall be four, being a majority thereof.

Executive Action by Correspondence.

(6) Whenever action or decision by the Executive Council is required on any matter, the Supreme Chief Ranger may submit such matter in writing, or in print, or by telegram, to each member of the Executive Council for their action or decision thereon, and the decision or action of the necessary majority thereof given in writing or by telegram, shall be deemed to be a decision or action of the Executive Council, precisely as if a meeting of the Executive Council had been held; but a record of such transaction shall be preserved and entered in the minutes of the next meeting of the Executive Council.

Power of Attorney.

(7) A member of the Executive Council may, by power of attorney, depute another person to sign his name to any cheque, paper, writing, form or document which under the Constitution and Laws the Executive Officer may be required to sign.

Removal from Office and Vacancies.

(8) In case of the disqualification, refusal, or neglect of any member of the Executive Council to discharge the duties of his office, the other members of the Executive Council shall have power by unanimous vote to declare such office vacant, and shall forthwith elect a successor to

the office thereby rendered vacant; and in case of the death or resignation of the Supreme Chief Ranger, if the next regular session of The Supreme Court under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws will not be holden within one year thereafter, the Executive Council shall convene a special session of The Supreme Court within four months to elect a successor and to transact such other business as may be named in the call for such special session; but if the regular session of The Supreme Court shall be holden within the said space of one year after the vacancy in the office of Supreme Chief Ranger, the remaining members of the Executive Council shall elect a successor to fill the vacancy until the meeting of the Supreme Court; and in case of the death or resignation of any other Executive Officer the remaining members of the Executive Council shall forthwith elect a successor to the office so rendered vacant; such elected Officer shall, upon complying with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws, and on being duly installed, assume and perform the duties of the said office.

(9) The other members of the Executive Council shall be the judges of the disqualification, refusal or neglect referred to in sub-section eight of this section.

(10) Should any member of the Executive Council absent himself from two consecutive meetings thereof his office may be declared vacant, if, after due notice, he fail to give a satisfactory excuse for his absence, and the vacancy shall be forthwith filled by the remaining members of the Executive Council.

(11) In case of the disqualification, refusal or neglect of an elective Officer of The Supreme Court, other than a member of the Executive Council, to discharge the duties of his office, the Executive Council shall have power to declare such office vacant, and they shall forthwith elect a successor to the office thereby rendered vacant, and such elected Officer shall, upon complying with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws and on being duly installed, assume and perform the duties of the said office. The Executive Council

shall be the judges of the disqualification, refusal or neglect referred to in this sub-section.

(12) In the case of the death, resignation or removal from office of any of the elective Officers of The Supreme Court other than members of the Executive Council, the Executive Council shall forthwith elect a successor to the office so rendered vacant.

(13) All vacancies in the Appointed Officers of The Supreme Court shall be filled by the Supreme Chief Ranger, provided that the Supreme Journal Secretary shall be the nominee of the Supreme Secretary.

(14) The Executive Council may appropriate the moneys forfeited to The Supreme Court under the provisions of the Constitutions and Laws, or any portion thereof, to be used for such benevolent objects of the Order as the Executive Council may determine.

MEDICAL BOARD.

Composition and Powers.

31. (1) A Medical Board, consisting of three physicians, of whom the Supreme Physician shall be one, shall be elected at each regular session of The Supreme Court. The Supreme Chief Ranger shall be *ex-officio* Honorary President of the Medical Board, and the President and Secretary of the Medical Board shall be chosen by the Executive Council. The Secretary shall be the official representative of the Medical Board, and shall, in its behalf, review all medical examinations in the Order, and shall accept and pass, or reject, at his discretion, all such medical examinations, and forthwith report his action in the premises to the Supreme Secretary and to the Court whence the medical examination emanated or to the examining physician or to the applicant himself.

(2) The Secretary of the Medical Board shall have power at the time of reviewing the medical examinations of applicants for membership in the Order, or the medical examinations of social members applying for beneficiary membership, or

the medical examinations of beneficiary members applying for increase of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, or the medical examinations of applicants for enrolment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of the Order, to order an examination of any of such persons to be made by one or more physicians, or to reduce the amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit applied for and to pass such applicants for such reduced amount only, and to determine under what class applicants shall be rated unless their occupations are specifically classified in the Constitution and Laws, or to accept or to reject the medical examinations. He shall also have power to reconsider any such medical examination within six months after passing the same, and, if there be sufficient cause which existed at the time of the examination to have rejected the medical examination, he may reject it, whereupon such member shall cease to be a beneficiary member of the Order, or member of the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, as the case may be; he shall also have power to require a member within six months of being accepted by the Medical Board to undergo, at the expense of the Order, a new medical examination by a doctor of medicine designated by the Secretary of the Medical Board, and upon reviewing such medical examination he may accept or reject the member, and if rejected such member shall thereupon cease to be a beneficiary member of the Order; provided that if such member neglects or refuses to undergo such medical re-examination he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(3) The Secretary of the Medical Board shall have power to review the medical examinations of suspended members, for whatever cause suspended, applying for or seeking reinstatement, or applying for Supreme Cards under the provisions of Section one hundred and seventy-four, and to accept or reject such medical examinations or to reduce the amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held prior to suspension.

(4) The decision of the Secretary of the Medical Board with respect to any medical examination or other matter referred to in this section shall not

be subject to appeal, but such decision shall be final and conclusive.

(5) The regular meetings of the Medical Board shall be held on the day before the opening of a session of The Supreme Court; but an emergency meeting may be called at any time by the Supreme Chief Ranger through the Secretary of the Medical Board. Whenever action or a decision by the Medical Board is required on any matter, the Supreme Chief Ranger may submit such matter in writing or in print or by telegram to each member of the Medical Board for their action or decision thereon, and the decision or action of the majority thereof, given in writing or by telegram, shall be deemed to be an action or decision of the Medical Board precisely as if a meeting of the Medical Board had been held.

(6) Assistant Secretaries of the Medical Board, to act under the direction of the Secretary of the Medical Board, may be appointed, or discharged, by the Supreme Chief Ranger, from time to time.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

Consists of Three Parts.

32. The "Medical Examination of the Order" consists of three parts, viz.:

(a) The full, explicit and correct answers, in writing, by the applicant to all the questions regarding his personal and family history propounded in the Medical Examination Paper, the agreement and warranty contained in the said Medical Examination paper, duly signed by the applicant, and witnessed by the examining Physician.

(b) The physical examination of the applicant by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, and the Physician's confidential report of the physical condition of the Applicant on Form No. 3, signed by such Physician.

(c) The Review of such Medical Examination by and the action thereon of the Medical Board through its Secretary or by a duly authorized Assistant Secretary.

THE FUNDS.

General Fund of the Order.

33. The General Fund of the Order shall consist of the following named items:

- (1) Charter Fee for a High Court, two hundred dollars.
- (2) Charter Fee for an Encampment of Royal Foresters, one hundred dollars.
- (3) Charter Fee for a Subordinate Court instituted under the authority of the Order of one dollar for each Charter member.
- (4) Charter Fee for a Companion Court instituted under the authority of the Order of one dollar for each Charter member.
- (5) For each member initiated into the Order a Certificate Fee of one dollar.
- (6) For each Beneficiary member a Registration Fee of fifty cents for each five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit taken.
- (7) The Enrolment Fee of one dollar and the Registration Fee of one dollar in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.
- (8) The percentage of premiums or assessments received each month on account of the Benefit Funds of the Order as provided in sub-section fifteen and sixteen of this section.
- (9) Annual dues for each beneficiary Member-at-large, payable annually in advance, which shall be three dollars if such member is holding two hundred and fifty dollars or five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, four dollars if holding one thousand dollars, five dollars if holding two thousand dollars, six dollars if holding three thousand dollars, seven dollars if holding four thousand dollars, and eight dollars if holding five thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit. The Annual dues for each Social Member-at-large shall be three dollars.
- (10) Extension of the Order Tax for each beneficiary member in good standing in a Court on the first day of each and every month, of five cents for each of those holding two hundred and fifty dollars or five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, ten cents for each of those hold-

ing one thousand dollars, fifteen cents for each of those holding two thousand dollars, twenty cents for each of those holding three thousand dollars, twenty-five cents for each of those holding four thousand dollars, and thirty cents for each of those holding five thousand dollars Insurance or Mortuary Benefit. The sum of twenty-five cents of the Extension of the Order Tax paid by each member shall constitute the annual subscription for *The Forester*, the official organ, which shall be sent monthly to every member of the Order in good standing.

(11) Also the interest earned on the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund of The Supreme Court.

(12) A monthly contribution from each Subordinate and Companion Court of five cents per member per month for the Orphans' and Sanatorium Fund of the Order.

(13) All outgoings of the Order, except as provided in sub-sections fifteen, sixteen and seventeen of this section, shall be paid out of the General Fund.

(14) The Surplus of the General Fund after providing for the outgoings of the Order defined in sub-section thirteen of this section, including for the management expenses, shall be paid into the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund, or the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, or the Total Disability Benefit Fund, as may be determined from time to time by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court.

Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund.

(15) The Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund shall consist of all insurance or mortuary benefit premiums or assessments paid by the members of the Order, and all insurance or mortuary benefits and total disability benefits shall be paid out of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph three of the schedule to the Act of Incorporation; provided that as to the premiums or assessments paid in respect of policies or certificates issued prior to the first day of July, 1911, five per cent. of the said premiums or assessments shall be taken to the General Fund. Subject to the provisions of sub-section 18 of this

section, the interest earned on the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund shall be added to the Fund.

Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund.

(16) The Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund shall consist of all sick and funeral benefit premiums or assessments paid by the members in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, less ten per cent., which shall be taken to the General Fund; and all Sick Benefits and Funeral Benefits shall be paid out of the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, and also all expenses and disbursements directly connected with said Fund, shall be paid out of said Fund.

(17) One half of the minimum High Court dues for each beneficiary member of five cents per month remitted to the Order by the Subordinate or Companion Court, as provided in section one hundred and fourteen, sub-section three, subdivision (f), shall be paid into the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund and the other half of the minimum High Court dues so received from the Subordinate or Companion Courts shall be paid by the Order to the High Court of the jurisdiction to which such Courts belong.

Fraternal Fund.

(18) The Fraternal Fund shall consist of the securities and money transferred to the Fraternal Fund from the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 6 and 7 of the schedule to the Act of Incorporation. The Fraternal Fund shall be applied from time to time under regulations to be approved by The Supreme Court in Session for the purposes set forth in said paragraph 6 of the schedule to the Act of Incorporation.

Investment Board for Investment of Funds.

(19) An Investment Board for the investment of the funds of the Order shall consist of the Supreme Chief Ranger, who shall be Chairman of the Board and four members of the Board to be selected by the Executive Council; three members of the Investment Board shall constitute a quorum of the Board, and such investment board shall keep minutes of their proceedings; all applications for

loans and investments of the funds of the Order shall before they are authorized be approved by the unanimous vote of the members of the Board present at such meeting of the Board; provided always that the aforesaid quorum shall be necessary in all cases to constitute a meeting of such Board.

SUPPLIES.

34. (1) Supplies of all kinds shall emanate from the Head Office of the Order exclusively. The Executive Council shall designate and define what are supplies.

(2) All High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of Royal Foresters, shall use the printed Forms prescribed from time to time and supplied by the Executive Council, and none other.

(3) All High Courts shall use and furnish to the Courts under their jurisdiction the printed Forms and supplies prescribed and supplied from time to time by the Executive Council, and none other.

(4) All supplies for Subordinate Courts and Companion Courts under the jurisdiction of a High Court shall, unless excepted by the Executive Council, be furnished to the High Courts at twenty per cent. less than the price fixed to Courts in "price list of supplies."

(5) Supplies furnished by the Order must be paid for on or before delivery.

(6) The Supreme Secretary shall furnish to the High Courts only, all supplies, not excepted by the Executive Council, for the Subordinate Courts and Companion Courts under their respective jurisdictions. He shall also furnish at schedule prices to Encampments of Royal Foresters and Juvenile Courts and to Subordinate Courts and Companion Courts not under a High Court, such supplies as they may order. He shall also furnish at schedule prices directly to Courts under a High Court, supplies excepted by the Executive Council.

(7) All supplies needed by High Courts for their own use or for the use of the Courts under their jurisdiction must be procured from the Head Office of the Order; and all supplies needed by the Courts under a High Court, not excepted by the Executive

Council, must be procured from such High Court. If a Court is not under a High Court all supplies must be procured from the Head Office of the Order at the list prices. Any High Court, Court, or other branch of the Order, or member, procuring supplies from other sources than the Head Office of the Order, or from a High Court, as the case may be, without the permission of the Executive Council, shall on conviction be subject to a fine of fifty per cent. of the price of such supplies, as laid down by the Executive Council in the "price list of supplies."

RITUALS.

35. (1) All High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of Royal Foresters shall at all times be governed by and use only the Rituals adopted from time to time by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court.

(2) Whenever the Executive Council shall issue a new or a Revised edition of the Ritual all former issues of the Ritual shall become void and shall not be used in the Order.

Accident Insurance May be Procured.

36. The Executive Council may, through the Supreme Chief Ranger, contract with an insurance company to insure the Officers, Past Executive Officers of and Representatives to The Supreme Court and the Officers, Past Executive Officers of and the Delegates to a High Court, against accidents which may occur while going to, attending, and returning from, the sessions of The Supreme Court or of a High Court, as the case may be. All such insurance when procured shall be for the benefit of the Order.

CHARTERS.

Charters Emanate from the Order.

37 (1) All Charters for High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of Royal Foresters, shall emanate from the Head Office of the Order only.

(2) All Charters are subject to suspension or revocation by The Supreme Court or by the

Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, as provided in the Constitution and Laws.

Charter Supplies Not Sold.

(3) It is to be distinctly understood that the Charter fee is paid for the privilege of instituting a High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court, Juvenile Court, or Encampment of Royal Foresters, and not for the purpose of paying for any supplies. The Charter, rituals, seal, and other supplies are given in trust—not sold—to a High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court, Juvenile Court, or Encampment of Royal Foresters, to be used only for the purposes of The Independent Order of Foresters, and for the purposes of such branches; and whenever the Charter of a High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court, Juvenile Court, or Encampment of Royal Foresters, is surrendered, suspended, or revoked, the Charter, rituals, seal, and all supplies, funds, furniture, regalia or other property and effects of such High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court, Juvenile Court, or Encampment of Royal Foresters, shall be delivered over and conveyed to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to any one who may be appointed by him to receive the same, and thereafter shall be held subject to the order of The Supreme Court or the Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger, and shall be used for the sole benefit of The Independent Order of Foresters.

Incorporation of Branches of the Order.

38. (1) Any High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court or Encampment of Royal Foresters desiring to become and be a body corporate shall make application to the Executive Council, and, if agreed to by them, they shall forthwith signify their consent under the hands of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Supreme Secretary, with the corporate seal of the Order affixed.

(2) Upon the receipt of such consent, the Trustees of such Subordinate Court, Companion Court or Encampment of Royal Foresters, shall file with the City, County or District Registrar or other duly authorized official, the Charter name and number of such Subordinate Court, Companion Court or En-

campment of Royal Foresters, whereupon such Subordinate Court, Companion Court or Encampment of Royal Foresters shall become and be a body corporate under such Charter name.

(3) In the case of a High Court, upon the receipt of the consent of the Executive Council, the High Standing Committee, if the High Court be within the Dominion of Canada, shall file with the Provincial Registrar, or with the City, County or District Registrar of the City, County, or District within which is located the head office of the High Court, the Charter name of such High Court, whereupon such High Court shall become and be a body corporate under such Charter name.

(4) If the High Court be outside of the Dominion of Canada, then the High Standing Committee, after having received the consent of the Executive Council as provided in sub-section one of this section, shall take such action in the premises as is required by the laws of the State or Country within which the High Court is located.

Territorial Limits of High Courts.

39. (1) Subject to the provisions of Sub-section four of this section, one or more High Courts may, in the discretion of The Supreme Court or of the Executive Council, be instituted at any time in any Province or Territory of the Dominion of Canada, or group of such, and in any State or Territory of the United States, or group of such, and in other countries, not proscribed by the Executive Council, when ten or more Courts in good standing within the proposed High Court jurisdiction, with a membership of not less than twenty in each Court, shall make proper application for a High Court Charter to The Supreme Court, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger during a recess of The Supreme Court, provided that the Executive Council may, in their discretion, grant a Charter for a High Court with a less number of Courts or members within the proposed jurisdiction than is required by this sub-section.

(2) The applications or petitions for a Charter must be signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of each petitioning Court, and shall have

the seals of the Courts affixed to such applications or petitions; and the petitioning Courts must be a majority of all the Courts in the proposed High Court jurisdiction.

(3) The Supreme Chief Ranger or the Deputy whom he may have duly commissioned for the purpose shall institute the High Court, appoint and install the first staff of Charter Officers, communicate the passwords to the High Chief Ranger; and such instituting officer shall make report thereof within five days to the Supreme Secretary.

(4) The Executive Council shall have power to prescribe from time to time the territorial limits of any High Court, and, from time to time, the Executive Council may withdraw from the jurisdiction of a High Court such part or parts of its territory as the Executive Council may deem proper, and the Executive Council may institute one or more High Courts in such withdrawn territory; provided that on the division of a High Court, or on the institution of one or more High Courts in the territory withdrawn from a High Court, the assets of such High Court shall be divided *pro rata* according to the membership, and the liabilities of such High Court shall be assumed and paid *pro rata*; this proviso shall apply to High Courts divided or from which territory has been withdrawn since January 1st, 1905.

Consolidation of High Courts.

(5) The Executive Council, from time to time, may consolidate two or more High Courts or may revoke the charter of a High Court.

(6) The Supreme Chief Ranger or other member of the Executive Council, or the Deputy whom the Supreme Chief Ranger shall commission for the purpose, shall perform the ceremony of consolidation, select the name of the consolidated High Court, and appoint and install the first staff of officers of the consolidated High Court; and shall make report thereof within five days to the Supreme Secretary.

Suspension or Revocation of Charters.

(7) The Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger may suspend the Charter of a High Court

for non-payment of any liability to the Order or for any violation of the Constitution and Laws; and a High Court may by a majority vote of the Active members present at a regular session, or at a special session called for that purpose, surrender to the Order its Charter.

(8) Upon the surrender, suspension or revocation, of the Charter of a High Court, the Courts under the jurisdiction of such High Court shall forthwith come under the immediate jurisdiction of the Head Office of the Order, and they shall so continue until the Charter of the High Court is duly restored or a new High Court is instituted.

Composition of High Courts.

40. (1) A High Court shall be composed of its Active or Voting members, its *ex-officio* members and its Honorary members.

(2) The Active or Voting members of a High Court shall be composed of (a) its Officers, and (b) all Past Executive Officers who are members in good standing of Courts under its jurisdiction, and (c) the Delegates from Courts under its jurisdiction.

(3) The *ex-officio* members of a High Court shall be the Supreme Chief Ranger, Past Supreme Chief Ranger and the members of the Executive Council of the Supreme Court; *ex-officio* members shall have all the rights and privileges of Active members except the right to vote or to hold office.

(4) Except as provided in Section eighty-eight, sub-section four, Honorary members shall not be entitled to speak, nor to vote, nor to hold office in a High Court.

Powers of High Courts.

41. (1) The powers of a High Court shall be: To establish Courts within its jurisdiction; to foster and build up existing Courts; to receive appeals and redress grievances; to decide questions arising out of the Constitution and Laws, except those pertaining to the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund, the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, and to Encampments of Royal Foresters; to compensate its Officers and employees; to have and to exercise general supervision of the Order in its

jurisdiction; provided that a High Court shall have no control over the Benefit Funds or other funds of the Order.

By-Laws of High Courts.

(2) A High Court shall have power by a two-thirds vote of the Active members present at a regular session, or at a special session called for that purpose, to make and to amend such By-laws for the regulation and government of its own internal economy as it may deem best; provided that such By-laws shall not in any way conflict with any provision of the Constitution and Laws; and provided further, that such By-laws shall not go into effect until approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger, such approval to be given in writing and attested by the signature of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the seal of the Order.

Jurisdiction of High Courts.

42. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws, the jurisdiction of a High Court shall extend over such territory as may be defined and assigned to it from time to time by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(2) A High Court shall receive under its jurisdiction any Courts that may be temporarily attached to it by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

SESSIONS OF HIGH COURTS.

Regular and Special Sessions.

43. (1) Except as provided in section nine, subsection two, each High Court shall meet in regular session triennially at such time and place as may be selected, as provided in the Constitution and Laws; provided that the next regular triennial session of each High Court shall be holden during the third year after the last regular session of such High Court, and triennially thereafter; provided further that a High Court may hold one or more extra sessions during each of the said triennial periods if a majority of the Subordinate and Companion Courts in such High Court jurisdiction desire such extra session or sessions to be held, but no mileage or per diem shall be paid by each High Court to members

of the High Court attending such extra session or sessions.

(2) A special session may be called by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Chief Ranger whenever either deems it to be in the interest of the Order so to do; and a special session shall be called upon the petition of one-third of the Courts representing at least one-third of the membership under the jurisdiction, or upon the written request of one-fifth of the Active members in good standing upon the roll of the High Court, or upon the request of a majority of the High Standing Committee. The High Secretary shall notify each Active and *ex-officio* member of the High Court of such special session immediately on being requested to do so by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Chief Ranger or by a majority of the High Standing Committee or by one-fifth of the Active members or by one-third of the Courts, and in such notice shall state the object for which such special session is called. At least thirty days' notice must be given to the members of all special sessions; provided that if the authority which calls the special session determines that it is a case of emergency, ten days' notice shall be sufficient; such notice shall be given to each Active and *ex-officio* member of the High Court by letter, official circular or telegram; notice shall be computed from the date of sending the last of such letters, circulars or telegrams. No business shall be transacted at any special session except that mentioned in the notice, unless by unanimous consent.

Selection of Place and Time of Session.

44. (1) Subject to the provisions of section forty-three, sub-section one, the place and time for holding the sessions of a High Court may be fixed by By-law. If the place of meeting is not fixed by By-law, the selection of the place for holding the next regular session of a High Court shall be determined immediately after the election of Officers and Representatives.

(2) Any active member may nominate a place, and if only one place be named it shall be declared selected as the next place of meeting.

(3) If two or more places are named, the selection may be determined by sign votes first. If two-thirds of the sign votes are in favor of any one place it shall be deemed to be the choice of the High Court for holding the next session; otherwise it shall be determined by ballot, and a majority of the legal ballots cast shall be requisite to make a selection.

(4) At each ballot, if a majority be not obtained for any of the places named, the place having received the least number of votes shall drop out of the contest.

(5) If a selection shall not have been made prior thereto, on the fourth ballot the choice shall be confined to the two places which on the third ballot had the greatest number of votes.

(6) If the time for holding the session of a High Court is not fixed by By-law, the month and day of holding the regular session of the High Court shall be determined by a majority vote of the High Court.

(7) If no place or time be selected for the next regular session of the High Court as provided in this section, the High Standing Committee, subject to the provisions of section forty-three, sub-section one, shall make the selection and shall notify by circular or by letter every Active and *ex-officio* member of the High Court and also every Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

(8) Subject to the provisions of section forty-three, sub-section two, at least thirty days must elapse between the mailing of such circulars or letters and the opening of the session of the High Court.

Opening a Session of a High Court.

45. (1) The High Court shall be opened at the place and time specified for its session, and, if a quorum be present, shall proceed to business. If there be no quorum present within one-half hour the members present may act upon the credentials of Delegates, or the High Chief Banger may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum is present.

Presiding Officer.

(2) In the absence of the High Chief Banger, the Executive Officer of The Supreme Court present who

is highest in rank shall preside; in the absence of any such Supreme Court Officer, the High Court Officer present who is the highest in rank shall preside.

(3) In the absence of all the Executive Officers of The Supreme Court and of the High Court a Presiding Officer shall be chosen from the Officers or Active members present.

(4) Whenever the High Chief Ranger, or other Presiding Officer, temporarily vacates the chair, he may call any Executive Officer or Past Executive Officer of the Order present to temporarily fill the chair.

Quorum of a High Court.

(5) The quorum of a High Court shall consist of the Delegates from one-fifth of the Courts in good standing on the roll of a High Court at the time. Before a High Court shall proceed to business a quorum must be present, but a less number may act upon the credentials of Delegates, and the Presiding Officer shall have power to appoint the Committee on Credentials and to confer the High Court degree upon those present who are entitled to receive such degree, and the meeting may be adjourned from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

(6) The Active members of a High Court who are to be counted for the purposes of the computations mentioned in sub-section five of this section, are the Officers and Past Executive Officers of the High Court and, subject to the provisions of sections ninety-two, ninety-three and ninety-four, the Delegates whose credentials have been filed with the High Secretary.

Penalty for Absence from Session of a High Court.

46. If any Officer of a High Court should absent himself from any session of such High Court without giving an excuse for such absence which shall be satisfactory to the High Court, he may have his office declared vacant, and the vacancy shall be forthwith filled by the High Court; in the case of an appointed office being declared vacant, the same shall be filled by the High Chief Ranger, provided that the High Journal Secretary shall be the nominee of the High Secretary.

Delegates to the High Court.

47. (1) The basis of representation from the Courts to High Courts shall be regulated by each High Court in its By-laws; and a High Court may by By-law enact that when the beneficiary members in good standing of a Court fall below ten in number such Court shall not be entitled to be represented in the High Court.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section three of this section, in the absence of any High Court By-law to the contrary, each Court with less than ten beneficiary members shall be entitled to one Delegate, and each Court having ten to fifty beneficiary members in good standing shall be entitled to two Delegates, and one additional Delegate for each additional twenty-five beneficiary members or major fraction thereof in good standing on the first day of the semi-annual term in which the regular session of the High Court is held.

(3) With respect to all High Courts in existence prior to September, A.D. 1898, Companion Courts within their jurisdiction shall be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Head Office of the Order and shall not be entitled to send Delegates to the High Court until the High Court shall have extended to them the right of representation; provided always, that when a High Court shall have once extended to Companion Courts the right of representation the Companion Courts in the jurisdiction shall thereafter, subject to the provisions of sub-sections one and two of this section, be under the jurisdiction of and entitled to send Delegates to such High Court.

Representation in High Courts.

(4) Every existing Court, under the jurisdiction of a High Court, in good standing at the time of the opening of any session of the High Court, whether instituted under the authority of the Head Office of the Order or of the High Court, subject to the provisions of this section, shall be entitled to representation in such High Court from and after the date of its institution. The Court shall furnish to each Delegate a Court Credential, Form No. 49; but a Certificate of the Instituting Officer as to the instituting of a new Court and the election of the

Delegate, countersigned by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of the new Court, shall be a sufficient credential of the Delegate of such new Court. All Delegates to a High Court shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges in such High Court, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws.

Appointment of High Court Committees.

48. (1) At the opening of each regular session of a High Court, the High Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall appoint the following Standing Committees, each to consist of not less than three nor more than five Active members; provided that if no mileage or per diem be payable to the Delegates, the Committee on Mileage and per Diem shall not be appointed, viz.:

- Committee on Credentials,
- “ “ Distribution,
- “ “ Finance,
- “ “ Appeals and Petitions,
- “ “ Constitution and Laws,
- “ “ State of the Order,
- “ “ New Business,
- “ “ Mileage and per Diem,
- “ “ The Press.

(2) The Committee on Credentials shall examine the Credentials and report to the High Court the names of those entitled to seats in the High Court.

(3) The Committee on Distribution shall appor-tion the various reports, memorials, petitions and other documents and papers to the appropriate committees.

(4) The Committee on Finance shall examine all accounts presented during each regular session, and estimate the probable amount required for the expenses of the High Court for the ensuing term and report the same in writing to the High Court, and recommend such sum for High Court dues as they may deem the wants of the High Court shall require; and perform such other duties as may be assigned them by the High Chief Ranger, or the High Standing Committee, or the High Court.

(5) The Committee on Appeals and Petitions shall examine and report on all appeals taken to the High

Court, also consider and report upon all petitions, with such recommendations in each case as they may deem best.

(6) The Committee on Constitution and Laws shall have referred to them for examination all proposed alterations and amendments of the Constitution and Laws, and shall report thereon to the High Court with such recommendations as they may deem best.

(7) The Committee on the State of the Order shall present to the High Court an exhibit of the condition, progress and prospects of the Order in its jurisdiction and suggest any measures to be taken in connection therewith.

(8) The Committee on New Business shall have referred to them what cannot properly be referred to other standing committees, and shall report thereon to the High Court; they shall also present any new business which they may deem to be in the interest of the Order.

(9) Subject to the provisions of section sixty-eight, sub-sections seven and eight, the Committee on Mileage and per Diem shall prepare a pay-roll, showing how much each Officer and Delegate is entitled to receive, making the computation in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws of the High Court.

(10) The Committee on the Press shall prepare for publication in the newspapers, from day to day, subject to the direction of the High Court and of the High Chief Ranger, a report of the proceedings of the sessions of the High Court.

HIGH COURT OFFICERS.

Titles of Elective Officers of High Courts.

49. (1) The Elective Officers of a High Court shall be as follows:

High Chief Ranger,
High Vice-Chief Ranger,
High Secretary,
High Treasurer,
High Physician,
High Counsellor,
two High Auditors:

Titles of Appointed Officers of High Courts.

(2) The Appointed Officers shall be as follows:

- High Orator,
- High Journal Secretary,
- High Organist,
- High Senior Woodward,
- High Junior Woodward,
- High Marshal,
- High Conductor,
- High Messenger,
- High Senior Beadle,
- High Junior Beadle.

Eligibility for Office in High Courts.

50. (1) All active members of a High Court shall be equally eligible for any of the offices, except as provided in this section and in sections nine and two hundred and thirty-seven, sub-sections two and three, and except that the High Physician shall be a duly qualified physician and legally entitled to practice his profession, and the High Counsellor shall be a duly qualified member of the legal profession.

(2) In a Companion High Court females only shall be eligible to be elected or appointed to office therein.

Nomination and Election of High Court Officers and Supreme Court Representatives.

51. (1) Except with the unanimous consent of the High Court, or unless the High Court is sooner ready to close, the nomination and election of the Elective Officers of a High Court shall take place at each regular session thereof on the afternoon of the second day of such regular session immediately after the reading and confirmation of minutes.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Sections nine, fifty and fifty-three, the nomination and election of Representatives to The Supreme Court, when held, shall take place either immediately before or immediately after the election of Officers, and the candidates in nomination, to the required number, having the highest number of votes on the first ballot shall be declared elected. If by reason of ties the required number cannot be selected on the

first ballot, then those names which have received the next highest number of votes and are ties shall be subjected to a second ballot, and those receiving the highest number of votes on such second ballot, to the required number, shall be declared elected; provided that if one representative only is to be elected a majority of all the votes cast shall be required to elect, and if the representative is not elected on the first ballot, then the name which has received the lowest number of votes shall be dropped and a further ballot taken, and so on until one of the candidates shall have received a majority of all the votes cast,

(3) Any Officer or Active Member shall have the right to make any proper nomination, and the nominations shall be taken in the order in which they are made. A member cannot be nominated nor elected unless he is present at the time, except when unavoidably absent and has given in writing a satisfactory explanation for such absence, or is temporarily absent, having been previously excused by the High Court or by the High Chief Ranger.

(4) The election of an Officer shall immediately follow the nominations for such office, and the nominations for the next succeeding office shall not be made until the election for the preceding office shall have taken place.

(5) At every election three Tellers shall be appointed, two by the High Chief Ranger and one by the High Vice-Chief Ranger, to count the ballots and report the result thereof to the Presiding Officer.

(6) If one of the Tellers should be nominated for any office, such Teller shall forthwith retire from acting as Teller during the balloting for such office, and the High Chief Ranger shall thereupon appoint another to temporarily fill the vacancy thus created.

(7) The Tellers, whenever practicable, shall separate the ballots and put those cast for each candidate by themselves; after which they will count the ballots cast for each candidate and set down in figures the number thereof on a tally-sheet, also set down the total number of legal ballots cast and the number required to elect, and

initial the same, and then hand the tally-sheet to the Presiding Officer, who shall at once announce the result of the ballot. The Tellers shall then seal up the ballots and place them in the hands of the Presiding Officer.

(8) At any time before final adjournment any two Active members of the High Court may demand a reconnt of the ballots, which shall forthwith be made by the High Chief Ranger, the High Vice-Chief Ranger, the High Secretary and the two members demanding the reconnt. The result of such reconnt shall be final as to such ballot.

(9) Immediately after the final adjournment the High Chief Ranger shall destroy the said ballots.

Appointment of High Court Officers.

52. (1) On the opening of a session of a High Court, and after the Delegates then in waiting have been admitted, the High Chief Ranger shall appoint, from among the Active members of the High Court present, Officers in the place of any appointed Officers who may be absent from the session.

(2) After the elections, and before the close of the session, the High Chief Ranger elect shall appoint, from among the Active members of the High Court present, the Appointed Officers, whose term of office shall continue until their successors are appointed at the opening of, or installed at, the next regular session of the High Court, as the case may be; provided that the High Journal Secretary shall be the nominee of the High Secretary.

Votes in High Courts, How Given.

53. (1) Voting, except as provided in this section and in Sections forty-four, fifty-one and fifty-four, shall be by the usual voting sign, but upon a demand therefor supported by one-fifth of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be ordered.

(2) The demand for the yeas and nays must be made before the sign votes have been called by the High Chief Ranger. After the sign votes

have been called the yeas and nays cannot be ordered except by unanimous consent.

(3) Whenever the yeas and nays are ordered, the names of all voters shall be entered in the division list, so that a proper record of each division may be preserved in the journals of the High Court.

(4) When two or more candidates are nominated for any office the election shall be by written ballot, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The candidate receiving the least number of votes on each ballot shall retire from the contest until an election is secured. When only one candidate is nominated the Presiding Officer shall at once declare him elected.

(5) In the election of High Anditors or Representatives any ballot that does not contain as many names as there are Auditors or Representatives to be elected as the case may be, shall be reckoned to be a blank ballot.

Blanks Not To Be Counted.

(6) All blank ballots and all ballots marked for any one, or for a place, not in nomination at that particular ballot, or not filled up in accordance with the provisions of sub-section five of this section, shall be counted as blanks, and shall not be taken into account in determining the election.

Who Are Entitled to Vote in High Courts.

54. (1) Each Officer and Past Executive Officer of the High Court, shall be entitled to cast one vote as such; provided that if an Officer also hold the rank of Past Executive Officer he shall not thereby be entitled to cast more than one vote.

(2) Each Delegate present from a Court in good standing shall be entitled to cast one vote, except as provided in sub-section five of this section.

(3) An Officer or Past Executive Officer may at the same time be a Delegate from a Court, in which case he shall be entitled to vote both as an Officer or Past Executive Officer, as provided in sub-section one of this section, and also as a Delegate.

(4) A Delegate shall not be entitled to vote in the High Court unless the Court which he represents and of which he must be a member in good standing, is at the time of the meeting of the High Court clear upon the books of the High Court in respect of all sums which may have been due upon the first day of the month preceding the month in which the session of the High Court is held, and has also paid all its liabilities to the Order, unless permitted by the vote of two-thirds of the members present who are not disqualified under this sub-section.

Votes of Absentees.

(5) The Delegate or Delegates of a Court present during the time any vote or ballot is being taken in the High Court shall be entitled to cast all the votes or ballots to which their Court is entitled.

(6) The vote shall be divided equally among the Delegates present, and if there be any odd votes they shall be cast as the majority of the Delegates present shall determine; or, if only two Delegates are present, the odd vote shall be cast by the senior Delegate.

(7) The seniority of Delegates shall be determined as follows:

- (a) By the date of initiation into the High Court;
- (b) Next by the date of admission to the Order; and if still equal.
- (c) By the age of the Delegates.

Vote of Presiding Officer, and Tie Votes.

(8) Except as provided in sub-section ten of this section, the High Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall not vote except in the election of Officers, or of Representatives to The Supreme Court, or the selection of a place of meeting, when he shall cast his ballot as other Officers and members entitled to vote.

(9) In case of a tie in the election of Officers, or of Representatives to The Supreme Court, or in the selection of a place of meeting, the High Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall not be entitled to give the casting vote, but a new

ballot shall be taken until there is a clear majority secured of the legal votes cast.

(10) In all other cases, if there be a tie, the High Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall give the casting vote.

Installation of High Officers.

55. (1) The installation of the Officers of the High Court shall take place at the last sitting of each regular session.

(2) If any Officer to be installed is absent at the time of installation, the office held by such absentee may by a majority vote of the High Court be declared vacant, and the vacancy shall be forthwith filled by a new election or a new appointment, as the case may be, or the installation of the absentee may be postponed, or the installation may take place by proxy except in the case of a bonded Officer.

(3) Officers who have been already installed and who have been re-elected to the same office may continue to hold office on their former obligations instead of being re-installed.

(4) Every Officer, after being duly installed, unless he formally resign or be removed for cause, shall hold office until the installation and qualification of his successor in office.

Bonds of High Officers.

56. (1) The High Secretary and High Treasurer shall each be a bonded Officer.

(2) The bond of the High Secretary and that of the High Treasurer shall not be less than two thousand dollars each, and may be any larger sum which the High Court or High Standing Committee may require.

(3) Unless otherwise ordered by the High Court concerned, each of said bonds shall be the bond of some Guarantee Company duly approved by the High Standing Committee; and the expenses of preparing and executing said bonds shall be paid by the High Court.

(4) All bonds shall be executed in favor of the Trustees of the respective High Courts in interest; and after approval by the Trustees shall be filed with and kept by the High Chief Ranger.

(5) A bonded Officer may be installed, but he cannot enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office until his bond has been duly executed, approved and delivered to the High Chief Ranger.

(6) If at any time, in the opinion of the High Court, or of the High Standing Committee in the interim of sessions, it may be deemed advisable to require any bonded Officer to give a new and better bond or bond in a larger amount, the High Chief Ranger shall give such Officer notice in writing to file such bond for approval within thirty days. Failure on the part of the Officer, so directed, to comply with such notice within the said thirty days shall *ipso facto* create a vacancy in such office; and such vacancy shall be filled by the High Standing Committee in the interim of sessions, as provided in Section sixty-seven.

(7) If a bonded Officer elect shall be unable to furnish an acceptable bond before adjournment, the High Court may grant him not more than fifteen days in which to offer such bond as shall be approved by the High Standing Committee.

(8) If a satisfactory bond is not furnished by such Officer within the said fifteen days, he shall thereby forfeit the office to which he shall have been elected, and the vacancy thus created shall be duly filled as provided in Section sixty-seven.

(9) Unless otherwise ordered by the High Standing Committee, an Officer retiring at the end of the term of office shall not deliver up any moneys, books, papers or other property of the High Court, but shall continue to discharge the duties of the office and receive the remuneration attached thereto, until his successor has duly qualified as required by the Constitution and Laws.

(10) In case of a vacancy having been filled as provided in the Constitution and Laws, the enceseor shall be installed by the High Chief Ranger or by a special Deputy appointed by the High Chief Ranger.

(11) A bonded Officer who is re-elected shall be held, together with his sureties if members of the Order, on his former bond, unless the High

Standing Committee shall require that a new bond be given.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF HIGH OFFICERS.

High Chief Ranger.

57. (1) It shall be the duty of the High Chief Ranger to preside at all sessions of the High Court and at all meetings of the High Standing Committee;

(2) To have a general superintendence of the affairs of the Order and the promotion of its growth within the High Court jurisdiction, and to grant such dispensations as may be required for the proper administration of the affairs of the Order within the jurisdiction and as are authorized by the Constitution and Laws;

(3) To report in writing all his official acts to the High Court;

(4) To conform to and be in accord with and receive the sanction of the High Standing Committee in his Executive actions;

(5) To appoint all Committees required by Law, except when the members of a Committee shall be named in the motion for the appointment of such Committee;

(6) To keep the Cheque Book and issue cheques duly countersigned by the High Secretary and High Treasurer; to pay all legitimate claims upon the High Court, and to instruct all banks wherein any of the funds of the High Court shall from time to time be deposited, not to allow any of such funds to be withdrawn except upon the joint cheque of the High Chief Ranger, the High Secretary and the High Treasurer;

(7) To sign and where necessary impress the seal of the High Court upon all documents and papers that require his signature and the High Court seal to properly authenticate them; and, within five days after the election by the High Court or appointment by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, of Representatives to The Supreme Court, to sign and impress the seal of the High Court upon the Credentials of such Representatives, to the required number, and forthwith transmit the same to the High Secretary;

(8) To commission a Court Deputy for each Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court; to appoint District Deputies and General Deputies whenever and wherever in the jurisdiction of the High Court he thinks the Good of the Order requires it with such powers as may be given them by the Constitution and Laws; and he may require such Deputies to give bonds in the sum of five hundred dollars each for the faithful performance of their duties;

(9) To call meetings of the High Standing Committee at his own volition or at the direction of a majority of the members thereof;

(10) To call special sessions of the High Court as provided in Section forty-three, sub-section two; to call special meetings of any Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court whenever he deems it to be in the interest of the Order; to suspend for cause the charter of a Court under its jurisdiction; to suspend for cause an officer from office; and to perform such other duties as may be required for the proper enforcement of the Constitution and Laws and the proper administration of the affairs of the Order under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

(11) In case of the temporary absence from the jurisdiction or sickness or other disability of the High Chief Ranger in the interim of sessions and if deemed necessary by the other members of the High Standing Committee the Officer who is next highest in rank shall take temporary charge of and perform the duties of said office until such absence or disability is removed.

(12) The Acting High Chief Ranger shall have the same powers and privileges as the High Chief Ranger.

Junior Past High Chief Ranger.

58. (1) The Junior Past High Chief Ranger shall be the first appointed Past High Chief Ranger of a High Court until a High Chief Ranger shall have passed the Chair; thereafter it shall be the Past High Chief Ranger in good standing who is a resident within the jurisdiction and who was most recently the High Chief Ranger.

(2) If the Junior Past High Chief Ranger be elected to and installed into another office in the High Court he shall *ipso facto* cease to be the Junior Past High Chief Ranger within the meaning of sub-section one of this section, and the Junior Past High Chief Ranger in good standing in the High Court who is a resident within the jurisdiction and who stands next as having most recently occupied the High Chief Ranger's chair, shall *ipso facto* become the Junior Past High Chief Ranger within the meaning of sub-section one of this section.

(3) If there be no Junior Past High Chief Ranger in good standing in the High Court who is a resident within the jurisdiction, one shall be elected who has the necessary qualifications of a candidate for the office of High Chief Ranger; provided that if no one in the High Court be thus qualified, then any Active member of the High Court in good standing shall be eligible for election to the said office.

(4) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws, in the absence of the High Chief Ranger from a session of the High Court, the Junior Past High Chief Ranger present who is a resident within the jurisdiction shall preside; also, in the absence of the High Chief Ranger from a meeting of the High Standing Committee, the Junior Past High Chief Ranger shall preside at such meeting; and also the Junior Past High Chief Ranger shall perform such other duties as are required by the Constitution and Laws, ritual and rules and usages of the Order.

High Vice-Chief Ranger.

59. Subject to the provisions of Section forty-five, the High Vice-Chief Ranger shall, in the absence of the High Chief Ranger and of the Junior Past High Chief Ranger, preside at the sessions of the High Court and at the meetings of the High Standing Committee.

High Secretary.

60. (1) The High Secretary shall see that a correct report of the proceedings of the High

Court is kept. He shall read to the High Court all communications, petitions and other documents and papers. He shall prepare and publish a copy of the proceedings of the High Court within one month after the close of each regular or special session.

(2) He shall keep such books and in such manner as the Constitution and Laws require or as he may be directed to keep by the High Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee.

(3) He shall conduct the correspondence of the High Court.

(4) He shall have charge of the seal, books, papers, rituals and other private works belonging to the High Court.

(5) He shall keep a true and correct account between the High Court and the Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court and all other parties with whom it has dealings. He shall present to the High Court, on the first day of each regular session, a full and correct statement of the amount of money received and disbursed during the last term and since last report. He shall also make to the High Court on the first day of each regular session a complete report of all his official acts during the last term and since last report and of the condition of the Order within the High Court jurisdiction.

(6) He shall receive all moneys due to the High Court and deposit the same weekly, or oftener if so required by the High Standing Committee, to the credit of the High Court in a chartered bank designated by the High Standing Committee and shall obtain a marked duplicate of the deposit receipt, and without delay send or deliver the same to the High Treasurer; provided that if it be inconvenient to so deposit the moneys in the designated bank, he shall transmit such moneys to the High Treasurer by Post Office or Express Money Order or Bank Draft payable to the order of the bank designated by the High Standing Committee. He shall also at the same time notify the High Chief Ranger of the amount of money so deposited or transmitted.

(7) He shall exhibit his books, accounts, papers

and property to any member of the High Standing Committee, whenever requested so to do, and shall give full information upon any point connected with the High Court, whenever so requested by the High Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee.

(8) He shall furnish directly to Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court supplies needed by them.

(9) He shall, within ten days after the election by the High Court or appointment by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, of Representatives to The Supreme Court, attest with his signature the Credentials of such Representatives, to the required number, and forthwith transmit the same to the Supreme Secretary.

(10) He shall nominate the High Journal Secretary and shall be responsible for the proper discharge of the duties of that office.

(11) He shall perform such other and further duties as may from time to time be required by the High Court, or by the High Standing Committee, or by the High Chief Ranger.

(12) He shall deliver to his successor in office or to such person or persons as may be designated, whenever called upon to do so by the High Standing Committee, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council, all moneys, books, papers, and other property belonging to the High Court or to the Order which may be in his custody or under his control.

High Treasurer.

61. (1) The High Treasurer shall not pay out any money whatsoever, except upon cheques duly signed by the High Chief Ranger and High Secretary and countersigned by himself.

(2) He shall keep a correct account of all moneys deposited to the credit of the High Court, and he shall permit any member of the High Standing Committee at any time to examine the bank and other books, accounts and vouchers; he shall also transmit to the High Chief Ranger weekly a certified statement of the amount of

funds deposited in the bank to the credit of the High Court.

(3) He shall have his accounts correctly posted and ready for examination by the High Auditors immediately after the close of each calendar year, or whenever the High Standing Committee may require it; and he shall make to the High Court on the first day of its regular session a full and correct report of the state of the High Court Treasury.

(4) He shall deliver to his successor in office or to such person or persons as may be designated, whenever called upon to do so by the High Standing Committee or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council, all moneys, books, papers and other property belonging to the High Court or to the Order which may be in his custody or under his control.

High Physician.

62. (1) The High Physician shall prepare and submit to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to the High Chief Ranger, whenever so requested, a chart showing unhealthy districts within the territorial limits of his own High Court in which Courts should not be organized or where initiations should be temporarily suspended.

(2) He shall transmit to his successor in office all books, papers and property appertaining to his office, and committed to his care or coming into his possession or under his control.

(3) He shall perform such other duties as the High Chief Ranger, the High Standing Committee, or the Constitution and Laws, may require.

High Counsellor.

63. (1) The High Counsellor shall revise such Forms involving any legal point or question as may be referred to him by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(2) He shall examine and pass upon the regularity of all bonds, notes or other securities, or evidence of indebtedness to the High Court.

(3) He shall examine and report in writing upon all legal questions affecting the High Court

which may be referred to him in writing by the High Chief Ranger.

(4) He shall prepare when requested so to do by the High Chief Ranger, all legal papers that may be necessary or required.

(5) He shall examine into all claims presented against the High Court concerning which there is any doubt or dispute.

(6) He shall conduct or give directions as to the legal business of the High Court; and he shall transmit to his successor in office all the books and property appertaining to the High Court.

High Auditors.

64. (1) The High Auditors shall audit the books of the High Secretary and High Treasurer of the High Court within ten days prior to the regular session, or at any other time when so requested by the High Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee; provided, that the High Auditors shall in the interval between the regular sessions of the High Court make an annual audit of the books of the High Secretary and High Treasurer; and the financial statement of the High Court so verified by the Auditors shall within thirty days after the close of each year be sent by the High Standing Committee to each Court within the jurisdiction of such High Court.

(2) They shall have ready for presentation at the opening of each session of the High Court a full and complete report, in detail, of their audit.

Other High Officers.

65. The High Orator, High Journal Secretary, High Organist, High Senior Woodward, High Junior Woodward, High Marshal, High Conductor, High Messenger, High Senior Beadle and High Junior Beadle shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the High Chief Ranger or High Court during the sessions of the High Court and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the ritual, customs, rules, usages and the Constitution and Laws.

Composition of the Board of High Court Trustees.

66. (1) The High Chief Ranger, Junior Past

High Chief Ranger, High Vice-Chief Ranger, High Physician and High Counsellor shall be the Trustees of their High Court, and shall have the legal custody and control of all the funds and property and effects of the High Court and shall be legally liable for the same.

(2) The Trustees of the High Court shall for the purpose of becoming a body corporate and politic, as provided in 52 Victoria (Canada), Chapter 104, Section 3, act for the High Court.

(3) The Trustees of a High Court shall when occasion requires enforce the covenants contained in the bonds of the High Officers.

HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

Composition and Powers.

67. (1) The High Standing Committee shall consist of the High Chief Ranger, the Junior Past High Chief Ranger, the High Vice-Chief Ranger, the High Secretary, the High Treasurer, the High Physician and the High Counsellor.

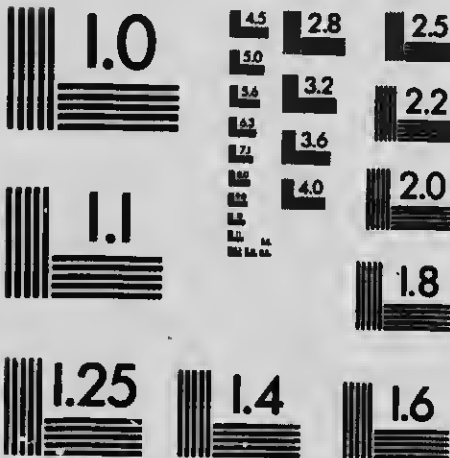
(2) The High Standing Committee shall have all powers vested in them by the Constitution and Laws, and shall act in the recess of the High Court and perform all duties assigned to them by the High Court, or by the Constitution and Laws; have power to call special sessions of the High Court if they deem it necessary; have power to grant dispensations for the consolidation of existing Courts; have power to fill all vacancies in the offices of the High Court except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws, and to pay a salary to the new officer not exceeding in amount the salary paid to the previous incumbent of the office.

(3) They shall hear and determine any charges against any officer or member of the High Court or of the Courts under its jurisdiction; for cause they may suspend from office Officers of the High Court or of Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court; for cause they may suspend or expel from the Order any Officer or member of the High Court or of any Court under the jurisdiction of the Charter of any High Court; they may suspend the High Court for neglect or refusal to perform any lawful duty or



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for violation of the Constitution and Laws, or for contempt or the authority or mandates of the High Standing Committee or of the High Chief Ranger.

(4) They shall, during the interim of the sessions, have all the powers of the High Court except to make change or amend the By-laws of the High Court; and they shall exercise all executive and judicial powers of the High Court subject to appeal and approval at the next session thereof. They shall be *ex-officio* members of all Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court, with all the rights and privileges of other members except the right to hold office and to vote.

(5) The High Standing Committee shall have power to consolidate two or more Subordinate or Companion Courts in cities of 100,000 population or over within the jurisdiction of the High Court, after notice to the Courts concerned, whenever in the opinion of the High Standing Committee such consolidation shall appear to be in the interests of the Order. The Courts affected by such order for consolidation shall have the right of appeal to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to the Executive Council.

(6) Until the first triennial session of the High Court to be holden pursuant to Section forty-three, sub-section one, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the High Standing Committee shall have the power to reduce the salaries of any or all the salaried officers of such High Court.

Penalty for Absence from Meetings.

(7) Should any member of the High Standing Committee absent himself from two consecutive meetings of the High Standing Committee without giving an excuse for such absence which shall be satisfactory to the other members of the High Standing Committee, his office may be declared vacant, and the vacancy forthwith filled by the remaining members of the High Standing Committee.

Executive Action By Correspondence.

(8) Whenever action or a decision by the High Standing Committee is required on any matter,

the High Chief Ranger may submit such matter in writing or in print or otherwise to each member of the High Standing Committee, for his action or decision thereon, and the decision or action of the necessary majority thereof, given in writing or otherwise, shall be deemed to be a decision or action of the High Standing Committee precisely as if a meeting of such High Standing Committee had been held.

Removal from Office and Vacancies.

(9) In case of the disqualification, or taking up residence and having his place of business outside the jurisdiction, or refusal or neglect of any member of the High Standing Committee to discharge the duties of his office, the other members of the High Standing Committee shall have power by unanimous vote to declare such office vacant, and shall forthwith elect a successor to the office thereby rendered vacant; and such elected officer upon complying with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws and on being duly installed shall assume and perform the duties of the said office.

(10) The other members of the High Standing Committee shall be the judges of the disqualification, change of residence and place of business, refusal or neglect referred to in sub-section nine of this section.

(11) In case of the death, resignation, or removal from office of any of the elective Officers, the High Standing Committee, or the remaining members of the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, shall forthwith elect a successor to the office so rendered vacant.

(12) All vacancies in the appointed offices of the High Court shall be filled by the High Chief Ranger; provided that the High Journal Secretary shall be the nominee of the High Secretary.

HIGH COURT COMPENSATION.

Salaries and Expenses of High Officers.

68. (1) The High Chief Ranger shall be reimbursed for the necessary expenses and outlay in-

curred by virtue of his office, and he may also receive such salary or honorarium as the High Court may determine from time to time.

(2) The High Secretary and High Treasurer shall be paid such salaries as the High Court may determine from time to time, together with any necessary expenses incurred by virtue of their office.

(3) In the event of failure to fix any sum to be paid as salary to any Officer, he shall receive the same salary as was paid to the incumbent of the office in the previous term.

(4) The other members of the High Standing Committee and the Appointed Officers shall be paid all necessary travelling expenses and other outlays incurred by virtue of their office.

(5) The High Auditors shall be paid all necessary travelling expenses incurred by virtue of their office and shall receive such further compensation as the High Court may determine from time to time.

(6) All other expenses in connection with the High Court or the sessions thereof shall be determined either by the High Court or by the High Standing Committee.

(7) Salaries of officers when not fixed by By-law shall be fixed by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds ballot of the High Court; and no honorarium, bonus, donation or other compensation shall be paid or given to any officer of, member of, or delegate to, a High Court, except on a resolution made in writing and signed by five members of the High Court, which shall be referred to the Finance Committee or a Special Committee appointed for that purpose, and, after report thereon by the Committee, adopted by a two-thirds ballot of the High Court.

(8) A High Court shall not pay a per diem allowance nor mileage nor travelling expenses nor bonus nor other compensation to any Delegate attending a session of the High Court unless such High Court shall be clear upon the books of The Supreme Court by having paid to The Supreme Court all moneys and indebtedness due to The Supreme Court on the first day of the month in

which the session of such High Court is held and also unless such High Court, at the time of such session, shall have in its treasury a sufficient amount of funds to pay all of its indebtedness and such per diem and mileage allowance to the Delegates attending such session as may be provided in the By-laws of such High Court, but not exceeding three dollars per day and not exceeding two days in attendance at such session and not exceeding three cents per mile each way, going to and coming from the location of the Court represented by the nearest travelled route.

REVENUE OF HIGH COURTS.

Charter Fees, Dues, Taxes, Profits on Supplies.

69. The fees and dues payable to a High Court by Subordinate Courts and by Companion Courts and by the Head Office of the Order shall be as follows:

- (1) Charter Fee for a Court instituted under the authority of a High Court of not less than one dollar for each Charter Member, or such higher Charter Fee as may be fixed by the High Court not exceeding five dollars for each Charter Member.
- (2) One-half of the minimum High Court dues of four cents per month for each beneficiary member in good standing in each court under its jurisdiction to be payable by the Head Office of the Order quarterly; provided that a High Court may by By-law adopt a higher scale of High Court dues which may be graded according to the amount of mortuary benefits held by members or otherwise, and the excess of such High Court dues over fifty cents per annum shall be payable directly to the High Court by the Courts semi-annually in advance on the first week days of January and July of each year.
- (3) Such special tax as the High Court may from time to time order.
- (4) The profits allowed by the Executive Council on supplies sold to Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

Supplies.

(5) A High Court shall procure supplies of all kinds from the Head Office of the Order exclusively.

(6) All supplies furnished by a High Court must be paid for before delivery.

DEPUTIES.**Deputies of the Supreme Chief Ranger.**

70. (1) Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers shall be duly commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and they shall *ex-officio* be entitled to receive the High Court and The Supreme Court degrees as Honorary Members thereof.

(2) A Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger shall—

(a) Be a representative of the Supreme Chief Ranger in the territory assigned to him, with such powers only as are vested in a Deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger by the Constitution and Laws and as may be further vested in such Deputy by special written authority of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(b) Act under the directions of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(c) Have power to organize and institute Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts and Juvenile Courts anywhere in a territory not proscribed by the Executive Council.

(d) Make proper returns to the Supreme Chief Ranger within twenty-four hours after the institution of a new Court, and also send a duplicate of the returns to the High Secretary of the jurisdiction within which the Court is instituted.

(e) Receive such compensation for his services as may be fixed by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger; provided that when compensation by way of commission becomes payable to a Deputy, he shall within thirty days after such commission accrues file with the Supreme Chief Ranger his written claim therefor with a detailed statement of his claim, or he shall *ipso facto* forfeit his right to such compensation.

(3) On the institution of a new Court not under the jurisdiction of a High Court, a Court Deputy

shall be commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger; the duties and powers of such Court Deputy shall be the same as those of a Court Deputy of a High Chief Ranger.

(4) All commissions of the Supreme Chief Ranger, unless sooner revoked by the Supreme Chief Ranger, shall terminate at the opening of the next regular session of The Supreme Court after the date of such commissions, except the commission of a Court Deputy which, unless specially revoked, shall remain in force until his successor is duly commissioned.

(5) All commissions of the Supreme Chief Ranger shall be subject to revocation by himself at any time and without notice.

Deputies of a High Chief Ranger.

71. A High Chief Ranger shall have power to appoint and duly commission members of any of the Courts under his jurisdiction, as—

(1) General Deputies of the High Chief Ranger, whose duties shall be to look after the general interests of the Order; to spread the principles of Forestry by public lectures and otherwise, and to advance the interests of the Order by all legitimate means; to institute Courts anywhere within the High Court jurisdiction, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws; in the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or other superior Officers, to install the Officers of the Courts; to give decisions on points of law when appealed to; to enforce strict adherence to the ritual, rules, customs, usages and the Constitution and Laws; to enforce obedience to the instructions of The Supreme Court, and of the Executive Council, and of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and of the High Court, and of the High Standing Committee, and of the High Chief Ranger; to send a report of all their official acts to the High Chief Ranger at least once a quarter, and to make such suggestions as they may deem to be in the interest of the Order.

(2) District Deputies of the High Chief Ranger, whose duties shall be to look after the interests of the Order in their respective districts; to give instructions in the ceremonial and private work; to

visit the Courts of their respective districts at least once a year, and to see that they conform to the Constitution and Laws; in the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or other superior officers, to install the officers of the Court; to give decisions on points of law when appealed to; to send a report of all their official acts to the High Chief Ranger at least once in each quarter; and to perform such other duties as the Constitution and Laws may require, or as the High Chief Ranger or the High Standing Committee may from time to time direct.

(3) A Court Deputy for each Court in the jurisdiction, whose duty shall be to hear and determine appeals from his own Court; when so requested, to give decisions on points of law in his own Court; to enforce a strict adherence to the Constitution, Laws, rules and usages of the Order; to enforce obedience to the instructions of The Supreme Court, and of the Executive Council, and of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and of the High Court, and of the High Standing Committee, and of the High Chief Ranger; to make report of all his official acts to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, at least semi-annually, with such suggestions as he may deem to be in the interests of the Order; and in the absence of the District Deputy, or other superior Officer, to install the Officers of his own Court.

(4) Any Court Deputy who is irregular in his attendance at the meetings of his Court, or who fails to perform his duties to the satisfaction of his Court, may have his commission revoked at any time and another member duly commissioned in his room and stead.

(5) All Commissions of Deputies of the High Chief Ranger, unless sooner revoked, shall terminate with each regular session of the High Court, except in the case of a Court Deputy who shall hold office until his successor is duly commissioned.

(6) General Deputies and District Deputies shall be entitled to the High Court Degree as Honorary Members of the High Court.

INSTITUTION OF COURTS.**Duties of Instituting Officers.**

72. The duties of Instituting Officers shall be as follows:

- (1) Unless a Physician has been previously selected by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, to select a Physician, to examine the Charter applicants, who is a graduate of some medical college and duly licensed to practice in the Province, State or Country in which he resides and in which the Court is instituted. Such Physician shall be a member of the Order, if possible, or an applicant as a Charter member of the Court.
 - (2) To see that an Application for Membership, Form No. 2, is properly filled in and personally signed by each Charter applicant, and that the designation of the beneficiary is in accordance with the provisions of Section four, sub-section five.
 - (3) To collect the full Charter fee and other fees and at least one month's premiums or assessments and Court dues and give an official receipt therefor.
 - (4) To appoint, with the approval of the Charter applicants present at the institution of the Court, and install the first staff of officers and to instruct them fully in the duties of their respective offices, and to exemplify the private work.
 - (5) To explain to the Charter applicants the law relating to Charter membership, as set out in Section seventy-nine.
 - (6) To deliver to the Court on its institution a full set of Charter supplies, taking therefor an official receipt from the Trustees of the Court.
- To Make Returns to the Supreme Chief Ranger.**
- (7) To transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger within twenty-four hours after the institution of a new Court, the Instituting Officer's Returns, Form No. 1, giving the names of the Charter members initiated, the names of the Charter applicants not initiated, and the names of the officers of the Court, and also to transmit the Applications for Membership, Form No. 2, of all

Charter members initiated accompanied by the required charter fees and all certificate fees, registration fees and enrolment fees required by the Constitution and Laws to be paid by the Charter applicants, and all premiums or assessments that may have been paid pursuant to the provisions of Section seventy-nine, sub-sections two and three.

(8) To transmit with the Returns the examining Physician's Recommendation for Temporary Beneficiary Membership, Form No. 59, of every Charter member or applicant examined and recommended for Temporary beneficiary membership.

(9) To deliver to the Financial Secretary of the Court all the Court dues which shall have been collected from the Charter applicants and members.

Not to Act as Medical Examiner.

(10) The Instituting Officer shall not act as the examining Physician of the Charter applicants, except by special written permission of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

Balloting Among Charter Applicants.

(11) The Supreme Chief Ranger, High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction or other Instituting Officer shall, at the request of any one of the Charter applicants, require that they ballot among themselves to see whether or not they will associate as members of the Court with all the Charter applicants. Should three black balls appear against any one, he shall have all his fees, except the medical examination fee, returned to him at once and be permitted to retire.

Charters of Courts.

73. (1) Except by special authority in writing from the Supreme Chief Ranger or from the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, a Court shall not be instituted with less than twenty beneficiary members who are duly qualified under the Constitution and Laws.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and fifty-one, Courts may be instituted anywhere under the authority of the Head Office of

the Order by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by any Executive Officer of The Supreme Court or by a Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.

(3) Courts may also be instituted under the authority of the High Court within the territorial limits of such High Court by the High Chief Ranger or by any member of the High Standing Committee or by a General Deputy of the High Chief Ranger or by such Supreme Officers or Deputies as are authorized to institute Courts under sub-section two of this section.

(4) On the institution of a Court, the Instituting Officer shall within twenty-four hours transmit the Instituting Officer's returns, Form No. 1, to the Supreme Chief Ranger, giving the name and location of the Court, the names of all the Charter members initiated, the names of the Charter applicants not initiated, and the names of the Officers of the Court, and also transmit the Applications for Membership, Form No. 2, of all the Charter Members initiated, together with all certificate, registration and enrolment fees, as well as all premiums or assessments which may have been paid; the Instituting Officer shall also within twenty-four hours transmit to the High Secretary of the jurisdiction a copy of the Instituting Officer's Returns. The Supreme Chief Ranger on receipt of the Instituting Officer's returns, together with the Applications for Membership and the required fees and premiums or assessments, if everything be satisfactory to him, shall cause a Charter to be issued to such Court, and thereafter each Court shall have the same status as a Court instituted under the authority of the Head Office of the Order.

(5) If, however, the Supreme Chief Ranger does not deem it to be in the interest of the Order to issue a Charter to a newly instituted Court, whether such Court is instituted under the authority of the Head Office of the Order or of a High Court, he shall direct that all fees and premiums or assessments paid by the Charter applicants and members be forthwith returned to them, and the Court shall *ipso facto* forthwith be dissolved, and the membership in the Order of all mem-

bers of such dissolved Courts, together with their policies or Benefit Certificates, if issued, shall *ipso facto* terminate and become and be null and void.

The Court and Each Member the Agent of the Members.

(6) As soon as a Court is instituted, whether instituted under the authority of the Head Office of the Order, or under the authority of a High Court, such Court shall forthwith become and be the agent of the members thereof and applicants for membership therein, and no act of such Court or of any Officer or member thereof shall be construed as having been done for the Order, but shall be construed as having been done for such Court and the members thereof and applicants for membership therein.

New Courts Where Other Courts Exist.

74. A new Court may be instituted in any city, town, village or hamlet where there is not already in existence at least one Court to each three thousand of the population, but when such limit is reached a new Court shall not be instituted in any such city, town, village or hamlet unless the consent by a majority vote of the members present at a meeting of the existing Court or Courts is first obtained, or if there be more than two Courts, then unless the consent of a majority of such existing Courts in such hamlet, village, town or city is first obtained; provided always, by the special dispensation in writing of the Supreme Chief Ranger, a new Court may be instituted notwithstanding the above limitation, if in his opinion it will conduce to the good of the Order.

Name of Court.

75. (1) At the institution of a Court a name shall be adopted; provided that a Court shall not be named after a living person unless the name of such person be a title; and provided further, that the word "Companion" shall be a prefix to the name of every Companion Court.

(2) A Court having been organized seven days cannot change its name or number without the consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger; provided

that if a change of name or number be permitted, the Court requiring the change shall pay all expenses incident thereto.

Closing of Charter and Adoption of By-Laws.

76. (1) The Charter shall be closed at the time of the institution of a Court, and no person can be received as a Charter member after that time, unless prior to the institution of the Court he shall have signed, as a Charter applicant, an Application for Membership, Form No. 2, or unless at the time of institution the Court determines to hold open its Charter for additional applicants for a period not exceeding thirty days, or unless the Supreme Chief Ranger grants a dispensation to hold a Charter open for a longer period than thirty days; in either such case additional Charter applicants may be accepted.

(2) Immediately on the institution of a Court, the blanks in the Court By-laws as set out in sub-section five of this section shall be filled in by the Court, and a duly certified copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Supreme Chief Ranger for approval, and as soon as such By-laws are approved by him, they shall become the By-laws of the Court.

Adoption and Amendments to Court By-laws.

(3) Subject to approval by the Supreme Chief Ranger a Court may make By-laws for itself, or it may amend its By-laws by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, after the proposed By-laws or amendments have been submitted in writing and entered upon the minutes of the previous regular meeting; provided such By-laws or amendments shall not contravene in any wise the Constitution and Laws or the ritual, rules and usages of the Order.

(4) All By-laws, or amendments to the same, shall be certified by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary as having been adopted by the Court in accordance with the provisions of sub-section three of this section, and before going into effect must have the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger duly endorsed thereon.

Court By-laws.

(5) (a) This Court shall be hailed and entitled
 Court No. of The Independent
 Order of Foresters.

(b) This Court shall be located at

(c) This Court shall hold its regular meetings
 on the of the month, at the hour of
 o'clock p.m., between the 1st of April and the 1st
 October, and at the hour of o'clock for the
 balance of the year.

(d) The Initiation fee in this Court shall be
 dollar.

(e) The Monthly Court Dues in this Court for
 each Beneficiary member holding two hundred and
 fifty dollars, or five hundred dollars of Insurance
 or Mortuary Benefit shall be cents;

for each one holding one thousand dollars,
 cents; for each one holding two thou-
 sand dollars cents; for each one

holding three thousand dollars cents;

for each one holding four thousand dollars
 cents; and for each one holding five
 thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit
 cents.

(f) The Monthly Court Dues in this Court for
 each Social member shall be cents.

(g) The Recording Secretary shall receive for
 his services a salary of dollars
 per year.

(h) The Financial Secretary shall receive for
 his services a salary of dollars per
 year.

(i) The Treasurer shall receive for his services
 a salary of dollars per year.

(j) The Court Physician shall, in addition to
 the fees for examinations provided in the Con-
 stitution and Laws, receive a salary of

dollars per year for each
 member in good standing in this Court, which
 salary shall be paid to him out of the General
 Fund of this Court at the end of each quarter;
 and for which salary he shall attend the members
 of the Court as provided in Section one hundred
 and eleven.

Certificate of Adoption of By-laws.

We certify that the foregoing By-laws were adopted by this Court in accordance with the provisions of Section seventy-six of the Constitution and Laws.

(Court Seal)

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Qualification for Membership in the Order.

77. (1) All Applicants for membership, in addition to the other requirements of the Constitution and Laws, shall—

(a) Believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.

(b) Not be of bad character, nor lead a dissolute life, nor have been convicted of felony, nor be a frequenter of bad company, nor addicted to intoxication, nor of quarrelsome behavior, and must be in good sound mental and bodily health.

(c) Be able to earn a competent livelihood.

Pre-Requisite of Temporary Beneficiary Membership.

(2) No one shall be deemed to be a Temporary beneficiary member, notwithstanding he may have been duly initiated and registered as a member of the Order and a Policy or Benefit Certificate has been duly made out and delivered to him and he has paid all fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order, until he shall have been examined by a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him, on Form No. 59, for Beneficiary membership as provided in Section eighty-seven, sub-section two, provided that no one can be or remain a Temporary beneficiary member for a period longer than ninety days from the date of his medical examination.

Pre-Requisite of Regular Beneficiary Membership.

(3) No one shall be deemed to be a Regular beneficiary member, notwithstanding he may have been duly initiated and registered as a member

of the Order, and a Policy or Benefit Certificate has been only made out and delivered to him and he has paid all fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order, until he shall have passed the "Medical Examination of the Order," as defined in Section thirty-two, and shall have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board, as required by the Constitution and Laws.

Age of Applicants and Members.

78. (1) Each applicant initiated after the thirtieth day of September, A.D. 1908, shall be deemed to be the age of his nearest birthday at the time of his initiation, increase of mortuary benefit or re-rating on reinstatement, as the case may be.

(2) No person who is under eighteen years of age or over fifty-five years of age shall be admitted to membership in this Order except as provided in this section.

(3) An applicant whose occupation is classed as Ordinary, or Hazardous, who has passed his fifty-fifth birthday may be admitted to beneficiary membership as provided in this section.

(4) Unless it is prohibited by the Statutes in force in any of the Countries, Provinces, States or Territories in which the Order is doing business, the Supreme Chief Ranger, or a High Chief Ranger within his own jurisdiction, may grant a dispensation to initiate a candidate who is under eighteen years of age.

(5) The Supreme Chief Ranger may also grant a dispensation to initiate a candidate who is over fifty-five years of age and who is otherwise fully qualified to become a member of the Order, and such candidate shall be initiated as a Social member, unless prior to his initiation his medical examination shall be accepted and passed by the Medical Board, in which case he may be initiated as a Regular beneficiary member on paying all fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order he would have had to pay, at the rates provided for in the present Constitution and Laws, had he joined the Order before

he was fifty-five years of age, and thereafter he shall be rated as of age fifty-four.

(6) A Social member who is over eighteen years of age may become a Regular beneficiary member by making application for beneficiary membership as provided in Section eighty, sub-sections five and thirty-one, passing the Medical Board and paying all fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order as provided in the Constitution and Laws.

(7) A member who was initiated as a Social member after he was fifty-five years of age under the dispensation provided for in sub-section five of this section, may become a Regular beneficiary member by making an application for beneficiary membership as provided in Section eighty, sub-sections five and thirty-one, passing the Medical Board and paying all fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order he would have had to pay, at the rates provided for in the present Constitution and Laws, had he joined the Order before he was fifty-five years of age, and thereafter he shall be rated as of age fifty-five.

(8) A person who is over fifty-five years of age shall not become a Temporary beneficiary member.

CHARTER MEMBERSHIP.

Fees Payable by Charter Members.

79. (1) The Fees payable by Charter members before being initiated shall be as follows:

- (a) Charter Fee of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each Charter member.
- (b) Certificate of Membership Fee of one dollar.
- (c) Registration Fee of fifty cents for each five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; provided that the Registration Fee for two hundred and fifty dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall be fifty cents.
- (d) Medical Examination Fee for an Insurance or Mortuary Benefit of two hundred and fifty dollars, five hundred dollars, or one thousand dollars, not less than one dollar and fifty cents; two thousand dollars or three thousand dollars, not

less than two dollars, and four thousand dollars or five thousand dollars, not less than three dollars.

(e) If a member take the Sick and Funeral Benefits of the Order, an Enrolment Fee of one dollar and a Registration Fee of one dollar in that Department; provided that only those who are Regular beneficiary members shall be entitled to be enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.

(2) Each Charter applicant before being initiated shall pay the premiums or assessments and Court dues to cover to the end of the month following the month in which he is initiated.

(3) The whole of the Charter fee and other fees, and at least one month's premiums or assessments and Court dues must be paid to the Instituting Officer, by the Charter applicants at the time of and before the institution of a new Court.

Payments After Initiation.

(4) Every Charter member shall, on or before the last day of the month following the month in which he is initiated, pay to the Financial Secretary of his Court all fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and of the Court, as provided in Section one hundred and thirty-three; but Social members shall not pay insurance or mortuary nor sick and funeral premiums or assessments; provided always that the payment of insurance or mortuary or sick and funeral premiums or assessments by a Social member and the acceptance of such premiums or assessments by the Supreme Secretary shall not constitute a waiver and shall not entitle such member or his beneficiary to the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit nor to any other monetary or other material benefit of the Order.

Application for Membership in Prospective Courts.

(5) Any eligible person desiring to become a member of a Court about to be instituted, must make an application for Beneficiary membership on Form No. 2, fully filled in and signed by himself with his name in full, and he shall state in his application his date of birth, age, residence and occupation in full, the amount of Insurance or

Mortuary Benefit he desires, and the name or names of his beneficiary or beneficiaries as provided in Section four, sub-section five; and the Application for Membership, Form No. 2, fully filled in and signed by the applicant, accompanied by the required fees and premiums or assessments, must be presented to the Instituting Officer before the institution of the Court.

(6) Each Charter applicant must apply for at least five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; and each Charter member must carry at least five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; provided that a female charter applicant or charter member may apply for and carry two hundred and fifty dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; provided further that women may be admitted as social members in Companion or Subordinate Courts.

Recommendation for Temporary Beneficiary Membership.

(7) Whenever the duly authorized examining Physician shall, before the institution of a Court, examine a Charter applicant and at the same time recommend such applicant for Temporary beneficiary membership, such recommendation shall be on Form No. 59 duly signed by the examining Physician, and such recommendation, Form No. 59, shall be delivered by the Examining Physician to the Instituting Officer before the institution of the Court, and the Instituting Officer shall transmit the said recommendation, Form No. 59, to the Supreme Chief Ranger with the Instituting Officer's Returns.

(8) Whenever a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician shall, after the institution of a Court, examine a Charter applicant or a Charter member and shall at the same time recommend such applicant or member for Temporary beneficiary membership, such recommendation shall be on Form No. 59, and it shall be forthwith forwarded or delivered by the Physician to the Recording Secretary of the Court of which the person so recommended is a Charter applicant or Charter member, and the Recording Secretary shall within twenty-four hours thereafter, or if the per-

son so recommended has not been initiated, then within twenty-four hours after his initiation, transmit the said recommendation, Form No. 59, to the Supreme Secretary; provided that no Charter applicant or member of a Court can become a Temporary beneficiary member, as a Charter member, after the expiration of ninety days from the date of the institution of such Court.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

Regular Beneficiary Membership.

(9) Charter applicants whose medical examinations have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board may be initiated as Regular beneficiary members; but each of such applicants must be initiated within ninety days from the date of his medical examination being accepted and passed by the Medical Board and then only if he is in good, sound mental and physical health at the time of initiation.

(10) Temporary beneficiary members whose medical examinations have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board within ninety days from the date of their medical examinations shall, if in good standing at the time, *ipso facto* forthwith become Regular beneficiary members.

(11) Charter members who were initiated at the institution of the Court as Social members and who have not become Temporary beneficiary members, on their medical examinations being accepted and passed by the Medical Board within ninety days from the date of the institution of the Court shall, if in good standing, *ipso facto* forthwith become Regular beneficiary members.

Temporary Beneficiary Membership.

(12) Charter applicants who are present at the institution of the Court who have been examined by the duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him to the Instituting Officer, on Form No. 59, for beneficiary membership, but whose medical examinations have not been accepted or rejected by the Medical Board at the time of the institution of the Court, may be initiated as Temporary beneficiary members.

(13) Charter applicants who are not present at the institution of the Court, on being examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him to the Court, on Form No. 59, for beneficiary membership may be initiated as Temporary beneficiary members within ninety days from the date of the institution of the Court; but all such applicants must be initiated within ninety days from the date of their medical examinations, and then only if they are in good, sound mental and physical health at the time of initiation.

(14) Charter applicants who are initiated as Social members shall become Temporary beneficiary members as soon as they shall have been examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him to the Court on Form No. 59, for beneficiary membership; provided that the said examination and recommendation shall be made within ninety days from the date of the institution of the Court.

Social Membership.

(15) Charter applicants who are present at the institution of the Court who have been examined by the duly authorized examining Physician, but who have not been recommended by him to the Instituting Officer, on Form No. 59, for beneficiary membership and whose medical examinations have not been accepted by the Medical Board, may be initiated as Social members.

(16) Charter applicants who are present at the institution of the Court who have not been examined by the duly authorized examining Physician may be initiated as Social members.

(17) Temporary beneficiary members whose medical examinations are rejected by the Medical Board shall *ipso facto* forthwith become and be Social members, and they shall no longer be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order or of the Court.

(18) Temporary beneficiary members whose medical examinations are not, for any cause whatsoever, accepted and passed by the Medical Board within ninety days from the date of their said

medical examinations, shall at the end of the said ninety days *ipso facto* forthwith become and be Social members, and they shall no longer be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order or of the Court.

(19) Charter applicants who have become Regular beneficiary members, and whose medical examinations have been reconsidered, and those who were Regular beneficiary members and who were required to undergo a new medical examination, as provided in Section thirty-one, sub-section two, and then rejected by the Secretary of the Medical Board, shall on the day of such rejection *ipso facto* forthwith become and be Social members, and they shall no longer be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order or of the Court.

(20) Charter applicants of Courts who are initiated as Social members shall be liable for the initiation fee, certificate fee, Court dues, and any special tax levied by the Court, commencing with the date of their initiation; and, notwithstanding they are required to pay such fees, Court dues and special tax, they shall not be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order or of the Court.

Forfeiting Fees and Other Payments.

(21) Temporary beneficiary members whose medical examinations have not, for any cause whatsoever, been accepted and passed by the Medical Board within ninety days from the date of their medical examinations shall, at the end of the said ninety days, *ipso facto* forfeit all fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order they may have paid.

Forfeiting Membership and Payments.

(22) Charter applicants in a Court who were initiated as Social Members must be examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician within ninety days from the date of the institution of the Court, failing which they shall, at the end of the said ninety days, forfeit all fees, dues, special tax, fines and other demands of the Order they may have paid and shall *ipso facto* cease to be members of the Order.

(23) Applicants for a Charter for a Court must do all things required of them to complete their beneficiary membership within ninety days from the institution of the Court, viz., be examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, and furnish all information and do all things required of them in connection with their Medical Examination papers, and if not successfully vaccinated furnish a Smallpox Waiver duly executed, pay the required fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order and of the Court and be initiated, or they shall *ipso facto* forfeit all payments they may have made, together with all their rights and privileges in the Order; provided that a Charter applicant must be initiated within ninety days of his examination by the examining Physician and recommendation for Temporary beneficiary membership on Form No. 59, or within ninety days of the acceptance of his Medical Examination by the Medical Board.

Rejected Charter Members Entitled to Refund of Certain Fees.

(24) If the Medical examination of a Charter member of a Court instituted under the authority of The Supreme Court be rejected by the Medical Board, he shall be entitled to a refund of the Charter fee paid by him, to be repaid by the Head Office of the Order, but if the Court was instituted under the authority of a High Court, then the refund shall be forthwith paid by such High Court; and such refund shall be charged against and collected from the Organizing Officer; such rejected Charter member shall also be entitled to have refunded to him by The Supreme Court the Certificate fee and the Registration fee, and if the Court dues by the Court; provided that if he was a beneficiary member he shall not be entitled to a refund of the premiums or assessments he may have paid; provided further, that if he shall have received free medical attendance or a monetary benefit from the Court or Order, he shall not have refunded to him his Court dues; provided further, that if he elects to remain in the Court as a Social member he shall

not be entitled to a refund of the Charter fee, nor of the Certificate fee, nor of the Court dues; and provided further, that if the rejection be due to the failure or refusal of the applicant or member to execute and furnish a Smallpox Waiver if not successfully vaccinated, or to furnish information required by the Secretary of the Medical Board, or to false statement or concealment in his medical examination paper, such applicant or member shall not be entitled to any refund whatsoever. No one shall be entitled to a refund of the Medical Examination fee.

MEMBERSHIP IN EXISTING COURTS.

Fees Payable by Applicants in Existing Courts.

80. (1) Every applicant for membership in an existing Court of the Order must pay to the Financial Secretary of the Court before initiation the following fees:

(a) An Initiation Fee of not less than one dollar except under a dispensation by the Supreme Chief Ranger. The Initiation Fee must be paid at the time of making the application for membership.

(b) A Certificate of Membership Fee of one dollar.

(c) A Registration Fee of fifty cents for each five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; provided that the Registration Fee for two hundred and fifty dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall be fifty cents.

(d) For Medical Examination by a Court Physician, or other duly authorized Examining Physician, a fee of not less than one dollar and fifty cents for two hundred and fifty dollars, five hundred dollars or one thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, two dollars for two thousand dollars or three thousand dollars, and three dollars for four thousand dollars or five thousand dollars, which fee shall be paid by the applicant to the Physician at the time of examination, whether accepted or rejected.

(e) And if he take the Sick and Funeral Benefits of the Order, an Enrolment Fee of one dollar and a Registration Fee of one dollar in that Department.

(2) Each applicant for membership before initiation shall pay to the Financial Secretary of the Court the premiums or assessments and Court dues to cover to the end of the month following the month in which he is initiated.

(3) Each applicant for membership must apply for at least five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, and each member must carry at least five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; provided that a female applicant may apply for and carry two hundred and fifty dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; provided further that women may be admitted as social members in Companion or Subordinate Courts.

Payments After Initiation.

(4) Every person initiated into an existing Court, or otherwise admitted to membership in the Order, except Honorary members, shall pay to the Financial Secretary of the Court all premiums or assessments, Court dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and of the Court, as provided in Section one hundred and thirty-three.

Application for Membership.

(5) Any eligible person desiring to become a member of an existing Court must make an application for Beneficiary membership on Form No. 2, fully filled in and signed by himself with his name in full, and he must pay the Initiation fee at the time of making his application; the applicant shall state in his application his date of birth, age, residence and occupation in full, the amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit he desires, and the name or names of his beneficiary or beneficiaries as provided in Section four, sub-section five.

(6) The Application for Membership, Form No. 2, fully filled in and signed by the Applicant, accompanied by the Initiation fee, must be presented to the Court by a member of the Order in good standing at a regular meeting of the Court or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

(7) The Application shall forthwith be referred to a Committee on Character consisting of three members whose duty it shall be to investigate as

to the character, habits, health and other qualifications of the applicant; and they shall report their finding at the next succeeding meeting of the Court; provided that if the Court pronounce the case to be one of emergency, the Committee on Character may report, and the Court may ballot for, and, subject to the provisions of sub-sections eleven and twelve of this section, may initiate the candidate during the meeting at which he is proposed.

(8) The Court on receiving the report of the Committee on Character shall forthwith proceed to ballot for the candidate with ball ballots, and if not more than two black balls appear against such candidate he shall be declared to be elected, but if three or more black balls appear against him he shall be declared to be rejected; provided that if the three members of the Committee report against the applicant, or if the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician reports against the physical fitness of such applicant, he shall be declared to be rejected without ballot.

(9) If two or more candidates are to be balloted for, they shall be balloted for together, and if three or more black balls appear in such joint ballot, then the candidates shall be balloted for one by one.

(10) If any applicant is rejected by ballot, and the Court has reason to believe that it has been done without valid reasons and to serve personal ends, the Court shall so certify to the Supreme Chief Ranger under the signatures of the Chief Ranger and the Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed; provided that the motion instructing the Officers to so certify must be made and such motion passed at the same meeting at which the applicant was rejected by ballot. If within ten days thereafter no valid objections are filed with the Supreme Chief Ranger, he may set aside the rejection by ballot and declare the candidate duly elected, whereupon it shall be competent for the Court, subject to the provisions of sub-sections eleven, twelve and thirteen of this section, to initiate such candidate; provided that if any objections are filed with the Supreme Chief

Ranger, he shall regard and hold the same as confidential except from members of the Executive Council who shall be entitled to obtain the information confidentially.

When Applicants May Be Initiated.

(11) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections twelve, thirteen and twenty-two of this section, an applicant for membership in an existing Court must be initiated within ninety days after he shall have been examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and at the same time recommended by him to the Court, on Form No. 59, for Temporary beneficiary membership and after the Recording Secretary shall have received the said recommendation for Temporary beneficiary membership, Form No. 59; but if the applicant be not thus recommended to the Court, on Form No. 59, by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, then he may be initiated within ninety days after his medical examination shall have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board, and then only if he is in good, sound mental and physical health at the time of initiation, provided that an Applicant for membership must be examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician within ninety days of the date of his application for membership.

(12) A candidate may be balloted for before he is examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, but the Chief Ranger, or any Officer or member acting as Chief Ranger, who administers the Obligation to a candidate before he has been examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him to the Court, on Form No. 59, for Temporary beneficiary membership and before the said Form No. 59 has been received by the Recording Secretary, or before his medical examination has been accepted and passed by the Medical Board, as the case may be, except as provided in Section seventy-eight, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(13) After the Committee on Character, to whom the candidate's application has been referred, shall have reported their finding to the Court, and the candidate has been duly balloted for by the Court and elected to membership therein and also examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended for Temporary beneficiary membership on Form No 59, or his Medical Examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, if there will be no regular meeting of the Court within thirty days thereafter, or if the candidate declare his inability to be present at the meeting if held, the Chief Ranger may initiate such candidate by administering the Obligation to him in the presence of two other members of the Court, one of whom shall be an Officer; but except as in this subsection provided, the initiation of the candidate shall take place only at a regular meeting of the Court. The Chief Ranger shall then immediately notify the Recording and Financial Secretaries in writing of such initiation, and the Recording Secretary shall enter in such initiate's application for membership the date of initiation by the Chief Ranger, and forthwith transmit the said application to the Supreme Secretary; provided that any member of a Court who shall administer the Obligation to a candidate before such candidate shall have been balloted for by the Court and elected to membership therein and before such candidate shall have been examined by the Court Physician and recommended for Temporary beneficiary membership on Form No. 59, or before his medical examination has been passed by the Medical Board, as the case may be, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order; provided further that any candidate who has been initiated by taking the Obligation shall receive the balance of the Initiation Ceremony at the next regular meeting of the Court at which such candidate is present.

Applicants Who Are Ill or Injured Cannot Be Initiated.

(14) An applicant for membership who may be ill or suffering from an injury of any kind at the

time he presents himself for initiation shall not be initiated, even though he has been duly examined and recommended by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, or his Medical Examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, until after he has fully recovered from such illness or injury and until he has again been examined by the Court Physician and such Medical Examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, subject always to the provisions of sub-sections eleven, twelve and thirteen of this section.

Temporary Beneficiary Membership.

(15) A candidate who has been examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended to the Court, on Form No. 59, for Temporary beneficiary membership and initiated as a Temporary beneficiary member before being accepted by the Medical Board shall, subject to the provisions of this section and subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and thirty-three, be entitled to the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit for a period not exceeding ninety days from the date of his medical examination; provided, always, that no Policy or Benefit Certificate shall be issued to any member until his medical examination shall have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board.

(16) Whenever a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician shall examine an applicant for membership and at the same time recommend him to the Court, on Form No. 59, for Temporary beneficiary membership, such recommendation, Form No. 59, shall be forthwith forwarded or delivered by the said Physician to the Recording Secretary of the Court to which the person so recommended has made application for membership, and the Recording Secretary shall, within twenty-four hours after the initiation of such applicant, transmit the said recommendation, Form No. 59, to the Supreme Secretary.

Regular Beneficiary Membership.

(17) Whenever the medical examination of a Temporary beneficiary member or of a Social member shall be accepted and passed by the Medical Board, such member shall, if in good standing, become and be a Regular beneficiary member so long only he complies with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws.

(18) A candidate whose medical examination has been accepted and passed by the Medical Board before he is initiated shall, subject to the provisions of sub-sections eleven, twelve, fourteen and twenty-two of this section, be initiated as a Regular beneficiary member.

Social Membership, and Forfeiting Payments.

(19) Whenever the medical examination of a Temporary beneficiary member shall be rejected by the Medical Board, such member shall *ipso facto* forthwith become and be a Social member, and shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order.

(20) Whenever the medical examination of a Regular beneficiary member shall be reconsidered, or whenever a Regular beneficiary member shall be required to undergo a new medical examination, as provided in section thirty-one, sub-section two, and then rejected by the Secretary of the Medical Board, such member shall *ipso facto* forthwith become and be a Social member, and shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order.

(21) All applicants for membership in a Court initiated as Temporary beneficiary members and whose medical examinations are not accepted and passed by the Medical Board within ninety days from the date of their medical examinations shall, at the end of the said ninety days, *ipso facto* forthwith become Social members, and they shall no longer be entitled to any of the monetary and other material benefits of the Order, and they shall not be entitled to a refund of any fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, and other demands of the Order or of the Court which they may have paid.

Forfeiting Payments and Right to be Initiated.

(22) All applicants for membership in a Court who are not examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician within ninety days from the date of their application for membership, and all applicants who are not initiated within ninety days from the date of the acceptance of their medical examination by the Medical Board, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all payments they may have made, and if they desire membership in the Order they must again be proposed as new applicants, pay the usual fees required of applicants for membership and again comply with and be subject to all the provisions of this section.

Who Are Entitled to Refunds.

(23) Subject to the provisions of sub-section twenty-four of this section, all applicants for membership who are rejected by the Court, and all applicants for membership who are accepted by the Court but whose medical examinations are rejected by the Medical Board before they are initiated, shall have refunded to them their Initiation fees by the Court, but they shall not have refunded to them their Medical Examination fees.

(24) All Temporary beneficiary members whose medical examinations are rejected by the Medical Board within ninety days from the date of their medical examination, and all beneficiary members whose medical examinations have been reconsidered, or who have been required to undergo a new medical examination as provided in Section thirty-one, sub-section two, and then rejected by the Secretary of the Medical Board, shall have refunded to them by the Court their Initiation fees and Court dues, and the Registration fees and Certificate fees by the Head Office of the Order, but they shall not have refunded to them their Medical Examination fees and premiums or assessments; provided that if they shall have received free medical attendance or a monetary benefit from the Court or Order they shall not have refunded to them their Court dues; provided further, that

if they elect to remain in the Court as Social members they shall not be entitled to a refund of the Initiation fees, nor of the Certificate fees, nor of the Court dues; and provided further, that if the rejection be due to failure or refusal of the member to execute and furnish a Smallpox Waiver if not successfully vaccinated, or to be re-examined if so required, or to furnish any information required by the Secretary of the Medical Board, or to any false statement or concealment in his medical examination paper, such rejected member shall not be entitled to any refund whatsoever.

Medical Examinations, How and by Whom Made.

(25) All Medical examinations in connection with the Order must be made upon the Form prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council; and every Applicant for membership in a Court must be examined in accordance with the provisions of Section thirty-two.

Application for Membership and Medical Examination Paper, How Signed.

(26) Applicants for membership must sign the Medical Examination paper, Form No. 3, in the same manner as they signed the Application for Membership, Form No. 2, otherwise the Policy or Benefit Certificate will not be issued until the Supreme Chief Ranger is satisfied that the signatures on these Forms are made by one and the same person.

Copy of the Constitution and Laws Shall Be Furnished to Each Initiate.

(27) Every candidate shall, at the time of his initiation, be furnished by the Court with a copy of the Constitution and Laws, and as soon thereafter as possible, subject to the provision of this section he shall be furnished by the Head Office of the Order with a Certificate of Membership and, if a Regular beneficiary member, with a Policy or Benefit Certificate, and if enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, with a Sick and Funeral Benefit Certificate.

Proposition for Honorary Membership.

(28) A candidate for Honorary membership in a Court must be proposed at a regular meeting of the Court; and the proposition must contain the ground for which Honorary membership is sought to be conferred. The candidate shall be balloted for and if no black balls be cast the candidate shall be declared to be elected, but if one or more black balls be cast the candidate shall be declared to be rejected. If the candidate be elected the application and the ground for the Honorary membership shall be submitted to the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction or to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved by him the candidate may then be initiated. A candidate for Honorary membership shall not be required to pay any Initiation Fee or other Fees, but the Court shall procure from The Supreme Court and furnish such member with a Certificate of Membership, and send the fee therefor to the Supreme Secretary with the next report and remittance after the initiation of the candidate; the Financial Secretary shall enter the name of such Honorary Member in the said report.

(29) None other than an applicant for Honorary membership who is within the meaning of Section eighty-seven, sub-section nine, and who has been regularly elected by the Court and approved by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, can be initiated or received into a Court as an Honorary Member.

Forms No. 2 and 59 Must Be Transmitted to the Supreme Secretary.

(30) The Recording Secretary shall, within twenty-four hours after the initiation of an applicant for membership, transmit to the Supreme Secretary the candidate's Application for Membership, Form No. 2, and, if the candidate was initiated as a Temporary beneficiary member, his recommendation for Temporary beneficiary membership, Form No. 59, must also be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary with the said Application for Membership.

(31) When a Social or an Honorary member of a Court applies for Beneficiary membership, he shall make a new application for membership on Form No. 2, fully filled in and signed by himself, and such application shall be forthwith forwarded by the Recording Secretary to the Supreme Secretary.

Withdrawal of Application.

81. An application for membership may be withdrawn previous to the report of the Committee on Character to which it has been referred, but it cannot be withdrawn after the Committee has once reported thereon, except by unanimous consent of the Court.

Reconsideration of an Unfavorable Ballot.

82. By unanimous consent of the Court an unfavorable ballot on an application for initiation, affiliation or re-instatement, may be reconsidered, provided it is done at the same meeting. An unfavorable ballot cannot be reconsidered more than once except by special dispensation from the Supreme Chief Ranger.

Rejections by Ballot.

83. When a candidate has been rejected by ballot or by the Committee on Character or by the examining Physician, he shall not be proposed again in any Court for the space of six months after such rejection, except by dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the High Chief Ranger of the Jurisdiction; provided that this section shall not apply to any applicant for admission by card or reinstatement, who may be proposed again at any regular meeting after rejection.

Candidates May Be Initiated in Another Court.

84. A candidate who has been legally elected to membership in a Court, and who has complied with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws, and who is unable to be present at a meeting of the Court in which he has been elected to membership, and to be initiated therein, may

be initiated by another Subordinate Court, or Companion Court, as the case may be, by request of the Court in which he was proposed and elected; provided, however, that all fees, premiums or assessments, dues and other demands of the Order and of the Court shall be paid into the Court which received his application for membership.

Enrolment of Members in the Court.

85. (1) Every member on initiation shall be entered on the roll of his Court according to the date of his admission into the Order, with his place of abode, age, occupation, rate of premium or assessments, and the name or names of his beneficiary or beneficiaries and relationship to himself, and if a regular beneficiary member, amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit granted by the Medical Board.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and thirty-two, should any member change his occupation to one included in the Hazardous Class or the Extra Hazardous Class, as the case may be, or change his place of residence to a proscribed territory, he shall at once give the Supreme Secretary and the Financial Secretary of his Court notice in writing of such change and pay the rate of premium or assessment proper to such class or place of residence.

Notice of Initiation.

(3) On the initiation of an applicant for membership, or on a Social member applying for beneficiary membership, the Recording Secretary shall, within twenty-four hours thereafter, transmit to the Supreme Secretary the Application for Membership, Form No. 2, fully filled in and signed by the Applicant, giving the name, date of birth, age, occupation and Post Office address of the member, amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit applied for, or if the candidate's medical examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, the amount granted, the Christian name and surname in full of the beneficiary or beneficiaries; and if the candidate was initiated as a Temporary beneficiary member the Recording Secretary shall also, within

twenty-four hours after the initiation, transmit to the Supreme Secretary the Physician's Recommendation for Temporary Beneficiary Membership, Form No. 59, with the Application for Membership.

Registration of Beneficiary Members in the Register of the Order.

(4) On receipt of the aforesaid Application for Membership and the said recommendation for Temporary Beneficiary Membership, if the member is thus recommended, the Supreme Secretary shall enter the member's name upon the Register, together with the date of his birth, and his age at the time he became a beneficiary member, his occupation, and when accepted by the Medical Board, the date of his acceptance as a Regular beneficiary member, his rate of premium or assessment, the amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit for which he is registered, the number of the Policy or Benefit Certificate, one or names of his beneficiary or beneficiaries, and if more than one the *pro rata* interest of each if given, and such other facts as may be required by the Executive Council.

(5) He shall also number and file the Application for Membership in the Head Office of the Order, and, after the applicant's medical examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, he shall forward to the Court, provided all the fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order up to the then current month have been remitted by the Court and the member is in good standing, a Policy or Benefit Certificate under Seal of the Order, showing the amount of the benefit payable to such beneficiaries as the member shall have designated in his application for membership in accordance with the provisions of Section four, sub-section five; and the Recording Secretary of the Court shall enter in the records of the Court the number of such Policy or Benefit Certificate, names of the beneficiaries, and such other information as the books of the Court require to be entered therein.

(6) No Policy or Benefit Certificate shall be

forwarded to any Court which is in default of any certificate, registration, enrolment or other fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes or other demands of the Order until such default has been made good.

Making Foresters at Sight.

86. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger, and High Chief Rangers within their own jurisdiction, shall have power to make Foresters-at-sight.

(2) The Supreme Chief Ranger shall have power to delegate his authority to make a Forester-at-sight to any Officer or Past Executive Officer of The Supreme Court or to any member of the High Standing Committee of a High Court, or to a Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.

(3) To make a Forester-at-sight it shall be necessary for the duly authorized Officer or Deputy, as provided in sub-sections one and two of this section, to administer to the applicant the Obligation of the Order and have issued to him a Member-at-large Card, Form No. 29, whereupon the applicant shall become and be a Social Member-at-large until admitted into some Court.

(4) To become a beneficiary member, a Social Member-at-large must make application for beneficiary membership on Form No. 2, undergo a regular medical examination on Form No. 3 by some duly authorized examining Physician, be accepted by the Medical Board and be admitted into some Court.

Members-at-Large.

(5) Any member of a Court whose Charter has been surrendered, suspended or revoked, who shall be rejected by another Court on his making application for affiliation with such Court by depositing his Supreme Card, Form No. 30, shall be a Member-at-large until admitted to membership in some Court, or attached to some Court.

(6) Any beneficiary member desiring to become a Member-at-large and to pay his premiums or assessments and dues directly to the Supreme Secretary, shall procure a Withdrawal Card from his Court and deposit it with the Supreme Secretary.

(7) The Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary may, at his discretion, attach a beneficiary Member-at-large to a Court; but until elected to membership in some Court he shall be an attached Member-at-large.

(8) An attached Member-at-large shall pay all premiums or assessments, dues, fees taxes and other demands of the Court or Order to the Court to which he is attached; and an unattached Member-at-large shall pay all premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes and other demands of the Order directly to the Supreme Secretary.

(9) An unattached beneficiary Member-at-large shall pay annual dues of three dollars if such member is holding two hundred and fifty dollars or five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, four dollars if holding one thousand dollars, five dollars if holding two thousand dollars, six dollars if holding three thousand dollars, seven dollars if holding four thousand dollars, and eight dollars if holding five thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; a Social Member-at-large who was made a Forester-at-sight shall pay annual dues of three dollars; such Annual Dues shall be in lieu of Court dues; and thereafter each such member shall pay a like sum annually in advance to the Supreme Secretary, in lieu of Court dues, so long as he remains an unattached Member-at-large. An unattached beneficiary Member-at-large shall also pay to the Supreme Secretary all premiums or assessments in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department, and if enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department he shall also pay the premiums or assessments in that department as they fall due, in accordance with the provision of Sections one hundred and thirty-three, sub-section one; one hundred and fifty-seven, and one hundred and sixty-five.

(10) An unattached Member-at-large shall be deemed to be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Head Office of the Order, and may receive the S.A.P.W., on the written order of the Supreme Chief Ranger, from any Deputy or from the Chief Ranger of any Court.

(11) Section seventy-nine shall apply to any person who is made a Forester-at-sight; and the expression "Instituting Officer," shall in connection with members who have been made Foresters-at-sight mean the "Officer" or "Deputy" who shall make a Forester-at-sight, and "Charter Applicant" and "Charter Member," shall in this connection mean "Forester-at-sight"; and with respect to a Member-at-large, the expressions "Recording-Secretary" and "Financial Secretary" shall mean the "Supreme Secretary."

CLASSES OF MEMBERS.

87. (1) The membership of this Order shall consist of Beneficiary Members, Social Members, and Honorary Members. The Beneficiary members shall be divided into three classes, viz.: the Ordinary Class, the Hazardous Class and the Extra Hazardous Class; and beneficiary members shall be further sub-divided into Temporary and Regular beneficiary members.

Temporary Beneficiary Members.

(2) Temporary beneficiary members are those Applicants for beneficiary membership who have been examined by the Court Physician or by some other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him to the Court or Instituting Officer, as the case may be, on Form No. 59, for Temporary beneficiary membership, and which recommendation, Form No. 59, shall have been received by the Recording Secretary of the Court, or by the Instituting Officer of the new Court, into which such applicants are initiated, before their initiation and which said recommendation, Form No. 59, shall be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary by the said Recording Secretary or Instituting Officer, as the case may be, within twenty-four hours after the initiation of such Applicants to such Court; and who have, within ninety days of the date of their said medical examination, been duly initiated into some Court as provided in the Constitution and Laws; and who have paid from time to time all the fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, fines and

other demands of the Order in the manner and within the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws.

Duration of Temporary Beneficiary Membership.

(3) No person shall be or remain a Temporary beneficiary member for a period longer than ninety days from the date of his medical examination.

(4) A Temporary beneficiary member whose medical examination has not been accepted and passed by the Medical Board within ninety days from the date of his medical examination by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician shall, at the end of the said ninety days, *ipso facto* cease to be a beneficiary member, and he shall forthwith become and be a Social member, and shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order or of the Court.

(5) Whenever the medical examination of a Temporary beneficiary member shall be rejected by the Medical Board, such Temporary beneficiary member shall *ipso facto* cease to be a beneficiary member, and shall forthwith become and be a Social member, and shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order or of the Court.

(6) A Temporary beneficiary member shall become a Regular beneficiary member of the Order whenever and so soon as such member's medical examination shall have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board, if such member be not at the time in arrears in respect of any fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order.

Regular Beneficiary Members.

(7) Regular beneficiary members are those persons who were initiated into the Order in the manner and under the terms and conditions required by the Constitution and Laws, and whose medical examinations have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board as provided in the

Constitution and Laws, and who were in good, sound mental and physical health at the time their Medical Examinations were accepted and passed by the Medical Board, and who were not under sixteen years of age nor over fifty-five years of age at the time of their initiation, except as provided in Section seventy-eight, and who have paid all fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Constitution and Laws, and who have not forfeited their membership in the Order, under the provisions of Section one hundred and twenty-nine, by engaging in a proscribed occupation or in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors and, if registered for the Term Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, whose Term Insurance or Mortuary Benefit has not expired.

Social Members.

(8) Social members are:

- (a) Those Charter applicants who have been initiated into the Order as Social members, and who have not since their initiation become Temporary or Regular beneficiary members;
- (b) Those who were Temporary beneficiary members and who have not, for any cause whatsoever, become Regular beneficiary members within ninety days from the date of their medical examination;
- (c) Those who were Regular beneficiary members and whose medical examinations were reconsidered, and those who were regular beneficiary members and who were required to undergo a new medical examination, as provided in Section thirty-one, and then rejected by the Medical Board;
- (d) Those persons admitted under the provisions of Section seventy-eight, who were under eighteen years of age or over fifty-five years of age at the time of their initiation, and who have not since their initiation become Regular beneficiary members;
- (e) Those members who took Term Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and whose Term Insurance or

Mortuary Benefit has expired; those members whose beneficiary membership is terminated by having been paid benefits in lieu of their Mortuary benefits;

(f) Those Beneficiary members who have been suspended, but whose medical examinations on application for reinstatement failed to pass the Medical Board, but who were admitted again as Social members at their request;

(g) All persons made Foresters-at-sight who have not been initiated into a Court and who are not Temporary or Regular beneficiary members;

(h) All persons initiated as Honorary members who are not within the intent of sub-section nine of this section, and who cannot qualify as such;

(i) All persons initiated into the Order under the conditions defined in Section seventy-eight, sub-sections four and five.

Honorary Members.

(9) Honorary members are:

Those persons who have been elected and admitted to Honorary membership in the Order by Subordinate Courts, or by Companion Courts, or by High Courts, or by the Executive Council, or by The Supreme Court, on account of distinguished services to their country or to the Order, or on account of eminence in learning or philanthropy.

Status of Social and Honorary Members.

88. (1) Subject to the provisions of Sections one hundred and fifty-eight and one hundred and sixty, sub-section eight, Social members and Honorary members shall not be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order nor of the Court.

(2) Social members shall be liable for Court dues and also for such special tax or assessments as may be levied by the Court in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and fifteen, sub-section two. Social members shall also pay five cents per month Extension of the Order tax.

(3) Subject to the provisions of Sections one hundred and fifty-seven and one hundred and

forty-eight, Honorary members shall not be liable for any premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes or other demands of the Order.

(4) Social members shall not be entitled to vote in any election of the officers of the Court or for delegates to the High Court or of applications for beneficiary membership, nor shall a Social member be eligible for any office in the Court or to be elected delegate to the High Court; except that in Companion Courts Social members may vote for the election of and be eligible to fill the offices of Orator, Organist, Superintendent of Juvenile Courts, Senior and Junior Woodward and Senior and Junior Beadle. Honorary members shall not be entitled to vote and shall not be eligible for any office in the Court; provided that Honorary members who became such by reason of having been paid other benefits which are in lieu of a part or the whole of their Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, shall be entitled to vote, eligible to any office, except the office of Financial Secretary, and, subject to the provisions of Section ninety-two, eligible to be elected Delegates to their High Court.

MEETINGS.

Court Meetings at Least Monthly.

89. (1) The regular meetings of a Court shall be held at least once a month, at such time and place as may be fixed by the Court in its By-laws.

Order of Business.

(2) The Order of Business of Courts shall be as laid down in the Ritual prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council.

Special Meetings, How Called.

(3) The Supreme Chief Ranger, the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, the District Deputy High Chief Ranger, the Court Deputy, the Chief Ranger, or, in the absence of the Chief Ranger, the Vice-Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary jointly, may call special meetings at any time, by giving every member twenty-four hours' notice, in which notice shall be specified the purpose for which the special meeting is called; pro-

vided that a special meeting shall be called by the Chief Ranger on the written request of one-fifth of the members of the Court.

Change of Location.

(4) To change the location of a Court, a motion must be made in writing at a regular meeting, and if at the next regular meeting two-thirds of the members present approve of the same, it shall be declared carried. Notice of the action of the Court, certified by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary, shall then be submitted to the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, or if not under a High Court, to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved the change shall take place.

Change of Place of Meeting.

(5) A Court may, by a majority vote of the members present at a regular meeting, change its place of meeting from one hall to another in the same locality, if written notice has been given of the motion at the previous regular meeting.

Quorum of Court and Committees.

90. (1) The quorum of a Court shall be five members in good standing in such Court.

(2) The quorum of the Finance Committee shall consist of two members thereof.

(3) The quorum of the Sick Committee shall consist of three members thereof.

(4) The quorum of the Arbitration Committee shall consist of a majority of the members thereof.

(5) The quorum of all other committees or other bodies in the Order, when not otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws, shall consist of a majority thereof.

OFFICERS.

Officers of a Court.

91. (1) The Officers of a Court shall be as follows:

The Commissioned Officers.

(a) The Commissioned Officers shall be the Court Deputy and the Court Physician.

The Honorary Officers.

(b) The Honorary Officers shall be the Past Chief Rangers.

The Elective Officers.

(c) The Elective Officers shall be the

Chief Ranger,
 Vice-Chief Ranger,
 Recording Secretary,
 Financial Secretary,
 Treasurer,
 Orator,
 Superintendent of Juvenile Court,
 Organist,
 Senior Woodward,
 Junior Woodward,
 Senior Beadle,
 Junior Beadle,
 Two members of the Board of Trustees,
 Two members who shall be the Finance Committee.

(d) Representative to the Hospital Board.

Apothecary.

(2) An apothecary may be appointed annually by the Court who shall supply all medicines ordered by the Court Physician for members upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

Eligibility for Office.

92. (1) All Active or voting members of a Court shall be equally eligible for any of the offices in the Court, except that a Social member shall not be eligible for the office of Court Deputy nor Chief Ranger nor to be a delegate to the High Court, and an Honorary member shall not be eligible for any office, except as provided in Section eighty-eight, sub-section four, and except that the Physician shall be a duly qualified Doctor of Medicine and legally entitled to practice his profession; and except that a Court Deputy shall not at the same time hold the office of Chief Ranger nor Financial Secretary; and except that the Recording Secretary shall not at the same time hold the office of Financial Secretary nor Treasurer; and except

that the Court Physician shall not hold the office of Financial Secretary; and except that the Financial Secretary shall not at the same time hold the office of Treasurer; and provided that the Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall each have attained his majority; and provided also, that if it be impossible to secure a duly qualified Physician who is a member of the Order, as Court Physician, then a Court may nominate as Court Physician one who is otherwise duly qualified, though not a member of the Order.

(2) The Recording Secretary, the Financial Secretary, and the Treasurer shall not be eligible for election as members of the Finance Committee.

Eligibility for Delegates to High Court.

(3) Subject to the provisions of Section fifty, any Beneficiary member of the Order in good standing shall be eligible to be elected a Delegate of the Court of which he is a member, and of none other.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

Time of the Elections.

93. (1) The Officers shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in December, and shall after installation, hold office for one year or the balance of a year, unless sooner removed for cause, or until their successors are duly elected, installed, and have qualified. The Court Deputy and the Court Physician shall also be nominated and recommended for Commissions, annually, at the first regular meeting in December.

Delegates to the High Court.

(2) When the regular session of a High Court shall be held during the first half of the year, the election of Delegates to such High Court shall be held at the first regular meeting of the Court in December immediately preceding such regular session; and when the regular session of a High Court shall be held in the last half of a year, the election of Delegates to such High Court shall be held at the first regular meeting of the Court

in June immediately preceding such regular session.

(3) The term of office of Delegates shall be two years or until their successors are duly elected; provided that when the regular sessions of the High Court are held annually, or triennially, the term of office shall be one year, or three years, as the case may be, or until their successors are duly elected. Should a postponement of the time of holding the regular session of a High Court take place after the election of Delegates, it shall not affect the validity of such election.

Deferred Elections.

(4) In the event of any election of Officers or Delegates, or the nomination of a Court Deputy or of Court Physicians, not having been held at the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws, such election or nomination, as the case may be, shall be held at the next regular meeting of the Court, or at such other time as the Court shall determine at such regular meeting; provided that if any election or nomination is not held or fixed and then held, as in this sub-section provided, such election or nomination may be held at a subsequent regular meeting or at a special meeting called in accordance with the provisions of Section eighty-nine, sub-section three.

Mode of Nomination and Election of Officers.

94. (1) The election of Officers, Trustees, members of the Finance Committee and Delegates shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section; the election shall immediately follow the nominations for each office; and the nominations for the next succeeding office or position shall not be made till the election for the preceding office or position shall have taken place.

Right of Nomination.

(2) Any Active or voting member shall have the right to make any legal nomination, and the nominations shall be taken in the order in which they are made. Each Active or voting member present shall have the right to nominate one or

more candidates, and the Presiding Officer shall not declare the nominations closed until a reasonable time has elapsed so that every member may have an opportunity to exercise his right of nomination. A motion to close the nominations shall not be entertained.

(3) Except by unanimous consent, a member cannot be nominated nor elected unless he is at the time present, except when such member is unavoidably absent and has given in writing a satisfactory explanation to the Court for his absence, or is temporarily absent, having been previously excused by the Court.

Appointment of Tellers.

(4) At every election three Tellers shall be appointed, two by the Chief Ranger, and one by the Vice-Chief Ranger, to count the ballots and report the result thereof to the Presiding Officer.

(5) The Tellers, whenever practicable, shall separate the ballots and put those cast for each candidate by themselves; after which they shall count the ballots cast for each candidate and set down in figures the number thereof on a tally-sheet, also set down the total number of legal ballots cast and the number required to elect, and initial the same, and then hand the tally-sheet to the Presiding Officer, who shall at once announce the result of the ballot, giving the total number of ballots cast and the number received by each candidate. The Tellers shall then seal up the ballots and place them in the hands of the Presiding Officer.

Recount of Ballots.

(6) At any time before the final adjournment, any two members of the Court may demand a recount of the ballots, which shall forthwith be done by the Presiding Officer, the Vice-Chief Ranger, the Recording Secretary and the two members demanding the recount. The result of such recount shall be final as to such ballot.

(7) Immediately after the final adjournment of the Court, the Presiding Officer shall destroy the said ballots.

Votes, How Given.

(8) When there is more than one candidate nominated for any office, the voting for such election shall be by written or printed ballots, and a majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The candidate receiving the least number of votes on each ballot shall *ipso facto* drop out of the contest until an election is secured. When there is only one candidate nominated, he shall be at once declared elected. In case of a tie in the election of Officers, Trustees, members of the Finance Committee or Delegates, the balloting shall be continued until a majority is obtained for a candidate.

(9) In the election of Delegates, Trustees, and members of the Finance Committee, any ballot that does not contain as many names as there are Delegates, Trustees, or members of the Finance Committee, to be elected, as the case may be, shall be reckoned to be a blank ballot; and all blank ballots and all ballots marked for any one not in nomination shall not be taken into account in determining the election.

Votes of Presiding Officer.

(10) Whenever a vote is by ball-ballot or by written ballot every member in good standing present, including the Presiding Officer if a member of the Court, shall be entitled to cast one ballot; and the Presiding Officer in such case shall not give the casting vote in the event of a tie.

(11) Whenever a vote is by sign-vote or by yeas and nays the Presiding Officer shall not be entitled to vote, except, if a member of the Court, to give the casting vote in the event of a tie.

Votes, When Not by Written or Printed Ballot, How Given.

(12) Except in cases otherwise provided for, all voting shall be by sign-vote, but upon a motion duly made and seconded, and supported by one-fifth of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be ordered; provided always, that the motion

for the yeas and nays shall be made before the sign-vote is taken.

(13) Whenever the yeas and nays are ordered, the name of each one voting yea shall be recorded in the minutes, as well as the name of each one voting nny.

Nomination and Commission of Court Deputies and Court Physicians.

95. (1) The Court Deputy of a Court under the jurisdiction of a High Court shall be commissioned by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction upon the nomination of the Court, and shall hold office for one year or the balance of a year, unless sooner removed for cause or until his successor shall be appointed; provided that the High Chief Ranger may commission some other member instead of the nominee of the Court.

(2) The Court Deputy of a Court under the immediate jurisdiction of the Head Office of the Order shall be commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger, subject to the provisions of sub-section one of this section.

Court Physicians.

(3) The Court Physician shall be appointed and commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger from time to time upon the nomination of the Court, and shall hold office for one year, or until his successor is duly appointed and commissioned, unless the commission is sooner revoked; provided that the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint and commission a Physician other than the nominee of the Court.

(4) A Court may nominate at the time of the annual election of officers one or more Court Physicians to act for one and the same Court, and the Supreme Chief Ranger may commission any or all of them.

(5) Associate Court Physician may be nominated at any regular meeting of the Court after the annual elections and, if the nomination is approved of by the Court at the next regular meeting, they or any of them may be duly commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger to hold

Office till the then current term shall end, unless their commissions be sooner revoked.

(6) Court Physicians and Associate Court Physicians must be members of the Order in good standing, except where it is impossible to secure one who is a member of the Order, in which case a physician who is not a member of the Order may be nominated, and a Commission may be issued by the Supreme Chief Ranger authorizing him to act as Court Physician.

Unsatisfactory or Improper Nomination.

(7) If a Court fail to make a satisfactory nomination of a Court Deputy, the High Chief Ranger, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, as the case may be, may appoint and commission as Court Deputy for the Court any member of the Court who is eligible for that office; and if a Court fail to make a proper nomination of a Court Physician, the Supreme Chief Ranger at his discretion may appoint and commission a Court Physician for the Court.

Installation of Officers.

98. (1) The officers who are entitled to install are, the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Executive and Past Executive Officers of The Supreme Court; a High Chief Ranger, the members of the High Standing Committee and the Past Executive Officers of a High Court within their own High Court jurisdiction; Assistant Supreme Chief Rangers, Assistant Supreme Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries of the Medical Board, Inspectors-General, Assistant General Managers, State or Provincial Managers and District Superintendents; the General Officers of the Royal Foresters; the Deputies of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Deputies of a High Chief Ranger (who shall take precedence according to seniority of rank as laid down in Section two hundred and five); provided that the Illustrious Commander of an Encampment of Royal Foresters shall take precedence over all Officers, except the Illustrious Supreme Commander, whenever the Encampment is regularly invited to officiate at a union installation.

(2) The installation of Officers shall take place

at the first regular meeting in January, except when a public installation or a union installation has been decided upon as provided in sub-section three of this section.

(3) The Officers of one or more Courts may be publicly installed, or privately installed, at a union meeting at any time before the end of January. When there is an Encampment of Royal Foresters in the vicinity, such installation may, at the desire of the Courts, be performed by the Officers of the Encampment. Public installations or private union installations, may take place in any suitable hall that may be agreed upon.

(4) All Officers elect must be clear on the books previous to installation.

(5) A bonded Officer may be installed, but he cannot enter upon the discharge of the duties of his office until his bond has been duly executed, approved and delivered to the Chief Ranger.

(6) If any Officer to be installed is absent at the time of installation the office held by such absentee may by a majority vote of the Court be declared vacant, and the vacancy shall be forthwith filled by a new election, or the installation of the absentee may be postponed, or the installation may take place by proxy except in the case of a bonded Officer.

(7) Officers who have been installed and who have been re-elected to the same office, may continue to hold their office on their former obligations instead of being re-installed.

Deferred Installations.

(8) In the event of any Installation of Officers not having been held at the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws, such installation may be held at the next regular meeting of the Court, or at such other time as may be determined by the Court or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction.

BONDS.

Bonds of Officers.

97. (1) The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer of a Court shall each give a bond in the sum

of two hundred dollars or in any larger sum that the Court may determine.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section seven of this section, all bonds shall be executed in favor of the Trustees of the Courts concerned, and after approval by the Trustees shall be filed with the Chief Ranger.

(3) Except as provided in sub-section seven of this section, the Chief Ranger shall be the custodian of all bonds required to be given under this section; and the Trustees shall, when occasion requires, enforce the covenants in such bonds contained.

(4) A bonded Officer who is re-elected to the same office shall be held on his former bond, together with his sureties if they be members of the Order, unless the Court should require that a new bond be given.

(5) Whenever a Court directs a bonded Officer to give a new or better bond, he must furnish the same at or before the next ensuing meeting after having received notice of the action of the Court. Should such bond not be furnished and approved, the Court may grant the Officer until the next meeting to furnish the same. Failing to satisfy the Court his office shall *ipso facto* become vacant and an election to fill the vacancy shall be forthwith held.

(6) Each of the aforesaid bonds shall, at the discretion of the Court, be the bonds of some Guarantee Company duly approved by the Trustees. All fees and expenses for procuring a bond shall be paid by the Court. In the event of failure for thirty days to give bonds as aforesaid the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction may arrange to bond such officers, and the fees and expense for procuring such bond shall be forthwith paid by the Court.

(7) If the members of a Subordinate Court desire that the Subordinate Court and the Officers thereof, instead of being the agent of the Subordinate Court and the members thereof, shall be the agent of The Independent Order of Foresters for the purpose of receiving from the members of the Court their premiums or assessments and Court

Dues within the time prescribed in the Constitution and Laws and also for the remitting of the premiums or assessments so received to the Supreme Secretary, they shall procure the Chief Ranger, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer of said Subordinate Court to be bonded for the faithful performance of their duties as prescribed in the Constitution and Laws and such bond shall be issued in favor of The Independent Order of Foresters by a Guarantee Company, the bond and company to be subject to the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger for the sum of one thousand dollars or such larger sum as may be required by the Supreme Chief Ranger and shall be forthwith filed with the Supreme Chief Ranger. The Executive Council shall, when occasion requires, enforce the covenants in such bond contained. All fees and expenses in connection with the procuring of such bond shall be paid by the Subordinate Court.

Vacancies in Office, How Filled.

98. All vacancies in the offices of a Court shall be filled by the Court as soon as a vacancy is declared by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting when the action is taken, or is created by death, resignation, suspension or expulsion. Any office in a Court, except that of Delegate to a High Court, or that of a Court Physician, may be declared vacant on the Officer absenting himself for three successive regular meetings of the Court unless an excuse in writing, satisfactory to the Court, is given.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

Presiding Officer of a Court.

99. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws the Chief Ranger shall be the presiding officer of a Court.

(2) In the absence of the Chief Ranger, the Junior Past Chief Ranger present shall preside; and if no Past Chief Ranger be present, the Vice-Chief Ranger, or the Officer present who is next highest in rank, shall preside.

(3) If no Officer of the Court be present, the meeting shall be called to order by any member,

and a Chief Ranger *pro tem.* shall be chosen from those present, who shall preside until an Officer of the Court arrives. The acts of the *pro tem.* officer shall be as binding as the acts of the regular officer.

Chief Ranger.

100. (1) The duty of the Chief Ranger shall be to preside at all meetings; preserve order and decorum in the Court; inflict all fines for the infraction of rules; sign all orders for the payment of moneys; make all *pro tem.* appointments; appoint all committees except when otherwise ordered by the Court.

(2) He shall see that justice is done to all parties, and that the Constitution and Laws are strictly and impartially enforced; he shall also be, *ex-officio*, one of the Trustees and a member of all Committees.

(3) At the last regular meeting of the Court in each month he shall appoint two of the members present to act with the Recording Secretary as a Special Auditing Committee. The Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall not be eligible to act as members of such Committee.

(4) He shall allow appeals to be taken from his decisions, and shall put the same to the Court in the usual parliamentary manner. He shall once in each month inspect the bank book and see that the balances are correct; and he shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Ritual or by the Constitution and Laws or by the By-laws of the Court.

(5) The Chief Ranger, in the event of the absence from the locality, resignation, removal, or death of an Officer of the Court, shall have power to appoint an Officer to perform the duties of the office until an Officer is regularly elected; in the event of the absence of an Officer from a meeting, the Chief Ranger or other presiding Officer shall appoint an Officer *pro tem.* to perform the duties of the office.

Junior Past Chief Ranger.

101. (1) The Junior Past Chief Ranger present shall assist in the initiation and other ceremonies

of the Court; and he shall perform such other duties as are required of him by the Constitution and Laws.

Who is a Past Chief Ranger.

(2) A Past Chief Ranger shall be:

Ex-officio Past Chief Ranger.

(a) One who has held the Office of Chief Ranger during a regular term, or the balance of an unexpired term;

(b) One who was appointed to the office of Past Chief Ranger at the institution of a Court and who has held and performed the duties of that office to the end of the term; also one who was elected to the office of Past Chief Ranger during the term in which the Court was instituted, on that office having become vacant by death, resignation, or removal from office or withdrawal from the Court.

Honorary Past Chief Ranger.

(c) One who holds or has held a commission either as Court Physician, or as Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, or as Deputy of a High Chief Ranger; provided that if a commission be revoked for cause the rank shall thereby be forfeited;

(d) A Clergyman who has filled the office of Orator during the term, or the balance of an unexpired term;

(e) A Recording Secretary, or a Financial Secretary, as the case may be, who has filled the office continuously for a period of three years;

(f) An Illustrious Knight in good standing in an Encampment of Royal Foresters who has attained the rank of Illustrious Commander or a higher rank;

(g) One who holds the rank of Past High Chief Ranger.

Vice-Chief Ranger.

102. The Vice-Chief Ranger shall assist in the initiation and other ceremonies of the Court as required by the ritual, rules and usages of the Order; he shall assist the Chief Ranger in preserving order and decorum in the Court; and he shall

perform such other duties as may be required by the Court or by the Constitution and Laws.

Recording Secretary.

103. (1) The Recording Secretary shall, subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and ninety-five, sub-section eight, be the medium through whom the official communications from the Head Office of the Order and the High Court shall come to the Court, and he shall read all such communications to the Court at the first meeting after they have been received by him and file them as the property of the Court; he shall conduct the correspondence of the Court, and he shall write, in his capacity as Recording Secretary, such letters only as he shall have been directed by the Court to write and on such letters only shall he impress the seal of the Court, provided that when an officer of The Supreme Court or High Court shall address a communication to the Court and ask for an immediate reply, without waiting for a meeting of the Court the Recording Secretary shall reply thereto, but he shall read to the Court at its next meeting a copy of such reply and file it as the property of the Court. For a violation of this sub-section he may be fined by the Chief Ranger or by the Court or by the Supreme Chief Ranger not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each offence.

(2) He shall transmit to the Supreme Secretary the Application for Membership, Form No. 2, of every candidate initiated into the Court; also transmit to the Supreme Secretary the Recommendation for Temporary Beneficiary Membership, Form No. 59, of every applicant initiated into the Court as a Temporary beneficiary member.

(3) He shall record all the proceedings of the Court, take charge of and safely keep the seal, and all books, papers and property pertaining to his office; fill in all blank forms, and issue all notices except those pertaining to the office of Financial Secretary; inform all candidates of their election or rejection; enter in the minutes the names of rejected candidates and suspended and expelled members; insert in the minutes the name of every

member reported by the Financial Secretary as having paid any sum of money and the amount of such member's payment, together with a detailed record of any other payment into the treasury; sign all orders upon the Treasurer voted by the Court and none other, except as provided in Section one hundred and sixteen.

(4) He shall transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction any circular or other communication relating to the Order he may receive which is not authorized as provided in Section one hundred and seventy-six.

(5) He shall perform such other duties, consistent with his office, as may be ordered by the Court or by the Chief Ranger; and at the close of his term of office deliver to his successor in office all papers, books and other property of the Court in his possession or custody, or deliver the same at any time to the Supreme Chief Ranger on his demand or to such person as the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint to receive the same.

(6) He may be paid for his services such sum as the Court may fix from time to time by its by-laws.

(7) If the Supreme Chief Ranger becomes satisfied that a Recording Secretary has failed or neglected to properly perform the duties of his office, he may summarily remove such Recording Secretary from office; and a Recording Secretary so removed from office shall not be again eligible to hold office during the then current year.

(8) Whenever the Recording Secretary is removed, as provided in sub-section seven of this section, the Vice-Chief Ranger shall temporarily perform the duties pertaining to the office of Recording Secretary until the next meeting of the Court, when the vacancy shall be filled by the Court.

Financial Secretary.

104. (1) The Financial Secretary shall receive the premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and Court required to be paid by the members of the Court and members-at-large attached to the Court and

also the fees required to be paid by applicants for membership in the Court and give receipts therefor, and turn over to the Treasurer of the Court, before the close of each meeting, all moneys received since the last payment made by the Financial Secretary to the Treasurer, and take the Treasurer's receipt therefor.

(2) He shall keep true and correct accounts between the Court and the members, and a correct record of the payments made by each member in the Financial Secretary's Cash-Book and the Financial Secretary's Ledger, and also keep the membership Roll-Book.

(3) He shall lay before the Special Auditing Committee, at each meeting of the Court and when otherwise required by the Court, all his books, receipt stubs and other records, so as to enable them to ascertain the standing of each member of the Court at date and the amounts paid by the members.

(4) He shall see personally, or at once notify on Form No. 17, every member who may be reported by the Special Auditing Committee at the last meeting of the Court in each month as not yet having paid the required premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and of the Court for the succeeding month; provided that a failure to thus notify a member shall in no wise bar the suspension of such member as provided in the Constitution and Laws.

(5) He shall make a duplicate, on the first week day of each and every month, a true, complete and proper monthly report in accordance with the provisions of Sections one hundred and thirty-five and one hundred and thirty-six, and forthwith forward to the Supreme Secretary the said report together with the proper remittance; and also make the semi-annual report and remittance to the High Secretary in January and July as provided in Section one hundred and thirty-five, subsection six.

(6) He shall present at the first meeting of the Court in each month, for examination by the Special Auditing Committee, a duplicate of the

monthly report for the current month sent to the Head Office of the Order, together with evidence of the date on which the report and remittance was sent to the Supreme Secretary; and show to the Court Deputy, Chief Ranger or Recording Secretary, on his demand at any time, evidence of having transmitted to the Supreme Secretary the monthly report and remittance for the current month.

(7) He shall submit at each meeting of the Court a detailed report of all moneys received by him since last report, giving the name of each member having paid him and the amounts paid; and also furnish to the Court at the last meeting in each year, or oftener if required by the Court, a statement of the finances.

(8) He shall regularly report to the Court Physician the names of the members received into or suspended from the Court.

(9) He shall perform such other duties in connection with the Court finances as may be required of him by the Court or by the Constitution and Laws; and at the close of his term of office, deliver to his successor in office all funds, books, papers and other property of the Court in his possession or custody or under his control, or deliver the same at any time to the Trustees of the Court on demand of the Court, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger on his demand or to such person as the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint to receive the same.

Financial Secretary the Agent of the Members.

(10) As the Financial, Secretary and other Officers of a Court are not officers of the corporation contracting with the Beneficiary members of the Order, the Order itself, subject to the provisions of Section ninety-seven, sub-section seven, shall in no wise be held accountable for any dereliction of duty on the part of the Financial Secretary or of any other Officer of a Court, and all payments for whatsoever purpose made to any Officer of a Court by the members of such Court shall be received by such Officer as agent of the member making the payment.

When Payment to the Order is Deemed to be Made.

(11) Subject to the provisions of Section ninety-seven, sub-section, seven, no payments of any fees, premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order whatsoever, made by any member to any officer or member of a Court shall be deemed to have been made to the Order, or to a High Court, as the case may be, unless made within the time and under the conditions required by the Constitution and Laws, and until the money is actually transmitted to the proper officer at the Head Office of the Order, or of the High Court, as the case may be, by post office money order, or by express money order, or by bank draft, or is otherwise actually paid to the Head Office of the Order, or to the High Court, as the case may be, within the time provided in the Constitution and Laws.

(12) The Financial Secretary shall give a bond of some Guarantee Company approved by the Trustees, or at the option of the Court, a personal bond with two good sureties, in a sum of not less than two hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

(13) He may be paid for his services such salary as the Court may fix from time to time by its by-laws.

(14) When the Financial Secretary is to be bonded to The Supreme Court in accordance with the provisions of Section ninety-seven, sub-section seven, his election shall be subject to the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger; and the Supreme Chief Ranger may, for cause, summarily remove such Financial Secretary from office, and a Financial Secretary so removed from office shall not be again eligible to hold office during the then current year.

Treasurer.

105. (1) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Financial Secretary, from time to time, all funds paid into the Court during his term of office, and give his receipt for the same, and to forthwith deposit all such funds in such Chartered Bank as the Court may direct; to, from

time to time as the Court shall direct, in conjunction with the Trustees, deposit the surplus of the funds of the Court to the Credit of the Court in such Chartered Bank as the Court shall direct, such deposit to be withdrawn only on the joint cheque of the Treasurer and two or more of the Trustees of the Court as may be decided by the Court; to verify and attest the monthly reports made by the Financial Secretary to The Supreme Court, and also the semi-annual reports to the High Court; to pay out moneys only on orders voted by the Court and duly signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, except as provided in Section one hundred and sixteen.

(2) At the end of his term of office, he shall deliver all moneys, papers, books and other property of the Court in his possession or custody or under his control to his successor in office; or he shall deliver them at any time to the Trustees of the Court on demand of the Court, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger on his demand or to such person as the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint to receive the same.

(3) He shall give a bond of some Guarantee Company approved by the Trustees, or at the option of the Court, a personal bond with two good sureties, in a sum of not less than two hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

(4) He may be paid for his services such salary as the Court may fix from time to time by its by-laws.

Orator.

106. The Orator shall assist in the ceremonies and services of the Court as indicated in the Ritual, visit the sick, and also strive to spread the principles of the Order, so as to aid in the increasing prosperity of the Court.

Superintendent of Juvenile Court.

107. The Superintendent of a Juvenile Court shall assist in establishing, and promote and care for, the Juvenile Court, to which his Court shall be an auxiliary.

Organist.

108. The Organist shall conduct the musical exercises and services of the Court.

Woodwards.

109. (1) The Woodwards shall take charge of the regalia and other property of the Court; see that all present at the opening of the Court are "worthy Foresters"; and report at every regular meeting the condition of sick members.

(2) The Woodwards shall also pay to sick members all benefits that may be ordered by the Court within twenty-four hours after the order has been made.

Beadles.

110. (1) The Senior Beadle shall attend the inner door and see that no member enters without permission of the Chief Ranger unless in possession of the proper password. He shall not admit into the Court any person except a true and lawful member of the Order; nor shall he admit any member who is intoxicated, and he shall immediately report such member to the Court.

(2) The Junior Beadle shall have charge of the anteroom and remain at the outer door during the opening ceremony, the initiation of members and on any other occasion when required.

Court Physician.

111. (1) A Court Physician shall be a graduate of some recognized medical college, and shall be duly licensed to practice in the Province, State or Country in which he resides; and before being commissioned, he must make an application for a commission as Court Physician on Form No. 7, and procure from the Secretary of the Medical Board for his use and guidance the Instructions to Medical Examiners.

(2) The duties of a Court Physician shall be to examine carefully and minutely all applicants for membership in his own Court, also all members of his own Court who shall apply therein for re-instatement, or for increase of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, or for Enrolment in the Sick

and Funeral Benefit Department, and to recommend to his Court for initiation, re-instatement, or for increase of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, or for Enrolment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, only those who are, in his opinion, first-class risks in every way; provided that all recommendations by the Court Physician of applicants for Temporary Beneficiary Membership must be on Form No. 59 properly and completely filled in and signed by such Court Physician, and such recommendation, Form No. 59, must be forthwith delivered to the Recording Secretary of the Court.

(3) Whenever the Court Physician makes an examination of an applicant, he shall transmit the Medical Examination paper forthwith to the Secretary of the Medical Board for his action thereon.

(4) A Court Physician shall not examine himself nor any of his relatives; nor shall he examine applicants for membership in a Court other than his own unless specially authorized so to do by the Supreme Chief Ranger; provided that a Court Physician may be selected by a duly authorized Instituting Officer to examine the Charter Applicants of a new Court.

(5) If, however it be impossible for a member or applicant to be examined by the Court Physician of his own Court or of the Court in which he is applying for membership, as the case may be, or, for other causes, the Supreme Chief Ranger may grant a dispensation authorizing some other Physician to make the examination.

(6) He shall receive for every examination made by him a fee of not less than one dollar and fifty cents for two hundred and fifty, five hundred, or one thousand dollars, two dollars for two thousand or three thousand dollars, and three dollars for four thousand or five thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, to be paid by the person examined at the time of such examination, which shall in no case be refunded whether the candidate be accepted or rejected; he shall make an analytical examination of the urine of every applicant, and, if a microscopic examination be

ordered by the Secretary of the Medical Board, the fee, which shall be paid by the applicant, shall be not more than five dollars.

(7) If the Court Physician make at any time, knowingly, an untrue statement regarding an examination, or give a false certificate, or withhold any material fact that may have come to his knowledge, with respect to any one he has examined, he shall forfeit any salary due him and his commission shall be *ipso facto* forfeited, and on conviction he shall stand expelled from the Order if he be a member thereof.

(8) If a Court Physician's examinations be repeatedly defective, or should he recommend an improper risk, or certify to an improper or illegal claim for any of the benefits of the Order, or should he be otherwise negligent or unfaithful in the discharge of his duties, his commission may be summarily revoked by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and the offending Physician, if a member of the Order, may be suspended or expelled from the Order at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council.

Division of Medical Fees.

(9) In the event of two or more Physicians or Associate Physicians being commissioned for a Court and of their being unable to mutually agree as to the division of the salary, then each member of the Court shall name which Court Physician he desires to attend him, and the salary shall be paid *pro rata* in accordance with such selection. Each Court Physician shall collect the fees for the medical examinations of applicants for membership made by him at the time of such examination.

Medical Attendance by Court Physician.

(10) Subject to the provisions of sub-section twenty-one of this section, it shall be the duty of the Court Physician to attend free of charge (except for surgical cases and attendance on the same and also, in the case of females, except for confinement or miscarriage and attendance on the same) during the continuance of any illness, all the members of his Court, as well as the members

of any other Courts who may be taken ill within his jurisdiction and who may require his professional services, except Members-at-large and Members of Courts that have dispensed with free medical attendance; provided that any member who has resided for twelve months within a jurisdiction other than that of the Court of which he is a member and to which he pays dues, shall forfeit his right to such free medical attendance and attendance of the Sick Committee.

(11) He shall, at every regular meeting during a member's illness, present to the Court a certificate stating the nature of the member's complaint and whether he is still under his treatment.

(12) Should he refuse or neglect to attend any member after being duly notified, the Chief Ranger, or, in his absence, any member of the Sick Committee according to seniority, shall be empowered to engage any Court Physician; provided if no Court Physician be available, any legally qualified Physician may be engaged to attend the sick member, and the Sick Committee shall charge the expenses thereof to the Court Physician and the same shall be deducted out of any salary or fees due or accruing due to him.

(13) Pending the adoption of By-laws by the Court increasing the salary of the Court Physician, his salary shall be at the rate of one dollar per annum for each Beneficiary member in good standing in the Court on the first day of the months of March, June, September and December of each year, exclusive of Members-at-large who may be attached to the Court; such salary shall be paid at the end of each of the said months out of the General Fund of the Court.

(14) Should the Court Physician be called upon to attend a member residing more than one mile from his office, or such greater distance, not exceeding three miles, as may be fixed by the Court in its By-laws, he shall be at liberty to charge such member the regular fee for mileage for the distance necessarily travelled over and above such distance.

(15) He shall also be entitled to be paid by the member receiving the same, for all medicines

furnished by him, unless otherwise provided in the Court By-laws.

(16) He shall also be paid by the member for reductions of dislocations, or other cases requiring special skill, care and attention on the part of the physician.

(17) He shall also be paid extra for any surgical cases and for attendance on the same, the payment being made by the member himself.

(18) Surgical cases within the meaning of this Section are those in which a breach of continuity has undoubtedly occurred of some tissue of the body, such as bone, muscle, ligament, etc., including those cases where the "breach of continuity" is caused by the surgeon in an operation or by the removal of a tumor.

(19) Lancing simple abscesses, incising carbuncles and treatment of ordinary sprains are excluded from the list of surgical cases.

(20) In the event of any dispute as to whether a case is or is not a surgical case within the meaning of the Constitution and Laws, the dispute shall be decided by the Secretary of the Medical Board.

(21) A Court may by By-law dispense with the Medical Attendance of the Court Physician, by giving notice in writing to that effect at a regular meeting of the Court and having the same duly entered in the minutes. Thereupon the Recording Secretary shall send a written or printed notice to each and every member of the Court, advising each of them of the nature of the By-law and of the date of the next regular meeting of the Court at which such By-law shall be voted upon. If the By-law is supported by two-thirds of the members present at such regular meeting the By-law shall be declared carried and, when duly approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Court Physician shall be relieved from attending the members free of charge, and the Court shall not thereafter be required to pay any salary to the Court Physician.

(22) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections ten and twenty-one of this Section, a member taken ill away from home, if entitled to free

medical attendance in his own Court, shall be entitled to free medical attendance from the Court Physician residing nearest his temporary domicile; provided always that unattached Members-at-large shall not be entitled to free medical attendance.

Medicines.

(23) All medicines used by any member must be paid for by the member himself, unless it is provided in the By-laws of the Court that such medicines be paid for out of the General Fund of the Court.

Trustees, Composition of the Board, Their Duties and Powers.

112. (1) The Chief Ranger, Vice-Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary for the time being, together with two members duly elected by the Court at the same time that officers are elected, shall be the Trustees of the Court, and for the purpose of becoming a body corporate and politic as provided in 52 Victoria (Canada), Chapter 104, Section 3, shall act for the Court. The Trustees shall have the legal custody and control of all the funds and property and effects of the Court and shall be legally liable for the same.

(2) The Chief Ranger of the Court shall be the custodian of all bonds required to be given by the Officers of the Court in their capacity as such, and the Trustees shall, when occasion requires, enforce the covenants in such bonds contained.

(3) The Trustees of a Court, together with the officers or members having the custody or possession of any of the property or effects or funds of a Court at the time of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the Charter of the Court, shall be jointly and severally liable in any suit which may be brought under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws; provided that any such Trustee, Officer or member may free himself from such liability by furnishing satisfactory evidence of his loyalty to the Order and of having conformed to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws.

STANDING COMMITTEES.**Finance Committee.**

113. (1) A Finance Committee consisting of two members elected at the same time as the other Officers, shall examine all bills or accounts presented to the Court and report to the Court upon their regularity and correctness before they are paid;

(2) Also at the close of each year, or at any other time when ordered by the Court, audit the books of the Financial Officers of the Court and report the result in writing to the Court; such report shall include a duly prepared balance sheet of the finances for the past year; and they shall perform such other duties as may be ordered by the Court.

Special Auditing Committee.

(3) At the last meeting in each month the Chief Ranger shall appoint two members to act with the Recording Secretary as a Special Auditing Committee, who shall forthwith examine the books of the Financial Secretary and report at the same meeting on Form No. 20, giving the number of members who have paid all demands for the next ensuing month, also the amount paid by each member. They shall also report the names of all members who have not yet paid for the next ensuing month.

(4) At the first meeting in each month the Special Auditing Committee shall examine the duplicate of the Monthly Report, Form No. 9, or the October Report, Form No. 11, as the case may be, and correct any errors which they may find therein; they shall also require the Financial Secretary to show when he sent the report and the remittance for the current month to the Supreme Secretary, and they shall report to the Court on Form No. 21. If any errors have been discovered in the Monthly Report, the Financial Secretary shall forthwith advise the Supreme Secretary thereof.

(5) The report of the Special Auditing Committee shall be entered each month in the minutes of the Court.

The Sick Committee.

(6) The Sick Committee, consisting of the Chief Ranger, the Vice-Chief Ranger, the Orator, the two Woodwards and the two Beadles, after they have received notice of the illness of a member, shall see that he is visited once each day during his illness by at least one member of the Committee; and the Committee shall report the condition of every sick member to the Court at each regular meeting.

(7) If, in the opinion of the Sick Committee, or of the Court Physician, it should in any case be necessary that watchers be provided for a sick member, the Chief Ranger shall notify two members of the Court to perform such duty each night, and the members thus notified shall be those whose turn it shall be according to the Order in which their names appear on the roll of members; and should any member thus notified find it inconvenient to attend to this duty himself, he must either immediately provide a suitable substitute, or pay the Chief Ranger one dollar to be expended by him for that purpose; and should any member fail to comply with the provisions of this subsection he shall pay a fine of two dollars.

(8) Honorary members, clergymen, physicians and members who are at the time on the Sick Fund, or who are on the Probationary List for Total Disability, shall be exempt from watching.

(9) The Court or the Sick Committee may at any time order a consultation of Physicians if the circumstances of the case require it, and may also employ competent nurses to attend the sick member.

(10) In cases of infectious or contagious diseases, it shall not be the duty of members of the Sick Committee to visit personally, nor of other members to watch, and if attendance be needed a competent nurse may be employed.

(11) All expenses incurred for consultations of Physicians ordered by the Court or by the Sick Committee, or for nurses, shall be paid by the Court out of its General Fund.

Arbitration Committee.

(12) The Arbitration Committee shall consist of the Junior Past Chief Ranger, Vice-Chief Ranger and Orator, to whom all charges in a Court shall be referred.

(13) In case any member of such Committee shall be challenged as being personally interested in the cause, such challenge shall be tried by the Court, and, if sustained, any disinterested member of the Court may be appointed in his stead.

(14) In case any member of the Arbitration Committee refuses or wilfully neglects to perform his duties, he shall *ipso facto* forfeit his office in the Court, and the Court shall thereupon fill the vacancy by a new election.

(15) All committees shall at all times be under the direction and control of the Court.

Revenue for the Court.

114. (1) The fees payable to a Court shall be:

(a) For Initiation Fee, one dollar or such larger sum as may be fixed by a Court in its By-laws.

(b) For membership by deposit of a Withdrawal Card, fifty cents.

(c) For a Letter of Credence, fifty cents.

(d) For a Withdrawal Card, fifty cents.

(e) For Court Dues [which shall include the Extension of the Order Tax required by Section thirty-three, sub-section ten (which includes the Fee for the Official Organ), the High Court Dues required by Section sixty-nine, sub-section two, and the Orphans' and Sanatorium contribution] such sums as may be fixed by the Court in its By-laws; provided that Court dues shall not be less than fifteen cents per month for each member holding two hundred and fifty dollars or five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, twenty cents for each of those holding one thousand dollars; twenty-five cents for each of those holding two thousand dollars; thirty cents for each of those holding three thousand dollars; thirty-five cents for each of those holding four thousand dollars, and forty cents for each of those holding five thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; and

provided further, that Court dues for Social members shall not be less than five cents per month.

(f) Such special tax and assessments as are required by the Constitution and Laws, or as may be fixed by the By-laws of the Court, or that may be levied by the Court for its General Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and fifteen, sub-section two.

(g) Annual dues which shall be paid annually in advance by each Member-at-large attached to a Court as follows: Three dollars by those holding two hundred and fifty dollars or five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, four dollars by those holding one thousand dollars, five dollars by those holding two thousand dollars, six dollars by those holding three thousand dollars, seven dollars by those holding four thousand dollars, and eight dollars by those holding five thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; and such payment shall be in lieu of Court dues.

(2) Court dues shall be fixed at an amount to cover the expenditures of the Court for management or running expenses and payment by the Court to The Supreme Court of the Extension of the Order Tax and Orphans and Sanatorium contribution, and the minimum High Court dues of four cents per month for each beneficiary member, and to the High Court the excess of the High Court dues, if any, over and above the said minimum High Court dues.

Revenue for the Order.

(3) The payments to the Head Office of the Order shall be:

(a) For the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund, such monthly and extra premiums or assessments as are provided in the Constitution and Laws.

(b) For Registration Fee, fifty cents, one dollar, two dollars, three dollars, four dollars, or five dollars, according as the candidate shall take two hundred and fifty dollars or five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, two thousand dol-

lars, three thousand dollars, four thousand dollars, or five thousand dollars, of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

(c) For Certificate of Membership Fee, one dollar.

(d) For the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, the Enrolment Fee of one dollar, and the Registration Fee of one dollar, and such monthly and extra premiums or assessments as are provided in the Constitution and Laws.

(e) For the Orphans' and Sanatorium Fund, five cents per month for each member of the Court, which shall be remitted by the Court out of its General Fund with each monthly report and remittance.

(f) The Extension of the Order tax and the minimum High Court dues.

(4) Whenever the laws of any Province, State or Country require the payment of stamp duties or other special tax on the Policies or Benefit Certificates issued to the members therein, the amount of such duties or tax shall be paid by the applicants in such countries.

General Fund of a Court.

115. (1) The General Fund of a Court shall be composed of all moneys received on account of initiation fees, court dues, fees for withdrawal cards, fees for letters of credence, fines, forfeitures, donations, taxes, interest and any special tax or assessment that may be levied by the Court.

(2) A special tax or assessment may be levied upon the members by a two-thirds vote of the Court upon a written proposition therefor given in writing, signed by two Active members at the previous regular meeting.

(3) No part of the General Fund of a Court shall be used for any purpose whatsoever except for objects directly connected with the Order.

Payment Out of the Funds.

116. (1) No payment out of the funds of the Court or out of the Treasury of the Court shall be made to any one without an order voted by the Court and drawn on the Treasurer and signed by

the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, except for a remittance to the Head Office of the Order of the Extension of the Order Tax and the Orphans' and Sanatorium Fund contribution and of the fees and premiums or assessments paid to the Financial Secretary, and also for the High Court Dues to the High Court; which moneys on completion by the Financial Secretary of the required report shall be immediately paid by the Treasurer at the time required by the Constitution and Laws, by his procuring a post office money order or express money order or bank draft and handing the same to the Financial Secretary to be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary or to the High Secretary, as the case may be; and the Treasurer shall report such payments to the Court at its next regular meeting, whereupon the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary shall issue the necessary orders upon the Treasurer to cover such payments.

(2) Salaries or compensation of Officers, when not fixed by by-law, shall be fixed by a resolution adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting of the Court after notice of such resolution has been given in writing at the previous regular meeting. Subject to the provisions of Section seventy-six, subsections three and four, when the salary or compensation of an officer is once fixed it shall not be changed except by resolution adopted as provided in this sub-section.

Special Appropriations.

117. (1) Special relief may be granted from the General Fund of a Court, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, to any indigent or distressed member in good standing, provided such relief shall in no case exceed, at any one time, the sum of ten dollars.

(2) A Court may provide in its By-laws for the donation out of its General Fund to a member of the Court in good standing a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars on the death of the husband or wife of the member, and not

exceeding fifteen dollars on the death of a child of the member.

(3) A Court may also provide in its By-laws for the payment out of its General Fund of a sum not exceeding three dollars as a bonus to any member for each beneficiary member initiated into the Court, secured by such member.

The Funds and Property of Courts.

118. The funds and property of a Court shall not be divided in any manner among the members individually, nor between a Court and any other that may branch from it, without the assent of two-thirds of the members in good standing in the Court and the approval of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction, which approval must be in writing and attested by the signature of the Supreme Secretary or the Supreme Chief Ranger with the seal of the Order affixed, or by the signature of the High Secretary with the seal of the High Court affixed.

Joining a Court by Card.

119. (1) Any member desiring to join a Court by affiliation shall present his withdrawal card and a fee of fifty cents at any meeting of the Court, when it shall be referred forthwith to a Committee of three to report. On the presentation of the report of the Committee, if a majority of the members present ballot in favor of the applicant he shall be declared elected.

(2) If a member who has not yet received his withdrawal card makes application for affiliation with a Court, by unanimous consent the application may be referred forthwith in the same manner as if the Court were in possession of the card, as laid down in sub-section one of this section; provided that each applicant shall not be enrolled as a member of the Court nor pay his dues and premiums or assessments therein until he deposits his withdrawal card and the required fee.

Withdrawal Cards.

120. (1) A member may at any time demand his Withdrawal Card from the Court for the

purpose of terminating his membership in the Order, and upon payment of the fee of fifty cents therefor and his share of the indebtedness of the Court, if any, such Card shall be granted at once if no charges are preferred against him and if clear upon the books; and there may be endorsed upon the face of the card the words "Withdrawal from the Order"; and thereupon his membership in the Order and his further liabilities therein shall *ipso facto* terminate, as provided in Section one hundred and forty-five, sub-section four.

(2) A member may also at any time demand his Withdrawal Card from the Court for the purpose of terminating his membership in the Court, and upon payment of the fee of fifty cents therefor and the payment in advance of one month's premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order, and his share of the indebtedness of the Court, if any, such Card shall be granted at once if no charges are preferred against him and if clear upon the books; and upon furnishing him the Card his membership in the Court shall cease, and thereafter he shall have the status of a Member-at-large until he joins another Court or forfeits his good standing in the Order.

(3) Subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and seventy-four, Supreme Cards, Form No. 30, shall be issued by the Supreme Secretary to members of defunct Courts, and also to every person who is made a Member-at-large, as provided in Section eighty-six. Such Cards shall have the force and effect of a Withdrawal Card from a Court.

(4) Subject to the provisions of Section eighty-six, if a member has not deposited his Withdrawal Card in some Court or with the Supreme Secretary before the date to which he has paid his premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order, he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

Letter of Credence (or Travelling Card).

121. (1) A Letter of Credence, Form 31, shall

not be granted for a longer period than one year nor for less than three months; and before a member shall be entitled to receive a Letter of Credence he shall pay the fee of fifty cents therefor and shall also pay his premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order in advance for the time specified in the Letter of Credence.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and twenty-two, a member presenting a Letter of Credence to any Court during the time such Letter of Credence is in force and satisfying the officers of such Court that he is the bona-fide holder of such Letter of Credence, shall be admitted as a visitor to any regular meeting of such Court.

The Right of Visitation.

122. A Court may by a three-fourths vote refuse a seat in the Court to any obnoxious visitor, provided that such action shall not go into effect until the expiration of forty-eight hours after notice of such action has been given to the member concerned; provided further that a Court shall not deny the right of visitation to any member who visits the Court in an official capacity.

Weak and Inactive Courts.

123. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger, and High Chief Rangers within their respective jurisdictions, shall have power to send Deputies to weak Courts which have less than thirty members in good standing on their rolls, or to such inactive courts as fail to initiate a candidate for a period of three months. Such Deputies shall have power and authority to initiate applicants for membership into such Courts as members thereof without such applicants having been elected by such Courts to membership therein.

(2) The initiation fee of all members initiated under the provisions of sub-section one of this section shall belong to the General Fund of the Order or to the High Court, according as the work has been done by a Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger or by a Deputy of the High Chief Ranger.

(3) The Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive

Council shall have power to revoke the Charter of an inactive Court and to attach the members thereof to one or more of the active Courts in the vicinity of such inactive Court, or to a Court-at-large within the jurisdiction of the High Court to which such inactive Court belongs.

Consolidating Courts.

124. (1) Any two or more Courts desiring to consolidate may do so if in their opinion consolidation is in the interest of the Order.

(2) Such consolidation shall be effected by each Court appointing a committee of three to arrange the terms therefor. The Joint Committee shall recommend to their respective Courts the adoption of the name and the number of one of such Courts together with such other terms of consolidation as they may agree upon.

(3) If the Courts desiring to consolidate agree to the terms proposed and adopt the recommendation of the Joint Committee, the same shall be certified to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved by him he shall appoint a time and place for the consolidation to take place, and if unable to attend personally to effect the consolidation he shall appoint a member of the Order to officiate in his stead.

(4) The Courts shall meet in convention at the place and time appointed and the Court giving up its name and number shall surrender to the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Instituting Officer its Charter, rituals and seal, and all its funds, books and property, taking his receipt therefor.

(5) The Supreme Chief Ranger or other Instituting Officer shall then declare such Courts consolidated under the name and number of the Court not surrendering its Charter. He shall retain for transmission to the Supreme Secretary the Charter and seal of the Court surrendering the same; and shall deliver the funds, books and other property of such Court so surrendered to him to the consolidated Court taking the receipt of the Trustees therefor.

(6) The Consolidated Court shall be liable for all the debts of the Courts so consolidated.

The Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

125. (1) Except as provided in, and subject to the provisions of, Sections four, one hundred and thirty-one, one hundred and thirty-two, one hundred and fifty-one, one hundred and fifty-four, one hundred and fifty-five, one hundred and fifty-six, one hundred and fifty-eight, one hundred and fifty-nine, one hundred and sixty, one hundred and sixty-one, one hundred and sixty-two and one hundred and sixty-three, the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit payable on the death of a beneficiary member who was in good standing at the time of his death shall be the amount for which the member shall have been registered in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order at the time of his death, and shall be payable in one sum upon approval of the proofs of death and claim.

(2) The Policy or Benefit Certificate of the member shall be for two hundred and fifty dollars, or five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, two thousand dollars, three thousand dollars, four thousand dollars, or five thousand dollars, according to the sum for which such member shall have been registered in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order.

(3) The amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by a member may be increased or decreased as provided in the Constitution and Laws, provided always that, subject to the proviso in Section seventy-nine, sub-section six, and Section eighty, sub-section three, the minimum amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by a member shall not be less than five hundred dollars (or two hundred and fifty dollars in the case of a Companion member), nor shall the maximum amount exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

(4) Upon the death of a member in good standing in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order, any sum or sums which may have been previously paid under the terms of, or on account of, or by virtue of, his Policy or Benefit Certificate shall be deducted from the

amount that would otherwise be payable as the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit of such member.

(5) Upon the death of a member in good standing in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order the indebtedness, if any, of such member to the Order, to the High Court and to the Subordinate or Companion Court, may be deducted from the amount that would otherwise be payable as the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit of such member; provided always that in case a deceased member is indebted to his High Court, or to his Subordinate Court or to his Companion Court, as the case may be, notice and proof of such indebtedness must be filed by such Court with the Supreme Secretary before or at the time of the filing of the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit; whereupon such indebtedness may, at the option of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council, be deducted from the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit of such member.

Classes of Members and Rates.

Ordinary Class.

126. (1) The Ordinary Class shall consist of all members not included in the other classes and whose occupations are not proscribed by the Constitution and Laws or by the Executive Council.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section one of this section and of Sections seventy-eight and one hundred and fifty-six and one hundred and fifty-seven, the monthly rate of premium or assessment which each beneficiary member in the Ordinary Class not being a member who has been paying prior to October, 1908, according to Tables of Rates in force prior to the adoption of the Tables of Rates by The Supreme Court of the Order at the regular Session in 1898 (hereinafter called the 1898 rates) shall pay, according to the amount of his insurance or Mortuary Benefit and his age at the date he became a beneficiary member, or date of last reinstatement as provided in Section one hundred and forty-two, and at the time specified in Sections one hundred and thirty-three, sub-section one, and one hundred and thirty-four, shall be as follows, viz.:

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

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1898 Ordinary Rates.

Age	\$250*	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
20 & und'r	20	40	80	1 60	2 40	3 20	4 00
21	21	41	82	1 64	2 46	3 28	4 10
22	21	42	84	1 68	2 52	3 36	4 20
23	22	43	86	1 72	2 58	3 44	4 30
24	23	45	90	1 80	2 70	3 60	4 50
25	24	47	94	1 88	2 82	3 76	4 70
26	25	49	98	1 96	2 94	3 92	4 90
27	26	51	1 02	2 04	3 06	4 08	5 10
28	27	53	1 06	2 12	3 18	4 24	5 30
29	28	55	1 10	2 20	3 20	4 40	5 50
30	29	57	1 14	2 28	3 42	4 56	5 70
31	30	59	1 18	2 36	3 54	4 72	5 90
32	31	61	1 22	2 44	3 66	4 88	6 10
33	32	63	1 26	2 52	3 78	5 04	6 30
34	33	66	1 32	2 64	3 96	5 28	6 60
35	35	69	1 38	2 76	4 14	5 52	6 90
36	36	72	1 44	2 88	4 32	5 76	7 20
37	38	75	1 50	3 00	4 50	6 00	7 50
38	39	78	1 56	3 12	4 68	6 24	7 80
39	41	81	1 62	3 24	4 86	6 48	8 10
40	42	84	1 68	3 36	5 04	6 72	8 40
41	44	88	1 76	3 52	5 28	7 04	8 80
42	47	93	1 86	3 72	5 58	7 44	9 30
43	49	98	1 96	3 92	5 88	7 84	9 80
44	51	1 03	2 06	4 12	6 18	8 24	10 30
45	54	1 08	2 16	4 32	6 43	8 64	10 80
46	57	1 14	2 28	4 56	6 84	9 12	11 40
47	61	1 21	2 42	4 84	7 26	9 68	12 10
48	64	1 28	2 56	5 12	7 68	10 24	12 80
49	68	1 36	2 72	5 44	8 16	10 88	13 60
50	73	1 45	2 90	5 80	8 70	11 60	14 50
51	78	1 55	3 10	6 20	9 30	12 40	15 50
52	83	1 65	3 30	6 60	9 90	13 20	16 50
53	90	1 80	3 60	7 20	10 80	14 40	18 00
54	98	1 95	3 90	7 80	11 70	15 60	19 50
55	1 05	2 10	4 20	8 40	12 60	16 80	21 00

*Women only are permitted to carry Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

And subject to the various Sections of the Constitution and Laws as in this sub-section provided, the monthly rate of Premium or Assessment which each beneficiary member in the Ordinary Class who has not paid the 1898 rates of assessment (which are the rates of assessment adopted by The Supreme Court or the Order at its regular Session held in 1898), shall pay according to the amount of his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and his age at the date he became a Beneficiary member, or at the date an increase of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit was granted, or at the date of his last rating or reinstatement, or each or either as the case may be, commencing with the Premium or Assessment for the month of October, 1908, and in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and thirty-three, shall be as follows:

Future Rates of Assessment for Members Who
Are Not Paying the 1898 Rates.

Ordinary Class.

Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
18	41	82	1 64	2 46	3 28	4 10
19	42	84	1 68	2 52	3 36	4 20
20	44	87	1 74	2 61	3 48	4 35
21	45	89	1 78	2 67	3 56	4 45
22	46	92	1 84	2 76	3 68	4 60
23	47	95	1 90	2 85	3 80	4 75
24	48	1 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	5 00
25	53	1 05	2 10	3 15	4 20	5 25
26	55	1 10	2 20	3 30	4 40	5 50
27	58	1 16	2 32	3 48	4 64	5 80
28	61	1 21	2 42	3 63	4 84	6 05
29	63	1 26	2 52	3 78	5 04	6 30
30	66	1 32	2 64	3 96	5 28	6 60
31	69	1 37	2 74	4 11	5 48	6 85
32	72	1 43	2 86	4 29	5 72	7 15
33	75	1 50	3 00	4 50	6 00	7 50
34	79	1 57	3 14	4 71	6 28	7 85
35	83	1 65	3 30	4 95	6 60	8 25
36	86	1 72	3 44	5 16	6 88	8 60
37	91	1 81	3 62	5 43	7 24	9 05
38	96	1 91	3 82	5 73	7 64	9 55
39	1 02	2 03	4 06	6 09	8 12	10 15
40	1 08	2 15	4 30	6 45	8 60	10 75
41	1 14	2 28	4 56	6 84	9 12	11 40
42	1 21	2 42	4 84	7 26	9 68	12 10
43	1 26	2 51	5 02	7 53	10 04	12 55
44	1 32	2 64	5 28	7 92	10 56	13 20
45	1 38	2 76	5 52	8 28	11 04	13 80
46	1 40	2 80	5 60	8 40	11 20	14 00
47	1 41	2 81	5 62	8 43	11 24	14 05
48	1 44	2 88	5 76	8 04	11 52	14 40
49	1 50	2 99	5 98	8 97	11 96	14 95
50	1 57	3 13	6 26	9 39	12 52	15 65
51	1 69	3 37	6 74	10 11	13 48	16 85
52	1 81	3 62	7 24	10 86	14 48	18 10
53	1 96	3 97	7 94	11 91	15 88	19 85
54	2 16	4 31	8 62	12 33	17 24	21 55

Each such member shall also pay on or before the first day of October, 1913, the amount of the special assessment levied upon such member by The Supreme Court of the Order at its regular session holden in August, 1913, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of the schedule to the Act of Incorporation, and if not so paid the amount of such special assessment shall be a lien or debt against such member's mortuary benefit certificate or policy bearing interest until paid at the rate of four per cent. per annum compounded annually. Provided that such interest may at the option of the member be payable in equal monthly instalments with the monthly rate of premium or assessment of such member.

(3) For additional Insurance or Mortuary Benefit after initiation he shall pay premiums or assessments according to his age at the time such additional benefit is granted.

(4) The premiums or assessments provided in sub-section two of this section may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually in advance at the option of the member.

The Hazardous Class.

127. (1) The Hazardous Class shall consist of all members who are employed or engaged in or follow, whether regularly or occasionally, any of the undermentioned occupations or callings, viz.: Officers and crews (except stokers) and other employees of regular steam passenger ships; employees on barges towed by steam boats; canal boatmen; pilots; little boat fishermen who fish within three miles of the shore; fishermen on small lakes and rivers; oyster dredgers; lobster fishermen; lightermen; raftsmen; longshoremen or stevedores; dock laborers; conductors, trainmen, baggagemen and all other employees on regular passenger trains, except those in the extra hazardous class; railway mail clerks and route agents; express messengers; sleeping car employees; dining car employees; air brake inspectors; car checkers at railway stations; car inspectors; car repairers in shop yards protected by lock and block signals; railway section men; employees

engaged on platforms or about the tracks at railway depots; flagmen at railway crossings; chauffeurs; members of fire departments in cities and large towns; placer, drift and hydraulic miners; employees in clay, mica and talc mines; master miners of and workmen around gold, silver and iron mines who only occasionally go into the mines; quarrymen; employees in planing mills and saw mills not included in the extra hazardous class; stave cutters with knives; grinders of lenses; metal tool and instrument grinders; polishers; buffers; burnishers; brass finishers; pnddlers; roofers; slaters; cornice builders; billiard hall, bowling alley and pool room employees; electric lamp trimmer electrical engineers and experts. Employees in the following named occupations or industries, except those on the office staff: aniline dye works; bleaching works; blast furnaces; bridge building (short iron and wood structures); cotton mills; woolen mills (carders only); celluloid works; cement mills; chemical works; crucible steel works; glass factories, except those in the extra hazardous class; grain elevators; granite cutting; indigo works; lime works; marble cutting; plaster of paris works; paint works; potteries (dippers, miners, scourers and sweepers only); pile driving; rolling mills; rail mills; smelting works; stone cutting; turkish baths; white lead works; zinc works. Regular army soldiers and naval seamen (in time of peace).

(2) Also subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and twenty-eight, all persons who are deaf, or who have lost one eye, or one arm, or one hand, or one leg, or one foot, or who have a defective arm or leg, or hand or foot, and are engaged in or follow any of the occupations or callings included in the Ordinary Class shall be classed as Hazardous.

(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections one and two of this section and of Sections seventy-eight, one hundred and fifty-six, and one hundred and fifty-seven, the monthly rate of premium or assessment which each beneficiary member in the Hazardous Class not being a

member who has been paying prior to October, 1908, according to Tables of Rates in force prior to the adoption of the Tables of Rates by The Supreme Court of the Order at its regular Session in 1898 (hereinafter called the 1898 rates) shall pay, according to the amount of his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and his age at the date he became a beneficiary member, or date of last reinstatement as provided in Sections one hundred and forty-two and one hundred and fifty-five, and at the time specified in Section one hundred and thirty-three, sub-section one, and one hundred and thirty-four, shall be as follows, viz.:

1898 HAZARDOUS CLASS.

Age	\$250*	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
20 & und'r	26	52	1 03	2 06	3 09	4 12	5 15
21	27	53	1 05	2 10	3 15	4 20	5 25
22	27	54	1 08	2 16	3 24	4 32	5 40
23	28	56	1 11	2 22	3 33	4 44	5 55
24	29	57	1 14	2 28	3 42	4 56	5 70
25	30	59	1 17	2 34	3 51	4 68	5 85
26	30	60	1 20	2 40	3 60	4 80	6 00
27	31	62	1 24	2 48	3 72	4 96	6 20
28	32	64	1 28	2 56	3 84	5 12	6 40
29	33	66	1 32	2 64	3 96	5 28	6 60
30	34	68	1 37	2 74	4 11	5 48	6 85
31	36	71	1 42	2 84	4 26	5 68	7 10
32	37	74	1 47	2 94	4 41	5 88	7 35
33	38	76	1 52	3 04	4 56	6 08	7 60
34	40	79	1 58	3 16	4 74	6 32	7 90
35	41	82	1 64	3 28	4 92	6 56	8 20
36	43	86	1 71	3 42	5 13	6 84	8 35
37	45	89	1 78	3 56	5 34	7 12	8 90
38	47	93	1 85	3 70	5 55	7 40	9 25
39	49	97	1 93	3 86	5 79	7 72	9 65
40	51	1 01	2 02	4 04	6 06	8 08	10 10
41	53	1 06	2 12	4 24	6 36	8 48	10 60
42	56	1 11	2 22	4 44	6 66	8 88	11 10
43	59	1 17	2 33	4 66	6 99	9 32	11 65
44	61	1 22	2 44	4 88	7 32	9 76	12 20
45	64	1 28	2 56	5 12	7 68	10 24	12 80
46	68	1 35	2 69	5 38	8 07	10 76	13 45
47	71	1 42	2 83	5 66	8 49	11 32	14 15
48	75	1 50	3 00	6 00	9 00	12 00	15 00
49	80	1 59	3 18	6 36	9 54	12 72	15 90
50	85	1 69	3 38	6 76	10 14	13 52	16 90
51	90	1 80	3 60	7 20	10 80	14 40	18 00
52	96	1 92	3 84	7 68	11 52	15 36	19 20
53	1 03	2 05	4 10	8 20	12 30	16 40	20 50
54	1 10	2 19	4 38	8 76	13 14	17 52	21 90
55	1 17	2 34	4 67	9 34	14 01	18 68	23 35

*Women only are permitted to carry Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

And subject to the various Sections of the Constitution and Laws as in this sub-section provided, the monthly rate of Premium or Assessment which each beneficiary member in the Hazardous Class who has not paid the 1898 rates of assessment (which are the rates of assessment adopted by The Supreme Court of the Order at its regular Session held in 1898), shall pay, according to the amount of his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and his age at the date he became a Beneficiary member, or at the date an increase of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit was granted, or at the date of his last rating or reinstatement, or each or either as the case may be, commencing with the Premium or Assessment for the month of October, 1908, and in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and thirty-three, shall be as follows, viz:

Future Rates of Assessment for Members Who
Are Not Paying the 1893 Rates.

Hazardous Class.

Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
18	49	97	1 94	2 91	3 88	4 85
19	50	99	1 98	2 97	3 96	4 95
20	51	1 02	2 04	3 06	4 08	5 10
21	52	1 04	2 08	3 12	4 16	5 20
22	54	1 07	2 14	3 21	4 28	5 35
23	55	1 10.	2 20	3 30	4 40	5 50
24	58	1 15	2 30	3 45	4 60	5 75
25	60	1 20	2 40	3 60	4 80	6 00
26	63	1 25	2 50	3 75	5 00	6 25
27	66	1 31	2 62	3 93	5 24	6 55
28	68	1 36	2 72	4 08	5 44	6 80
29	71	1 41	2 82	4 23	5 64	7 05
30	74	1 47	2 94	4 41	5 88	7 35
31	76	1 52	3 04	4 56	6 08	7 60
32	79	1 58	3 16	4 74	6 32	7 90
33	83	1 65	3 30	4 95	6 60	8 25
34	86	1 72	3 44	5 16	6 88	8 60
35	90	1 80	3 60	5 40	7 20	9 00
36	94	1 87	3 74	5 61	7 48	9 35
37	98	1 96	3 92	5 88	7 84	9 80
38	1 03	2 06	4 12	6 18	8 24	10 30
39	1 09	2 18	4 36	6 54	8 72	10 90
40	1 15	2 30	4 60	6 90	9 20	11 50
41	1 22	2 43	4 86	7 29	9 72	12 15
42	1 29	2 57	5 14	7 71	10 28	12 85
43	1 33	2 66	5 32	7 98	10 64	13 30
44	1 40	2 79	5 58	8 37	11 16	13 95
45	1 46	2 91	5 82	8 73	11 64	14 55
46	1 48	2 95	5 90	8 85	11 80	14 75
47	1 48	2 96	5 92	8 88	11 84	14 80
48	1 52	3 03	6 06	9 09	12 12	15 15
49	1 57	3 14	6 28	9 42	12 56	15 70
50	1 64	3 28	6 56	9 84	13 12	16 40
51	1 76	3 52	7 04	10 56	14 08	17 60
52	1 89	3 77	7 54	11 31	15 08	18 85
53	2 06	4 12	8 24	12 36	16 48	20 60
54	2 23	4 46	8 92	13 38	17 84	22 30

Each such member shall also pay on or before the first day of October, 1913, the amount of the special assessment levied upon such member by The Snpreme Court of the Order at its regular session holden in Angust, 1913, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of the schednle to the Act of Incorporation, and if not so paid the amonnt of such special assessment shall be a lien or debt against such member's Mortnary Benefit Certificate or policy bearing interest until paid at the rate of four per cent. per annum compounded annually. Provided that such interest may at the option of the member be payable in equal monthly instalments with the monthly rate of premium or assessment of such member.

(5) The premiums or assessments provided in sub-section three of this section may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually in advance at the option of the member.

The Extra Hazardous Class.

128. (1) The Extra Hazardons Class shall consist of all members who are employed in or engaged in or follow, whether regularly or occasionally, any of the undermentioned occupations or callings, viz.: Officers and crew and others employed on sailing vessels and on steam cargo ships; stokers; life saving service crews; river drivers; deep sea fishermen who fish beyend three miles from the shore; fishermen on the Great Lakes; conductors, brakemen and flagmen on freight trains; locomotive engineers and firemen; switchmen; shunters; switchtenders; yard brakemen, yardmen, yard foremen and yardmasters; all employees in round (engine) honses; car checkers in railroad or switch yards; car repairers in freight or passenger switch yards or transfer yards not protected by lock and block signals; all employees on railway trains other than on regular passenger trains; construction train laborers; those who man wrecking trains; gold, silver and iron miners and other persons employed in such mines; dry quartz millmen; all persons engaged in or around blasting; all persons engaged in manufacturing fireworks; grinders with emery wheels; glass

blowers; all persons engaged with or employed around buzz, band, circular and gang saws; buzz planers; dynamo tenders; all persons employed around dynamos in power houses or employed around electric lines for transmission of electricity; telegraph, telephone and electric light linemen; bridge builders employed on large iron or wooden structures; structural iron workers; steam shovel laborers; matchmakers; well diggers; tenders of cattle in transit; also all persons who are deaf, or who have lost one eye, or one arm, or one hand, or one leg, or one foot, or who have a defective arm or leg, or hand or foot, and are engaged in or follow any of the occupations or callings included in Section one hundred and twenty-seven, sub-section one.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section one of this section and of Sections seventy-eight, one hundred and fifty-six, and one hundred and fifty-seven, the monthly rate of premium or assessment which each beneficiary member in the Extra Hazardous Class not being a member who has been paying prior to October, 1908, according to Tables of Rates in force prior to the adoption of the Table of Rates by The Supreme Court of the Order at its regular Session in 1898 (hereinafter called the 1898 rates), shall pay, according to the amount of his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, and his age at the date he became a beneficiary member, or date of last reinstatement as provided in Sections one hundred and forty-two and one hundred and fifty-five, and at the time specified in Sections one hundred and thirty-three, sub-section one, and one hundred and thirty-four, shall be as follows, viz.:

1898 EXTRA HAZARDOUS RATES.

Age	\$250*	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
20 & und'r	38	75	1 50	3 00	4 50	6 00	7 50
21	38	76	1 52	3 04	4 56	6 08	7 60
22	39	77	1 54	3 08	4 62	6 16	7 70
23	39	78	1 56	3 12	4 68	6 24	7 80
24	40	80	1 59	3 18	4 77	6 36	7 95
25	42	81	1 62	3 24	4 86	6 48	8 10
26	42	83	1 66	3 32	4 98	6 64	8 30
27	43	85	1 70	3 40	5 10	6 80	8 50
28	44	88	1 75	3 50	5 25	7 00	8 75
29	45	90	1 80	3 60	5 40	7 20	9 00
30	47	93	1 85	3 70	5 55	7 40	9 25
31	48	96	1 91	3 82	5 73	7 64	9 55
32	50	99	1 97	3 94	5 91	7 88	9 85
33	51	1 02	2 04	4 08	6 12	8 16	10 20
34	53	1 06	2 11	4 22	6 33	8 44	10 55
35	55	1 10	2 19	4 38	6 57	8 76	10 95
36	57	1 14	2 27	4 54	6 81	9 08	11 35
37	59	1 18	2 36	4 72	7 08	9 44	11 80
38	62	1 23	2 45	4 90	7 35	9 80	12 25
39	64	1 28	2 55	5 10	7 65	10 20	12 75
40	67	1 33	2 66	5 32	7 98	10 64	13 30
41	70	1 39	2 78	5 56	8 34	11 12	13 90
42	73	1 46	2 91	5 82	8 73	11 64	14 55
43	77	1 53	3 05	6 10	9 15	12 20	15 25
44	80	1 60	3 20	6 40	9 60	12 80	16 00
45	84	1 68	3 35	6 70	10 05	13 40	16 75
46	88	1 76	3 51	7 02	10 53	14 04	17 55
47	93	1 85	3 69	7 38	11 07	14 76	18 45
48	98	1 95	3 89	7 78	11 67	15 56	19 45
49	1 03	2 06	4 12	8 24	12 36	16 48	20 60
50	1 10	2 19	4 37	8 74	13 11	17 48	21 85
51	1 16	2 31	4 62	9 24	13 86	18 48	23 10
52	1 23	2 45	4 90	9 80	14 70	19 60	24 50
53	1 31	2 61	5 21	10 42	15 63	20 84	26 05
54	1 39	2 78	5 55	11 10	16 65	22 20	27 75
55	1 49	2 97	5 94	11 88	17 82	23 76	29 70

*Women only are permitted to carry Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

And subject to the various Sections of the Constitution and Laws as in this Sub-section provided, the monthly rate of Premium or Assessment, which each beneficiary member in the Extra Hazardous Class who has not paid the 1898 rates of assessment (which are the rates of assessment adopted by The Supreme Court of the Order at its regular Session held in 1898), shall pay, according to the amount of his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and his age at the date he became a Beneficiary member, or at the date an increase of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit was granted, or at the date of his last rating or reinstatement, or each or either as the case may be, commencing with the Premium or Assessment for the month of October, 1908, and in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and thirty-three, shall be as follows, viz.:

Future Rates of Assessments For Members Who
Are Not Paying the 1898 Rates.

Extra Hazardous Class.

Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
18	56	1 12	2 24	3 36	4 48	5 60
19	57	1 14	2 28	3 42	4 56	5 70
20	59	1 17	2 34	3 51	4 68	5 85
21	60	1 19	2 38	3 57	4 76	5 95
22	61	1 22	2 44	3 66	4 88	6 10
23	63	1 25	2 50	3 75	5 00	6 25
24	65	1 30	2 60	3 90	5 20	6 50
25	68	1 35	2 70	4 05	5 40	6 75
26	70	1 40	2 80	4 20	5 60	7 00
27	73	1 46	2 92	4 38	5 84	7 30
28	76	1 51	3 02	4 53	6 04	7 55
29	78	1 56	3 12	4 68	6 24	7 80
30	81	1 62	3 24	4 86	6 48	8 10
31	84	1 67	3 34	5 01	6 68	8 35
32	87	1 73	3 46	5 19	6 92	8 65
33	90	1 80	3 60	5 40	7 20	9 00
34	94	1 87	3 74	5 61	7 48	9 35
35	98	1 95	3 90	5 85	7 80	9 75
36	1 01	2 02	4 04	6 06	8 08	10 10
37	1 06	2 11	4 22	6 33	8 44	10 55
38	1 11	2 21	4 41	6 62	8 84	11 05
39	1 17	2 33	4 66	6 99	9 32	11 65
40	1 23	2 45	4 90	7 35	9 80	12 25
41	1 29	2 58	5 16	7 74	10 32	12 90
42	1 36	2 72	5 44	8 16	10 88	13 60
43	1 41	2 81	5 62	8 43	11 24	14 05
44	1 47	2 94	5 88	8 82	11 76	14 70
45	1 53	3 06	6 12	9 18	12 24	15 30
46	1 55	3 10	6 20	9 30	12 40	15 50
47	1 56	3 11	6 22	9 33	12 44	15 55
48	1 59	3 18	6 36	9 54	12 72	15 90
49	1 65	3 29	6 58	9 87	13 16	16 45
50	1 72	3 43	6 86	10 29	13 72	17 15
51	1 84	3 67	7 34	11 01	14 68	18 35
52	1 96	3 92	7 84	11 76	15 68	19 60
53	2 14	4 27	8 54	12 81	17 08	21 35
54	2 31	4 61	9 22	13 83	18 44	23 05

Each such member shall also pay on or before the first day of October, 1913, the amount of the special assessment levied upon such member by The Supreme Court of the Order at its regular session holden in August, 1913, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of the schedule to the Act of Incorporation, and if not so paid the amount of such special assessment shall be a lien or debt against such member's Mortuary Benefit Certificate or policy bearing interest until paid at the rate of four per cent. per annum compounded annually. Provided that such interest may at the option of the member be payable in equal monthly instalments with the monthly rate of premium or assessment of such member.

(3) The premiums or assessments provided in sub-section two of this section may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually in advance at the option of the member.

(4) No person shall be initiated into the Order who is over fifty years of age and who is engaged in an occupation included in the Extra Hazardous Class.

PROSCRIBED OCCUPATIONS.

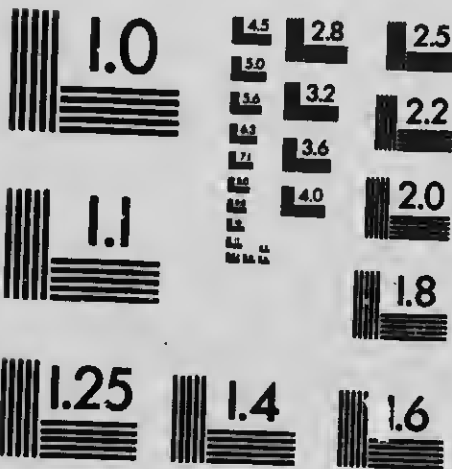
Disqualification for Membership.

129. (1) All persons employed or engaged underground, even occasionally, in coal, lead and copper mines; employees in shale pits, employees in and around powder mills, all persons engaged in manufacturing or handling dynamite or other explosives, submarine divers and submarine workers, all aeronauts, jockeys and horse trainers, wild animal trainers, and all persons whose occupations may, from time to time, be scheduled by The Supreme Court of the Order, or by the Executive Council as specially dangerous, shall not be eligible for admission to membership in the Order; and if a Beneficiary member should change his occupation to any one of those included in this sub-section he shall *ipso facto* forfeit his membership in the Order, and shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, and all moneys received by the Order on his account previous or subsequent thereto shall forthwith be forfeited to the Order; and such person or his bene-



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beneficiary or heir or his legal personal representative or any one else shall not be entitled to receive and shall not be paid any benefit whatsoever; provided that if a member engaged temporarily in an occupation or employment that is proscribed, and he be injured or come to his death while thus employed or engaged, or become disabled or die from the result and consequence of being or having been thus employed or engaged, he and his beneficiary or beneficiaries, heirs, executors or administrators, shall only be entitled to receive and shall be paid by the Order only such proportion of any benefit whatsoever as the time intervened since his initiation, reinstatement, or increase of mortuary benefit, as the case may be, and his decease, bears to his Expectation of Life at his initiation, reinstatement, or increase of mortuary benefit, as the case may be. In case of dispute as to the amount to be paid hereunder the decision of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council shall be final and binding on all parties.

(2) All persons engaged in or assisting in, or connected with, the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, including drivers of brewers' and distillers' delivery wagons, bottlers of malt or spirituous liquors, and yardmen of breweries, not including those handling liquor in sealed packages only, shall not be eligible for admission to membership in the Order; and any member engaging in any such occupation shall *ipso facto* forfeit his membership in the Order and shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, and all moneys received by the Order on his account previous or subsequent thereto shall forthwith be forfeited to the Order; and such person or his beneficiary or his heir or his legal personal representative or any one else shall not be entitled to receive and shall not be paid any benefit whatsoever.

Penalty for Proposing or Initiating a Disqualified Applicant.

(3) Any member proposing an applicant for membership who is disqualified by the provisions of this section or by the provisions of any other section of the Constitution and Laws, may be

ined, suspended or expelled at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council; and it shall be the duty of a Court as soon as it becomes aware of such a proposal to report the facts to the Supreme Chief Ranger with a report of its own action in the matter; and any Court permitting a person who is disqualified by the provisions of this section or by the provisions of any other section of the Constitution and Laws to be initiated, shall have its Charter suspended or revoked and the Court dissolved, at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council.

(4) Should a person disqualified under any of the provisions of this section or by the provisions of any other section of the Constitution and Laws be initiated into any Court or otherwise admitted as a member, such person shall be deemed to have been illegally admitted, and such person shall not be deemed to be and shall not be a member of the Order, notwithstanding he may have paid and may continue to pay all fees and premiums or assessments in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department and in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, and that his medical examination may have been accepted by the Medical Board and that he may have received a Policy or Benefit Certificate; and all moneys received by the Order on his account shall be forthwith forfeited to the Order; and such person or his beneficiary or his heir or his legal personal representative or any one else shall not be entitled to receive and shall not be paid any benefit whatsoever.

Mistake as to Age or Occupation in Application for Membership.

130. (1) Subject to the provisions of Sections seventy-eight, one hundred and twenty-nine, one hundred and thirty-one and one hundred and thirty-two, if a member made a mistake in giving his age, or if he incorrectly or insufficiently described his occupation at the time of his admission to the Order, or if he has not been paying the correct rating, he shall forthwith make a written statement of the facts in his case to the Court and

to the Supreme Secretary and furnish proof of the date of his birth.

(2) The written statement of the member, and proof of the date of his birth and a statement of the action and recommendation of the Court relating to the case duly certified by the signatures of the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, shall be transmitted to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and, if approved by him, he shall transmit it to the Supreme Secretary, who shall make the corrections in accordance with the facts, and shall notify the Court of such corrections; whereupon all shortages paid to the Financial Secretary of the Court, as provided in this section, shall be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary with the next monthly report and remittance.

(3) If the member reported his age at admission younger than he really was, he shall pay to the Financial Secretary of his Court, at the time of making the statement and proof of date of his birth required by sub-section one of this section, the difference between what he has paid and the amount due for his correct age on all premiums or assessments accrued subsequent to his admission together with four per cent. interest thereon compounded annually.

(4) If a member gave his age older than he was at the time of his admission, he shall be rated at his correct age from and after the date of approval by the Supreme Chief Ranger of his statement of error and proof of date of birth, and thereupon he shall be entitled to have refunded to him the amount of the premiums or assessments which he may have overpaid by reason of the error as to his age.

(5) If his occupation has been wrongfully given, such error must be corrected in all the records, and if the error has affected the rate of premium or assessment paid by the member, he must pay to the Financial Secretary of his Court at the time of making the statement and proof of the date of his birth required by sub-section one of this section, all shortages in the premiums or assessments already paid by him; but if the

correcting of the occupation reduces the rate of his premiums or assessments, then he shall pay from the time of making such statement the correct rate of premium or assessment.

(6) If from any cause whatsoever a member has not paid the correct premium or assessment according to his age at enrolment, or reinstatement, or increase of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, as the case may be, or according to his occupation from time to time, he shall pay the difference between what he has paid and what he should have paid together with four per cent. interest thereon compounded annually, which shall be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary.

(7) All the requirements in this section provided to be performed by the member and by the Court must be completed before the event insured against has happened, otherwise the benefit or benefits shall be prorated as provided in Sections one hundred and thirty-one and one hundred and thirty-two, as the case may be.

Penalty for Mis-Stating Age.

131. (1) If any member gave his age in his Application for Membership or in his Medical Examination paper younger than he was at the time of making his said Application for Membership or at the time of his said Medical examination, as the case may be, and such mis-statement or error has not been corrected as provided in Section one hundred and thirty prior to his disability or death, as the case may be, he or his beneficiaries or legal personal representatives or any other person shall be entitled only to such proportion of the whole amount of any benefit of the Order, payable under the Constitution and Laws, as the rate of monthly insurance or mortuary premium or assessment he was paying at the time of disability or death, or at the time the cause thereof arose, as the case may be, shall bear to the rate of monthly insurance or mortuary premium or assessment he should have been paying.

Admitting Date of Birth.

(2) A member may submit to the Supreme

Chief Ranger proof of the date of his birth, and the Supreme Chief Ranger, on being satisfied with such proof, shall furnish to the member a statement that his date of birth is admitted, and such statement shall contain the date of such member's birth; and the Supreme Secretary shall make due entry in the records of the Order of such date of birth and of the fact that such member's date of birth is admitted.

Proof of Date of Birth.

(3) Before approving the claim for any Benefit for a member whose date of birth has not been admitted as provided in sub-section two of this section, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall require such member to furnish satisfactory proof of the date of his birth; provided that if the member be deceased the proof of the date of his birth shall be furnished by his beneficiary or legal personal representative or other person entitled to receive the benefit.

Change of Occupation and Penalty for Failure to Give Notice.

132. (1) Subject to the provisions of Sections one hundred and twenty-seven, sub-section six, and one hundred and twenty-eight, sub-section five, if any member in the Ordinary Class, or in the Hazardous Class, change his occupation to, or engage even temporarily in, any one of the occupations or employments classed as Hazardous or Extra Hazardous, as the case may be, his rate of premium or assessment shall *ipso facto* change to the corresponding rate for such Class, and he shall forthwith give notice to the Supreme Secretary of such change and pay the corresponding rate of premium or assessment in the Hazardous Class or in the Extra Hazardous Class, as the case may be, including for the month in which such change is made.

(2) Any member in the Hazardous Class or Extra Hazardous Class changing his occupation or employment to the Ordinary Class or Hazardous Class, as the case may be, shall be entitled to have his rate of monthly premium or assessment decreased to the corresponding rate in the

Ordinary Class or Hazardous Class, as the case may be. Such decrease of rate of premium or assessment shall begin from the date at which the notice of such change shall be received by the Supreme Secretary.

(3) If a beneficiary member change his occupation to, or engage, even temporarily in, any one of the occupations or employments included in Section one hundred and twenty-nine, he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order; provided that if such suspended member continue to pay premiums or assessments the receipt of such moneys by the Supreme Secretary shall not constitute a waiver of any provision of the Constitution and Laws, and all moneys paid by such member after such change shall forthwith be forfeited to the Order.

(4) Any member changing his occupation to, or engaging, even temporarily, in one of the occupations or employments classed as Hazardous or Extra Hazardous, as the case may be, and failing to give notice of such change to the Supreme Secretary and failing to pay the increased rate of monthly premium or assessment, as provided in sub-section one of this section, in the event of disability or death while so occupied or employed, or disability or death subsequent to being engaged in such Hazardous or Extra Hazardous occupation or employment, and caused directly or indirectly by having been engaged in such Hazardous or Extra Hazardous occupation or employment, he or his beneficiaries, heirs or legal personal representatives shall be entitled only to such proportion of the whole amount of any Benefit of the Order payable under his Policy or Benefit Certificate or provided in the Constitution and Laws, as the rate of monthly mortuary premium or assessment he was paying at the time the cause of the disability or death arose, or at the time the disability or death occurred, as the case may be, bears to the rate of monthly mortuary premium or assessment he should have been paying.

(5) If a beneficiary member does not pay the proper monthly insurance or mortuary premium

or assessment provided in Section one hundred and twenty-six, or one hundred and twenty-seven, or one hundred and twenty-eight, as the case may be, for his actual occupation or employment, whether or not such occupation or employment was correctly stated in his Application for Membership or Medical Examination paper, or otherwise, he or his beneficiaries, heirs, or legal personal representatives shall be entitled only to such proportion of the whole amount of any Benefit of the Order payable under his Policy or Benefit Certificate or provided in the Constitution and Laws, as the rate of monthly insurance or mortuary premium or assessment he was paying bears to the rate of monthly insurance or mortuary premium or assessment he should have been paying.

**Time of Payment of Premiums or Assessments,
Court Dues and Other Demands of the Order.**

133. (1) Subject to the provisions of Section eighty-eight, each and every member initiated into the Order, or reinstated, shall, thirty-one days before the first day of each and every month, pay in cash to the Financial Secretary of his Court, or to the Supreme Secretary if the member be an unattached Member-at-large, at least one Mortuary Benefit premium or assessment required to be paid for the benefits for which he is or shall be registered in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department according to his age at the date he became a beneficiary member or became reinstated, as the case may be, and according to the Class in which he is registered, and if enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Department he shall also pay at least one Sick and Funeral Benefit premium or assessment, and he shall also pay Court Dues according to the provisions of Section one hundred and fourteen, sub-section one, and such other taxes, fees, fines and other demands of the Order for each month as are required by the Constitution and Laws, provided that each member shall have thirty days' grace within which to make such payments, and upon failure to pay within the said period of grace, the member shall *ipso facto* immediately

stand suspended from the Order; provided further, that the foregoing provisions of this sub-section as to time of payment shall not apply to the first premium or assessment, court dues, taxes, fees, or other demands of the Order after reinstatement, which must be paid on or before the last day of the month in which a member is reinstated, or the member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order on the first day of the month succeeding reinstatement.

(2) A Court may provide in its By-laws that the members thereof shall make their payments for the succeeding month not later than the last regular meeting of the Court in each month, failing which, all members who pay thereafter shall, in addition to the regular premiums or assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order provided for in the Constitution and Laws, pay such additional Court dues or fines as the Court may fix in its By-laws.

When a Court is Indebted to a Member.

(3) If a Court is indebted to a member and such indebtedness has been duly acknowledged by the Court on Form No. 19, and such member requests his Court in writing to pay his premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order as they fall due, such request shall be entered upon the records of the Court by the Recording Secretary, showing the amount of such indebtedness, and an Acknowledgment of Indebtedness on Form No. 19, signed by the Chief Ranger and Financial Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed shall be given to the member.

(4) Thereupon the Financial Secretary shall place to the credit of the member in his books the amount of such indebtedness, and he shall thereafter from time to time transmit to the Supreme Secretary or the High Secretary, as the case may be, out of the General Fund of the Court, the premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes and other demands of the Order and the High Court as they arise or fall due, so long as the funds to the credit of the member shall permit

this to be done subject to the provisions of sub-section five of this section.

(5) So long as the funds placed to the credit of the member as provided in sub-section four of this section, shall permit of the payment in full of all his liabilities to the Order and High Court, Subordinate Court, or Companion Court, as the case may be, falling due in any one month, such member, subject to the provisos in this sub-section contained and subject to the provisions of sub-section eight of this section, shall not be suspended; provided that, notwithstanding that the Court may still be indebted to the member, if the Court ceases for any cause whatsoever to be in good standing, then the member concerned must pay to the Supreme Secretary his premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order as they fall due, otherwise he shall stand suspended as provided in Section one hundred and thirty-four; provided always that, notwithstanding that the Court may at the time be indebted to a member, if the provisions of sub-sections three and four of this section have not been fully complied with, the member concerned shall *ipso facto* stand suspended as provided in Section one hundred and thirty-four, if he or the Court shall fail to pay his premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order.

(6) If the provisions of sub-sections three and four of this section have been fully complied with, and the Financial Secretary shall fail to pay the premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes and other demands of the Order and the High Court for each member as provided in sub-section five of this section, such Financial Secretary shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, and if the Court has been a party to such failure of duty on the part of the Financial Secretary its Charter may be suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(7) Any payments made by the Financial Secretary under the provisions of this section shall be a set-off to the indebtedness of the Court to the member concerned.

(8) Whenever the Court has paid its indebted-

ness to a member, or the balance due is insufficient to pay in full any accruing liability for any month, the member concerned must pay to the Financial Secretary, on or before the last day of the month, the amount required to pay in full all demands of the Order and of his Court for the ensuing month, or he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

Penalty for Non-Payment.

134. Subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and thirty-three, whenever a beneficiary member has not on the last day of each and every month to his credit in the Court treasury in cash actually paid by himself or by some one else for him to the Financial Secretary, as provided in Section one hundred and thirty-three, subsection one, the amount of at least one monthly premium or assessment on account of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit for which he is registered, and one monthly premium or assessment on account of the other Benefits held by him, together with Court dues and all fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and of the Court payable by him for the ensuing month, he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended and shall so continue until he has been duly and regularly reinstated; provided that, with respect to an unattached Member-at-large, the term "Court treasury" shall mean the treasury of the Order at the Head Office, and the term "Financial Secretary" shall mean the Supreme Secretary.

MONTHLY REPORTS TO THE HEAD OFFICE OF THE ORDER.

First Monthly Report.

135. (1) The Financial Secretary of every Court shall make his first report after the institution of the Court, in duplicate, on the First Monthly Report, Form No. 8; such report shall be for the month immediately succeeding the institution of the Court, and shall be fully and properly filled in by the Financial Secretary, which report shall be verified and attested by the Treasurer.

Ordinary Monthly Reports.

(2) On the first week day of every month, except in October in each year, the Financial Secretary shall make out the Ordinary Monthly Report on Form No. 9, in duplicate, giving the names and ages and full Post Office address of all who have been admitted to membership since last report; the names and ages of those who have been reinstated since last report; the names of those who have died, or have been suspended, or have been expelled, or who have withdrawn from the Court or Order, since the last report; the names of those paying in advance since the last report and amounts so paid in advance, and such other information as is required by the terms of Form No. 9, which report shall be verified and attested by the Treasurer.

October Report.

(3) On the first week day of October the Financial Secretary shall make the report to the Supreme Secretary, in duplicate, on the October Report, Form No. 10 (instead of on Form No. 9), which report shall be fully and properly filled in by the Financial Secretary, and all information and facts required to fully and completely fill in the report shall be given, and the report shall be verified and attested by the Treasurer.

Reports in Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.

(4) When a member or members of a Court are enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, the Financial Secretary shall, on the first week day of each month, make the required monthly report in that department to the Supreme Secretary. The first monthly report in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, after the institution of the Court, shall be made on Form No. 43; the report for the month of October shall be made on Form No. 45; and the reports for all other months shall be made on Form No. 44; the reports shall be in duplicate, and all the information required by those Forms shall be given by the Financial Secretary, which reports shall be verified and attested by the Treasurer.

Reports Transmitted to Supreme Secretary.

(5) The report for each month after being made out by the Financial Secretary shall be forthwith transmitted by the Financial Secretary to the Supreme Secretary, together with the proper remittance.

Semi-Annual Reports to the High Court.

(6) The Financial Secretary shall on the first week day of January and of July in each year prepare, in duplicate, the Semi-Annual Report to the High Court on Form No. 48, and immediately transmit the said Report to the High Secretary of the Jurisdiction, together with the amount of the High Court dues, if any, payable to the High Court.

Duplicate of Reports Filed with Recording Secretary.

(7) At the first meeting in each month the Financial Secretary shall lay before the Court the duplicate of his Report for such month, and after it is verified by the Special Auditing Committee and approved by the Court, it shall be placed on file with the Recording Secretary; the Financial Secretary shall also, in July and January, lay before the Court the duplicate of the Semi-Annual Report to the High Court, which, after being verified, shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.

Erroneous Reports to be Corrected.

(8) Should any report be found to be defective or erroneous it shall be perfected or corrected, and the Financial Secretary shall at once notify the Supreme Secretary or the High Secretary, as the case may be, of such defect or error.

Statement of Occupation by Members.

(9) In September of each year, each member shall furnish the Financial Secretary of his Court with a written statement giving full particulars of his then present employment, labor, trade, occupation, business or profession, so that the Financial Secretary may properly give such information in his October report.

Monthly Remittances to the Head Office of the Order.

136. (1) On the first week day of each and every month the Financial Secretary, after having made out the Report for such month to the Order, shall receive from the Treasurer and shall immediately transmit to the Supreme Secretary, with the Report, the funds sufficient to cover the following items:

(a) The amount of one monthly insurance or mortuary premium or assessment required to be paid for the benefits for which each member is registered in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department, together with all the premiums or assessments which have been paid in advance for the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund, for each beneficiary member of the Court then in good standing;

(b) All arrears due on each reinstated member;

(c) The amount of the Certificate of Membership Fee required for each member initiated since last report;

(d) The amount of the Registration Fee for each Beneficiary member initiated since last report, also for each member whose Insurance or Mortuary Benefit has been increased since last report; also all other Fees paid since last report.

(e) For each Beneficiary member in good standing in the Court on the first day of each and every month, the Extension of the Order Tax of five cents for each of those holding two hundred and fifty dollars or five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, ten cents for each of those holding one thousand dollars, fifteen cents for each of those holding two thousand dollars, twenty cents for each of those holding three thousand dollars, twenty-five cents for each of those holding four thousand dollars, and thirty cents for each of those holding five thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, which shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Court.

(f) The amount of the monthly premiums or assessments for those members enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department; and the amount of the Enrolment Fees and Registration

Fees for those members reported enrolled in that department during the preceding month.

(g) The Orphans' and Sanatorium contribution prescribed by Section thirty-three, sub-section twelve.

(h) For each Beneficiary member in good standing in the Court on the first day of each and every month the minimum High Court dues of four cents per month.

(i) In June and December of each year the amount of one extra mortuary premium or assessment for each member from whom such extra premium or assessment is required under the provisions of Section one hundred and fifty-five and who has paid in accordance with the provisions of the said Section one hundred and fifty-five.

(j) The amount of principal or interest, if any, paid by any beneficiary member in good standing in the Court on account of the lien or debt against such member's Benefit Certificate or Policy.

(2) All remittances to the Head Office of the Order, or to a High Court, shall be made either by post office money order, or by express money order, or by negotiable bank draft, payable at par at the head office of the Order, or of the High Court, as the case may be; such money orders or drafts shall be made payable to the order of the Bank where the deposits of the funds of the Order, or of the High Court, as the case may be, are made, but all remittances shall be sent to the Supreme Secretary, or to the High Secretary, as the case may be. All bank charges or other charges for commission, exchange or other expenses in connection with the transmission of funds must be paid by the Court sending the remittance; provided always that if any remittance be by bank draft it shall be at the risk of the Court.

Semi-Annual Remittance to High Court.

(3) And in January and July of each year the Financial Secretary shall send to the High Secretary of the jurisdiction, with the Semi-Annual Report to the High Court, Form No. 48, the High Court Dues, if any, which may be due to the High

Court, as provided in Sections sixty-nine, and one hundred and thirty-five, sub-section six.

Penalty for Courts Failing to Remit.

137. Any Court not forwarding at the beginning of each month, the proper report and the remittance as required by Sections one hundred and thirty-five and one hundred and thirty-six, and continuing in such default till the third day of the month may be suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger; but if not so suspended, and it continues to be in default until the end of the month, then its Charter shall *ipso facto* stand suspended on the first day of the succeeding month, and subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and seventy-four, the members of such Court shall stand suspended from the Order, but the Financial Secretary of such Court shall *ipso facto* stand expelled from the Order.

REINSTATEMENT OF COURTS.

Reinstatement of Courts Suspended for Non-Report or for Non-Remittance.

138. Any Court suspended for having failed to transmit the required monthly Report or Remittance, as provided in Section one hundred and thirty-seven, may be reinstated any time within ninety days from the date of suspension by sending the proper reports and by paying the amount for which the Court became suspended, and by paying any further moneys which would in the meantime have accrued had the Court not been suspended, and, subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and seventy-four, by each member seeking reinstatement presenting a certificate of good health on Form No. 4 satisfactory to the Secretary of the Medical Board, or being accepted by the Medical Board on a regular medical examination on Form No. 3 if required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Secretary of the Medical Board; but if the Court is not reinstated within ninety days, then each member must be accepted by the Medical Board on a regular medical examination on Form No. 3, at the expense of the

Court or at his own expense, and must also be approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, and the reinstatement of members shall be subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and forty-two.

Reinstatement of Courts Suspended for Other Causes Than Non-Report or Non-Remittance.

139. (1) Any Court whose Charter has been suspended for other causes than non-report or non-remittance may be reinstated upon the removal of the cause of suspension and upon the members desiring to be reinstated furnishing a certificate of good health on Form No. 4, or being accepted by the Medical Board on a regular medical examination if required by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and paying all arrears; or the Executive Council or Supreme Chief Ranger may rescind the order of suspension; provided that, if a Court has been suspended for more than ninety days, it shall not be reinstated, nor the order for its suspension rescinded, until the members thereof desiring to be reinstated shall have been passed by the Medical Board and paid all premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order that they would have paid if the Court and such members had not been suspended, and the reinstatement of the members shall be subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and forty-two.

(2) Five or more members of a suspended Court may petition for the reinstatement of such suspended Court, and such applicants, if approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger, may have the Court reinstated and be restored to membership therein; and the reinstated Court may again receive the Charter, or, in case of its loss, a new one, together with any effects or funds of the Court at the time of its suspension or dissolution that may yet be in the hands of the Order and not disposed of.

(3) No Court shall be reinstated until all its arrears shall have been paid in full to the Order and to the High Court and, except as provided in

sub-section one of this section, until the members thereof desiring reinstatement therein shall have been passed by the Medical Board on a regular medical examination on Form No. 3.

REINSTATEMENT OF MEMBERS.

Reinstatement of Members Suspended for Other Cause Than Non-Payment.

140. (1) Any member of a Court having been regularly suspended or expelled for other causes than non-payment of any accrued liability may be reinstated to his former status in the Order, except in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department, by presenting an Application for Reinstatement, Form No. 15, and by being duly proposed for reinstatement at a regular meeting of his Court; whereupon his case shall be referred to a Committee of three members, who shall report at the next regular meeting, when the vote shall be taken by ball ballots, and if two-thirds of the members present are in favor of the reinstatement, it shall be made upon the applicant being accepted by the Medical Board on a regular medical examination, paying all he would have paid had he not been suspended, and being rated at his former rating or his present age, as may be ordered by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council; provided that, any vote for reinstatement under this section shall not be final until approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

Suspended or Expelled Members Cannot Be Received Into Other Courts.

(2) Except by dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger, a suspended or expelled member of a Court, if the suspension was for other cause than non-payment of premium or assessment, dues, fees, taxes, fines, or other demands of the Order, shall not be received into membership in another Court without the consent of the Court from which he was suspended or expelled.

REINSTATEMENT WITHIN NINETY DAYS.**Reinstatement of Members Suspended for Non-Payment.**

141. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections five and nine of this section and of Section one hundred and fifty-nine, a member suspended for non-payment of any accrued liability, such as premium or assessment, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order or of the Court, may within ninety days from the date of his suspension, be reinstated, without ballot, into the Court from which he was suspended and to his former status in the Order, except in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department, upon all the requirements of this section being complied with, viz.:

(2) He shall personally present an application for reinstatement to the Financial Secretary of his Court upon Form No. 15 fully filled in and signed by himself, and deposit with the Financial Secretary at the time of making such application, all premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and of the Court that he would have paid had he remained continuously in good standing; which deposit shall be held by the Financial Secretary as the agent of the applicant pending his reinstatement.

(3) If, however, it be inconvenient for a suspended member to personally present his Application for Reinstatement to the Financial Secretary of his Court, such application fully filled in and signed by himself may be sent to the Financial Secretary accompanied by a Health Certificate on Form No. 4 fully filled in and duly executed by himself and by the Court Physician or other authorized Doctor of Medicine; and such application when accompanied by such Health Certificate may be dealt with by the Financial Secretary as though the Applicant were personally present.

(4) The Financial Secretary upon receipt of such Application for Reinstatement properly filled in and signed by the Applicant, together with the arrears, shall properly fill in and sign the Declaration of Deposit of Arrears with the Financial

Secretary contained in the Form, and forthwith forward the said application for reinstatement to the Supreme Secretary; and the Financial Secretary or the Court may recommend that the Supreme Chief Ranger require the Applicant to undergo a medical examination and be accepted by the Medical Board before being reinstated.

(5) On receipt of the Application for Reinstatement the Supreme Secretary shall lay the same, together with the recommendation, if any, of the Financial Secretary or the Court, before the Supreme Chief Ranger who may approve or disapprove the said application for reinstatement; or the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Secretary of the Medical Board may require the applicant to undergo a medical examination, and, if so, such medical examination must be passed by the Medical Board before the application for reinstatement is approved; provided that if the Supreme Chief Ranger shall deem that the interests of the Order will be better conserved by not approving the application for reinstatement, then the Applicant shall not be reinstated even though he be in good, sound mental and physical health and his medical examination has been accepted by the Medical Board.

(6) If the application for reinstatement be approved, the Supreme Secretary shall notify the Court, on Form No. 16, that the Applicant may be reinstated if the Applicant be, at the date of the reinstatement, in good, sound mental and physical health.

When Deemed to be Reinstated.

(7) The Recording Secretary upon receipt of the Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16, prescribed in sub-section six of this section, shall at once transmit or hand such notice to the Financial Secretary, who shall notify the Applicant thereof, and if the Applicant be in good, sound mental and bodily health, he shall forthwith and before the expiration of ninety days from the date of his suspension pay to the Financial Secretary any further liabilities that would have matured had he not been suspended, and upon pay-

ment thereof he shall be deemed to be reinstated if in good, sound mental and physical health at the time and if all the provisions of this section have been fully complied with before the expiration of ninety days from the date of his suspension.

(8) The Financial Secretary shall then indorse upon the said Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16, the date of each payment, and return it within twenty-four hours to the Supreme Secretary; and the Financial Secretary shall also transmit all the arrears with the next report and remittance to the Supreme Secretary.

Condition of Reinstatement Under This Section.

(9) A suspended member who is reinstated under the provisions of this section within ninety days from the date of his suspension shall be reinstated to his former status in the Order, except in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department if enrolled therein, and except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws; provided always that, if it be shown to the satisfaction of the Supreme Chief Ranger that any delay in the completion of the reinstatement of any suspended member is not attributable to such suspended member, the Supreme Chief Ranger may extend beyond ninety days the time within which such suspended member may be reinstated under the provisions of this section.

REINSTATEMENT AFTER NINETY DAYS AND WITHIN SIX MONTHS.

142. (1) Any member suspended for non-payment of any accrued liability, such as premium or assessment, fees, dues, taxes, fine or other demands of the Order or of the Court, and not having been reinstated within ninety days from the date of his suspension as provided in Section one hundred and forty-one, subject to the provisions of sub-section four of this section, may be reinstated into the Court from which he was suspended within six months after his suspension upon all the requirements of this section being complied with, viz.:

(2) He shall personally present an Application

for Reinstatement to any Court upon Form No. 15 fully filled in and signed by himself, and deposit with the Financial Secretary all premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and of the Court he would have paid had he remained continuously in good standing, which deposit shall be held by the Financial Secretary as the agent of the Applicant pending his reinstatement; and surrender to the Financial Secretary his Benefit Certificate; and be approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Court to which he applies for reinstatement who are present at the time the vote is taken, such approval being certified on the prescribed Form; and undergo a regular medical examination on Form No. 3 and be accepted by the Medical Board; provided that when an Applicant for Reinstatement has been passed by the Medical Board for admission to the Order or for increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, or for reinstatement, within one year prior to his making his said Application for Reinstatement on Form No. 15 and is still in good, sound mental and physical health, he may, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Medical Board or the Supreme Chief Ranger, without again undergoing a regular medical examination and being accepted by the Medical Board, be reinstated upon furnishing a Health Certificate on Form No. 4, fully filled in and duly executed both by himself and the Court Physician, showing him to be in good, sound mental and physical health, if the Health Certificate be approved by the Medical Board. The Application for Reinstatement, fully filled in and properly signed, with the seal of the Court affixed, shall be forthwith transmitted by the Financial Secretary to the Supreme Secretary.

(3) If, however, it be inconvenient for a suspended member to personally present his Application for Reinstatement to the Court, such application duly filled in and signed by himself may be sent to the Court, accompanied by his affidavit or statutory declaration that he is at the date thereof in good, sound health; and such application when accompanied by such affidavit or statutory declaration may be dealt with by

the Court as though the applicant were personally present.

(4) Upon the receipt of the Application for Reinstatement, Form No. 15, and upon notice from the Secretary of the Medical Board that the Applicant has been approved by or has again been accepted by the Medical Board and upon notice from the Supreme Chief Ranger that the Applicant is acceptable, the Supreme Secretary shall transmit to the Court notice on Form No. 16 that the Applicant may be reinstated subject to the provisions of sub-section seven of this section, if the said Applicant be at the date of the reinstatement in good, sound mental and physical health; provided that if the Supreme Chief Ranger shall deem that the interests of the Order will be better conserved by not approving the Application for Reinstatement, then the Applicant shall not be reinstated even though he be in good, sound mental and physical health and his Medical Examination has been accepted by the Medical Board.

When Deemed to be Reinstated.

(5) The Recording Secretary upon receipt of the Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16, provided in sub-section four of this section, shall at once transmit or hand such notice to the Financial Secretary, who shall notify the Applicant thereof, and if the Applicant be in good, sound mental and physical health he shall forthwith pay to the Financial Secretary the premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other liabilities for the month in which the notice of reinstatement was sent by the Supreme Secretary and any further liabilities that may have accrued either before or since the date of the notice of Reinstatement, and upon payment thereof he shall be deemed to be reinstated if in good, sound mental and physical health at the time; provided that such reinstated member shall be re-rated at his age at the date of his approval or acceptance by the Medical Board, and he shall pay the new rate of premium or assessment commencing for the month in which he is approved or accepted

by the Medical Board, but the arrears prior to his re-rating shall be at his former rate of premium or assessment.

(6) The Financial Secretary shall then endorse upon the said Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16, the date of such payment and return it within twenty-four hours to the Supreme Secretary; and the Financial Secretary shall also transmit all the arrears with the next report and remittance to the Supreme Secretary.

Condition of Reinstatement Under This Section.

(7) A member who is reinstated under the provisions of this section shall be re-rated at his age at the date of being approved or accepted by the Medical Board; provided that all such reinstatements shall be subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and fifty-six and to all other provisions of the Constitution and Laws.

New Policy or Benefit Certificate to be Issued.

(8) The Supreme Secretary, upon receipt of the old Policy or Benefit Certificate from the Financial Secretary, shall endorse thereon the date of reinstatement, or cause a new Policy or Benefit Certificate to be issued to the reinstated member, as the circumstances may require.

Rejoining as a New Member.

(9) A member suspended for non-payment of any accrued liability in the Order shall not be reinstated after six months from the time of his suspension, but he may rejoin the Order as a new member by complying with and subject to all the provisions of Section eighty, except that he shall not be required to pass through the Initiation Ceremony other than to re-take the Obligation.

Moneys Held by the Supreme Secretary as Agent of the Sender.

143. (1) All remittances forwarded to the Supreme Secretary on account of suspended members prior to their reinstatement, or for members who have not been accepted as bene-

fidelity members from any cause whatsoever, or for members who have been unlawfully initiated or otherwise unlawfully admitted to membership in the Order, or for members not in good standing, from any cause whatsoever, if not forfeited to the Order, shall be held by the Supreme Secretary as agent or bailee of such members, pending their becoming members in good standing in the manner provided in the Constitution and Laws; and the receiving or the holding of any such remittance by the Supreme Secretary shall in no wise operate as an estoppel or be construed as a waiver on the part of The Supreme Court or create or constitute any liability on the part of the Order to any one whomsoever.

(2) When an applicant for reinstatement is rejected, all moneys held on his account by the Financial Secretary, or by the Supreme Secretary, pending his reinstatement, shall be returned to him on demand; provided that an applicant for reinstatement under the provisions of Section one hundred and forty-one who has not been rejected by the Supreme Chief Ranger and who has not been rejected by the Medical Board, and who for any cause whatsoever fails to be reinstated within ninety days from the date of his suspension, shall forfeit to the Order all moneys he may have paid on account thereof or in connection therewith; provided further that an applicant for reinstatement under the provisions of Section one hundred and forty-two who has not been rejected by the Supreme Chief Ranger and who has not been rejected by the Medical Board and who for any cause whatsoever fails to be reinstated within six months from the date of his suspension, shall forfeit to the Order all moneys he may have paid on account thereof or in connection therewith.

A Suspended Member Cannot Be Reinstated While Ill or Disabled.

144. A member suspended for non-payment of any accrued liability shall not under any circumstances be reinstated except as provided in Sections one hundred and forty-one or one hundred and forty-two, and unless he is at the time of such

reinstatement in good, sound mental and physical health; and any Court recommending a suspended member for reinstatement while he is ill or disabled or in any way unsound in mind or body shall *ipso facto* forfeit its Charter and the Court shall be dissolved, and its Charter shall not be renewed; and any reinstatement which shall have been made while the applicant was not in good, sound mental and physical health shall be irregular, illegal, null, void and of no effect whatsoever.

GOOD STANDING.

(a) Of Courts.

145. (1) A Court is in good standing only when it is working under a Charter duly issued by the Order, and which Charter is not at the time suspended or revoked, and which Court has paid all demands of the Order and of the High Court in the manner and within the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws, and has also made at the proper time all required reports and remittances.

(b) Of Members.

(2) The term, good standing in the Order, signifies:

(a) In the case of a Regular beneficiary member, that he has made due application for membership in the Order on Form No. 2, and that he has undergone a medical examination by a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, and that his said medical examination has been accepted and passed by the Medical Board, and that he has been duly admitted into the Order in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws, and that he has been duly reinstated in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws if he were suspended, and that he has paid all premiums or assessments, fees, Court dues, taxes, fines, and other demands of the Order in the manner and within the time and at the rate for his actual occupation prescribed by the Constitution and Laws, and that he has not received an instalment of the Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease or the Old Age Disability Benefit, and if registered

for Term Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, that such Term has not expired, and that he is not suspended or expelled from the Order by or under any provision of the Constitution and Laws, and that his Court is in good standing within the meaning of sub-section one of this section.

(b) In the case of a Temporary beneficiary member, that he has made due application for membership in the Order on Form No. 2, and that he has undergone a medical examination by a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and has been recommended by him to the Court or to the Instituting Officer, as the case may be, on Form No. 59, for Temporary beneficiary membership, and that such recommendation for Temporary beneficiary membership, on Form No. 59, has been received, before his initiation, by the Recording Secretary of the Court, or by the Instituting Officer of the new Court, into which he was initiated, and that such recommendation, Form No. 59, has been transmitted to the Supreme Secretary by the said Recording Secretary or Instituting Officer, as the case may be, within twenty-four hours after his said initiation, and that he has been duly admitted into the Order in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws, and that he has paid all premiums or assessments, fees, Court dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order in the manner and within the time and at the rate for his actual occupation prescribed by the Constitution and Laws, and that not more than ninety days have elapsed since the date of his said medical examination, and that he is not suspended or expelled from the Order, and that his Court is in good standing within the meaning of sub-section one of this section;

(c) In the case of a social member, that he has made due application for membership in the Order, and that he has been initiated into the Order in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws, and that his admission to the Order was not in contravention of any provision of the Constitution and Laws, and that he has paid all fees, Court dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the

Order required to be paid by Social members in the manner and within the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws, and that he is not suspended or expelled from the Order, and that his Court is in good standing within the meaning of sub-section one of this section.

(3) Whenever any one ceases to be a member of the Order, whether by expulsion, suspension or withdrawal, his right, title and interest in and to the property or funds, or any part thereof, of the Order, or of any Court or branch of the Order, shall thereby cease and become and be null and void, and his liabilities in regard to any premiums or assessments, dues, taxes or fines which may thereafter accrue or be ordered, shall *ipso facto* then and thereby terminate.

(4) Suspension from The Supreme Court, or from a High Court, or from a Subordinate Court, or from a Companion Court, or from the Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order shall *ipso facto* suspend from the Order; provided that a member whose Term Insurance or Mortuary Benefit has expired may remain as a Social member by complying with all the requirements of the Constitution and Laws relating to Social members; provided also that a member who has received an instalment of the Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease or who has received the Old Age Disability Benefit may remain as a Social member by complying with all the requirements of the Constitution and Laws relating to Social members.

Policy or Benefit Certificate.

146. (1) Each Policy or Benefit Certificate shall be in the form prescribed by The Supreme Court or by the Executive Council and shall bear the signatures of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Supreme Secretary (or fac-similes thereof) with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed.

(2) A Policy or Benefit Certificate shall be issued to each beneficiary member for the amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit granted to him by the Medical Board, and, subject to the provisions of Section four, sub-section five, the beneficiary

designated in his Application for Membership, Form No. 2, shall be entered therein as the beneficiary.

(3) The member shall not be privileged thereafter to change the amount of his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit nor to change his beneficiary except as provided in Sections one hundred and forty-eight, one hundred and forty-nine and one hundred and fifty, as the case may be.

(4) A member upon becoming aware of the loss or destruction of his Policy or Benefit Certificate may file with his Court a Declaration of Loss or Destruction of an Application for Duplicate Policy or Benefit Certificate, Form No. 35, duly filled in and properly executed, and pay a fee of fifty cents; on receipt of such Declaration and Application the Court shall verify the statements therein and, if found correct, shall certify to the same by the signatures of the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, and shall forward the Declaration and Application thus verified, together with the Fee, to the Supreme Secretary; on receipt of such Declaration and Application the Supreme Secretary shall lay the same before the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved by him the member shall be entitled to have a duplicate Policy or Benefit Certificate issued to him; provided that if the Policy or Benefit Certificate be in the possession of some person who refuses to deliver it up to the member, such member shall serve notice on such person that he is applying, or about to apply, to the Supreme Chief Ranger for a duplicate Policy or Benefit Certificate, and unless such person immediately takes legal steps to prevent such issue, the Supreme Chief Ranger may issue to the member a duplicate Policy or Benefit Certificate.

(5) The member shall transmit to the Supreme Secretary a copy of the notice served upon the person having possession of his Policy or Benefit Certificate, together with satisfactory evidence of such service.

(6) Whenever a duplicate Policy or Benefit Certificate is issued, the original or former Policy or Benefit Certificate shall *ipso facto* become and be null and void.

Policies or Benefit Certificates or Claims for Benefits Not to be Sold Nor Assigned.

147. (1) No Policy or Benefit Certificate, nor Benefit, nor Claim for Benefit, shall be sold or assigned to another, nor shall any member attempt to sell or assign his Policy or Benefit Certificate, Benefit, or Claim for Benefit, nor shall the beneficiary or beneficiaries be changed except in the manner provided in the Constitution and Laws; nor shall a beneficiary, during the lifetime of a member, sell or assign his or her interest, if any, in the member's Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or any portion thereof; and all such sales, assignments and attempted changes of beneficiaries shall be null and void from the beginning.

(2) If a member sell or assign or attempt to sell or assign his Policy or Benefit Certificate, he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, and all moneys received by the Head Office of the Order on his account previous or subsequent thereto shall forthwith be forfeited to the Order; and if a member's beneficiary, during the member's lifetime, sell or assign or attempt to sell or assign such member's Policy or Benefit Certificate, such beneficiary's interest or right, if any, in such Policy or Benefit Certificate and the Policy or Benefit Certificate shall *ipso facto* become and be null and void and such member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, and all moneys received by the Head Office of the Order on his account previous or subsequent thereto shall forthwith be forfeited to the Order; provided that if such suspended member procure a cancellation or re-assignment of such sale or assignment or attempted sale or assignment of his said Policy or Benefit Certificate within thirty days and forthwith file the cancellation or re-assignment with the Supreme Secretary, then such suspended member may be reinstated by complying with and subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and forty.

Increasing Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

148. (1) A member desiring to increase his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall make an Application for Increased Insurance or Mortuary

Benefit on Form No. 12, and file the same with his Court and deposit with the Financial Secretary thereof the fee of fifty cents for changing the record in the books of the Order, and the Policy or Benefit Certificate, together with the Registration fee of one dollar for each additional thousand dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit applied for, which application fully and completely filled, signed by the member, and executed in accordance with the requirements of the Form No. 12, shall be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary; the member's Policy or Benefit Certificate shall also be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary for cancellation; provided that Policies or Benefit Certificates issued prior to the first day of May, A.D. 1896, need not be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary.

(2) The Applicant shall also undergo a Medical Examination by the Court Physician, which medical examination paper, Form No. 3, shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Medical Board; and on such Medical Examination being accepted by the Medical Board the increase in Insurance or Mortuary Benefit approved by the Medical Board shall be deemed to be granted; provided that if the Application for Increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, Form No. 12, be made and forwarded to the Supreme Secretary within ninety days from the Applicant's last medical examination for admission to the Order or for a prior application for increase of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or for reinstatement, as the case may be, then instead of undergoing a regular medical examination on Form No. 3, the Applicant may furnish a Health Certificate on Form No. 4, fully and completely filled in and duly executed both by himself and the Court Physician; and on such Health Certificate being approved by the Medical Board the increase in Insurance or Mortuary Benefit approved by the Medical Board shall be deemed to be granted; provided further that when an Applicant furnishes a Health Certificate on Form No. 4 he shall also pay the Medical Examination Fee for the additional amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit applied for according to the Schedule in Section eighty, sub-section one (d).

(3) Upon receipt by the Supreme Secretary of the Application for Increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, Form No. 12, together with the Policy or Benefit Certificate if required to be sent, and upon the increase being granted by the Medical Board, he shall duly enter the change in the register and forthwith forward to the Court for the member a new Policy or Benefit Certificate for the whole amount of his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit if his former Policy or Benefit Certificate was issued subsequent to the first day of May, A.D. 1896, and for the increased amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit if his former Policy or Benefit Certificate was issued prior to the first day of May, A.D. 1896.

(4) Members who apply for increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall pay on the increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit the rate for their actual ages at the date such increased Benefit is granted; and members shall begin to pay premiums or assessments on the increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit for the month following the month in which such increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit was granted by the Medical Board.

Decreasing Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

149. (1) A member holding more than five hundred dollars of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and desiring to reduce the same to a lower amount of the same kind shall file his Application for Decreased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, Form No. 13, with his Court, together with his Policy or Benefit Certificate; this application duly signed and executed, and the Policy or Benefit Certificate shall be transmitted by the Recording Secretary to the Supreme Secretary, who shall on receipt thereof issue to such member a new Policy or Benefit Certificate for the lower amount designated, and cancel the old Policy or Benefit Certificate.

(2) The member at the time of making his application for decreased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall pay to the Financial Secretary the fee of fifty cents for changing the record in the

register of the Order and changing his Policy or Benefit Certificate.

(3) The rate of premium or assessment for the decreased amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall take effect on the first day of the month following the month in which the Application for Decreased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and the old Policy or Benefit Certificate were received by the Supreme Secretary.

(4) Such member shall pay all premiums or assessments on the full amount of his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit before decrease, including the premium or assessment for the month in which his Application for Decreased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and the old Policy or Benefit Certificate were received by the Supreme Secretary.

Changing Beneficiaries.

150. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section and of Sections four, sub-section five, and one hundred and sixty, and if not repugnant to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member has a fixed place of abode, a member may at any time while in good standing, except as hereinafter provided, change his beneficiary or beneficiaries in the following manner:

(a) By filing with his Court his application for change of beneficiary on Form No. 14, fully filled in, signed by himself and properly executed, setting forth fully and clearly the changes he desires to make; provided that a designation of a beneficiary not in conformity with Section four, sub-section five, shall be null and void from the beginning;

(b) By paying to the Financial Secretary a fee of fifty cents for changing the record in the register of the Order and changing the Policy or Benefit Certificate;

(c) By surrendering to the Court his Policy or Benefit Certificate;

(2) Whereupon the Court shall cause such application, duly certified to by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, to be transmitted to the Supreme

Secretary, together with the member's Policy or Benefit Certificate.

(3) On receipt of the said Policy or Benefit Certificate, together with the Application for Change of Beneficiary, Form No. 14, as in this section provided, if approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, the Supreme Secretary shall incorporate in the Policy or Benefit Certificate the changes desired, subject to the provisions of Section, four, sub-section five, and Section one hundred and sixty.

Proscribed Territory.

151. (1) Except as provided in sub-section two of this section a Court shall not be established in any country or section of country or place proscribed by the Executive Council.

(2) With the unanimous consent of the Executive Council, the Supreme Chief Ranger may issue a special dispensation, in each case, for the institution of Courts in proscribed territory.

Residing in Proscribed Territory Without Permit.

(3) A beneficiary member shall not reside in any country, section of country or place which shall have been proscribed by the Executive Council, except in localities where Courts have been organized under the provisions of sub-section two of this section, for a longer period than thirty days without a special Permit from the Supreme Chief Ranger, countersigned by the Supreme Secretary with the seal of the Order affixed, and without paying such additional rate of premium or assessment as may be determined by the Executive Council.

(4) If a beneficiary member reside in any proscribed territory for a longer period than thirty days without the permit and without paying the additional rate provided in sub-section three of this section, or resides in territory defined in sub-section six of this section for a longer period than twelve months without paying the additional rate provided in sub-section six of this section, in the event of death or disability while residing in such territory or death or disability subsequent

to such residence and caused directly or indirectly by residing in such territory, he, or his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives, as the case may be, shall be entitled to such proportion only of the whole amount of any Benefit of the Order payable under his Policy or Benefit Certificate or provided in the Constitution and Laws, as the rate of monthly Insurance or Mortuary premium or assessment he should be paying at the time he was residing in such territory, bears to the rate of monthly Insurance or Mortuary premium or assessment he should have been paying.

(5) Whenever a beneficiary member shall reside in a proscribed territory or in territory defined in sub-section six of this section he shall pay the rate proscribed for such territory until he removes from such territory and gives notice to the Supreme Secretary of such change of residence.

(6) Whenever the Order is established, or is about to be established, in a country where in the judgment of the Executive Council the mortality rate is higher than in Canada or the United States, the Executive Council shall prescribe such rates to be paid by the members in such country or countries as may seem just and equitable.

Removing From One Country to Another.

(7) Any beneficiary member of the Order removing from one country to another and residing therein for a longer period than twelve months, shall, from and after the expiration of the first twelve months, *ipso facto* be required to pay and shall pay in the currency of such country, the rates of premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes and fines, proscribed for such country by the Constitution and Laws or by the Executive Council; and in like manner any benefit that may accrue and become due to such member, or to his beneficiaries, or heirs, or personal representatives, shall be paid in the currency of such country or its equivalent in

value, according to the schedule provided in Section one hundred and twenty-five, sub-section ten.

Epidemic.

152. Whenever any pestilence or epidemic disease is prevailing or shall be threatened in any district where a Court or Courts of the Order are established, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall immediately upon being notified thereof or in any manner acquiring knowledge thereof, suspend the initiation of new members into such Court or Courts during the continuance of such pestilence or epidemic. The territory to be proscribed and the period of proscription shall be determined by the Supreme Chief Ranger upon the advice of the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board.

Military or Naval Service.

153. Any beneficiary member entering the military or naval service of any country other than his own shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, unless he shall have, previous to entering such military or naval service, obtained the permit of the Executive Council with the seal of the Order affixed, and shall pay such increased premiums or assessments as may be determined by the Executive Council.

Forfeiting Benefits.

154. (1) Any member of the Order who shall engage in or participate in any unlawful or foolhardy undertaking or who shall be guilty of immoral conduct, or who shall use intoxicants or opiates or other narcotics to such excess as to endanger his health or to materially affect the risk upon his life or to directly or indirectly cause his death, or who shall neglect to procure or refuse to receive the medical aid of or the medical services of a legally qualified or licensed doctor of medicine or surgeon, his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall be reduced to such proportion of such benefit, as the time that has elapsed since his initiation, reinstatement or increase of Mortuary Benefit, as the case may be, and his decease bears to his expecta-

tion of life period at the time of his initiation, reinstatement or increase of Mortuary Benefit, as the case may be, and he and his beneficiary or beneficiaries or heir or heirs or legal personal representative or representatives shall only be entitled to receive and shall be paid by the Order only such proportion of any benefit whatsoever as the time intervened since his initiation, reinstatement, or increase of Mortuary Benefit, as the case may be, and his decease bears to his expectation of life period at initiation, reinstatement or increase of Mortuary Benefit, as the case may be. In case of dispute as to the amount to be paid hereunder the decision of the Snpreme Chief Ranger or of the Execentive Council shall be final and binding on all parties. All the provisions of this sub-section shall apply to the case of a member who at the time of his initiation agreed that if he died of smallpox he should have no claim for his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, but such member shall be entitled to the same proportion of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit as is provided by this section to be paid.

(2) Any member of the Order who shall remove or disappear from his home or last known place of residence and remain away for a period of two years, and who shall not report to the Financial Secretary of his Court his location or place of residence with full post office address, shall thereby forfeit his membership in the Order and his Policy or Benefit Certificate shall *ipso facto* become and be null and void.

(3) No beneficiary or other person shall have the right to pay the premiums or assessments, Court dues and fines of a member who has been absent from his last known place of residence for two years and whose location or place of residence is unknown to the Financial Secretary of his Court; and the Financial Secretary shall refuse to receive such member's premiums or assessments, Court dues and fines and shall report such member to the Head Office of the Order as suspended from the Order, together with the last known place of residence and post office address of such suspended member.

155. (1) Those members of the Order whose

Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Certificates provide for Benefits other than the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and the Total Disability Benefit shall with respect to such other Benefits and times of payment of premiums or assessments therefor be subject to all the provisions of Section two hundred and thirty-one, two hundred and thirty-two and two hundred and fifty-six of the Constitution and Laws as revised and adopted by The Supreme Court of the Order at its Regular Session held August and September, A.D. 1898.

(2) The Instalment Whole Life Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and the Term Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by members shall be governed by and shall be subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws as revised and adopted by The Supreme Court of the Order at its Regular Session held in July and August, A.D. 1905.

156. (1) Every beneficiary member whose mortuary premium or assessment commencing with the month of October, 1908, has been increased by the operation of Sections one hundred and twenty-six, one hundred and twenty-seven, or one hundred and twenty-eight, shall have the option in lieu of paying the special assessment levied upon such member by The Supreme Court of the Order at its regular session holden in August, 1913, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 4 of the schedule to the Act of Incorporation, or allowing the amount of such special assessment and interest to be a lien or debt against his Mortuary Benefit Certificate or Policy, may surrender such Mortuary Benefit Certificate or Policy on or before the first day of October, 1913, whereupon he shall be entitled to have a new Mortuary Benefit Certificate or Policy issued to him for the amount provided in paragraph 5 of the said schedule to the Act of Incorporation.

(2) Every Beneficiary member whose Mortuary premium or assessment has, commencing with the month of October, 1908, been increased by the operation of Sections one hundred and twenty-six, one hundred and twenty-seven or one hundred and twenty-eight, shall have the option in

lieu of paying the rates of assessment provided for such member in the said Sections respectively, to continue paying the rate of assessment he has been paying on agreeing that the successive monthly differences between such rate and the new rate for such member and interest upon such difference at the rate of four per cent. per annum compounded annually shall be a charge or lien in favor of The Supreme Court upon such member's Mortuary Benefit certificate or Policy and all moneys payable thereunder; the amount of such charge or lien shall be deducted from the amount payable to the beneficiary or to the member himself, as the case may be; provided that the member selecting this option shall file with the Supreme Secretary a written and signed consent to such charge or lien on or before the first day of October, 1908.

Extra Assessments.

157. (1) Whenever and so often as the available benefit funds in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, shall become reduced to less than the total amount of benefit claims duly passed by the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council within the then preceding sixty days, the Executive Council shall order an extra assessment, which shall be paid by each beneficiary member in good standing in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department to the Financial Secretary of his own Court within thirty days from the date of the call, and the Courts shall forthwith transmit the same to the Supreme Secretary; provided that unattached Members-at-large shall pay directly to the Supreme Secretary; provided also, that the Executive Council shall have power at any time, and from time to time, in the manner provided in this section, to order such extra assessments to be paid by all Beneficiary members in good standing in the Mortuary Benefit Department as may be necessary to fulfill the requirements of any Act of the Parliament of Canada which may now or at any time hereafter be in force.

(2) Any member failing to pay to the Financial Secretary of his Court, or to the Supreme Secre-

tary, as the case may be, as provided in subsection one of this section, any extra assessment ordered by the Executive Council, within thirty days from the date of the Supreme Secretary's call, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(3) Courts failing to transmit extra assessments within forty days from the date of the Supreme Secretary's call the Charter shall *ipso facto* stand suspended and the members thereof shall stand suspended from the Order.

(4) Every beneficiary member in good standing in the Order whenever and as often as an extra assessment is ordered shall pay his ordinary rate of assessment for the amount of Insurance or Mortuary Benefit such member is carrying.

(5) A call for an extra assessment for the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund shall be paid by those members only who are enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, and each one shall pay the rate of assessment set out in Section one hundred and sixty-five, sub-section one, for his actual age at the time the call is made by the Supreme Secretary.

(6) Immediately upon receipt of the funds realized by an extra assessment, the Executive Council shall forthwith pay any claim or claims which may then be due and unpaid, and the balance, if any, shall be added to the Fund of the Department for which the extra assessment has been levied.

TOTAL DISABILITY BENEFIT.

What Constitutes Total Disability.

158. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section and of Sections four, sub-sections five and six, one hundred and thirty-one, one hundred and thirty-two, one hundred and forty-five, one hundred and fifty-one and one hundred and fifty-four, every member whose Policy or Benefit Certificate provides for the Total Disability Benefit and who shall become totally and permanently disabled, either through accident or disease or old age, from following or directing any employment, la-

bor, trade, occupation, business or profession, shall become entitled to the Total Disability Benefit; provided that the loss of one eye or one hand or one arm or one foot or one leg shall not be construed as constituting total and permanent disability.

DISABILITY ON ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENT OR DISEASE.

(2) The Total Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease shall consist of seven-tenths of the amount of the member's insurance or mortuary benefit remaining unpaid at the date such member is adjudged to be totally and permanently disabled, which benefit shall be payable in three instalments—the first of three-tenths on the approval of the claim and surrender of the member's Mortuary Benefit Certificate for cancellation, and the balance in two equal annual instalments of two-tenths each in one and two years thereafter; provided that the Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger may pay the whole value of the said benefit in one payment.

Notice Must Be Filed.

(3) Subject to the proviso contained in subsection four of this section, whenever a member becomes totally and permanently disabled through accident or disease, he may by himself, or if personally incapable, by some one in his behalf, file notice of such disability with the Supreme Secretary through his Court upon Form No. 36, which notice shall contain the following particulars:

- (a) The present or last occupation of such member.
- (b) The nature of the disability;
- (c) The cause of the disability;
- (d) The date of the disability;
- (e) Evidence that the disability is of such a nature as to render such member forever totally unable to follow or direct any employment, labor, trade, occupation, business or profession.
- (f) And he shall give such other and further information as may be required by the Secretary of the Medical Board or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(4) The Court upon receipt of Notice of Total Disability of a member on Form No. 36, shall state the facts as known to the Court to the Supreme Chief Ranger on the said Form No. 36 or otherwise, and the statement of the Court shall be signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, and such statement of the Court and the said Form No. 36 shall be forthwith forwarded to the Supreme Secretary; provided that if the Court refuse or neglect to forward the said notice, Form No. 36, to the Supreme Secretary within thirty days, the member may file his Notice of Total and Permanent Disability on Form No. 36 directly with the Supreme Secretary, without the statement of the Court, but otherwise fully filled in and duly executed.

(5) Subject to the provisions of sub-section four of this section, the Supreme Secretary upon receipt of a notice of Total Disability on Form No. 36 shall lay it before the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board, who shall make or cause to be made full inquiry and investigation into the cause of and nature of the disability of the member, and who may depute some physician to make a physical examination of the member; and on the completion of such inquiry and investigation the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board shall report to the Supreme Chief Ranger all the facts in the case, together with his opinion as to whether or not the disability is total and permanent, and as to whether or not the disability is the result of the voluntary act, or of the intemperance, or of any unlawful, immoral or foolhardy conduct, or of a violation of law, on the part of the member, whereupon the Supreme Chief Ranger if satisfied that the disability is total and permanent within the meaning of the Constitution and Laws and is not the result of the voluntary act, or of the intemperance, or of any unlawful, immoral or foolhardy conduct, or of a violation of law, on the part of the member, he shall instruct the Supreme Secretary to place the member on the Probationary List for Total Disability; but if the Supreme Chief Ranger does not instruct the Supreme Secretary to place the member on the

Probationary List, the said Notice shall become and be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Claims Must Be Filed.

- (6) If the disability continue for six months after being placed on the Probationary List, or to the end of his probationary period, then the member who is disabled, or some one on his behalf if he is mentally incapacitated, may file with the Supreme Secretary his Claim for the Total Disability Benefit on Form No. 37, which shall be submitted to the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board, who shall make or cause to be made, due enquiry into the case, and shall report the facts, accompanied with his recommendation, to the Supreme Chief Ranger; if the Supreme Chief Ranger is satisfied that the member is totally and permanently disabled he shall forthwith direct the payment of the first instalment of the benefit upon the surrender of the member's benefit certificate to the Order for cancellation.
- (7) If, however, the Supreme Chief Ranger should not be satisfied that the member is totally and permanently disabled, he may disallow the claim; or the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint one or more Physicians, members of the Order if possible, none of whom shall be the family Physician of the claimant, to examine into the facts of the case and the cause of and permanency of the disability and to report thereon to the Supreme Chief Ranger.
- (8) If the said Physician or Physicians be appointed and they report that the disability is not total and permanent, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall forthwith disallow the claim.
- (9) If the said Physician or Physicians shall report the claimant to be totally and permanently disabled by accident or disease within the meaning of the Constitution and Laws, the Supreme Chief Ranger may approve the report and direct payment of the first instalment of the benefit, upon the surrender of the member's mortuary benefit certificate to the Order for cancellation, or the report may be submitted by the Supreme Chief

Rangor to the Executive Council and if approved by the Executive Council the Supreme Chief Ranger shall forthwith direct payment of the first instalment of the benefit upon surrender of the member's mortuary benefit certificate to the Order for cancellation.

(10) Or if the member fail to file or cans to be filed with the Supreme Secretary, within thirty days after the end of the six months' probation or within thirty days after the end of his probationary period, his claim for the Total Disability Benefit on Form No. 37, such claim shall be deemed to have been abandoned.

Payment of the Benefit.

(11) Whenever a member shall become entitled, under the provisions of this section, to the Total Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease, the benefit or instalment thereof shall be paid to the member himself or to the wife or husband, as the case may be, or to the beneficiary of the member, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine; provided always that, if the disability be due to the insanity of the member, the benefit may be paid to the wife or husband, as the case may be, or to the beneficiary, or to the Committee or Conservator of the Estate or other parties duly authorized by law to act in such cases, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine; provided, further that, if the member die after the benefit is payable under the provisions of this section, but before payment is made, it shall be paid to the nominee of the deceased member, or failing any nominee, then to the widow or widower of the decedent, as the case may be, or if no nominee or widow or widower, to the children of the decedent, and if no children, to the estate of the decedent.

(12) Before the payment of the Total Disability Benefit, on account of accident or disease, or an instalment of such benefit, the member shall wholly surrender his mortuary benefit certificate and all rights thereunder to the Order for cancellation upon the form provided from time to time

by the Executive Council. Such surrender shall be witnessed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of the member's Court, or by some other competent witness; and with the cheque of the Order for the first instalment of said benefit the Order shall deliver to the member an agreement to pay the balance of such benefit in the instalments and at the time provided in sub-section two of this section.

(13) Where the member has received the Total Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease, or an instalment thereof under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws from time to time in force prior to the first day of July, 1911, and is still registered in the Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order for the balance of his mortuary benefit, the Court shall be exempt from furnishing such member free medical attendance and the attendance of the Sick Committee and watchers.

Restoring or Returning to Former Status.

(14) Where a member has received the Total Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease or an instalment thereof under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws from time to time in force prior to the first day of July, 1911, and ceases to be totally disabled, he shall be restored to his former status in the Order, except in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, and shall pay premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and of his Court, at his former rate of premium or assessment, on the whole amount of his Policy or Benefit Certificate as if he had not been paid the benefit. The Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board shall be the judge of the fact, as well as of the date, when a member ceases to be totally disabled; and whenever the Supreme Physician or Secretary of the Medical Board is satisfied from the report of the member on Form 38 or from information otherwise received that a member has ceased to be totally disabled he shall so report to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and whenever the Supreme Chief Ranger

shall be satisfied that a member has ceased to be totally disabled, he shall forthwith restore such member to his former status in the Order, except in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.

(15) Each and every member who has received the Total Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease, or an instalment thereof, under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws from time to time in force prior to the first day of July, 1911, or the beneficiary, if such a member is or becomes mentally incapacitated, shall, on or before the second day of March, in each year thereafter, make report of the state of his health and physical condition to the Supreme Chief Ranger, on Form No. 38, giving all the information required by the terms of the said Form No. 38, which report shall be verified by a certificate of his Court Physician, or of the Court Physician of the Court within the jurisdiction of which the member may be residing, or of a legally qualified doctor of medicine or surgeon, and upon default for ninety days in making such report, such member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order on the first day of June next after such default.

Disability on Account of Old Age.

(16) No member shall be entitled to make claim for the Old Age Disability Benefit nor shall the benefit be paid until the member shall have paid into the Order Mortuary premiums or assessments for fifteen consecutive years and until the member claiming the benefit shall have attained the full age of seventy years and until the member shall have surrendered his mortuary benefit certificate to the Order for cancellation.

(17) The old age disability benefit shall consist of the payment to the member himself of seventenths of the amount of his insurance or mortuary benefit remaining unpaid at the date that the member is adjudged to be totally and permanently disabled on account of old age; provided that if the member becomes insane or otherwise mentally incapacitated, the benefit may be paid to the wife or husband, as the case may be, or to the committee or conservator of the estate, or other parties duly

authorized by law to act in such cases, or to the beneficiary, or to the parties caring and providing for the member, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine.

(18) Whenever a member becomes totally and permanently disabled on account of old age, such member may file with the Supreme Secretary on Form No. 40 proof of his total and permanent disability on account of old age; such proof shall include the following particulars, viz.:

(a) Proof of the date of birth of the member if not already furnished, and the name, number and location of the Court to which he belongs;

(b) The cause and nature of the disability and all the circumstances connected therewith;

(c) The present or last occupation of the member;

(d) The amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by such member;

(19) Whenever the Supreme Secretary shall receive the Proof of the Total Disability of a member on account of old age on Form No. 40, he shall lay the same before the Supreme Chief Ranger, or before the Executive Council at its next meeting, and if he or they are satisfied that the said member is totally and permanently disabled from following or directing any employment, labor, trade, occupation, business or profession, the Supreme Chief Ranger may approve the claim, whereupon such member shall become entitled to the benefit, upon surrender of his mortuary benefit certificate to the Order for cancellation. If, however, the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council are not satisfied that the member is totally and permanently disabled from following or directing any employment, labor, trade, occupation, business or profession, the Supreme Secretary or the Supreme Chief Ranger shall so notify such member, whereupon the claim shall become and be null and void and of no effect whatsoever.

Disability Claim Shall Not be Sold Nor Assigned.

(20) A member of the Order who has been adjudged totally and permanently disabled from any cause whatsoever shall not sell nor assign to an-

other his Total Disability Benefit, nor any moneys arising thereunder, and any such sale or assignment shall be absolutely null and void from the beginning.

Misrepresentation or Fraud.

(21) If any member of the Order shall by misrepresenting his age or by mis-statement of any material fact, or otherwise, fraudulently, procure himself to be adjudged totally and permanently disabled, such member shall on conviction *ipso facto* stand expelled from the Order.

(22) Members whose Benefit Certificates provide for the Annuity Benefit for Aged Foresters may in lieu of the benefits provided in such Benefit Certificates accept the Old Age Disability Benefit provided for in this section; otherwise the rights of such members shall be as provided in sub-section two of section two hundred and fifty-six of the Constitution and Laws of 1893.

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159. (1) Except as provided in sub-sections two, three and four of this section, the contracts for Benefits heretofore or hereafter undertaken by the Order do not include assurance against self-destruction, intentional or unintentional, whether the member be sane or insane.

(2) Except as provided in sub-section four of this section, self-destruction of a member of the Order, whether such self-destruction be intentional or unintentional and whether the member be sane or insane shall *ipso facto* void all his Policies or Benefit Certificates and shall *ipso facto* forfeit all benefits whatsoever which his beneficiary or beneficiaries, heir or heirs, or legal personal representative or representatives, would otherwise have been entitled, under the Constitution and Laws, to receive from the Order.

(3) On the self-destruction of a member, whether intentional or unintentional, and whether the member be sane or insane, the Executive Council shall pay to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, heir or heirs, or legal personal representative or representatives of the deceased member, as the case may be, the amount provided in sub-section four of this section,

such amount being dependent on the amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by the member at the time of his self-destruction and on the length of time he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order immediately preceding the date of his self-destruction; provided, always, that if the deceased member had at any time increased his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, the amount payable on such increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall depend on the length of time he shall have been continuously in good standing in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order and paid all the required premiums or assessments on such increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

(4) (a) On the self-destruction of a member, whether intentional or unintentional, and whether the member be sane or insane, within two years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement into the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be twenty per cent. of the amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his death.

(b) On the self-destruction of a member, whether intentional or unintentional, and whether the member be sane or insane, after two years and under five years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement into the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be twenty-five per cent. of the amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his death.

(c) On the self-destruction of a member, whether intentional or unintentional, and whether the member be sane or insane, after five years, and under ten years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement into the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be thirty per cent. of the amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his death.

(d) On the self-destruction of a member,

whether intentional or unintentional, and whether the member be sane or insano, after ten years and under fifteen years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement into the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be forty-five per cent. of the amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his death.

(e) On the self-destruction of a member, whether intentional or unintentional, and whether the member be sane or insane, after fifteen years and under twenty years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement into the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be sixty per cent. of the amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his death.

(f) On the self-destruction of a member, whether intentional or unintentional, and whether the member be sane or insane, after twenty years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement into the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be seventy-five per cent. of the amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his death.

(5) If, however, it be established to the satisfaction of the Executive Council that the deceased member at the time of his self-destruction was insane, having in his lifetime been duly adjudged by legal authority to be insane, and if it be established to the satisfaction of the Executive Council that the insanity was not due to nor caused by the intemperance, immorality, evil habits or misconduct of the decedent, then the Executive Council, in addition to the benefits provided in sub-sections two, three and four of this section, shall donate to the widow, or such of the children, or dependents, or beneficiaries of the decedent, as they may think proper, a sum which, together with the amount payable under sub-sections two, three and four of this section, shall not exceed in the aggregate the amount which would have been due as Insurance or Mortuary Benefit if the death of

the member had not been due to self-destruction. The Executive Council shall be the sole judges of the propriety of making any donation whatsoever and to whom the donation shall be made; and their decision in all such cases shall be final, and from their decision there shall be no appeal.

(6) If a member attempts self-destruction such member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order; provided that if it be established to the satisfaction of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council that the member had been duly adjudged by legal authority to be insane at the time he attempted self-destruction the Supreme Chief Ranger may remove the suspension.

Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, When and To Whom Payable.

160. (1) Thirty days after the receipt of the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and of the required information, documents and legal papers, and on the final acceptance and approval of such Claim, the deceased member's Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, or the first instalment of the deceased member's Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, as the case may be, shall be due and payable and, subject to the provisions of Sections one hundred and twenty-five, one hundred and thirty-one, one hundred and thirty-two, one hundred and fifty, one hundred and fifty-one, one hundred and fifty-three, one hundred and fifty-four, one hundred and fifty-six, one hundred and fifty-eight, one hundred and fifty-nine, one hundred and sixty-one and one hundred and sixty-two, on written demand, shall be paid to the party or parties entitled to receive the same, and the tender of the cheque of the Order or a Bank draft shall be a proper, sufficient and legal tender of the amount of such cheque or draft.

If a Policy or Benefit Certificate is Not Issued.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section three, four, five and six of this section, in case a Policy or Benefit Certificate has not been issued to a beneficiary member prior to his death, the

Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may pay the benefit to the beneficiary named in the Application for Membership made by the deceased member if such designation of beneficiary is in conformity with the provisions of Section four, sub-section five, and not repugnant to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member had a fixed place of abode; provided that if a member shall have made a designation of beneficiary in his Application for Membership, which has not been altered by the member before his death, and which designation in the opinion of the Supreme Chief Ranger is indefinite or uncertain, or not in conformity with the provisions of Section four, sub-section five, and not in conformity with the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member had a fixed place of abode, then subject to the provisions of sub-sections three and four of this section, and if not repugnant to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the deceased member had a fixed place of abode, the benefit may be paid to the executor of the member's last will or to the administrator of his estate, as the case may be.

Effect of Application for Change of Beneficiary.

(3) If a member shall have made application for change of beneficiaries in conformity with the provisions of Section four, sub-section five, and Section one hundred and fifty, sub-section one, and not repugnant to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member had a fixed place of abode, the benefit may be paid at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger to such last designated beneficiary or beneficiaries.

(4) On the death of a member, whose designation of a beneficiary is repugnant to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which he had a fixed place of abode, or, who has not designated a beneficiary in accordance with the laws of the Order, or, whose beneficiaries have predeceased him, and he shall have made no other or further designation of a beneficiary in accordance with the laws of the Order, and who at the time of his death had a fixed place of abode in a Province,

State or Country where the statute law provides that death benefits of Fraternal Beneficiary Associations shall be paid only to the families of, heirs of, relatives of, affianced husband or affianced wife of, or persons dependent upon, the member (or to the like effect), the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit may be paid to the widow or widower and surviving children of the decedent, one-half to the widow or widower and one-half to the surviving children share and share alike; and if there be no children, all to the widow or widower; and if there be no widow or widower all to the surviving children share and share alike; and if there be no widow or widower or children, to the father and mother of the decedent or to the survivor thereof; and if there be no father or mother, to the surviving brothers and sisters of the decedent, share and share alike; and if there be none of the aforesaid relations, the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall revert to the Order.

Death of Beneficiaries.

(5) In the event of the death of one or more of the beneficiaries designated by a member, whether the benefit is apportioned or not, if he shall have made no other or further designation of a beneficiary in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and fifty and in conformity with the provisions of Section four, sub-section five, or legal disposition of such benefit, upon his death the benefit may be paid to the surviving beneficiaries, if not repugnant to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member had a fixed place of abode at the time of his death.

(6) Subject to the provisions of sub-section four of this section, in the event of the death of all the beneficiaries designated by a member, if he shall have made no other or further designation of a beneficiary in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and fifty, sub-section one, and in conformity with the provisions of Section four, sub-section five, or legal disposition of such benefit, the benefit may be paid to the executor of the member's last will or to the administrator

of his estate, as the case may be, if not repugnant to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member had a fixed place of abode at the time of his death.

(7) The Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may commute a deceased member's instalment Whole Life Insurance or a Life Annuity Benefit, and pay to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, heir or heirs, legal personal representative or representatives or other person or persons entitled to receive the benefit, the present value thereof, interest being computed at four and one-half per cent. per annum.

Effect of Payment.

(8) On the payment of the whole or a part of any Benefit accruing under a member's Insurance or Mortuary Policy or Benefit Certificate, or on the surrender by the member of his Policy or Benefit Certificate to the Order for cancellation, all claims or interest of such member or of his beneficiaries, heirs or legal personal representatives upon the Benefit Funds of the Order to the extent of the amount so paid shall thereby cease and determine and shall become and be absolutely null and void.

Claims May Lapse.

161. (1) Subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and sixty-two, if Parts A and B of the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit on Form No. 41, and the information, documents and legal papers required by the Secretary of the Medical Board or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, are not all filed with the Supreme Secretary together with written demand for the benefit, within twelve calendar months from the time of the death of a beneficiary member, all claims whatsoever which the beneficiary or beneficiaries, heir or heirs, or legal personal representative or representatives of the deceased member, or other party entitled to receive the benefit, might have had against the Order in respect of the beneficiary membership and Policy or Benefit Certificate of such deceased member, shall *ipso facto* lapse and

become absolutely null and void and such Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and other benefit shall forthwith revert to the Order.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section one of this section, if a beneficiary, or the party duly authorized by law to act for a beneficiary who is a minor or person of unsound mind, or other party, entitled to the whole or a part of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or other benefit of a deceased member, or the legal personal representative of the decedent when the benefit or a part thereof on his death becomes a part of his estate, fail to claim such Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and other benefit by filing with the Supreme Secretary Parts A and B of the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and the required information, documents and legal papers and a written demand therefor within one year from the time of the death of such member, the right of such beneficiary, person or party to receive such Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or other benefit shall *ipso facto* cease and determine and shall become and be null and void and such Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and other benefit shall forthwith revert to the Order; provided that if such beneficiary, person or party thereafter furnish Parts A and B of the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit on Form No. 41 and the required information, documents and legal papers and make written request for such Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or other benefit, the Executive Council, in its discretion, may donate to such beneficiary, person or party the whole or part of the amount that would have been paid had the said Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, information, documents and legal papers been furnished and demand made within one year of the death of such member. The Executive Council shall be the sole judges of the propriety of making a donation under the provisions of this sub-section, and from their decision there shall be no appeal.

(3) If the Executive Council or The Supreme Court of the Order, on consideration of a claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or other benefit refuse to pay such claim, and the beneficiary, or the

party duly authorized by law to act when the beneficiary is a minor or person of unsound mind, or the legal personal representative of the decedent, or other party, claiming the benefit, as the case may be, fail to take action or legal proceedings to establish the claim within the time provided in Section two hundred and one, then the claim shall *ipso facto* lapse and become absolutely null and void and such Insurance or Mortuary Benefit and other benefit shall forthwith revert to the Order.

DEATH OF MEMBERS.

Proof of Death and Claim Must be Filed and Other Documents and Information Furnished.

162. (1) Subject to the provisions of Sections one hundred and twenty-five, one hundred and sixty and one hundred and sixty-one, immediately on the death of a beneficiary member who was in good standing at the time of his death, due Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, on Form No. 41, as prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council, fully and properly filled in and duly executed, shall be made and executed and filed with the Supreme Secretary, to wit: The beneficiary or legal personal representative or other party entitled to receive the benefit of the deceased member shall make and execute Part A, the statement of the Claimant, of the said Form No. 41, together with the proof of the date of birth required by Section one hundred and thirty-one, sub-section three, and shall file the same with the Supreme Secretary; and the said beneficiary, legal personal representative or other party, shall also procure Part B, the statement of the attending Physician, of the said Form No. 41, to be made and executed and filed with the Supreme Secretary; and the Court of which the decedent was a member at the time of his death shall make and execute Part C, the statement of the Court, of the said Form No. 41, and file it with the Supreme Secretary; and the Financial Secretary of the said Court shall make and execute Part D, the declaration or

affidavit of the Financial Secretary, of the said Form No. 41, and file it with the Supreme Secretary; and the beneficiary or beneficiaries or legal personal representative or other party entitled to receive the benefit shall furnish such other information, papers and documents as may be required by the Secretary of the Medical Board, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council, to establish the truth of the statements contained in the deceased member's Application for Membership and Medical Examination paper and in the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, and to establish the death of, and to establish the cause or causes of the death of, and to establish the identity of the remains of, such deceased member, and shall also furnish such legal papers as may be required by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, including such papers as are necessary to establish the right of the beneficiary or beneficiaries or legal personal representative or other party entitled to receive the benefit to give the Order a proper and satisfactory release and discharge.

(2) The Supreme Secretary upon receipt of such Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall lay the same before the Supreme Chief Ranger who, if dissatisfied with any part of such Proof of Death and Claim, shall require from the beneficiaries, or legal personal representative, or other party, entitled to receive the benefit, or from the Court, or from the Financial Secretary, or from any or all of them, such additional evidence, documentary and otherwise, as he may deem necessary to establish the death of, and to ascertain and establish the cause of the death of, and to ascertain any or all circumstances in connection with or leading up to the death of, and to establish the identity of the remains of, such deceased member; and it shall be obligatory on the beneficiaries, or legal personal representative, or other party, entitled to receive the benefit, and the Court, and the Financial Secretary, to furnish such information, documents and evidence as may be required;

provided that the Supreme Chief Ranger may authorize the Secretary of the Medical Board or the Supreme Physician or any other person to make the inquiries and to require the information, documents and evidence necessary to establish the death of, and to ascertain and establish the cause of the death of, and to ascertain any or all circumstances in connection with or leading up to the death of, and to establish the identity of the remains of, such deceased member, and to require such other information as may be deemed necessary; provided further, that such authorization of the Secretary of the Medical Board or of the Supreme Physician or of any other person shall in nowise prevent or bar the Supreme Chief Ranger from making such additional inquiries or requiring such additional information, documents and evidence as he may deem necessary; and provided also that until all the information, evidence, papers and documents which the Secretary of the Medical Board or the Supreme Chief Ranger shall require the Claimant to furnish are furnished, a Proof of Death or Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit shall not be complete, nor shall the Claimant be in a position to demand payment from the Order of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit on account of a deceased member.

(3) Upon receipt of all the information, documents and evidence required by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Secretary of the Medical Board or Supreme Physician or other person, if the Supreme Chief Ranger has no doubt as to the validity of the claim, a cheque or draft for the payment of the amount to which the beneficiaries, heirs, legal personal representatives or other parties entitled to receive the benefit, are entitled shall be drawn, which cheque or draft shall be made payable to the person or persons legally entitled to receive the benefit; provided that if the Supreme Chief Ranger is in doubt as to who is legally entitled to receive the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or any part thereof, or in doubt as to a beneficiary or heir being of legal age, he may withhold payment, and he may require the beneficiary, or heir, or legal personal

representative, or other claimant, or the Court, to furnish such evidence, documentary and otherwise, including the Benefit Certificate for examination, as he may deem necessary.

(4) If the deceased member has been drowned or died away from home, the beneficiaries, legal personal representative or other party entitled to receive the benefit and the Officers of the Court are required to see all possible steps are taken for the identification of the remains before burial, and to furnish satisfactory evidence to the Supreme Chief Ranger of the identification of the remains; provided that if a member be reputed to have been drowned, and the body is not recovered or found, or if the member has disappeared, the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council, if reasonably satisfied of the presumption of death, before approving the claim for payment, may require the beneficiary, legal personal representative, or other person entitled to receive the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, to furnish a satisfactory bond to the Order in double the amount of the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, the condition of which bond shall be that the amount paid shall be repaid to the Order with legal interest and all costs, if it be hereafter shown or established that the member was not dead on the date claimed, as set out in the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit.

(5) The cheque or draft in payment of an Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or instalment thereof shall be sent to the Recording Secretary or other officer of the Court of which the decedent was a member or to such other person as the Supreme Chief Ranger may determine, to be delivered by such Officer or person in the presence of the Chief Ranger or Court Deputy, or Financial Secretary, or other Officer or member of the Court, or other competent witness, to the person or persons legally entitled to receive the same, on the surrender of the Benefit Certificate of the decedent duly receipted; provided that if the Benefit Certificate cannot be surrendered by reason of its loss or destruction, or if its non-production be explained to the satisfaction of the Supreme

Chief Ranger, the cheque or draft may be delivered, at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council, on the execution by the beneficiary or beneficiaries, legal personal representative or representatives, or other party or parties entitled to receive the benefit of a satisfactory release and discharge of all claims against the Order.

(6) Should a Recording Secretary or any other Officer or member of a Court or of the Order deliver any cheque or draft to any person, after having received notice by letter or by telegram not to deliver the same, he shall be personally liable, in addition to any other penalties prescribed in the Constitution and Laws, to the face value of such cheque or draft, together with the costs, if any, occasioned by such delivery, and shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(7) If the Supreme Chief Ranger has any doubt as to the validity of a claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit he may reject it; or he may require such other and further evidence as may seem to him necessary, and if still in doubt as to the validity of the claim he may reject it; or he may submit the claim to the Executive Council who may order it to be paid, or who may reject it; or the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may reserve any claim for the consideration of The Supreme Court of the Order, and upon a claim being so reserved such claim shall not be valid until approved by The Supreme Court of the Order.

(8) Whenever a claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit is rejected, notice thereof shall be sent by the Supreme Chief Ranger or Supreme Secretary to the Claimant or the Court of which the decedent was last a member.

Proof of Death, Duty of the Court.

163. (1) Immediately upon the death of a beneficiary member in good standing in a Court, the Court Deputy or the Chief Ranger, or in their absence the Vice-Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary jointly, shall call a special meeting of

the Court, at which meeting Part C of the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit of the deceased member shall be presented to the Court for completion; provided that if the Court or the Officers thereof refuse or neglect to make or certify Part C of the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, such part may be made or certified by the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Supreme Secretary.

(2) Upon the presentation of Part C of a Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit to the Court, the members present shall satisfy themselves that the facts, as herein set forth, are correct and true, by an examination of the books of the Financial Secretary and other records of the Court, and by taking other necessary testimony; after which the Presiding Officer shall put the following question: Shall Part C of the Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit just read be certified to as correct and true? and the yeas and nays shall be taken and the vote duly entered upon the records of the Court, showing how each member voted, whether yea or nay, and the number of votes for and against shall be entered in Part C of such Proof of Death and Claim; and the said Part C shall at once be transmitted by the Recording Secretary to the Supreme Secretary.

(3) Upon the death of a beneficiary member, the Financial Secretary of the Court shall also fully and properly fill in Part D of the Proof of Death and Claim, and shall certify to the correctness of the statements therein by Affidavit or Statutory Declaration before a Notary Public, Justice of the Peace, Commissioner or other party authorized by law to administer oaths; and shall at once transmit such Part D to the Supreme Secretary.

(4) Any Court permitting Parts C or D of a Proof of Death and Claim for Insurance or Mortuary Benefit to be falsely certified, or to be certified knowing that any of the facts set forth in such parts of the Proof of Death and Claim are incorrect or untrue, shall *ipso facto* forfeit its Charter, and the officer or officers or members so certifying or

voting to certify such part or parts of the Proof of Death and Claim shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

SICK AND FUNERAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT OF THE ORDER.

Who May be Enrolled—Benefits.

164. (1) Subject to the provisions of Section thirty, sub-section three, every member under fifty-five years of age who is a regular beneficiary member of a Court, residing in a Province, State or Country where the laws of the land permit Fraternal Benefit Societies to give such benefits, and who is at the time in good sound mental and physical health, may become enrolled, as hereinafter provided, in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of the Order for the benefits given to members of that department, which, subject to the laws governing that department, are three dollars per week for the first two weeks' illness and five dollars per week thereafter for a further period of ten weeks' illness, making twelve weeks' benefits in any one illness, and on death fifty dollars toward Funeral expenses; provided that a Temporary beneficiary member shall not be enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department until after his Medical Examination has been accepted and passed by the Medical Board.

(2) Whenever and so long as the balance in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department shall exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Medical Board, the Executive Council may, in their discretion, grant to a deserving member suffering from a protracted illness an extra benefit of three dollars per week for any period not exceeding twenty-four weeks additional to the time mentioned in sub-section one of this section. The Executive Council shall be the sole judges of the propriety of allowing a claim for extra benefits under the provisions of this sub-section, and from their decision there shall be no appeal.

Procedure for Enrolment or Reinstatement.

(3) A member within the meaning of sub-section one of this section desiring to be enrolled in the

Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of the Order, shall make an application for enrolment therein on Form No. 42, pay an Enrolment Fee of one dollar and a Registration Fee of one dollar and undergo a medical examination by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, and on such medical examination being accepted and passed by the Medical Board he shall be entitled to be enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department; provided that when a member has been passed by the Medical Board for admission to the Order, or for increased Insurance or Mortuary Benefit, within one year prior to his making his said application for enrolment on Form No. 42, and is still in good, sound mental and physical health, he may, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Medical Board and approval by the Supreme Chief Ranger, without again passing the Medical Board, be enrolled in the said department upon furnishing a Health Certificate on Form No. 4, fully filled in and duly executed both by himself and the Court Physician, showing him to be in good, sound mental and physical health; provided further that when a member has been passed by the Medical Board, as provided in this sub-section, within ninety days prior to his making the said application for enrolment on Form No. 42, and is still in good, sound mental and physical health, he may, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Medical Board and approval by the Supreme Chief Ranger, be enrolled in the said department without again being passed by the Medical Board or furnishing a Health Certificate; provided further that, subject to the provisions of sub-section one of this section, a charter applicant or applicant for membership in an existing Court may make application for enrolment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department on Form No. 42 at the time of applying for membership in the Order on Form No. 2, but he cannot be enrolled in the said department until he becomes a Regular beneficiary member.

(4) As soon as a member becomes enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department there shall be issued to him a Sick and Funeral Benefit Certificate in the form prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council.

(5) Each member enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department shall, before the end of the month in which he became enrolled in said Department, pay the monthly premium or assessment for his age at the date of enrolment in accordance with the table of rates prescribed in Section one hundred and sixty-five.

(6) A male member may be permitted to pay double assessments in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department and receive for the payment of such double assessments the sum of five dollars per week for the first two weeks of any one illness, and the sum of ten dollars per week for the next ten weeks of such illness and six dollars per week for any additional benefits granted by the Medical Board as provided for in sub-section two of this section.

(7) In accordance with Sub-section six of this section, the Funeral Benefit of members paying double assessments in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department shall be seventy-five dollars.

(8) All members taking the additional Sick and Funeral Benefits provided for in sub-section six of this section shall pay assessments on the additional or double benefit at the rate for their attained ages.

(9) Provided that any member who avails himself under the provisions of his contract of paying half of his Sick and Funeral assessment after the age of seventy for the purpose of obtaining his Funeral Benefit shall be required, if he is paying double Sick and Funeral assessment, to pay one-half of total amount of the Sick and Funeral assessment he is paying at the time he reaches his seventieth year.

(10) The provisions of sub-sections six, seven, eight and nine shall not apply to Companions or female members of this Order.

Sick and Funeral Benefit Premiums or Assessments and Time of Payment.

165. (1) The following shall be the monthly premiums or assessments in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department payable by each member at the time specified in sub-section two of this section:

Schedule of Monthly Rates.

Age	Premium or Assessment	Age	Premium or Assessment	Age	Premium or Assessment
18 and under	40 cts.	31	47 cts.	44	60 cts.
19	41	32	47	45	62
20	41	33	48	46	64
21	42	34	48	47	66
22	42	35	49	48	68
23	43	36	50	49	70
24	43	37	51	50	75
25	44	38	52	51	80
26	44	39	53	52	85
27	45	40	54	53	90
28	45	41	55	54	95
29	46	42	56	55 and upw'd.	\$1 00
30	46	43	58		

(2) The first monthly premium or assessment shall be paid before the first day of the month following the date of enrolment; and thirty-one days before the first day of each and every month thereafter at least one monthly Sick and Funeral Benefit premium or assessment shall be due and payable to the Financial Secretary of the member's Court, or to the Snpreme Secretary if the member is an unattached Member-at-large, provided that each member shall have thirty days' grace within which to make such payments, and upon failure to pay within the said period of grace the member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.

(3) A member who is on the Sick Benefit Fund shall pay all premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order and the Court at the time and in the manner provided in this section and in Sections one hundred and thirty-three and one hundred and thirty-four, the same as if he were not on the said Fund; and there shall be no counter-claim, set-off or compensation between the fees, premiums or assessments,

dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order or of the Court and the claim of any member for Sick Benefits due or accruing due from the Order.

Benefits in Sickness.

166. (1) Any member who is enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department and who from illness or injury is totally disabled and thereby incapable of following or directing any employment, labor, trade, occupation, business or profession (notwithstanding he may continue to carry on or conduct his business by his wife, servant or children), shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws, especially Sections one hundred and thirty-one, one hundred and thirty-two, one hundred and fifty-one and one hundred and fifty-four thereof, be entitled to Sick Benefits as provided in Section one hundred and sixty-four, if in good standing in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order, and in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, when taken ill or disabled; provided that Companions shall not be entitled to benefits for disability resulting from pregnancy, confinement, miscarriage, menstrual periods or menstrual disturbances; provided, also, that no one shall be entitled to benefits for disability resulting from intemperance or from foolhardy, vicious, immoral or unlawful conduct; provided further that if a member on the Sick Benefit Fund becomes suspended from the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department or the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department he shall not be entitled to Sick Benefits during the time of such suspension.

(2) If the member entitled to Sick Benefits is insane or is otherwise mentally incapacitated the benefit as it accrues and becomes due shall be paid (1) to his wife or mother or father or other person caring and providing for the member, as may be determined by the Supreme Chief Ranger, (2) in the event of there being no wife, mother or father, or other person caring and providing for the member, to the Committee or Conservator of the Estate or other person duly authorized by law to act in such cases, and (3)

in the event of there being neither wife, mother or father or other person caring and providing for the member, nor Committee or Conservator of the Estate or other duly authorized person, to the beneficiary named in his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Certificate; provided that if the member die before the benefit is paid, it shall be paid to his wife, or to his mother, or to his father, or to his beneficiary, or to his personal representative, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine; provided, further, that if a check or draft for Sick Benefits be issued to a member before his death and such check or draft be not cashed or paid before the death of such member, then such check or draft may, after the death of such member, be returned to the Supreme Secretary for cancellation, and the Supreme Chief Ranger may issue a new check or draft payable as in this subsection provided.

(3) A member shall not receive any Sick Benefits until he shall have been ill or disabled one full week; but when he shall have been ill or disabled one full week he shall then, subject to the laws governing the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, become entitled to Sick Benefits, including the first week, so long as he remains on the Fund, but subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and sixty-four. A week shall consist of seven days.

(4) A member shall not be entitled to any Sick Benefits unless he shall have been duly attended by the Court Physician or by some other legally qualified Doctor of Medicine for the illness or disability on account of which the claim for Sick Benefits is made.

(5) Subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and sixty-eight, no claim for Sick Benefits shall be payable until made on the prescribed Form No. 46, fully and properly filled in and duly executed, and until the same shall be investigated and passed upon by the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board and duly approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

Notice of Illness.

167. (1) Whenever a member who is enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department becomes incapacitated or disabled through illness or injury, as provided in Section one hundred and sixty-six, he shall on the first day of such illness or injury notify his Court Physician, and shall send a written notice to the Chief Ranger or Recording Secretary of his own Court, or of the Court in whose jurisdiction he has been taken ill or injured, or cause the same to be done, stating as fully as possible the cause or causes of such illness or injury and the nature thereof; and the notices to the Court Physician and to the Chief Ranger or Recording Secretary shall be read to the Court by the Recording Secretary at its first regular meeting thereafter and shall be entered in the minutes and then filed with the records of the Court.

(2) Any member failing to give the notices prescribed in sub-section one of this section, or to cause them to be given, shall not be entitled to Sick Benefits except from the date at which such notices are given.

(3) Any member on the Sick Benefit Fund acting in any manner tending to retard his recovery shall forfeit the Sick Benefits to which he might otherwise be entitled, and he may be further dealt with as the Court or the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine.

Claims Must be Filed Within Thirty Days.

168. (1) All claims by a member for Sick Benefits for any illness or disability must be made on Form No. 46, fully and properly filled in and signed by the member and duly executed, and must be filed with the Supreme Secretary within thirty days from the time of recovery of the member or from the expiration of the time to which he is entitled to Sick Benefits, as the case may be; and a member failing to file his claim as aforesaid or cause it to be filed shall *ipso facto* forfeit all claims for any Sick Benefits to which he would otherwise have been entitled to by

reason of such illness or disability; provided that when a member dies before the claim for Sick Benefits is made the claim shall be made by the widow or beneficiary of the deceased member or by the Court.

(2) A claim for Sick Benefits shall not be entertained nor deemed to be valid unless the provisions of Section one hundred and sixty-seven, sub-section one, and also the provisions of all other sections of the Constitution and Laws relating to the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department have been fully complied with.

(3) The Supreme Secretary on receipt of a Claim for Sick Benefits on Form No. 46, shall refer the same to the Supreme Physician or to the Secretary of the Medical Board, who shall investigate as to the cause of and nature of the claimant's illness or disability and the duration thereof and as to whether or not the member is entitled to the benefits claimed, and the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board on completion of the investigation shall report his finding to the Supreme Chief Ranger, together with his recommendation as to the claim, whereupon the Supreme Chief Ranger shall approve or disallow the claim in whole or in part as he may deem just and equitable; provided that if the Supreme Chief Ranger is not satisfied that the member was totally disabled as provided in Section one hundred and sixty-six during the time for which the benefit is claimed he may disallow the claim, or he may require from the member or the Court such other and further evidence of the disability as to him may seem necessary, and if still in doubt as to the validity of the claim he may disallow it; but if the Court or the member refuse or neglect to furnish within ninety days the additional evidence required the claim shall *ipso facto* become and be null and void.

(4) The Supreme Chief Ranger may empower the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board to pass upon the validity of Sick Benefit Claims; also to require from the Court or the member additional evidence to that contained in and submitted with the claim; also

to approve or disallow any claim in whole or in part in the discretion of the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board; but if the Court or the member neglect or refuse to furnish the additional evidence within ninety days the claim shall *ipso facto* become and be null and void.

Retiring From and Suspension From the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.

169. (1) Any member in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department may retire from that department at any time, and still retain his membership in the Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order, by giving notice to the Financial Secretary of his Court and to the Supreme Secretary and, at the same time, paying up all demands in that department to the date of such notice.

(2) Any member failing to pay any premium or assessment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department at the time laid down in the Constitution and Laws shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from that department; and in the event of his reinstatement therein he shall not be entitled to Sick Benefits for any illness or disability during the time of his suspension.

Reinstatement in the S. and F. Benefit Department Within Ninety Days.

(3) Any member who has been suspended from the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department by the operation of sub-section two of this section, or who has voluntarily retired from the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, and who is not suspended from the Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order, may within ninety days thereafter be reinstated in the said department by making an application for reinstatement on Form No. 42 and by paying up all arrears, and by his application for reinstatement being recommended by the Secretary of the Medical Board and approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

**Reinstatement in the S. and F. Benefit Department
After Ninety Days and Within Six Months.**

(4) If more than ninety days and less than six months have elapsed since his suspension or retirement, he may, on the recommendation of the Secretary of the Medical Board and with the consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council, be reinstated in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department by making an application for reinstatement on Form No. 42 and furnishing a certificate of good health on Form No. 4 fully filled in and duly executed both by himself and the Court Physician and by paying all arrears at his former rating, and by his application being recommended by the Secretary of the Medical Board and approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council, whereupon he shall be re-rated at his age at the time of reinstatement; but if required by the Secretary of the Medical Board or the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council he must again be examined by the Court Physician and such medical examination must be accepted and passed by the Medical Board before such member can be reinstated.

**Effect of Suspension, Retirement or Being Placed
on Probationary List for Total
Disability Benefit.**

(5) Any member becoming suspended from the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department or voluntarily retiring therefrom, or upon being placed on the Probationary List for Total Disability, or upon receiving the Total Disability Benefit, or upon receiving the Old Age Disability Benefit, or upon receiving any other Benefit provided for in his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Certificate, or any part thereof, or upon ceasing to be entitled to Benefits in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all rights to and any further claims upon the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, and his liabilities in that department shall also *ipso facto* terminate in regard to any premiums or assessments, dues or taxes which may thereafter accrue or be ordered; pro-

vided that if a member is placed on the Probationary List for the Total Disability Benefit and is restored or returns to his former status in the Order without having been paid the Total Disability Benefit, he shall be restored or return to his former status in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, but he shall not be entitled to receive nor shall he be paid benefits covering the time he was on the Probationary List; provided that a member upon being placed on the Probationary List for the Total Disability Benefit may continue in good standing for the Funeral Benefit only of the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department by continuing to pay, in the manner and at the times provided in the Constitution and Laws, one-half the assessments in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department; and may continue in such good standing in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department for the Funeral Benefit only by making the like payments so long as such member is paying assessments in the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Department of the Order.

Funeral Benefits.

170. (1) On the death of a member in good standing in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, who was not on the Probationary List for the Total Disability Benefit, or who has not received the Total Disability Benefit, or the Old Age Disability Benefit, or any other Benefit provided for in his Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Certificate, or any part thereof, subject to the provisions of sub-section two of this section, and subject also to the provisions of the Constitution and Laws relating to the Proof of Death of a deceased member, there shall be paid to the widow or widower, or to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative, or to other person or persons, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine, the sum of fifty dollars towards defraying the funeral expenses.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section one of this section, a Court may advance the Funeral Benefit of a deceased member, in which

case, on the Court certifying that it has paid under the authority of this sub-section the funeral expenses of the deceased member, the Order shall repay to the Court its advances, not exceeding fifty dollars, and the balance of the Funeral Benefit, if any, shall be paid as provided in sub-section one of this section.

(3) In case the deceased member has so requested, or at the express desire of the family or relatives, such deceased member may be buried with the rites of the Order; provided that if the death of the member was caused by his own immorality or misconduct the burial rites of the Order may be denied by the Court.

DISSOLUTION OF HIGH COURTS.

Suspension of a Charter of a High Court.

171. (1) The Charter of a High Court may be suspended or revoked by The Supreme Court of the Order or it may be suspended or revoked by the Executive Council, or it may be suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger; but the Charter of a High Court shall be declared revoked only by the unanimous vote of the members of the Executive Council present at any meeting, or by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular or special session of The Supreme Court.

Causes for Suspension or Revocation of a High Court Charter.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws, the Charter of a High Court may be suspended and the High Court dissolved and its Charter revoked for any of the following causes:

(a) For improper, contemptuous, insubordinate or rebellious conduct;

(b) For neglecting or refusing to comply with the Constitution and Laws or to conform to the Ritual, Rules, Usages, or Regulations of the Order;

(c) For failing or neglecting to pay any of its indebtedness to the Order when called upon so to do by the Supreme Chief Ranger;

(d) For neglecting or refusing to perform any

of the functions of a High Court as contemplated by the Constitution and Laws.

Insubordination of High Courts.

(3) When a High Court is in rebellion against the Constitution and Laws, or is in contempt of the Constitution and Laws, or is in contempt of the authority of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council, its Charter may be immediately suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, and its Charter may thereafter be revoked and the High Court dissolved by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court of the Order.

(4) Any High Court refusing or neglecting to transmit any books, papers or returns required by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, or refusing to obey the legal mandate of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council, shall be deemed to be in contempt, and may have its Charter forthwith suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, and its Charter may thereafter be revoked and the Court dissolved by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court of the Order.

Contempt of Summons.

(5) When a charge or charges are preferred against a High Court and it neglects or refuses to answer the same within the time prescribed, such charge or charges may be tried *ex-parte*, or the Charter of the High Court may be forthwith suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, and its Charter may thereafter be revoked and the High Court dissolved for contempt of summons, at the discretion of the Executive Council or of The Supreme Court of the Order.

DISSOLUTION OF COURTS OR ENCAMPMENTS.

172. (1) The Charter of a Subordinate Court, Companion Court, Juvenile Court or Encampment of Royal Foresters may be suspended or revoked for any of the following causes:

(a) For improper, contemptuous, insubordinate or rebellious conduct;

(b) For neglecting or refusing to comply with the Constitution and Laws or to conform to the Ritual, Rules, Regulations and Usages of the Order;

(c) For neglecting to hold regular meetings unless prevented from doing so by some unforeseen circumstance.

(d) When the beneficiary membership of the Court diminishes to less than five in number.

Summary Suspension of Courts.

(2) The Charter of a Court may be summarily suspended and the members thereof deprived of all the benefits of the Order, by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Standing Committee, or by the High Chief Ranger, whenever such Court wilfully refuses or neglects to make any return, report or remittance to the Head Office of the Order, or fails to make the proper report or to pay its dues to the High Court, at the time they, respectively, should be made or fall due, or whenever such Court wilfully violates any of the provisions of the Constitution and Laws; and at any time thereafter its Charter may be revoked by the Executive Council.

(3) When a Court or Encampment is in open rebellion to the Constitution and Laws, or is in contempt of the constituted authorities of the Order, its Charter may be forthwith suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, as the case may be, and its Charter may thereafter be revoked and the Court or Encampment dissolved by the Executive Council.

(4) Any Court or Encampment refusing or neglecting to transmit any book, paper, report or record required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee or by the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, or refusing to obey the legal mandate of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the High Standing Committee or of the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be in contempt, and its Charter

may be forthwith suspended by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee or by the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, and its Charter may thereafter be revoked by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court of the Order and the Court or Encampment dissolved.

Notice of Charges.

(5) The Charter of a Court or Encampment shall not be suspended or revoked, except as provided in sub-sections two, three, four and seven of this section and Sections one hundred and thirty-seven and one hundred and eighty-five until the Court or Encampment shall have been notified of its offence by the Supreme Secretary, or High Secretary, as the case may be, and an opportunity has been given to answer the charge or charges against it.

(6) At least twenty days must elapse between the date of the notice of charges and the date of trial.

Contempt of Summons.

(7) When charges are preferred against a Court or Encampment, and it neglects or refuses to answer the same within the time prescribed in sub-section six of this section, such charges may be tried *ex-parte*, or the Charter of the Court or Encampment may be suspended or revoked and the Court or Encampment dissolved for contempt of summons, at the discretion of The Supreme Court of the Order or of the Executive Council.

PROPERTY AND FUNDS OF A COURT.

Court Under a Charge Cannot Dispose of Property or Funds.

173. (1) When a Court shall have notice that charges are preferred against it, or that its Charter has been suspended, such Court shall not, during the pendency of such charges, or during the continuance of such suspension, grant any withdrawal cards, except to members who have removed, or who intend, *bona fide*, within one month after their publication, to remove out

of the district in which such Court is located; and until such chargee are disposed of, or the suspension removed, such Court shall make no disposition of any of its property, rituals, books, regalia, furniture, effects and funds, except to pay its debts and current expenses, and the benefits accruing to members, and to transmit the premiums or assessments for the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit Fund and other Benefit Funds of the Order.

Property and Funds of Suspended or Defunct Courts.

(2) Upon the suspension or surrender or revocation of the Charter of a Court it shall be the duty, collectively and individually, of the officers having the custody of the Charter, books, papers, furniture and other property, effects and funds of the Court, to assign, transfer and deliver the same to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to such party or parties as may be especially appointed by the Supreme Chief Ranger to receive the same, who shall hold the same subject to the order of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council.

(3) Any Officer or member having any Charter, ritual, books, papers, furniture or other property or effects, or funds of a suspended or dissolved Court, or of any Court, in his custody, possession or control and neglecting or refusing to assign, transfer or deliver the same, on demand, to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to the duly appointed Deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger, shall *ipso facto* stand expelled from the Order, and shall be forever excluded from membership in the Order, notwithstanding such Court should afterwards be restored to good standing; and he shall also be liable to the Order in double the value of such property, which may be recovered in any Court of competent jurisdiction at the suit of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of any other party who may be duly authorized by the Supreme Chief Ranger to act on behalf of The Supreme Court.

Valuing Property and Effects of Defunct Courts.

(4) Whenever the Trustees or other Officers or members of a Court whose Charter has been surrendered, suspended or revoked, fail forthwith to assign, transfer and deliver up the Charter, books, papers, furniture or other property, effects or funds of such Court to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to such party or parties as may be specially deputed by him as provided in the Constitution and Laws, the Executive Council shall forthwith estimate the value to the Order of such property and effects, or any part of the same, and such estimate shall be taken as the value of such property or effects in any suit which may be brought as provided in the Constitution and Laws.

Status of Members of Suspended or Dissolved Courts.

174. (1) Any member of a Court whose Charter has been surrendered, suspended or revoked, who was in good standing at the time of such surrender, suspension or revocation, may be admitted into any other Court after having received from the Supreme Chief Ranger a Supreme Card, Form No. 30, signed by him and countersigned by the Supreme Secretary with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed.

(2) Such card shall not be granted until the member has given satisfactory evidence that he was in good standing at the date of the surrender, suspension, or revocation of such Charter, and has paid to the Order all premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order to date that he otherwise would have had to pay, including any deficiency arising from neglect or failure of the Officers of such defaulting or defunct Court to pay to the Order any premiums or assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order paid by such member into the treasury of his Court and which should have been paid by such Court to the Order; such member shall apply in writing to the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary for such card within

ninety days from the date of the surrender, suspension or revocation of the Charter of his Court.

(3) If the application for such card is not made either before or forthwith upon such surrender, suspension or revocation, then the application must be accompanied with the fee of one dollar and a certificate of good health, Form No. 4, fully and properly filled in and executed, and if required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Secretary of the Medical Board, such applicant must be passed by the Medical Board, and, if required by the Supreme Chief Ranger, the applicant must also give satisfactory evidence of his loyalty to the Order at the time of the surrender, suspension or revocation of the Charter of his Court.

(4) Upon the member complying with the provisions of sub-sections one, two and three of this section, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall issue to such member a Supreme Card, Form No. 30, as a Member-at-large, which card shall remain good for one year, provided the member continues to pay all demands against him, as provided in the Constitution and Laws; otherwise such card shall become void whenever the member fails to pay any premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order at the time they are due. Before the expiration of each year he must make application to have the card renewed for another year, unless in the meantime he has been elected to membership in, or attached to, some Court.

(5) Members of a Court whose Charter has been surrendered, suspended or revoked shall not be entitled to any benefits, except as provided in sub-section six of this section, unless they have received a Supreme Card from the Supreme Chief Ranger, as provided in sub-section four of this section; and if they do not apply for such card within ninety days from the date of the surrender, suspension or revocation of the Charter of their Court, their reinstatement shall be subject to the provisions of Section one hundred and forty-two; or they may be readmitted into another Court as new members without the cere-

mony of initiation other than the administering of the obligation; provided that a statement of the facts in the case shall be submitted to the Court with the application for membership.

(6) Any member of the Court who had his premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order, at the time of the surrender, suspension or revocation of its Charter, paid in advance and remitted to the Order, shall be deemed to be in good standing during the period covered by such advance payments, notwithstanding such surrender, suspension or revocation, unless he shall have wilfully contributed towards, or been a party to, such surrender, suspension or revocation.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.

Use of Liquors Prohibited in Connection With Courts.

175. (1) Any Court permitting the consumption or sale of intoxicating liquors at or in connection with any meeting or entertainment held under the auspices of the Court or in the name of the Order, shall, on conviction thereof before the Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction, be liable to have its Charter suspended or revoked, or shall be liable to a fine of not less than ten dollars in addition to the costs of the trial.

(2) A member who shall introduce intoxicating liquors into any Court room while the Court is in session may, on conviction, be suspended or expelled from the Order, as the Executive Council may determine.

Profanity or Intoxication in Court.

(3) A member who shall be guilty of profanity in any Court, or who shall enter any Court in a state of intoxication, shall be suspended or expelled as the Court of which he is a member may determine, provided that for the first offence he may be fined five dollars.

Revealing Private Affairs.

(4) A member who shall reveal any of the private affairs of the Order shall on conviction stand expelled. The mode of procedure to gain admission into any Court, its signs, grips, passwords, business transacted in any Court, and other affairs of the Court and of the Order, are matters to be kept secret.

Using Name of Court.

(5) An officer or member of a Court shall not use the name of the Court in connection with any excursion, picnic, entertainment, enterprise or undertaking, without having first obtained the consent of the Court at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose. The penalty for a violation of this sub-section shall be fine, suspension or expulsion, as the Court may determine.

Letters, Circulars, Literature and Other Documents.

176. No letter, circular, publication, or document relating to the Order shall be made, printed or circulated by any Court or Encampment or member of the Order without the sanction in writing of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the High Chief Ranger, or of the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction, nor shall any letter, circular or document relating to the Order be read in any Court, or acted upon by any Court, unless the same shall have endorsed thereon the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or of the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction in which it is issued, read, acted upon or circulated; nor shall any Forestry literature or propagation circular be made, used or circulated by any member of the Order or Deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of a High Chief Ranger or by any High Court, Court or Encampment unless the same shall have been approved and sanctioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger. A contravention of any of the provisions of this section shall subject the offender to suspension or expulsion by the High Standing Committee or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council; and if a High

Court, or Court or Encampment so offend, its Charter shall be subject to suspension by the Supreme Chief Ranger and revocation by the Executive Council.

Improperly Detaining Moneys.

177. (1) Any officer of a High Court, or of a Subordinate Court, or of a Companion Court, or of an Encampment of Royal Foresters, or any Deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or of a High Chief Ranger, or any member who has received any money whatsoever paid by any person, candidate or member, either for charter fee, certificate fee, registration fee, enrolment fee, or for premium or assessment for any benefit fund of the Order, or for any dues, fees, taxes, or fines, or for any other purpose whatsoever, and failing to pay the same or any part thereof to the proper officer of the Order, or of the High Court, or of the Subordinate Court, or of the Companion Court, or of the Encampment of Royal Foresters, as the case may be, at the time required by the Constitution and Laws, or who shall improperly detain in the treasury, or otherwise delay the transmission of any money which is required to be remitted to The Supreme Court or to the High Court, or retain or misappropriate such money or any part thereof, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, and he may be further dealt with, summarily or otherwise, by and at the discretion of the Court, or Encampment, or of the High Chief Ranger or High Standing Committee, or of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council; and he shall not be reinstated except at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council.

(2) Any Court or Encampment sanctioning or allowing the detention, retention or misappropriation of any such money by the Financial Secretary or by any other of its Officers or members, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended, and may be further dealt with by and at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council.

(3) Any member of a Court or Encampment, which becomes suspended as provided in sub-

section two of this section, who has been a party to, or aided in any way whatsoever, directly or indirectly, the detention, retention or misappropriation of any such money shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, and shall not be reinstated except at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council.

(4) The onus of proof of not being a party to, and of not having aided in any way whatsoever, directly or indirectly, the detention, retention or misappropriation of any such money shall be upon each member; and it shall not necessarily absolve the Financial Secretary from being a party thereto to show that he turned over to the Treasurer of the Court money that should have been remitted, after receipt thereof, with the next report and remittance to the Head Office of the Order.

Misappropriation of Funds or Destruction of Property.

178. (1) Should any officer or member wilfully destroy, refuse to assign or transfer, or fail to deliver, on the demand of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of a Deputy duly appointed for the purpose, any books, papers, documents, funds, property or other effects of the Order, or of any Court, or of any Encampment of Royal Foresters, or of any other branch of the Order, he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended, and on conviction may be expelled; and should any officer or member misappropriate any of the funds, property or other effects of the Order, or of any Court, or of any Encampment of Royal Foresters, or of any other branch of the Order, he shall upon conviction by the Court or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council stand expelled from the Order.

(2) Should any Officer or member wilfully damage or destroy any part of the regalia or other property of any Court, he shall forthwith make it good at his own expense, or stand suspended from the Order.

Obtaining Membership Through False Statement, Concealment or Misrepresentation.

179. (1) Any person who shall obtain membership in the Order for the purpose of defrauding

the Order, or who shall obtain membership in the Order by false statement or false representation in his Application for Membership or Medical Examination paper, or by any fraudulent means, or by misstating his true age, or by concealing or failing to disclose any mental or physical infirmity in himself or in his father or mother, brothers or sisters, uncles or annts, grandfathers or grandmothers, or by not disclosing any material fact relating to himself or to any of his kindred enquired about in his medical examination paper, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all payments he may have made and all benefits whatsoever that he or his beneficiaries or his heirs or his legal personal representatives would otherwise be entitled to receive and shall also *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order; and on conviction by the Snpreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council snch member shall stand expelled from the Order.

(2) Any applicant for membership in the Order or any member of the Order, who shall have failed to disclose any disorder or infirmity which he may have had at the time of his medical examination, or may have had at any time in the past, or who shall have made any false statement or given any untrue answer, or concealed or neglected to disclose any material fact, relating to himself or to any of his kindred, mentioned in sub-section one of this section, in his said Medical Examination paper in connection with his admission to the Order or his enrolment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department or his reinstatement into the Order, as the case may be, or in his Application for Reinstatement, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all payments he may have made and all benefits whatsoever that he or his beneficiaries or his heirs or his legal personal representatives would otherwise be entitled to receive; and on conviction by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council shall stand expelled from the Order.

(3) Any member of the Order who shall aid or abet or knowingly permit any applicant to obtain membership in the Order for the purpose of defrauding the Order, or who shall knowingly per-

mit an applicant to obtain membership in the Order by such applicant making false representation or false statement in his Application for Membership or Medical Examination paper, or by concealing his true age, or by concoaling any mental or physical infirmity in himself or in any of his immediate blood relations mentioned in sub-section one of this section, or by not disclosing any material fact relating to himself or any of his kindred, shall, on conviction by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, stand expelled from the Order.

(4) The trial in all such cases shall be before the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council; provided that the evidence may be taken and the trial conducted in the manner provided in Section one hundred and ninety-three.

Defrauding or Attempting to Defraud the Order.

180. (1) Any Officer or member guilty of an attempt to defraud the Order, or a High Court, or any other Court or branch of the Order, by dishonestly, fraudulently, illegally or improperly claiming benefits, or by falsely certifying to an alleged illness or disability, or by aiding or abetting or knowingly permitting a member to make a dishonest, fraudulent, improper or illegal claim for benefits or any other monetary claim, shall on conviction stand expelled from the Order; and the trial may be held before the Court of which the offending party is a member, or before the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction, or before the Supreme Chief Ranger, or before the Executive Council.

(2) Any Physician who shall make a false or misleading statement in his Confidential Report, contained in the Medical Examination paper, of a person applying for membership in the Order or of a suspended member applying for reinstatement in the Order or of a member of the Order applying for enrolment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, or who shall withhold any material fact relating to such applicant or member that may have come to his knowledge prior to or at the time of making such report, shall, on conviction thereof by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by

the Executive Council, stand expelled from the Order.

(3) Any Court aiding or abetting in any way any person or member in obtaining or in an attempt to obtain improperly or fraudulently a benefit or money from the Order shall be subject to have its Charter suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and on conviction by the Executive Council its Charter may be revoked.

Certifying an Illegal or Improper Claim.

181. (1) Any Officer or member of the Order with knowledge of the facts voting to certify to any improper, dishonest, fraudulent or illegal claim upon any of the funds of the Order, or of any of its branches, shall become personally liable to the Order or to the branch thereof affected, as the case may be, in double the amount paid by the Order or by any of its branches upon such claim; and such Officer or member may also be suspended or expelled from the Order by the Court or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(2) If one or more Officers knowingly or negligently sign the certificate to any improper, dishonest, fraudulent or illegal claim, any one or more of them, or all of them, so knowingly or negligently certifying, may, at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council, be sued for the recovery of the penalty provided in sub-section one of this section; and such Officer may also be suspended or expelled from the Order by the Court or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

Unworthy Members.

182. (1) Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or who shall offend against the Constitution and Laws, or who shall disregard the rules or usages of the Order, or who shall throw discredit upon the Order by improper or disreputable conduct, shall be deemed to be an unworthy member, and may be reprimanded, fined, suspended or expelled from the Order; and the trial for any of such offences may take place either before the Court or the High Standing

Committee or the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council.

(2) Any member who shall try to bring contempt upon the Order by speaking disrespectfully of The Supreme Court or of any of its Officers, or of any High Court or of any of its Officers, or of any Subordinate Court or of any of its Officers, or of any Companion Court or of any of its Officers, may be immediately suspended from the Order by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and may be forthwith brought to trial; and the trial for such offence shall take place before the Subordinate Court or Companion Court, or the High Standing Committee, or the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council, as the Supreme Chief Ranger may determine; and on conviction by the Court, or by the High Standing Committee, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council, he shall stand expelled from the Order; but any member suspended under the provisions of this section, upon acquittal shall be restored to his former status in the Order on forthwith paying all premiums or assessments, dues, taxes, and fines that he would have had to pay had he not been suspended.

(3) Any member who shall be guilty of contempt of the Constitution and Laws or of the constituted authorities of the Order, or of insubordination, or of rebellion against the constituted authorities of the Order, may be summarily suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(4) If any Officer is guilty of an offence under the provisions of this section, the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction to which the officer belongs, shall suspend him from office at once and report him forthwith to the Executive Council, or High Standing Committee, or Subordinate Court, or Companion Court, as may be determined by the Supreme Chief Ranger, to be further dealt with; and, on conviction by the Subordinate Court, or by the Companion Court, or by the High Standing Committee, or by the Executive Council, as the

case may be, he shall stand expelled from the Order.

(5) Any member of a Court who shall maliciously make a false charge against a member shall, on conviction by the Court, or by the High Chief Ranger or High Standing Committee, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council, stand expelled from the Order.

Felony or Misdemeanor.

183. (1) Any member of the Order who shall be convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment in a state or national prison or penitentiary shall *ipso facto* stand expelled from the Order; and any member who shall be convicted of a misdemeanor may be summarily suspended or expelled by a two-thirds vote of his Court, or he may be summarily suspended or expelled by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(2) All moneys received by the Order on account of a suspended or expelled member (suspended or expelled under the provisions of sub-section one of this section) shall forthwith be forfeited to the Order; and such suspended or expelled member and his beneficiaries, heirs or legal personal representatives shall not be entitled to receive from, and shall not be paid by the Order, any insurance or benefit whatsoever.

Intemperate Members.

184. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger upon receiving credible information that a member is using intoxicants, or opiates, or other narcotics, to such an extent as to endanger his health, or to materially affect the risk upon his life, or to bring discredit upon the Order, may summarily suspend such member from the Order, or he may order the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board, or some other officer or member, to make due investigation, and upon receiving the report of such officer or member, if the Supreme Chief Ranger is satisfied that the member is using intoxicants, or opiates, or other narcotics, to such an extent as to endanger his health or to materially affect the risk upon his life, or

to bring discredit upon the Order, he shall suspend such offending member from the Order.

(2) A member of the Order suspended under the provisions of this section cannot again be reinstated, until he first make application for reinstatement on Form No. 15, is balloted for and accepted by a two-thirds vote of his own Court, and is re-examined and his Medical Examination is accepted by the Medical Board; whereupon the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may order his reinstatement. Upon receipt by the Court of such order of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council and upon the suspended member paying all premiums or assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order he would otherwise have paid had he remained continuously a beneficiary member, he shall be reinstated to his former status in the Order.

(3) And it shall be the duty of every officer and member of a Court, as well as that of every Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger or Deputy of a High Chief Ranger, immediately on becoming aware that any member of the Order is using intoxicants or opiates, or other narcotics, to such extent as to endanger his health, or to materially affect the risk upon his life, or to bring discredit upon the Order, or engage in a proscribed occupation, to forthwith report the facts to the Supreme Chief Ranger; and every such member, officer or Deputy having such knowledge or information and failing to disclose the same to the Supreme Chief Ranger shall be deemed to be an unworthy member, and may be dealt with as provided in Section one hundred and eighty-two of the Constitution and Laws.

Suspension Works a Vacancy in Office.

185. (1) The suspension or expulsion from the Order of a member shall *ipso facto* vacate any office held by such member; and any office in the Order thus rendered vacant may be filled as provided in the Constitution and Laws; provided that if an appeal be taken and the same be sustained the member shall *ipso facto* be restored

to office; and provided further, that if the suspension was caused by non-payment of any accrued liability and the vacancy in office has been regularly filled before reinstatement, such member shall not be restored to office upon his reinstatement.

Suspended Members Not Entitled to Sit in Court.

(2) A suspended member shall not be entitled to sit in a Court while the Court is in session; and any suspended member forcing himself into a Court when in session shall *ipso facto* stand expelled; and any Court permitting a suspended or expelled member to sit in Court while in session shall have its Charter forthwith suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, and shall be reported to the Executive Council, who may at once annul or revoke the Charter and dissolve the Court; provided that a member suspended for non-payment of any premium or assessment, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order shall be permitted to have a seat in the Court when applying for reinstatement, and also at subsequent meetings pending his reinstatement, but without vote or voice in the Court.

CHARGES AGAINST, AND TRIAL OF, OFFICERS AND DEPUTIES.

Charges Against Supreme or High Officers.

186. (1) In the event of charges being made against any Officer of The Supreme Court of the Order or of a High Court, for official acts as such, he shall be tried by The Supreme Court or by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Court, or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

Charges Against Other Officers.

(2) Charges against any Inspector-General, Assistant General Manager, Manager, District Superintendent, Deputy Supreme Secretary, Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, or Deputy of a High Chief Ranger, for acts connected with the discharge of his official duties, shall be tried by the Supreme

Chief Ranger or Executive Council, or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

Taking Evidence.

(3) The evidence in such cases may be taken by the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council, or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, or the evidence may be taken before one or more Commissioners in the manner provided for in Section one hundred and ninety-three.

Who Presides at Trial.

(4) An Officer of The Supreme Court shall not officiate during the trial of a charge duly preferred against himself. Should the Supreme Chief Ranger be under charges, the Past Supreme Chief Ranger who is a member of the Executive Council shall preside while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration; but should the Past Supreme Chief Ranger be not present, then the Officer present who is highest in rank shall preside.

(5) An Officer of a High Court shall not officiate during the trial of a charge duly preferred against himself. Should the High Chief Ranger be under charges, the Junior Past High Chief Ranger shall preside while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration; but should the Junior Past High Chief Ranger not be present, then the Officer present who is highest in rank shall preside.

(6) The same general rules for charges and trials as provided in Sections one hundred and eighty-seven to one hundred and ninety-five, both inclusive, so far as they are applicable, shall be observed.

CHARGES AGAINST, AND TRIAL OF, MEMBERS.

Charges.

187. (1) Except as provided in Sections one hundred and three, one hundred and four, one hundred and eighty-two, one hundred and eighty-three and one hundred and eighty-four, and other sections of the Constitution and Laws, every

member shall be entitled to a trial for any offence involving fine, reprimand, suspension or expulsion.

Officers Under Charge Shall Not Officiate.

(2) An Officer of a Court or of an Encampment of Royal Foresters shall not officiate during the trial of a charge duly preferred against himself. Should the Chief Ranger or Illustrious Commander be under charges the Junior Past Chief Ranger or Illustrious Past Commander present shall preside while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration; but should there be no Past Chief Ranger or Illustrious Past Commander present the Officer present who is highest in rank shall preside, and if no officer is present the Court or Encampment shall elect a member of the Court or Encampment to preside.

Trial.

188. (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws, an officer or member shall not be put upon trial unless charges duly signed by a member of the Order and specifying the offence and date of such offence, so as to fully apprise him of the nature thereof and enable him to prepare for his defence, shall be submitted in writing to the Court or Encampment having jurisdiction, or to the High Standing Committee, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to the Executive Council.

Method of Procedure.

(2) If charges are preferred in a Court, they shall forthwith be referred to the Arbitration Committee.

(3) Such Committee shall, before the next regular meeting of the Court, summon in writing the parties to the case, with a copy of the charges and specifications attached to or enclosed with the summons, to appear before the said committee for trial at a stated time and place, giving the said parties at least forty-eight hours' notice of the time and place of such trial; the summons shall be signed by at least two members of the Arbitration Committee.

(4) The member or members serving the sum-

mons shall make a copy of such summons and endorse thereon the time, place and manner of service of such summons and of the fact that a copy of the charges and specifications were served therewith. The said endorsed copy shall be filed with the charges, and shall, in the event of an appeal, be forwarded with the record to the next appellate authority.

(5) The Arbitration Committee shall keep minutes of the proceedings at the trial and shall cause the evidence to be taken down in writing, and they shall report the evidence to the Court at its next regular meeting, together with their decision as to whether or not the charges have been sustained.

(6) Any member of the Arbitration Committee making known the individual action or vote of any member thereof in any trial shall be suspended or expelled as the Court may determine.

Fixing Penalties.

(7) If the decision of the Arbitration Committee is that the charges are sustained and if a specified penalty is provided in the Constitution and Laws for the offence the Chief Ranger shall forthwith enforce the penalty. If no penalty be so provided, the Court shall decide, by written ballot, whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension, fine or reprimand. If two-thirds of the ballots are for expulsion, then the penalty shall be expulsion; but if there are not two-thirds for expulsion, and it should appear that the number of ballots, if any, which are cast for expulsion, together with those which are cast for suspension, amount to two thirds of the ballots cast, then suspension shall be the penalty, and the Court shall proceed to fix the duration of such suspension. If neither expulsion nor suspension is determined upon as the penalty, then the penalty shall be a fine or reprimand, as the Court may by ballot further determine. No ballot held under this section shall be reconsidered.

(8) Upon the penalty being fixed, or upon the decision of the Arbitration Committee that the charges are not sustained, as the case may be,

notice thereof shall, within twenty-four hours, be given in writing by the Recording Secretary to the parties in the cause, and if neither party take an appeal therefrom in writing within the time specified in Section one hundred and ninety-nine, sub-section one, the decision of the Arbitration Committee shall be final.

(9) If the penalty fixed by the Court be that of suspension or expulsion, it shall forthwith go into effect.

Trial by a High Standing Committee.

(10) If charges are preferred before a High Standing Committee, at least ten days' notice of the time and place of the trial shall be given to the parties concerned, and the procedure shall be as nearly as may be the procedure prescribed for trials by the Arbitration Committee.

Reprimand and Fines.

189. (1) When a member is subject to the penalty of reprimand, he shall be summoned to attend at the next regular meeting to be reprimanded from the Chief Ranger's chair, and should he fail to attend at such meeting he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(2) If a member be fined he shall pay the fine before the first day of the succeeding month, failing which he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended on the first day of such succeeding month, and shall so remain until the fine is paid and he is regularly reinstated as provided in Sections one hundred and forty-one or one hundred and forty-two, as the case may be.

Notice of Suspension to be Given.

190. Notice of the expulsion or suspension of a member shall, after the expiration of twenty days from the date thereof, be given to the Courts of the district; provided that, if a member suspended or expelled has filed, according to the Constitution and Laws, an appeal against the decision or against the action of his Court, such notice shall not be given until the higher tribunal or tribunals have adjudicated upon the matter.

Witnesses Must Attend.

191. Any member duly summoned to attend and give evidence as a witness on any trial, failing to do so without a proper excuse, or failing to give proper and truthful answers to all legitimate questions on such trial, may be fined, suspended or expelled as the Court, or the High Standing Committee, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the Executive Council, as the case may be, shall direct.

Contempt by a Member.

192. (1) If a member against whom charges have been duly preferred refuse or neglect to stand trial when duly summoned, such refusal or neglect shall be taken as equivalent to a plea of guilty, and the Arbitration Committee shall so report; and the penalty shall be determined as laid down in Section one hundred and eighty-eight, sub-section seven; provided that if a member be summoned to appear before the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council or other tribunal of the Order for trial, and he neglect or refuse to attend, such neglect or refusal shall be taken as equivalent to a plea of guilty, and such tribunal shall determine the penalty and shall enforce the same.

(2) If a satisfactory excuse for failure to stand trial be given within ten days a new date may be fixed for the trial and the parties in the case duly notified thereof.

(3) In case of non-residence of a member against whom charges have been duly preferred, he may be represented by counsel (who shall be a Forester in good standing), and tried as though he were personally present.

Witnesses May be Summoned and Production of Books Ordered.

193. (1) In the trial of any case, or in the reviewing or re-hearing of any trial or proceeding, the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, shall have power to summon the attendance of such persons as witnesses as they



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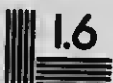
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may deem proper, as well as any or all of the parties to the case, at such place and time as the Executive Council, Supreme Chief Ranger or High Standing Committee, as the case may be, may deem best; and shall also have power to order the production at any trial, review or re-hearing, of any books, papers, letters, documents or records.

Commissioners May Take Testimony.

(2) Should it be inconvenient for the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Standing Committee, to sit and hear the evidence in any case, the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, may appoint one or more members of the Order to act as Commissioner or Commissioners, to take testimony, and before whom the parties shall be summoned; and all books, papers, letters and documents required by such Commissioner or Commissioners, shall be produced before him or them, at such hearing, by the parties having possession or charge of such books, papers, letters or documents. The evidence so taken shall be reduced to writing and shall be certified to by such Commissioner or Commissioners and returned to the Executive Council, or Supreme Chief Ranger, or High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

(3) Upon receipt thereof by the Supreme Secretary, or High Secretary, as the case may be, he shall give notice to the parties interested in the cause when the written testimony will be presented to the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or High Standing Committee, and the respective parties may be heard by counsel if they desire it, after which the case shall be determined.

Accused May Have Attorney.

194. (1) Upon any trial in the Order, the accused may appear in person or by attorney, or both, and may submit in his defence *vive voce* or documentary evidence; provided that no one shall appear as attorney, in any trial of an

officer or member, who is not a member in good standing in the Order.

Appellant May Have Attorney.

(2) In any hearing or trial upon any appeal the appellant may appear in person or by attorney or both; provided that in all appeals relating to matters other than the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit of a deceased member or the Sick and Funeral Benefit of a deceased member, the attorney shall be a member of the Order in good standing.

Notices, How Given.

195. (1) Any notice emanating from the Order or the Executive Council shall be given by the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary, or both.

(2) Any notice emanating from the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary or other officer of the Order shall be given over the name of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Supreme Secretary or of such other officer of The Supreme Court, as the case may be.

(3) Any notice to the Order, or to the Executive Council, shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary.

(4) Any notice to any officer or member of The Supreme Court of the Order shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Supreme Secretary, or upon the officer or member immediately concerned.

(5) Any notice emanating from a High Court or a High Standing Committee shall bear the signature of the High Chief Ranger or the High Secretary, or both.

(6) Any notice to a High Court, or to a High Standing Committee, shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the High Chief Ranger or the High Secretary.

(7) Any notice to any Officer or member of a High Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the High Secretary, or upon the officer or member immediately concerned.

(8) Any notice emanating from a Court shall bear the signatures of the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary, and must have the seal of the Court affixed.

(9) Any notice to a Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Chief Ranger, or Recording Secretary, or Financial Secretary.

(10) Any notice to any officer or member of a Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Recording Secretary or the Financial Secretary, or upon the officer or member immediately concerned.

(11) Any notice, as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be duly served,

(a) By being published in *The Forester*, the Official Organ of the Order, or

(b) By being mailed in a registered letter; provided always that

(c) If any notice has been sent in a non-registered letter and if it be established that such letter was received by the proper party, or if it be established that such notice was otherwise sent to, or received by, or served upon, the proper party, such notice shall be deemed to have been duly given;

(d) The time of such notice shall be computed from the date of mailing such notice, or from the day of publication of *The Forester* containing such notice, as the case may be.

(12) Any notice from the Order or the Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary or the Supreme Physician or Secretary of the Medical Board to the beneficiary, personal representative or other person interested in the Insurance or Mortuary or other benefit of a living or deceased member shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Recording Secretary or the Financial Secretary of the member's Court, or if the member be deceased, by being served upon the Court of which he was last a member; or such notice may be served upon such member if living, or upon such beneficiary, personal representative or other person interested, as the case may be; provided that a notice posted in a

registered letter directed to the last known address of such party shall be sufficient notice.

APPEALS.

In Whom the Right of Appeal is Vested.

196. (1) The right of appeal shall be vested in every member of the Order, and in case of the death or disability of a member the right of appeal shall be vested in his beneficiary or legal personal representative or other person deriving legal rights from him or them, or any of them.

(2) The right of appeal shall also be vested in every High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court, Juvenile Court and Encampment of Royal Foresters, and an appeal shall lie against the action or decision of any Officer, or of any High Court, Court or Encampment, except that of the Executive Council, whose action or decision shall be final and conclusive in all cases; provided that if a party feel aggrieved by a decision of the Executive Council, such party may appeal to The Supreme Court of the Order, the action or decision of which shall be final and conclusive.

Result of Failure to Appeal.

(3) Any aggrieved party failing to take an appeal from any action or decision in the manner and within the time laid down in the Constitution and Laws shall be bound by such action or decision, and shall have no further recourse, whether in law or equity, in respect of the subject matter of such action or decision.

(4) A decision of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council shall go into effect at once, and shall not be stayed by an appeal, but shall be final and binding until reversed by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court of the Order as the case may be.

When Appeals Shall be Decided.

(5) All appeals shall be decided or referred to the next higher authority within twenty days from the receipt of all the evidence in the case, except in the case of an appeal to a High Standing Committee or to the Executive Council, which shall be decided at the next ensuing meet-

ing thereof, unless the case is continued to a subsequent meeting, and except to a High Court or to The Supreme Court which shall be decided at the next succeeding session thereof.

Interested Parties to be Notified.

(6) The parties interested shall be given due notice whenever a decision or reference is made, and such notice shall be given in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and ninety-five.

SEQUENCE OF APPEALS.

Appeals in Connection With the Benefits of the Order Directly to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

197. (1) All appeals in connection with the Insurance or Mortuary Benefit or other Benefits of the Order or in relation to any of the Benefit Funds of the Order, shall be taken directly by the beneficiary or other person entitled to such benefit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and from the decision of the Supreme Chief Ranger to the Executive Council; provided that in the hearing and consideration by the Executive Council of all such appeals the Supreme Chief Ranger shall not sit with the Executive Council nor take part in its deliberations nor be a party to its decisions.

(2) All appeals from the action or decision of any assistant of, or deputy of, or accredited representative of, the Supreme Chief Ranger, or of any Officer of The Supreme Court other than the Supreme Chief Ranger, shall be to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(3) The decision of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the decision of the Executive Council if an appeal be taken thereto from the decision of the Supreme Chief Ranger, shall, subject to the provisions of Section two hundred and one, be final and conclusive on all questions relating to the benefits of the Order.

Appeals in Connection With Matters of Discipline, Through High Courts.

198. (1) All appeals arising in any of the Courts in connection with matters other than the Insur-

ance or Mortuary Benefit or other Benefits of the Order or in relation to any of the Benefit Funds of the Order, or relating to the General Laws, shall be from the action or decision of any of the Officers of, or of the Arbitration Committee of, any Court, to the Court.

(2) From the Court to the Court Deputy.

(3) From the Court Deputy to the High Chief Ranger.

(4) From the High Chief Ranger to the High Standing Committee.

(5) From the High Standing Committee to the High Court; provided that when the High Court shall not meet in regular session within one year from the time of the decision of the High Standing Committee, the appeal may be taken to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(6) All appeals arising in a High Court in session shall be from the High Chief Ranger or other presiding officer to the High Court.

(7) From the High Court to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(8) All appeals arising in any Court not under the jurisdiction of a High Court, shall be from the Court Deputy directly to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(9) All appeals arising in any Encampment of Royal Foresters shall be from the Encampment directly to the Illustrious Supreme Commander (Supreme Chief Ranger).

(10) From the Supreme Chief Ranger to the Executive Council.

(11) From the Executive Council to The Supreme Court of the Order, the action or decision of which shall be final and conclusive.

(12) All appeals arising in The Supreme Court in session shall be from the Supreme Chief Ranger or other presiding officer to The Supreme Court, the action or decision of which shall be final and conclusive.

Time Within Which Appeal May be Taken.

199. (1) An appeal must be taken within twenty days from the time written notice of the decision is given to or served upon the interested

party in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and ninety-five.

(2) An appeal from the decision of a Court in session must be taken forthwith and before any other business is begun unless the party affected be not present, in which case an appeal may be taken within twenty days from the time written notice of the decision is given to or served upon the interested party.

Mode of Appeals.

200. (1) The appellant must take the appeal in writing (except from the decision of the Chief Ranger to a Court or from the decision of a Court to the Court Deputy if the Court Deputy be present at the time the appeal is taken from the Chief Ranger to the Court, or from the decision of an Illustrious Commander to an Encampment of Royal Foresters in session, or from the decision of a High Chief Ranger to a High Court in session, or from the decision of the Supreme Chief Ranger to The Supreme Court in session) and immediately notify the appellee in writing, the appellant certifying to that effect; and the appellant must state the grounds of appeal.

(2) Whenever an appeal is required to be taken in writing, official copies of all the records and documents in regard to the decision or action against which the appeal is taken, and all evidence relating to the subject matter, properly authenticated or verified by affidavit or statutory declaration, shall be forwarded to the higher tribunal within twenty days from date of appeal; and the case shall be determined on the evidence so submitted, unless additional evidence is required by the tribunal to which the appeal is taken.

(3) An appeal by a beneficiary, legal personal representative or other claimant for a Mortuary Benefit, Funeral Benefit or Sick Benefit on account of a deceased member, may be made by such party writing a letter or notice to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to the Supreme Secretary, setting out that he appeals, and stating the ground of appeal, if any, and mailing such letter or notice of appeal in a registered letter, postage prepaid, and ad-

dressed, Supreme Chief Ranger of The Independent Order of Foresters, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, or Supreme Secretary of The Independent Order of Foresters, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

No One Has Right of Civil Action Until Appeals Are Exhausted.

201. (1) No member of the Order, nor his beneficiary, nor his legal personal representative, nor other person in any way interested in any of his benefits, nor any one deriving legal rights from him, or them, or any of them, shall be entitled to bring any civil action or other legal proceeding against the Order or against any other Court or branch of the Order until he shall have exhausted all the remedies provided in the Constitution and Laws by appeals; and any member of the Order or his beneficiary or his legal personal representative or other person in any way interested in any of his benefits or deriving legal rights from, through, by or under, him or them or any of them, who shall bring any civil action or other legal proceeding against the Order or against any Court or any other branch of the Order before he shall have exhausted all remedies within the Order by appeals and otherwise, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all benefits and all rights, claims and demands therein and thereto to which he or they or any of them might otherwise have been entitled, and if he be a member of the Order he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(2) All civil actions or other legal proceedings to be brought or instituted against the Order, or against any Court or branch of the Order, shall be brought or instituted within six months after notice has been given, in accordance with the provisions of Section one hundred and ninety-five of the Constitution and Laws, of the decision of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or if such decision is appealed from, of the decision of the Executive Council or if an appeal is taken from the decision of the Executive Council to The Supreme Court of the Order, then within six months of the decision of The Supreme Court.

Regalia and Degree Colors.

202. (1) The Regalia of the Order shall be a collar and a badge.

(2) The colors of the Order shall be red, white, blue and purple.

(3) The badge for members shall be of gold or gilded metal in the form of a Maltese Cross, pendant from two clasps or bars and a ribbon, each part having emblematic designs shown thereon.

(4) The badge for officers shall have, in addition, suspended from the upper clasp of the badge, the emblem pertaining to their office. All badges shall be worn on the right breast, except that members of The Supreme Court and Royal Foresters shall wear them on the left breast.

(5) The collar shall be of ribbon three inches wide in the colors of the Order with badges pendant according to the rank of officer or member. The badges shall designate such rank in initials of title on metal bar thereof.

(6) Officers' collars shall be trimmed with gold or silk fringe according to the rank of such officer.

Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

203. (1) The Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor shall consist of a Maltese Cross in gold and enamel, resting on a golden wreath and surmounted by a crown pendant from a royal-blue ribbon with three clasps, worn on the left breast, and a Jewel, being a gold and white enamel nine-pointed large star resting on a gold background, with small five-point blue enamel stars between the points of the large star, in the centre of which large star shall be displayed a moose-head in gold on red field, enclosed in a belt of blue enamel with the words "Independent Order of Foresters" in gold letters, the whole surmounted with a gold crown, worn pendant from a royal-blue ribbon around the neck. The Jewel of the Supreme Chief Ranger shall bear, in addition, the crossed gavels, and shall have the small stars and crown set with brilliants.

(2) The holders of the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor shall be designated Chevaliers

of the Legion of Honor, and shall have the rank and prerogatives of Past High Chief Rangers.

(3) A Chevalier shall wear a blue corded ribbon sash, four inches wide, over the left shoulder and under the coat.

(4) No one shall be entitled to wear the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor except the Supreme Chief Ranger and Past Supreme Chief Rangers, and such other members of The Supreme Court, or of a High Court, to whom the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor shall have been awarded, as provided in sub-sections five, seven and eight of this section; provided always, that the number of living Chevaliers shall at no time exceed one hundred.

(5) By special vote of The Supreme Court of the Order, as provided in sub-section eight of this section, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor may be conferred for distinguished services to the Order upon one member thereof for each year elapsed since the last regular session.

(6) By special ballot of a High Court at each regular session, the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor may be recommended to be granted to any one member thereof, provided always, that whenever a High Court recommends a candidate for the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor such High Court must set forth and transmit to the Executive Council, in a written statement, the distinguished services to the Order on account of which the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor is recommended.

(7) The Executive Council shall, at its first meeting after the close of each year, carefully review all the recommendations for the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor and the reasons submitted by High Courts, and make the grant to those of the Candidates who, in their judgment, have rendered such meritorious services to the Order as to entitle them to the Decoration.

(8) At each regular session of The Supreme Court, the Executive Council may recommend not more than three members of the Order for the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor, submitting with the recommendations a statement of the

distinguished services rendered by each of the candidates; and The Supreme Court may make the grant to one or more of the Candidates recommended by the Executive Council.

(9) The Candidates nominated by the Executive Council for the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor, shall be balloted for and elected for the honor by a majority of all the ballots cast in The Supreme Court.

(10) On the death of a Chevalier, the mother, sister, widow, husband, son, or daughter shall be entitled to wear the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor of the deceased Chevalier.

Official Forms.

204. The Official Forms proscribed by the Executive Council for use by the various High Courts, Courts and branches of the Order shall be designated by numbers and names, as follows, viz.:

Form No.	1. Instituting Officers' Returns.
" "	2. Application for Membership.
" "	3. Medical Examination.
" "	4. Health Certificate.
" "	5. Smallpox Waiver.
" "	6. Receipt for Charter Supplies.
" "	7. Application for Commission as Court Physician.
" "	8. First Monthly Report.
" "	9. Ordinary Monthly Report.
" "	10. October Report.
" "	12. Application for Increased Mortuary Benefit.
" "	13. Application for Decreased Mortuary Benefit.
" "	14. Application for change of Beneficiary.
" "	15. Application for Reinstatement.
" "	16. Notice of Reinstatement.
" "	17. Notice to Members of Meeting of Court.
" "	18. Bonds.
" "	19. Acknowledgment of Indebtedness.
" 20 &	21. Special Auditing Committee's Report.
" "	22. Permit.

- Form No. 23. D. S. C. R. Commission.
" " 24. C. D. S. C. R. Commission.
" " 25. Court Physician's Commission.
" " 26. G. D. H. C. R. Commission.
" " 27. D. D. H. C. R. Commission.
" " 28. C. D. H. C. R. Commission.
" " 29. Member-at-large Card.
" " 30. Supreme Card.
" " 31. Letter of Credence.
" " 32. Withdrawal Card.
" " 33. Instructions to Deputies and Officers.
" " 34. Instructions to Medical Examiners.
" " 35. Declaration of Loss or Destruction
of and application for Duplicate
Benefit Certificate.
" " 36. Notice of Total Disability.
" " 37. Claim for Total Disability Benefit.
" " 38. Annual Report of Members who
have been paid the Total Disabil-
ity Benefit.
" " 39. Application for Expectation of Life
Benefit.
" " 40. Proof of Total Disability on Account
of Old Age.
" " 41. Proof of Death and Claim for Insur-
ance or Mortuary Benefit.
" " 42. Application for enrolment in Sick
and Funeral Benefit Department.
" " 43. First Monthly Report in Sick and
Funeral Benefit Department.
" " 44. Ordinary Monthly Report in Sick
and Funeral Benefit Department.
" " 45. October Report in Sick and Funeral
Benefit Department.
" " 46. Claim for Sick Benefits.
" " 47. Requisition for Refund from The
Supreme Court.
" " 48. Semi-Annual Report to the High
Court.
" " 49. Court Credentials.
" " 50. High Court Credentials.
" " 51. Application for Charter for Juvenile
Court.
" " 52. Application for Charter for En-
campment of Royal Foresters.

- Form No. 53. Petition for Membership in Royal Foresters.
 " " 54. Notice of Meeting of Royal Foresters.
 " " 55. Letter of Credence of Royal Foresters.
 " " 56. Transfer Card of Royal Foresters.
 " " 58. Semi-Annual Report of Encampments of Royal Foresters.
 " " 59. Recommendation for Temporary Beneficiary Membership.
 " " 60. Weekly Report for Organizers.
 " " 61. Application for Change of Name by Marriage.

RANK AND PRECEDENCE OF OFFICERS.

205. The Officers of the Order shall rank and have precedence as follows, viz.:

1. Supreme Chief Ranger.
2. The Past Supreme Chief Ranger who is a member of the Executive Council.
3. Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger.
4. Supreme Secretary.
5. Supreme Treasurer.
6. Supreme Physician.
7. Supreme Counsellor.
8. Past Supreme Chief Rangers according to seniority.
9. Secretary of the Medical Board.
10. Assistant Supreme Chief Rangers.
11. Assistant Supreme Secretaries.
12. Assistant Secretaries of the Medical Board.
13. Past Supreme Executive Officers, other than P. S. O. R.'s according to grade and seniority.
14. High Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
15. Junior Past High Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
16. P. H. Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
17. H. V.-Chief Rangers, " "
18. High Secretaries, " "
19. High Treasurers, " "
20. High Physicians, " "
21. High Counsellors, " "

22. Past High Standing Committees, other than P. H. C. Rangers, according to grade and seniority.
23. Supreme Auditors.
24. Supreme Orator.
25. Supreme Journal Secretary.
26. Supreme Superintendent of Juvenile Courts.
27. Supreme Organist.
28. Supreme Senior Woodward.
29. Supreme Junior Woodward.
30. Supreme Marshal.
31. Supreme Conductor.
32. Supreme Messenger.
33. Supreme Standard Bearers.
34. Supreme Sword Bearers.
35. Supreme Senior Beadle.
36. Supreme Junior Beadle.
37. Representatives to The Supreme Court.
38. Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers.
39. High Auditors.
40. High Orators.
41. High Journal Secretaries.
42. High Organists.
43. High Senior Woodwards.
44. High Junior Woodwards.
45. High Marshals.
46. High Conductors.
47. High Messengers.
48. High Senior Beadles.
49. High Junior Beadles.
50. Delegates to High Courts.
51. General Deputies of the High Chief Rangers.
52. District Deputies of the High Chief Rangers.
53. Court Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers.
54. Court Deputies of the High Chief Rangers.
55. Court Orators (Clergyman only).
56. Court Physicians.
57. Chief Rangers.
58. Past Chief Rangers, according to grade and seniority, as per Section one hundred and one.
59. Vice-Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
60. Recording Secretaries, according to seniority.
61. Financial Secretaries, according to seniority.
62. Treasurers, according to seniority.

63. Orators (Laymen), according to seniority.
64. Superintendents of Juvenile Courts.
65. Organists.
66. Senior Woodwards.
67. Junior Woodwards.
68. Senior Beadles.
69. Junior Beadles.

ABBREVIATIONS.

206. The following abbreviations may be used in any official or other document required to be used in connection with the Order, viz.:

I.O.F.	for The Independent Order of Foresters
S.C.R.	“ Supreme Chief Ranger.
P.S.C.R.	“ Past Supreme Chief Ranger.
J.P.S.C.R.	“ Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger.
S.V.C.R.	“ Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger.
S.S.	“ Supreme Secretary.
S.T.	“ Supreme Treasurer.
S. Phy.	“ Supreme Physician.
S.C.	“ Supreme Counsellor.
S.A.	“ Supreme Auditor.
S.M.B.	“ Secretary of the Medical Board.
Asst. S.C.R.	“ Assistant Supreme Chief Ranger.
Asst. S.S.	“ Assistant Supreme Secretary.
Asst. S.M.B.	“ Asst. Sec. of the Medical Board.
S.O.	“ Supreme Orator.
S.J.S.	“ Supreme Journal Secretary.
S.S. of J.C.	“ Supreme Supt. of Juvenile Courts.
S. Org.	“ Supreme Organist.
S.S.W.	“ Supreme Senior Woodward.
S.J.W.	“ Supreme Junior Woodward.
S.M.	“ Supreme Marshal.
S. Cond.	“ Supreme Conductor.
S. Mess.	“ Supreme Messenger.
S.S.B.	“ Supreme Senior Beadle.
S.J.B.	“ Supreme Junior Beadle.
S.St.B.	“ Supreme Standard Bearer.
S.Sw.B.	“ Supreme Sword Bearer.
S.Rep.	“ Supreme Representative.
D.S.C.R.	“ Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.
C.D.S.C.R.	“ Court. Dep. Supreme Chief Ranger.
H.C.R.	“ High Chief Ranger.
P.H.C.R.	“ Past High Chief Ranger.
J.P.H.C.R.	“ Junior Past High Chief Ranger.

H.V.C.R.:	for High Vice-Chief Ranger.
H.S.	" High Secretary.
H.T.	" High Treasurer.
H. Phy.	" High Physician.
H.C.	" High Counsellor.
H.O.	" High Orator.
H.J.S.	" High Journal Secretary.
H. Org.	" High Organist.
H.S.W.	" High Senior Woodward.
H.J.W.	" High Junior Woodward.
H.M.	" High Marshal.
H. Cond.	" High Conductor.
H. Mess.	" High Messenger.
H.S.B.	" High Senior Beadle.
H.J.B.	" High Junior Beadle.
H.A.	" High Auditor.
H. Del.	" High Delegate.
G.D.H.C.R.	" Gen. Dep. of the High Chief Ranger
D.D.H.C.R.	" Dist. Dep. of the High Chief Ranger
C.D.H.C.R.	" Court Dep. of the High Chief Ranger
Phy.	" Physician.
C.R.	" Chief Ranger.
P.C.R.	" Past Chief Ranger.
V.C.R.	" Vice-Chief Ranger.
R.S.	" Recording Secretary.
F.S.	" Financial Secretary.
T.	" Treasurer.
O.	" Orator.
S. of J.C.	" Superintendent of Juvenile Court.
Org.	" Organist.
S.W.	" Senior Woodward.
J.W.	" Junior Woodward.
S.B.	" Senior Beadle.
J.B.	" Junior Beadle.
Bro.	" Brother.
Comp.	" Companion.
L.B.C.	" Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

CODE OF PROCEDURE.

207. The following, or similar forms, shall be the Code of Procedure observed in trials:

(1) Charge and Specifications.

To _____ Court _____ (Date) _____ 19 _____
 Order of Foresters:— No. Independent

The undersigned, a member of Court
 No. does hereby charge
 of Court No. with conduct
 unbecoming a Forester; and the grounds of this
 charge are more particularly set forth in the
 following specifications, to wit. Specification
 First—That the above named member
 in violation of the Constitution and Laws, did on
 or about the day of
 19 (here state the specification).

Fraternally submitted,
 (Signed)

(2) Notice to the Accused.

(Date) 19

M :—Enclosed with this notice
 find a copy of the charge and specifications pre-
 ferred against you by of Court
 No. The same was referred to the
 Arbitration Committee, consisting of [give names.]
 You are now, therefore, hereby notified that the
 said Arbitration Committee will meet [give time
 and place] to try the case and you should be
 present and defend yourself.

.....
 Members of Arbitration Committee.

(3) Notice to the Accuser.

(Date) 19

M :—You are hereby notified that
 the Arbitration Committee will meet [give time
 and place] to try the charge preferred by your-
 self against of Court
 No. and you are hereby notified to be present
 and sustain the said charge.

.....
 Members of Arbitration Committee.

(4) Notice to Witnesses to Attend.

M :—In the matter of the charge
 and specifications preferred by of
 Court No. against
 of Court No. the Arbitration
 Committee will meet [give time and place] to try

the case, and you are hereby summoned to be present as a witness and give testimony.

.....
Members of Arbitration Committee.

(5) Notice of Appeal.

To Court No. [or other Tribunal], Independent Order of Foresters:—
The undersigned hereby appeals to the
from the decision of the in the matter
of The appeal is taken on the
[state grounds of appeal.]

Fraternally,
(Signed)

Form of Affirmation.

[Place yourself in the attitude of obligation.]
(To be administered by Chairman of Arbitration Committee or other authorized officer.)

You do sincerely declare upon your honor as a Forester, that the testimony you shall give in the matter of charge preferred by
against now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. This you do solemnly affirm.

RULES OF ORDER.

For the Government of The Supreme Court of the Order and of All the Branches of the Order.
Powers and Duties of Presiding Officers.

208. Rule 1.—The Presiding Officer shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Court by any member, when the question before the Court shall be: Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?

Rule 2.—The Presiding Officer shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws or otherwise ordered by the Court.

Rule 3.—Any member may excuse himself from serving on a Committee, if at the time of his appointment he is a member of another Committee.

Rule 4.—The first person named on a Committee shall be Chairman of the Committee.

Rule 5.—Any member who shall misbehave himself in the meeting of the Court, or shall disturb the order and harmony thereof, by abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall refuse obedience to the Presiding Officer, may be fined by the Presiding Officer in any sum not exceeding five dollars, and shall be excluded from the Court room for the remainder of the meeting, and afterwards may be dealt with at the pleasure of the Court.

Rule 6.—Before putting a question, the Presiding Officer shall ask: Is the Court ready for the question? If no member rise to speak, he shall rise and put the question; and after he rises to put the question, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

Rule 7.—When the Presiding Officer is addressing the Court or putting a question, he shall not be interrupted.

Decorum in Debate.

Rule 8.—No member shall interrupt another while speaking except to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

Rule 9.—If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if in order, he may proceed.

Rule 10.—Each member, when speaking, shall stand and respectfully address the Chair, shall confine himself to the question under debate and shall avoid all personalities and indecorous language.

Rule 11.—If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

Rule 12.—A member shall not speak longer than five minutes, nor more than once on the same question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without the permission of the Presiding Officer or of the Court.

Division of Question.

Rule 13.—Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will so admit, and upon such request the division shall be made.

Questions Not Debatable.

Rule 14.—A question is not before the Court nor subject to debate until it has been duly moved and seconded and stated from the Chair; and it shall be reduced to writing at the request of the Presiding Officer.

Rule 15.—Motions to lay on the table, to adjourn simply, for the previous question, to take from the table, or to reconsider an undebatable question, are not debatable.

Privileged Motions.

Rule 16.—When a question is before the Court, no motion shall be in order, except, to adjourn, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to refer, to recommit, to lay on the table, or to amend.

The Previous Question.

Rule 17.—On motion, a majority of the Court may order the previous question, which shall be put in this form: The previous question has been duly moved and seconded; shall the main question be now put? and if decided in the affirmative it shall preclude all further amendments and debate; and the motion and amendments then pending (if any) shall be immediately put from the chair in the usual order.

Reconsideration.

Rule 18.—A motion which is debatable, having been carried in the affirmative or negative, shall not be subject to reconsideration unless such action shall take place at the same or the next regular meeting, and unless the motion is made and seconded by members who voted in the majority. A motion to reconsider, once decided in the negative, cannot again be renewed.

Voting.

Rule 19.—Every member present entitled to vote must vote unless excused by vote of the Court.

Indefinite Postponement.

Rule 20.—When a question is indefinitely postponed, it shall not be again acted on during the meeting or session.

Motion to Adjourn.

Rule 21.—A motion to adjourn is always in order, except while another member has the floor, or except when no action or motion has intervened since the last motion to adjourn was made. If the motion is simply to adjourn it is not debatable. If the motion is to adjourn to a given time it is debatable.

Miscellaneous.

Rule 22.—Every member shall have the right to call for the reading of any motion, resolution, paper or document which may be pertinent to the question pending at the time.

Rule 23.—In voting upon any appropriations the largest sum shall be voted for first, and if not carried by the requisite majority the next lower amount shall be voted for, and so on until an agreement is reached.

Rule 24.—In fixing a time the earliest date given shall be voted for first, and if not carried by the requisite majority, the next date in point of time shall be voted for, and so on, until an agreement is reached.

COMPOSITION OF THE ROYAL FORESTERS.

209. (1) The Royal Foresters shall be composed of the Officers and members of The Supreme Court of the Order, and of the Officers and members of the Encampments which may be established by the Order and duly chartered as provided in Section three.

(2) The Executive Council of the Order shall have the management and control of the Royal Foresters during the interim of the sessions of The Supreme Court and shall be *ex-officio* Officers and members of every Encampment.

(3) The Supreme Chief Ranger shall have the title, in connection with the Royal Foresters, of the Illustrious Supreme Commander, and shall be the Commander-in-Chief of all the Royal Foresters.

(4) The Illustrious Supreme Commander may, from time to time, create such rank in the Royal Foresters as he may deem expedient; and he may form the Encampments into such Companies, Battalions, Regiments, Brigades, Divisions and Grand Encampments, as may appear to him advisable; and he may appoint and commission such Officers thereto as he may see fit.

(5) Except in the case of Officers of Encampments who shall be elected as provided in the Laws governing Encampments of Royal Foresters and except as provided in Section two hundred and eleven, sub-section six, all Officers in the Royal Foresters shall be commissioned by the Illustrious Supreme Commander, which commissions shall continue in force during the official term of the Illustrious Supreme Commander unless sooner revoked by him; the Illustrious Supreme Commander may revoke the commission of any Officer at any time.

Construction of the Royal Foresters.

210. (1) The Encampments of Royal Foresters may be organized into Companies, Battalions, Regiments, Brigades, Divisions and Grand Encampments.

(2) A Company shall consist of not less than twenty nor more than one hundred members. An Encampment, when large enough to so admit, may be divided into two or more Companies.

(3) Three or more Companies shall constitute a Battalion. Three or more Battalions shall constitute a Regiment. Two or more Regiments shall constitute a Brigade. Two or more Brigades shall constitute a Division. Two or more Divisions shall constitute a Grand Encampment.

Drill and Tactics.

(4) The Drill and Tactics of the Royal Foresters shall be as prescribed from time to time by the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

Rank and Title of Officers of Royal Foresters.

211. (1) THE ILLUSTRIOUS SUPREME COMMANDER shall be *ex-officio* Commander of the Royal Foresters.

(3) GENERAL OFFICERS, comprising:

(a) A Lieutenant-General in command of a Grand Encampment.

(b) A Brigadier-General on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(c) A Major-General in command of a Division.

(d) A Major-General on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(e) A Brigadier-General commanding a Brigade.

(f) A Brigadier-General on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(3) The staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander shall be composed of the other members of the Executive Council, and such other Officers as he may from time to time appoint.

(4) GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS shall be composed of Officers on the staff of Lieutenant-Generals commanding Grand Encampments, and Major-Generals commanding Divisions, and Brigadier-Generals commanding Brigades, as follows:

A Grand Encampment.

(a) The staff of a Lieutenant-General commanding a Grand Encampment shall include an Adjutant-General, with the rank of Major-General; an Assistant Adjutant-General, a Surgeon-General, an Inspector-General, a Quartermaster-General, a Commissary-General, a Judge Advocate-General and an Orator-General, each with the rank of Brigadier-General; a Standard-Bearer, and not exceeding eight Aides-de-Camp, each with the rank of Colonel.

A Division.

(b) The Staff of a Major-General commanding a Division shall include an Adjutant-General, with the rank of Brigadier-General, an Assistant Adjutant-General, a Surgeon-General, an Inspector-General, a Quartermaster-General, a Commissary-General, a Judge Advocate-General and an Orator-General, each with the rank of Colonel; a Standard-Bearer, and not exceeding seven Aides-de-Camp, each with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

A Brigade.

(c) The Staff of a Brigadier-General commanding a Brigade shall include an Adjutant General, with the rank of Colonel an Assistant Adjutant-General, an Assistant Surgeon-General, an Assistant Inspector-General, an Assistant Quartermaster-General, an Assistant Judge Advocate-General, an Assistant Orator-General each with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; a Standard-Bearer, and not exceeding six Aides-de-Camp, each with the rank of Major.

(5) FIELD OFFICERS shall comprise Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors of Regiments and Battalions.

(6) REGIMENTAL AND BATTALION STAFF OFFICERS, comprising Officers on the staff of Colonels commanding Regiments, and Lieutenant-Colonels commanding Battalions, as follows:

A Regiment.

(a) The Staff of a Colonel commanding a Regiment shall include a Lieutenant-Colonel and two Majors; an Adjutant and Surgeon each with the rank of Major; a Quartermaster, a Commissary, an Assistant Surgeon, and an Orator, each with the rank of Captain, (who shall be appointed by the Regimental Commander, and upon approval by the Brigadier-General shall be commissioned by the Illustrious Supreme Commander).

(b) The Non-Commissioned Staff, shall include a Sergeant-Major, a Quartermaster-Sergeant, a Standard-Bearer and a Sergeant-Trumpeter, (who shall be appointed by the Regimental Commander)

A Battalion.

(c) The Staff of a Lieutenant-Colonel commanding a Battalion shall include a Major, an Adjutant and Surgeon each with the rank of Major; a Quartermaster, a Commissary, an Assistant Surgeon, and an Orator, each with the rank of Captain, (who shall be appointed by the Battalion Commander, and upon approval by the Brigadier-General shall be commissioned by the Illustrious Supreme Commander).

(d) The Non-Commissioned Staff shall include

a Sergeant-Major, a Quartermaster-Sergeant, a Standard-Bearer and a Sergeant-Trumpeter (who shall be appointed by the Battalion Commander).

A Company.

(7) LINE OFFICERS, comprising Captains, 1st Lieutenants and 2nd Lieutenants commanding Companies, (who shall be elected by the members of the Company, and on the recommendation of the Regimental Commander to the Brigadier-General, and of the Brigadier-General to the Illustrious Supreme Commander, shall be commissioned by him); and Non-Commissioned Officers, Color-Sergeant, 1st Sergeant, 2nd Sergeant and two Corporals, (who shall be appointed by the Captain).

(8) All Royal Foresters not included in the foregoing designations shall constitute the Rank and File.

Rank and Precedence in the Royal Foresters.

212. (1) The rank and precedence of Officers in the Royal Foresters shall be as follows, viz.:

1. The Illustrious Supreme Commander.

Commissioned Officers.

2. Lieutenant-Generals commanding Grand Encampments.

3. Lieutenant-Generals on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

4. Major-Generals commanding Divisions.

5. Major-Generals on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

6. Major-Generals on the staff of the Lieutenant-Generals.

7. Brigadier-Generals commanding Brigades.

8. Brigadier-Generals on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

9. Brigadier-Generals on the staff of Lieutenant-Generals.

10. Brigadier-Generals on the staff of Major-Generals commanding Divisions.

11. Colonels commanding Regiments.

12. Colonels on staffs, according to grade.

13. Lieutenant-Colonels, commanding Battalions,

and second in command of Regiments; according to seniority.

14. Lieutenant-Colonels on staffs, according to grade.
15. Majors commanding Battalions.
16. Majors on staffs, according to grade.
17. Captains commanding Companies.
18. Captains on staffs, according to grade.
19. 1st Lieutenants, second in command of Companies.
20. Lieutenants on staffs.
21. 2nd Lieutenants, third in command of Companies.

Non-Commissioned Officers.

(Regimental and Battalion Staffs.)

22. Sergeant-Majors.
23. Quartermaster-Sergeants.
24. Standard-Bearers.
25. Sergeant-Trumpeters.

Company Staffs.

26. Color-Sergeants.
27. 1st Sergeants.
28. 2nd Sergeants.
29. 1st Corporals.
30. 2nd Corporals.

(2) The rank and precedence of Staff Officers on the various staffs shall be as indicated by the order in which their ranks and titles are named in this section and in Section two hundred and eleven.

(3) Officers of the same rank shall take precedence according to the seniority of commissions.

Precedence of Establishments.

(4) Grand Encampments, Divisions, Brigades, Regiments, Battalions and Companies, respectively, shall take precedence according to seniority of organization.

Uniforms.

213. (1) Uniforms for Royal Foresters shall consist of Coat, Buttons, Trousers, Chapeau, Fatigue Cap, Gloves, Sword-Belt, Sword, and Rank Insignia; and Shoulder Straps, Shoulder Knots

or Epaulets, Baldric, and Despatch-Box or Grade Sash, Belt Sash, Sword Knots, Aiguillettes, or Leg-gins, according to rank.

(2) The uniforms and equipments shall be as defined in the Catalogue of Uniforms and Equipments published by authority of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(3) All uniforms for the members of an Encampment shall be procured through the Encampment.

Encampments.

214. (1) Upon the petition of twenty or more members of the Order in good standing, The Supreme Court, or the Executive Council, or the Illustrious Supreme Commander, may grant a Charter for an Encampment of Royal Foresters.

(2) Encampments of Royal Foresters shall be instituted by the Illustrious Supreme Commander or by such Illustrious Deputy Supreme Commanders as he may appoint from time to time.

(3) Encampments shall at all times be governed by the Constitution and Laws, and they shall use only the Ritual and Forms prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court.

Name and Number.

(4) Each Encampment shall have a name and number as "_____Encampment, No. _____, Royal Foresters, located at _____."

(5) An Encampment shall not take the name of another Encampment; the number shall be assigned by the Supreme Secretary.

Charter Fee.

(6) The Charter fee for an Encampment of Royal Foresters shall be one hundred dollars, which shall be paid by the Charter Applicants.

(7) Each Charter Applicant must be a member in good standing in some Court; and the application for Charter for an Encampment of Royal Foresters must be signed by each Applicant and the Charter fee must be paid before the Encampment is instituted.

Obtaining Membership in an Existing Encampment.

215. (1) Any member of the Order in good standing may petition an Encampment of Royal Foresters for membership therein.
- (2) Petitions for membership shall be made on Form No. 53.
- (3) Petitions for membership may be made at any Convocation of an Encampment and shall be signed by the petitioner, and shall state his age, residence and occupation, and name and number of the Court of which he is a member. A petition must be endorsed by two Sir Knights of the Encampment and shall be entered upon the archives and shall be referred to a committee of three Sir Knights for investigation, whose duty it shall be to report on the qualifications of the petitioner at the same or at a subsequent Convocation.
- (4) If the Committee of Investigation report unanimously in favor of the petitioner, he shall be balloted for with ball ballots and if no black ball appears against him he shall be declared elected; but if one or more black balls appear he shall be declared rejected; or if one or more of the Committee report adversely to the petitioner, he shall be declared rejected without ballot. In all balloting the ballot-box shall be examined by the Illustrious Lieutenant-Commander and the Illustrious Commander and the result of the ballot shall be declared by the Illustrious Commander.
- (5) Petitioners, after being elected, may be exalted to the degree at once or at any regular or special Convocation thereafter.
- (6) Petitions for membership must be accompanied with the initiation fee.
- (7) All petitioners who fail to present themselves for exaltation within three months after being elected shall forfeit all fees paid by them.
- (8) Application for admission upon Letters of Credence or upon an Honorable Discharge shall be accompanied by the fee of fifty cents.
- (9) Suspended members may be reinstated upon payment of one year's dues and all fines and

assessments which have accrued during the time of suspension, not exceeding one year, and passing the ballot in the manner provided in subsection four of this section.

Initiation Fees and I 3.

216. (1) Each Encampment shall fix its own Initiation fee; provided that it shall not be less than two dollars.

(2) The dues shall be fixed at a rate sufficient to pay the current expenses of the Encampment and no more, dues shall be payable quarterly in advance.

(3) Members six months in arrears for dues and failing to pay the same forthwith after being notified of the fact by the Illustrious Archivist shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Encampment.

Officers and Elections.

217. (1) The Officers of an Encampment shall be as follows:

Illustrious Commander.
 Illustrious Past Commander.
 Illustrious Lieutenant Commander.
 Illustrious Orator.
 Illustrious Chancellor.
 Illustrious Archivist.
 Illustrious Marshal.
 Illustrious Organist.
 Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
 Two Illustrious Standard-Bearers.
 Two Illustrious Sword-Bearers.
 Illustrious Inner Guard.
 Illustrious Outer Guard.

(2) The nomination, election and installation of officers shall take place annually at the January Convocation.

(3) The election of an officer shall immediately follow the nominations for such office and the nominations for the next succeeding office shall not be made till the election for the preceding office shall have taken place.

(4) The elections shall be by written ballots which, after being counted and the result de-

clared, shall be duly sealed up and placed in the hands of the Illnstrious Commander.

(5) Immediately after the final adjournment the Illustrious Commander shall destroy all ballots.

(6) All officers elect must be clear on the books at the time of installation.

(7) If any Officer to be installed is absent at the time of installation, the office held by such absentee may by a majority vote of the Encampment be declared vacant and the vacancy forthwith filled by a new election, or the installation of the absentee may be postponed or the installation may take place by proxy except in the case of a bonded officer, who must be personally installed.

Duties of Officers.

218. (1) The duties of the Officers of an Encampment shall be the same as of Officers of Courts as defined in the Constitution and Laws, so far as the duties therein laid down are applicable.

(2) The Illnstrions Archivist shall in addition make out all notices that may be required for regular or special Convocations or for other purposes; he shall countersign all orders drawn on the Illustrious Chancellor, and keep a record of the same. He shall collect all moneys due the Encampment, and pay the same to the Illustrious Chancellor and take his receipt therefor, and shall keep an account of all the Financial transactions of the Encampment.

(3) On the first week day in January and of July in each year, the Illustrious Archivist shall make out and transmit to the Illustrious Snpreme Commander a report on Form No. 58, showing the names of all members who have been admitted by initiation or by affiliation, or who have been reinstated, and the names of all members who have been suspended or expelled, or who have withdrawn or have died, during the preceding semi-annual term; and the names of all members who are in good standing in the Encampment on the last day of the semi-annual term.

(4) The Illustrious Chancellor shall pay out

the funds of the Encampment only upon orders signed by the Illnstrious Commander and the Illnstrious Archivist.

(5) The Illnstrious Marshal shall report to the Encampment all members who are absent from drill, or from any regular or special Convocation of the Encampment.

Finance Committee and Trustees.

219. (1) The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, who shall be elected at each annual election of Illnstrious Officers.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to audit all accounts which may be referred to them and make due report to the Encampment. They shall also audit the accounts and books of the officers of the Encampment at least once during each term, and oftener if required by the Encampment so to do; they shall make a written report of all their audits to the Encampment.

(3) The Illnstrious Commander, Illnstrious Past Commander, Illnstrious Lientenant Commander, Illnstrious Orator and Illnstrious Marshal shall be the Trustees of the Encampment.

Bonds.

220. (1) The Illnstrious Chancellor and the Illnstrious Archivist shall each give a bond in the sum of two hundred dollars or such larger sum as the Encampment may from time to time order.

(2) All bonds shall be the bonds of some Guarantee Company duly approved by the Encampment, or private bonds with two good sureties approved by the Encampment, as the Encampment may determine.

(3) All bonds shall be in favor of the Trustees of the Encampment, who shall, when occasion requires, enforce the covenants in such bonds contained.

(4) All bonds shall be filed with and kept by the Illnstrious Commander.

Salaries of Officers.

221. The salaries of the Officers of an Encampment shall be fixed before the election of Officers

takes place at each annual Convocation. Provided that, in case it is decided by a two-thirds vote at any regular Convocation to create a salary for any Officer who may have been previously elected and which had not been previously fixed, it shall be lawful to pay such compensation to such Officer, for the unexpired term of his office.

Convocations, Order of Business and Drills.

222. (1) The regular Convocations of an Encampment shall be held quarterly, in January, April, July and October, or oftener, as the Encampment may from time to time provide in its By-laws.

(2) The regular Convocations of an Encampment shall meet at such hour and place as shall be fixed by the Encampment in its By-laws.

(3) Special Convocations may be ordered by the Encampment or may be called by the Illustrious Commander, and the Illustrious Archivist shall give every member of the Encampment twenty-four hours' notice in writing of each special Convocation.

Order of Business.

(4) The Order of Business in an Encampment shall be as follows:

1. Opening Ceremonies.
2. Calling the Roll of Illustrious Officers.
3. Reading, Correction and Confirmation of the Archives.
4. Receiving and Considering the Excuses of Absentees.
5. Reception and Disposal of Petitions for Membership.
6. Reports of Investigating Committees.
7. Balloting for and Exaltation of Petitioners.
8. Reception of Communications.
9. Reports of Committees, General and Special.
10. Bills and Accounts.
11. Unfinished or Deferred Business.
12. General Business.
13. Election of Illustrious Officers, in January.
14. Installation of Illustrious Officers, in January.

15. Entertainment Exercises.

16. Closing Ceremonies.

Drills.

(5) The regular drills of an Encampment shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Illustrious Commander.

(6) The Illustrious Commander is empowered to order special drills at any time he may deem it to be in the interests of the Encampment.

Attendance at Drills and Convocations.

223. (1) Any Illustrious Officer of an Encampment who absents himself from drill or from any Convocation without sufficient excuse shall be fined twenty-five cents for each offence or such other sum as may be fixed by the Encampment in its By-laws.

(2) Any other Sir Knight of an Encampment who shall fail to attend any Convocation or drill without a sufficient excuse shall be fined twenty-five cents or such other sum as may be fixed by the Encampment in its By-laws.

(3) Any Officer or Sir Knight failing to pay any fine in this section provided within three months shall stand suspended from the Encampment.

(4) In all cases absentees must either present their excuse in person or by letter at the next regular Convocation after absence, or the fine shall be imposed.

(5) It shall require a majority of all the Sir Knights present voting in the affirmative to excuse any Officer or Sir Knight for non-attendance at drill or regular or special Convocation.

(6) In the event of the absence of any elective Officer for three successive regular Convocations, the office of such officer shall be declared vacant and the vacancy forthwith filled, unless a reasonable excuse is given and accepted by the Encampment for such absence.

Deportment.

224. (1) Any Sir Knight of an Encampment who shall divulge to any petitioner for member-

ship the name of a Sir Knight who reported unfavorably upon his petition or otherwise opposed such petitioner becoming a member of the Encampment, shall upon conviction thereof stand expelled from the Encampment.

(2) Any Sir Knight who shall make use of profane, vulgar or indecent language in the Convocation of an Encampment or at drills shall for the first offence be reprimanded by the Illustrious Commander, for the second offence he shall be fined one dollar, and for the third offence he shall stand suspended from the Encampment.

(3) Any Sir Knight who shall refuse to obey the commands of the Commanding Officer or Drill Instructor, or who shall leave the ranks either at drill or parade, shall be fined or reprimanded as the Encampment may determine.

(4) Any Sir Knight who shall be guilty of any immoral practice or conduct unbecoming a member of an Encampment shall, upon conviction thereof, stand expelled from the Encampment.

(5) Should any Sir Knight appropriate any of the funds of an Encampment to his own use, he shall on conviction stand expelled from the Encampment.

(6) Should a Sir Knight of an Encampment make any accusation whatever to the Illustrious Commander or Sir Knights thereof which shall prove to be unfounded and malicious, he shall be suspended or expelled as the Encampment may determine.

(7) An Encampment shall have power to cite and compel the attendance of members at any trial or other proceeding; and any member neglecting or refusing to obey such citation shall be reprimanded, fined or suspended as the Encampment may determine.

Withdrawals.

225. (1) Any Sir Knight settling his account on the books of the Encampment may apply for a Letter of Credence or an Honorable Discharge and pay the fee therefor, and thereupon the same shall be forthwith granted, unless charges against the applicant are duly filed.

(2) The fee for Letter of Credence shall be fifty cents, payable at the time of applying therefor.

(3) The fee for Honorable Discharge shall be one dollar, payable at the time of applying therefor.

Retired List.

(4) Any Sir Knight in good standing in any Encampment, who for good reasons being no longer able to take active part in the drills, etc., at his request may by a majority of all members present at any regular Convocation and voting, be transferred to the Retired List; provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed as debarring such member from taking part with the Encampment in public parades, funeral exercises, etc.

(5) Any Sir Knight who has been placed on the Retired List shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of active members. He shall be exempt from drill duty and not subject to fines for non-attendance at drills.

Funerals.

226. (1) On the death of a Sir Knight of an Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Illustrious Archivist to notify all the members to appear in full uniform at the Encampment to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased Sir Knight by taking part in the funeral exercises, and by escorting the remains to their last resting place.

Attendance at Funerals.

(2) Every Sir Knight within five miles shall attend the funeral of a Sir Knight; if a Sir Knight fails to attend, without a satisfactory excuse, he shall pay into the General Fund of the Encampment the sum of five dollars.

By-Laws.

227. An Encampment may make By-laws for itself or it may amend its By-laws in accordance with the provisions of Section seventy-six of the Constitution and Laws.

JUVENILE COURTS.

Organization, Name, Number.

228. (1) Each Court of Juvenile Foresters shall have assigned to it, immediately after organization, a name and number, by which name and number it shall be registered on the rolls of the High Court in whose jurisdiction it is located and on the rolls of the Order, and which name and number can only be changed by consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council. The name and number of each Court shall also be set forth in its By-laws.

(2) A Court of Juvenile Foresters shall consist of not less than ten regular members between the ages of twelve and eighteen years, a Superintendent, and the Honorary members who have been duly admitted and chosen in accordance with the provisions of the Laws governing Juvenile Courts. Five regular members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Court.

(3) While obedient to the provisions of the Laws governing Juvenile Courts and to the Constitution and Laws so far as they relate to Juvenile Courts, each Court of Juvenile Foresters shall be entitled to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges granted by its Charter and by the Constitution and Laws.

The Obligation.

(4) The following shall be the obligation of a Juvenile Forester:

I do solemnly promise, upon my sacred word and honor, never to tell any one who is not a member of the Juvenile Foresters, any of the signs, passwords, or other private work of the Order which may come to my knowledge.

I also promise to obey the Laws governing Juvenile Courts; to be kind to all members of the Order, and do all that I can to advance the prosperity of the Juvenile Foresters.

I also promise not to use any profane words; to abstain from the use of tobacco in every form; also to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Lastly, I promise to obey my parents in all things, as well as the Officers of the Court of which I may be a member in the discharge of their duties in the Order.

Membership.

229. (1) *Eligibility.*—Any one between twelve and eighteen years of age may be admitted to membership in a Court of Juvenile Foresters. The consent of parents or guardians shall in all cases, if possible, be obtained.

(2) The name, age and residence of a candidate for membership shall be presented in writing by the proposer, and shall be referred to the Committee on Propositions, and if approved by the Committee, the candidate may be elected by a majority vote of the members present.

(3) *Withdrawal Card.*—Any member wishing to transfer his membership from one Court to another shall, if clear on the books, be entitled to a Withdrawal Card, signed by the Superintendent, the Worthy Commander and the Recording Secretary; such card shall admit the holder to full membership in any other Juvenile Court of the Order, subject to the provisions of sub-sections one and two of this section.

(4) *Honorary Members.*—Any member of the Independent Order of Foresters, on being duly proposed and elected in the manner provided in sub-section two of this section, may become an Honorary member of a Juvenile Court, and such member shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Court, except to vote on applications for membership and the election of Officers other than members of the Executive Committee.

Superintendent and Executive Committee.

230. (1) *Superintendent.*—The Officer instituting a Court of Juvenile Foresters shall recommend to the Supreme Superintendent a suitable person, who must be a member in good standing of some Court of the Order, to be commissioned as Superintendent of the Court; the Superintendent so commissioned shall hold office until the next fol-

lowing thirtieth day of June, or until a successor has been duly commissioned.

(2) *Superintendent's Duties.*—It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to have the direct control and government of the Court, to see that order is maintained, and that the highest interests of the Court and of Juvenile Forestry are promoted. He shall appoint all Committees not otherwise provided for, shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Committee on Propositions, and shall at the end of each half-year send a full report to the Supreme Superintendent of Juvenile Courts.

(3) *Executive Committee.*—At the institution of a Court of Juvenile Foresters, the Organizing Officer shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of the Superintendent and four members of Courts of the Order who shall be Honorary members of the Juvenile Court, to co-operate with the Superintendent in the management of the business of the Juvenile Court. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the first regular meeting in the month of July, in which election both regular and honorary members shall be entitled to vote.

Fees and Dues, Etc.

231. (1) The Charter Fee for a Court of Juvenile Foresters shall be ten dollars.

(2) *Admission Fee.*—The fee for membership in a Court of Juvenile Foresters shall not be less than twenty-five cents, to be paid at or before initiation; but a Court may by By-law fix the fee at a higher sum.

(3) *Dues.*—The dues payable by Juvenile members shall not be less than five cents per month; but may be such higher sum as the Court shall by By-law determine.

(4) *Honorary Members.*—Honorary members shall contribute not less than fifty cents per annum to the funds of the Juvenile Court, payable semi-annually in advance.

(5) Subscriptions in support of the work of a Juvenile Court may be received from persons who are not members of a Juvenile Court.

Officers, Elections, Terms, Etc.

232. (1) *Officers.*—The Officers of a Court of Juvenile Foresters shall be, Worthy Commander, Vice-Commander, Past Commander, Orator, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Organist, Senior Conductor, Junior Conductor, Senior Guard and Junior Guard.

(2) *Duties.*—The duties of each of these Officers shall be as indicated in the Installation ceremony.

(3) *Terms and Elections.*—The regular terms shall commence with the first meeting in January and July. The Officers shall be elected by majority vote at and installed at the first regular meeting in each term.

(4) *Absence.*—If any Officer shall be absent from the Court for three successive meetings without giving at the expiration of that time a valid excuse, the office may be declared vacant by the Superintendent.

Standing Committee.

233. (1) The Superintendent, Worthy Commander, Vice-Commander, with two other members appointed on the first night of each term by the Superintendent shall be a Committee on Propositions. Their duty shall be to see that the parents' consent is in every case, if possible, obtained; and to reject the applications of any candidates who, by reason of their known immorality or insubordination, might exert a bad influence on the members of the Court.

(2) The Executive Committee shall constitute a Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to attend to all financial matters of the Court.

Offences and Penalties.

234. (1) *Offences.*—It shall be the duty of any member knowing that another has violated the Obligation or has been guilty of an offence against the Laws of Juvenile Forestry to immediately report the same to the Superintendent, who, with the Executive Committee, shall take such action in the matter as in their judgment the best interests of the Court and the individual demand.

(2) *Penalties.*—Any member found guilty of a violation of the Obligation or Laws of Juvenile For-

istry, shall be subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion. No member shall be expelled but by vote of the Executive Committee.

Privileges of Juvenile Courts.

235. (1) *By-Laws.*—A Juvenile Court may adopt By-laws in accordance with the provisions of Section seventy-six of the Constitution and Laws, to facilitate and regulate the transaction of its business, provided they do not conflict with the Constitution and Laws. All By-laws must be submitted to and approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger before going into effect.

(2) *Benefits.*—A Juvenile Court may by By-law, duly approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger, provide for a system of benefits to be paid to members during illness or at death, and for the creation of a fund or funds from which such benefits shall be paid.

(3) *Physician.*—If a Juvenile Court establishes a system of benefits, the By-laws regulating them shall provide for the appointment and remuneration of a Physician to examine candidates and attend sick members.

(4) *Drill.*—A Juvenile Court may, by a duly approved By-law, adopt a tactical drill or other form of physical culture in connection with its meetings, or otherwise, subject to the approval of the Supreme Superintendent.

AMENDMENTS.

236. (1) Subject to the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, the foregoing Constitution and Laws shall not be altered nor amended, nor shall any part of them be repealed, except at a regularly convened session of The Supreme Court of the Order upon a proposition therefor duly submitted in writing or in print, when, by unanimous consent, it may be immediately considered and if it is supported by two-thirds of the votes cast it shall be declared carried, and shall immediately go into effect, unless otherwise provided in the proposition to amend; provided that any proposition to alter, amend, or repeal submitted at the opening of a session of The Supreme Court by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, shall be considered

before the close of the session; and provided that any proposition to alter, amend, or repeal submitted on the first day of a regular Session of The Supreme Court, by or on behalf of any High Court which has recommended the same by resolution duly passed at any regular session of such High Court, and of which at least six months' previous notice shall have been given to the Supreme Secretary, shall be considered before the close of the Session; and all such notices received by the Supreme Secretary shall be published by him in the official organ of the Order at least three months before the Session of The Supreme Court at which the amendments they propose are to be considered.

(2) If unanimous consent be not obtained for immediate consideration, except as provided in subsection one of this section, then the proposition to amend shall be entered upon the minutes of The Supreme Court, and lie over until the next succeeding regular session of The Supreme Court, when it may be called up by any officer or member, and if supported by a two-thirds vote shall be declared adopted, and at once go into effect.

(3) The Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger shall have the power to re-adjust, from time to time, the arrangement of the Sections of the Constitution and Laws, and to alter the phraseology thereof, and to harmonize them with any amendments adopted by The Supreme Court; provided, always, that the true intent and meaning of the Sections shall in no wise be altered.

(4) In case any of the provisions in the foregoing Constitution and Laws now conflict with or shall hereafter conflict with any Law in force in any of the Countries, States or Provinces in which the Order shall be doing business, or if any such Country, State or Province prescribes for Fraternal Beneficiary Societies minimum rates of premiums or assessments, the Executive Council may from time to time by resolution amend the said Constitution and Laws, including the rates of premiums or assessments, so as to comply with such law or laws; provided that when the Executive Council shall pursuant to the provisions of this sub-section amend the Constitution and Laws,

notice of such amendments shall be given by publication in The Forester, the official organ of the Order, and from and after the date of such publication the said amendment or amendments shall be in full force and effect and shall be binding upon every member of the Order and upon all those deriving legal rights from every such member until altered, amended or repealed by The Supreme Court at a regular session or at a special session, as the case may be; provided also that the rates of premiums or assessments adopted as in this sub-section provided shall be payable by all who are admitted to membership in the Order after the date mentioned in the said publication for such rates to come into force; provided that the Executive Council may from time to time adopt and promulgate additional forms of insurance or mortuary benefits at the rates of premium or assessment to be fixed by the Executive Council, provided that such rates shall not be less than those deduced from the Foresters' Experience defined in the Act of Incorporation, and a rate of interest of four per cent. per annum.

GENERAL LAWS.

Special Qualifications of Officers.

237. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger, Past Supreme Chief Ranger, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer, in addition to other qualifications required by the Constitution and Laws, shall be of the full age of twenty-one years and shall, at the time of their election, and, during their incumbency of office, continue to be residents of the Dominion of Canada. And before any brother is eligible for election to the first and second named offices, he must have filled the Supreme Chief Ranger's chair, or the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger's chair, or be a Past High Chief Ranger of one of the High Courts.

(2) The High Chief Ranger, High Secretary and High Treasurer, in addition to other qualifications required by the Constitution and Laws, shall be residents within the jurisdiction of their respective High Courts, and shall be of the full age of twenty-one years; and

(3) Before any member is eligible for election to the office of High Chief Ranger, he must be an Executive or a Past Executive Officer of the Supreme Court, or an Executive or a Past Executive Officer of the High Court; provided that, on the petition of a High Standing Committee, the Supreme Chief Ranger may grant a dispensation to nominate and elect some Active member other than an Executive or Past Executive Officer. Such dispensation may be applied for at any time within ninety days before the opening of a regular session of the High Court.

Benefit Funds.

238. (1) Except as provided in Section thirty-three, sub-sections eight, eleven and eighteen of the Constitution and Laws, the Benefit Fund shall consist of all funds of The Supreme Court remaining from the premiums or assessments paid by the membership on account of the various Benefit Funds, after paying the Benefits accruing from time to time and the necessary out-goings for maintenance and care of the respective funds; provided always that the aforesaid funds shall be kept separate and distinct, and that an amount not exceeding the percentage from time to time prescribed in the Constitution and Laws of the amount of premiums or assessments received on account of each of the Benefit Funds respectively, may be taken for Management Expenses.

(2) Except as provided in this section and in Section thirty, sub-section two (b), and except as provided in the Act of Incorporation as amended, no part of the Benefit Funds shall be used for any purpose whatsoever except to pay the Benefits of the Order, and then only when the current revenue from the monthly premiums or assessments is insufficient to pay the claims as they accrue from time to time; provided always that no portion of one Benefit Fund shall be liable for, or shall be applied to, any of the purposes of the other Benefit Funds.

Amendments.

239. These General Laws of The Supreme Court (Sections two hundred and thirty-seven, two hun-

dred and thirty-eight and two hundred and thirty-nine) shall not be altered nor amended nor annulled, nor any part of them repealed, except as provided in the Act of Incorporation, or except a proposition therefor be made in writing or in print and recommended by one or more High Courts, and entered upon the minutes of The Supreme Court at a regular session thereof. Such proposition shall thereafter be sent to all High Courts for action thereon. At the next regular session of The Supreme Court after being so offered if no objections are filed with the Supreme Secretary by any High Court such proposition shall be considered, and shall be subject to amendment, alteration or postponement by a majority vote of the Officers and Active members present; and upon its final passage, if agreed to by two-thirds of the Officers and Active members present on a call of the yeas and nays such proposition shall be declared to be adopted and the alterations and amendments duly made. If objections to any proposed alteration, or amendment, or annulment, or repeal, are filed with the Supreme Secretary by any High Court, through its High Chief Ranger and High Secretary, then such proposition shall not be submitted to The Supreme Court for consideration or adoption, but shall be deemed to have been rejected.

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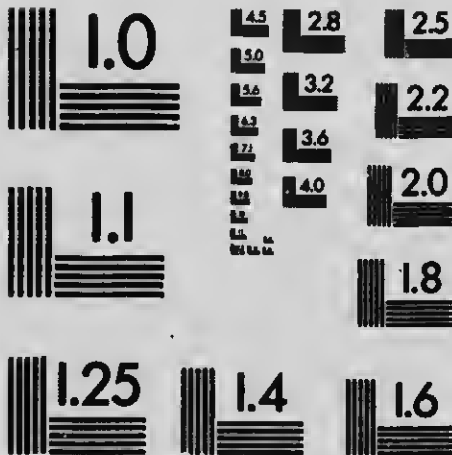
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