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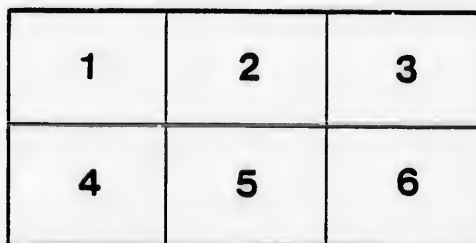
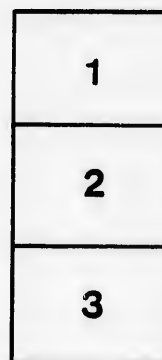
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Incorporated under the Friendly Societies' Acts.

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BRANTFORD,



1887.

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## GENERAL LAWS.

BE FIRM! nor let corruption sly  
Twine round your hearts indissoluble chains,  
The steel of Brutus burst the grosser bands  
By Cæsar cast o'er Rome; but still remained  
The soft enchanting fetters of the mind,  
And other Cæsars rose. Determ'ned, hold  
Your independence; for that once destroyed,  
Unfounded freedom is a morning dream,  
That flits aërial from the spreading eye.—THOMSON.

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## PREFACE.

*"There is no man but God hath put many excellent things into his possession to be used, improved, and managed by him for the common good and interest ; for men are made for Society and mutual fellowship. We are not born for ourselves alone, but every man has some right and interest in us, and no man can live happily in this world exempted or privileged from being, in his place, some way beneficial and useful."*—Dr. Calamy's Sermons.

IN AUGUST, 1834, the last preface of the General Laws was written. It was then that the Order was founded under the name of the "Ancient Order of Foresters," with a wide and liberal constitution which has stood the test of over half a century without having undergone any material organic change. For this favorable position, due credit must be given to the early and earnest workers in the cause for their judgment and foresight in laying the foundation of the Order's Constitution upon broad, just and catholic principles—so essential to the good working of a common Fraternity composed of persons of all religious creeds and political opinions.

The Subsidiary High Court of the Dominion of Canada was organized October 24th, 1881, in accordance with a resolution passed at the High Court meeting of the Order on Wednesday, August 3rd, 1881, in the ancient Borough of Northampton, England.

Much might be said upon the advantages which accrue from becoming members—suffice it to say that the Order is not an abstraction but a reality. It is a society of men united together for the attainment of a two-fold object—moral and social; the moral standing first, as out of the moral status social consequences flow. Upon these grounds it is an essential that the members who compose the Order shall be the healthy and the honest—the temperate and the true.

The foundation of the Society—the tie that binds its members together—must necessarily be promotive of the social advantages of those within the sphere of its influence: for the object of the Order, and its immediate aim and ultimate end, are those of mutual and social assistance.

It is scarcely possible for a man to be a member of an Order, confederated together for these praiseworthy purposes, without

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deriving for himself individual advantages ; not merely of a pecuniary kind, when sickness requires the aid of the Funds to which he has contributed, but also of a moral and intellectual nature. To cultivate our kindly sympathies, to inculcate brotherly love, and render it a rule of life to foster feelings of commiseration for all suffering from affliction or in distress, and to develop the principle of charity in all the relationships of life, must be accordant with and promotive of the highest morality. He who as a member learns his lesson aright, and allows the principles on which it is based to have their legitimate influence on his conduct and actions, cannot but be elevated both in a social and moral sense, above those who neglect the opportunities for mutual aid within their reach, and who live as if man was created for himself alone. The lessons of mutual regard and of social aid which contact with the Order cannot but teach, must of necessity render the recipient a better husband, a more intelligent and kindly father, and a more enlightened and useful citizen. The practice of Benevolence can never be promotive of cruelty. The practical inculcation of Charity can never lead to illiberality of soul. Geniality and kindness in our Court Rooms cannot degenerate into brutality at home ; and the nature which is formed by association and precept to sympathise with suffering and distress, can never take delight in, or become the cause of pain and anguish to those whom it is a privilege to protect, and a duty to succor and aid. The social advantages, therefore, of the Order, and such practical teaching of duty must manifest themselves throughout all the ramifications of life. The man who has served in the Court-room will know the virtue of obedience to lawful and kindly command, and make a better servant outside, than he who obeys blindly, and renders service unintelligently ; and the man who has exercised authority in the Court, called to the place of honor and power by the free choice of his brethren, will not be the less qualified for positions of responsibility over his fellow-men in the outer world.

Forestry, therefore, from the very nature of its constitution, its objects, its duties, and its responsibilities, must encourage the moral, social and intellectual interests of those connected with the Order, and it becomes a sacred duty upon all who have its honor in their keeping, to guard that honor with a jealous care, and to be mindful that it receives no tarnish from their actions as Foresters in the Court-room, or from their actions as individuals moving in general society.

The Ancient Order of Foresters having taken high rank as one of the leading Friendly Societies of the world, is especially commendable to the provident and intelligent workingmen of our

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generally, we cannot conclude this Preface more appropriately than  
in the words of one of our great living statesmen, who, in an utter-  
ance at a Friendly Society gathering, said:—

“I attach value to these Societies because they are so thoroughly  
“and absolutely spontaneous. They represent the character of the  
“people, and in one of its best and most pleasing aspects. I would  
“almost say—I do not wish to use any language of flattery, or any  
“language of exaggeration; but still I must venture to say—that,  
“so long as societies of this class, justly constituted and honestly  
“worked, continue to form a broad and marked future in English  
“society, the country is not likely to go very far or hopelessly  
“wrong.”

That the Ancient Order of Foresters, as one of the great family  
of Friendly Societies, may nobly do its part in the great work which  
lies before it, and be a power of usefulness in disseminating the  
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# EXTRACTS FROM GENERAL LAWS

## AUTHORITY FOR SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURTS.

SECTION 1.—That **Subsidiary High Courts** may be formed in any British Colony or Foreign Country, where two or more Districts, or one District with any contiguous Courts out of District, may agree to establish the same, provided the sanction of the High Court of the Order has been first obtained. Applications for **Subsidiary High Courts** to be signed by the Officers, and to bear the seal of each District and Court joining in the same; such applications to be sent to the Executive Council of the Order, by the 21st day of May, for insertion in the July report, and for consideration at the next ensuing High Court Meeting.

SECTION 2.—That each **Subsidiary High Court** shall be governed by an Executive Council of eight members, whose title shall be similar to those borne by the Executive Council of the Order, but with the word "Subsidiary" attached thereto; and that each **Subsidiary High Court** shall hold a meeting of Delegates from the Districts and Courts comprising the same, annually biennially, or triennially, as the **Subsidiary High Court** may determine.

SECTION 3.—That the functions of each **Subsidiary High Court** shall be—(1) To make Regulations and Rules for its own government and for the election of its Officers. (2) To enact a code of General Laws for the government of the Districts and Courts which may be connected with such **Subsidiary High Court**. (3) To adopt a system of Final Arbitration for the settlement of any disputes which may arise amongst the Districts, Courts, and Members connected with the **Subsidiary High Court**. (4) To provide for the representation of the **Subsidiary High Court** at the High Court of the Order. (5) To form Funds for the relief of **Widows and Orphans**, Societies for Juvenile Foresters, and for any other purpose recognised in the objects of the Order.

SECTION 4.—That each **Subsidiary High Court** shall have jurisdiction only over those Districts and Courts which may have established the same, or may have afterwards joined it, and shall have no control and make no interference with any District or Court in the same Colony or Foreign Country, which may not have joined or be connected with the said **Subsidiary High Court**.

SECTION 5.—That no District or Court which may have become connected with a **Subsidiary High Court** shall afterwards secede

from the same without the sanction of such Subsidiary High Court Meeting, and in accordance with the General Laws thereof.

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SECTION 6.—That each Subsidiary High Court shall recognise the powers of the Executive Council and High Court of the Order, in the issuing of Dispensations for the opening of new Courts and Districts, which each Subsidiary High Court shall have the power to sanction, and shall recognise all Emblems, Certificates, Lectures, Passwords, &c., issued by the Executive Council of the Order under the authority of the High Court, and shall furnish all Returns to the Executive Council which may be required for the purpose of the Order.

SECTION 7.—That each Subsidiary High Court shall have the privilege of printing its own General Laws, and the Rules of Districts and Courts connected therewith, also the Lecture Books and any other documents issued by the High Court of the Order, in any language which may be in use in the Colony or Foreign Country, and shall also have the privilege of obtaining goods for the use of their Districts and Courts in the best way they can, except Dispensations, Emblems, Certificates, and Lecture Books, which shall be procured only from the Executive Council of the Order. Each Subsidiary High Court shall also have the privilege of adopting any signs or symbols which they may deem necessary for their local use, but such signs and symbols shall have no recognition outside the limits of the said Subsidiary High Court's jurisdiction, or supersede the recognised signs, symbols, and passwords of the Order.

SECTION 8.—That each Subsidiary High Court may adopt its own regulations for the granting and accepting of Clearances by Courts connected therewith, or make arrangements with any contiguous Subsidiary High Court for uniformity of practice, if possible; but members leaving a Colony or Foreign Country, shall, on drawing a Clearance, pay three months' contributions in advance, the Clearance to be post-dated accordingly; and that the recognised Clearance Form issued by the Executive Council, and granted by Courts in Great Britain and Ireland, shall be acknowledged by all Subsidiary High Courts, the terms of acceptance, however, being subject to the Laws which may govern such Subsidiary High Courts. Each Subsidiary High Court may also adopt any system for affording relief to travelling members which may be suited to the country where such Subsidiary High Court is established.

SECTION 9.—That each Subsidiary High Court shall have power to suspend Districts, Courts, and members connected therewith, for violation of its Laws, and shall make provision by the creation of a Fund for the protection of those members who may vote in the

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minority against their Courts or Districts becoming suspended  
seceding from such Subsidiary High Court.

SECTION 10.—That Subsidiary High Courts situate in Foreign Countries, may have the privilege of adapting the Emblem and Certificate of the Order to their national acquirements, and to produce and obtain the same in their own country, provided the Subsidiary High Courts of such countries decide upon such a course at a regular meeting of their High Court; and that the Executive Council of the Order shall be empowered to supply a special form of Dispensation for the establishment of Courts under the jurisdiction of Subsidiary High Courts.

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“All governments and societies of men do, in the progress of long time, gather an irregularity, and wear away much of their primitive institution, and, therefore, the true wisdom of all ages hath been to review, at fit periods, those errors, defects and excesses that have insensibly crept into the public administration; to brush the dust off the wheels, and oil them again; or, if it be found advisable, to choose a set of new ones. And this reformation is most easily, and with the least disturbance, to be effected by society itself, no single man being forbidden by any magistrate to mend his own manners, and, much more, all societies having the liberty to bring themselves within compass.”—*Andrew Marvel.*

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### ARTICLE I.

#### SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURT POWERS.

SEC. 1.—The Subsidiary High Court is the source of all legitimate authority of the Ancient Order of Foresters, in the Dominion of Canada. It possesses exclusive jurisdiction and power, subject, however, to such laws as reserve certain rights to the High Court of the Order.

(a.) To establish, regulate, and control the Forms, Ceremonies, Written and Unwritten Work, and to change, alter, and annul the same, and to provide for the safe-keeping and uniform teaching and dissemination of the same.

(b.) To provide and furnish all Lecture Books, Dispensations, Emblems, Certificates, Clearances, and such other goods or paraphernalia as may be necessary for the uniform working of the Order.



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(c.) To provide for the Distribution of passwords, and regulate the mode and manner of using the same, and to prescribe such regulations as may be necessary to secure the safe and easy intercourse and identification of the brethren.

(d.) To establish the order in the Dominion of Canada, where the same has not been instituted.

(e.) To provide a revenue, by means of a per capita tax on each Subordinate Court, and charges for supplies furnished.

(f.) To provide for annual and other returns from each Subordinate Court under its jurisdiction.

(g.) To hear and determine through its final arbitrators all appeals from Subordinate Courts, in accordance with the regulations of the Order.

(h.) To enact laws and regulations of general application to carry into effect the foregoing, and all other powers reserved by these laws, to the Subsidiary High Court or its Executive Council, and such as may be necessary to enforce its legitimate authority over Subordinate Courts under its jurisdiction.

(i.) To grant commissions to District Chief Rangers; to define the territorial extent of their jurisdictions; to grant dispensations to Subordinate Courts not within the territorial jurisdiction of any District, and to provide a constitution for each Subordinate Court.

SEC. 2.—All laws, and alterations in laws, made at any Subsidiary High Court Meeting, shall come into effect on the 1st October following, and other resolutions of the Subsidiary High Court not intended to be embodied as laws shall be binding at the conclusion of the sittings of the Subsidiary High Court, unless otherwise ordered by the meeting.

## ARTICLE II.

### HOW CONSTITUTED.

SEC. 1.—That the Subsidiary High Court shall consist of delegates from various Courts under the jurisdiction of the Subsidiary High Court, and elected at a summoned meeting of the Court to represent the interest of their respective constituents, and to act on their behalf.

The representatives shall bring credentials signed by the Chief Ranger, Sub-Chief Ranger, and Secretary, and Court seal attached, certifying that they have been duly elected by and empowered to act for their respective Courts, and that the credentials shall be delivered by two o'clock in the afternoon on the first day's meeting, or shall not be recognized except by a resolution of the High Court upon special reasons assigned by the Delegate, or he shall be fined

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one dollar. All High Court officers and delegates to the High Court must be financial members of at least twelve months' standing, except in the case of new Courts. All Courts within a radius of 600 miles from the place where the High Court is held, for the time being to have the right to send one delegate, and any Court having 300 members, or more, to have the right to send two delegates to each High Court Meeting. Courts outside the radius of 600 miles from the place where the High Court is being held, may be represented by a district delegate elected by a majority of the Courts in the District, whose expenses shall be paid by the High Court. That a representative and alternate be elected at the summoned meeting, and in the event of the representative being unable to attend, that the alternate shall be the representative.

SEC. 2.—The titles of the officers of the Subsidiary High Court shall be as follows:—

High Chief Ranger,  
 " Sub-Chief Ranger,  
 " Court Treasurer,  
 " " Secretary,  
 " " S. Woodward,  
 " " J. Woodward,  
 " " S. Beadle,  
 " " J. Beadle.

They shall have a voice in the meetings of the High Court, but shall be debarred from making a motion or voting on any question before the meeting.

SEC. 3.—Each delegate shall be entitled to one vote only in determining any question before the High Court. Should it be deemed advisable at any time to call a special meeting of the High Court, it shall be the duty of the Executive Council for the time being to convene such meeting within two months from the date of receiving a petition from Courts representing four-fifths of the members under the jurisdiction of the High Court. Any and all business transacted at a special meeting shall be as binding as if adopted at a regular meeting.

## ARTICLE III.

## ELECTIONS.

SEC. 1.—The Subsidiary High Court officers shall be elected biennially by ballot, and the majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. In case of a tie the voting shall continue until a choice is made; the name of the brother receiving the lowest number of votes at each balloting shall be withdrawn.



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SEC. 2.—The Executive Council for the ensuing term shall be chosen from the district in which the High Court for the time being is held, from a list of names submitted by the Courts in the district, and shall be nominated and elected at the High Court meeting. They shall be financial members of at least twelve months' standing in the district, and have filled a Subordinate office, and in the case of the High Chief Ranger, must be a Past Chief Ranger, or a Past District Chief Ranger.

SEC. 3.—In the event of a vacancy taking place in the Executive Council, for the time being, by the death, suspension, expulsion, or resignation of one or more of its members, such vacancy shall be filled by a convened meeting of one delegate from each representative Court in the district. The High Court Secretary shall act as Secretary of the meeting, and the District Chief Ranger shall preside. The vote shall be by ballot, and the brother receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

## ARTICLE IV.

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SEC. 1.—The officers of the High Court, for the time being, shall constitute the Executive Council, whose duty it shall be to enforce the laws and resolutions of the High Court, and shall have authority, by a two-thirds vote, to suspend from the Order any Court that may wilfully violate or refuse compliance with such laws or any regulations made and adopted by the said High Court; but the accused shall in all cases have a hearing in their cause, why the Court should not be suspended, receiving at least 21 days' notice of the time and place of such hearing. In case of a Court being suspended it shall be suspended from all benefits, and for such length of time as they refuse to comply with said laws and regulations, and until they be reinstated by the Executive Council; and the further duty of the Executive Council shall be the granting of Dispensations for the opening of Courts, sale of books, laws, clearances, certificates and such other goods appertaining to the Order as may be sanctioned by the High Court.

SEC. 2.—No member of the Executive Council shall be allowed, directly or indirectly, to estimate for or supply any goods required by the Executive Council, for the purpose of the Order.

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SEC. 3.—All accounts owing by Courts to the Executive Council shall be paid within thirty days after the end of each quarter; any Court not complying with this law shall be fined a

sum not exceeding three dollars, except in cases of new Courts which have not been established twelve months. Goods for new Courts to be paid for at institution of Court.

SEC. 4.—The profit on all goods and merchandise, except dispenses, sold by the Executive Council, shall not exceed twenty five per cent. of the cost price.

SEC. 5.—The Executive Council shall hold its meetings quarterly and oftener if necessary, for transaction of business, at such times as may be most convenient.

SEC. 6.—The income and the expenditure of the Executive Council shall be printed in the annual reports, which shall be issued within one month after the close of the High Court meeting, and said reports shall be sold to members of the Order at ten cents a copy. Each Subordinate Court shall be required to purchase a copy of each of the reports for each and every officer thereof. All orders for extra copies of the reports must be sent to the Permanent Secretary at least one month previous to the date of issue.

SEC. 7.—That the Executive Council shall cause to be printed in the *Ancient Forester* a detailed report of the business transacted during the past quarter, together with all decisions given, the receipts and expenditures, a list of new Courts organized, the number of initiations, transfers, suspensions, names of expelled members, and deaths, and any other information that might prove interesting to the members of the Order.

## ARTICLE V.

### SESSIONS.

SEC. 1.—The High Court shall assemble biennially on the 4th Tuesday of August, at such place as the High Court may at each preceding session determine, and adjourn its sittings from day to day, until all business to be brought before it shall have been disposed of.

SEC. 2.—No delegate shall be allowed to leave the High Court previous to the conclusion of its sitting, unless he has first procured the sanction of the meeting to do so. Any delegate being absent without leave at roll-call, shall be fined 25 cents, to be inflicted by the presiding officer, and paid to the High Court Management Fund, the roll to be called at the commencement and close of the session.

SEC. 3.—The High Court shall not meet in one city, town or village, oftener than once in ten years.

## ARTICLE VI.

## COMMITTEES.

SEC. 1.—The following Committees shall be appointed at each High Court meeting:—

Committee on Credentials and Returns.

“ Finance.

“ Printing.

“ State of the Order.

“ Mileage and Per Diem.

“ Appeals.

“ Endowment.

Each of the above Committees shall consist of five members, and three be a quorum.

SEC. 2.—In addition to the above, there shall be elected a Standing Committee on Laws, Judiciary and Relief, which shall consist of five members. The Committee shall be notified by the Permanent Secretary to meet in the city or town wherein the meeting of the H. C. is to be held fifteen days previous thereto, and enter upon the duties of their office at least three days preceding such H. C. meeting. The report of said Committee shall be printed and presented to the H. C. R. on the first day of said meeting. The report on Laws shall be separate and distinct from that on Relief. The Permanent Secretary shall supply the Committee with the various amendments, resolutions, reports, laws, petitions, books, papers, etc., properly referable to them, and which may be necessary to aid said Committee in the discharge of their duty.

## ARTICLE VII.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

## H. C. R.

SEC. 1.—The High Chief Ranger shall preside at all the meetings of the High Court and the Executive Council, maintain due order and decorum, see that all laws are properly administered, inflict fines for all violations of these laws, sign all drafts for the payment of moneys and all documents required to be signed by him pursuant to law. He shall have the casting vote whenever the High Court is equally divided, except in case of a ballot. The decision of the Executive Council on all doubtful questions that may arise in all Subordinate Courts and District, and generally on all questions that have not been clearly defined in the General Laws, shall stand until reversed by the High Court. The High Chief Ranger shall refer all decisions to the Committee on Laws, Judiciary and Relief, who shall report at the next session of the High Court.

## GENERAL LAWS.

## H. S. C. R.

SEC. 2.—The duties of the High Sub-Chief Ranger be defined as follows:—The High Sub-Chief Ranger shall assist the Chief Ranger in the discharge of his duties, and in the absence of the High Chief Ranger shall preside and perform all other duties pertaining to that office.

*Permanent Secretary.*

SEC. 3.—There shall be a Permanent Secretary of this H. C. whose duty it shall be to keep all books of the H. C., except the minute book of the E. C., make the annual returns to the P. S. of the Order, and attend to the general business connected with the Council of the H. C.; conduct all correspondence, issue all notices, return sheets, keep faithful and correct books of accounts in relation to the Endowment Fund, prepare the financial and general statement for the Quarterly Reports; and generally perform all the clerical duties appertaining to the H. C. and the office of Secretary as now provided by general law, and as may from time to time be provided. He shall hold office during his good behavior and as long as he shall faithfully perform his duty. He shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of seven hundred dollars annually, payable quarterly, which may be increased by the H. C. M. from time to time, as circumstances and the growth of the Order may justify. The said compensation shall be defrayed as follows:—Three-fourths thereof by the Management Fund of the H. C., and one-fourth by the Endowment Fund. He shall pay out of said salary for any assistance which he may require for the proper discharge of his duties as P. S., also all personal expenses. He shall give security, with two or more sufficient sureties, in the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties. The bond shall be made payable, in case of default, to the Trustees of the High Court; such bond shall be executed at the expense of the Order; and in the event of either of the sureties being void by death or otherwise, the P. S. shall be allowed thirty days to procure new surety or sureties, or be disqualified till the necessary security be obtained; and if suspended from office by reason of such disqualifications, the H. C. R., in conjunction with the other members of the E. C., shall appoint some other qualified member of the Order to discharge the functions appertaining to the office of P. S., during the period of such suspension, who shall give security in the like manner as above required from the duly elected P. S. The P. S. shall, at each meeting of the E. C., transfer all post-office orders, checks, drafts, postage stamps,

and cash received on account of the Order, to the High Court Treasurer, and take his receipt therefor, or shall be fined five dollars for each and every such neglect of duty. He shall likewise be liable to removal for inefficiency, wilful neglect, and misconduct.

*H. C. Secretary.*

SEC. 4.—The office of the H. C. Secretary shall be one of honor, and the incumbent shall comprise one of the E. C. It shall be his duty to attend the meetings of the E. C., and take and keep a true record of the proceedings thereof in a book provided for that purpose; which book shall at all times be subject to the inspection of the P. S., to take such information therefrom as may be necessary for publication in the reports.

*Treasurer.*

SEC. 5.—The funds of the Executive Council shall be placed in the hands of the High Court Treasurer, and deposited by him, to the credit of the High Court, in a chartered bank, to be chosen by the Executive Council; and he shall give bonds to the Trustees, with one or more sureties, for the faithful performance of his duties, and in such a sum as the Council for the time being may require, which shall not be less than three thousand dollars. He shall not hold more than \$1,500 in his hands at one time. He shall receive \$50 per annum for his services.

SEC. 6.—No money shall be drawn from the High Court Treasurer except by order of the High Court meeting or the Executive Council, and by an order signed by the High Chief Ranger, or in his absence by the High Sub-Chief Ranger, and countersigned in either case by the Permanent Secretary.

*Trustees.*

SEC. 7.—There shall be three Trustees of the High Court elected at each session thereof, who shall be responsible for all funds and property of the High Court, and in whose names the bonds of the Treasurer and Permanent Secretary shall be given, and they shall invest, subject to the approval of the Executive Council, the surplus funds of the Order. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury or Bank by the Trustees unless by a special order of a High Court meeting or the Executive Council, duly signed, countersigned and sealed.

*Auditors.*

SEC. 8.—Two Auditors shall be elected at each meeting of the High Court (the senior Auditor to drop out annually), who shall audit the books on the first Tuesday in August of each year, and present a statement of the financial condition of the High Court.

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They shall receive for their services \$2 a day for the time they actually employed at the audit, besides mileage, and hotel expenses at the rate of \$1 per day. The result of their labors shall be published in the August number of the *Ancient Forester*.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## SEALS.

Each Subordinate Court shall have its own private seal, with the number of the Court, and the name of the town where it is held, and no communication from the Court shall be acknowledged which has not the impression of the seal upon it. For the purpose of uniformity all Court seals shall be procured through the Executive Council.

## ARTICLE IX.

## FINAL ARBITRATORS.

SEC. 1.—The High Court shall at each meeting appoint a financial member from each District, such members to be final Arbitrators. No one shall be eligible who has not held office in his District or as Chief Ranger or Secretary of a Court, or served on the Executive Council. Vacancies through death, suspension, or resignation of an Arbitrator shall be filled up by the Executive Council for the remainder of the term. In the event of any appeal, charge or complaint, pursuant to the second section of this law, being duly notified to the Executive Council, and a deposit of \$10 paid, they shall appoint five arbitrators from the list of names appointed, such members to form an Arbitration Committee, to hear and decide finally upon the case. The Council shall select a place most convenient for such charge, complaint, or appeal to be heard, and shall give 14 clear days notice to the Committee to sit and adjudicate upon the case, and also to the plaintiff and defendant to appear before the Committee. A copy of the appeal, charge or complaint to be served with each notice. Each party may be allowed two persons to assist him in conducting his case provided such members are financial members of the Order. Should any of the Arbitration Committee so summoned be unable to act through death, sickness, suspension, or expulsion, or any other cause, another Arbitrator shall be appointed by the Executive Council to fill up such vacancy. The Committee shall be paid railway fare to and from their place of abode, to the place selected for the hearing of the case, and a sum of \$2 each for each day's time, and \$1 hotel expenses, occupied in travelling and hearing the case. The Executive Council to pay all expenses.

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SEC. 2.—The functions of the Final Arbitrators shall be to hear and decide finally upon any dispute, complaint, or appeal between members of Courts of one District and another member or Court in another District; any charge, complaint, or appeal by a member or Court against any act of a District done by its officer under the Rules and Regulations of the Order; any appeal by a Court or member, or person claiming on account of a member, against a decision or resolution of a District Arbitration Committee, or of a District meeting, and any appeal by one District against the decision or act of another District, and such other matters as may be properly referred to it.

SEC. 3.—The said Final Arbitrators shall have original jurisdiction in the hearing and trial of charges preferred against, and for the impeachment of, members of the Executive Council and officers of the High Court, subject to appeal to the succeeding H. C. meeting. If such hearing, trial and judgment shall be had and rendered during the sittings of a H. C. meeting, then the appeal shall be taken forthwith to the sitting H. C. meeting, or in default thereof the right to such appeal shall be forfeited.

SEC. 4.—No charge, appeal, dispute, claim, or complaint shall be heard by the Final Arbitrators, unless notice of the same has been given to the Executive Council within three months of the date of the grievance, complaint or decision appealed against, nor unless a deposit of ten dollars shall have been made by the plaintiff, towards the payment of any costs or fine which may be adjudged against him.

SEC. 5.—The Final Arbitrators shall have power to confirm, rescind, or alter any decision or resolution appealed against, and to levy a fine not exceeding ten dollars for non-appearance of the appellant, and to give judgment for costs, for witnesses, and other expenses of the Committee. All decisions of the Final Arbitrators to be conclusive and binding upon all parties without power of further appeal, and the said Final Arbitrators shall have power to call for all papers or documents relative to the case or cases under consideration, should the same in opinion of the said Arbitrators become necessary.

## ARTICLE X.

### RETURNS TO THE HIGH COURT.

SEC. 1.—The Secretary of every Subordinate Court shall, up to the 1st January, in each year, make a return to the Permanent Secretary, upon a form supplied for that purpose, such information as may be required for the purpose of the Order.

SEC. 2.—Any Subordinate Court knowingly making an incorrect return, or neglecting to transmit it to the Permanent Secretary, by the 21st day of January following, shall be fined one dollar all such fine to be paid to the High Court Fund, such fine to be paid within three months after infliction. The Court to be suspended until the fine is paid and the return made.

## ARTICLE XI.

### TERRITORIAL DISTRICTS.

SEC. 1.—That a District shall be constituted of one or more Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

SEC. 2.—At each High Court Meeting a District Chief Ranger (who shall be a Chief Ranger, Past Chief Ranger, or Past Secretary) shall be elected, who shall be a resident member of the District over which he has to preside, and be recommended by the District Judges from that District, whose duties it shall be to open the Courts in his District when instructed so to do by the Executive Council; to preside over all meetings of the District Arbitration Committee; to have a general oversight of the Courts in the District; to report any irregularity or violation of law, and attend to any matters when instructed by the Executive Council. The District Chief Ranger shall be paid at the rate of \$2 per diem and travelling expenses when employed in carrying out the instructions of the Executive Council. All questions from Courts in reference to matters concerning the Order, shall first be referred to the District Chief Ranger for his decision. Should any financial member of the Order have an opportunity of obtaining a sufficient number of members to form a new Court, to the satisfaction of the Executive Council and the District Chief Ranger, he shall be paid the sum of \$3 for his services. When the District Chief Ranger is unable to attend through sickness or other causes, or where interested in any case to be investigated, the District Chief Ranger of the nearest District shall be instructed by the Executive Council to act in his stead. Should the office of a District Chief Ranger become vacant from any cause, it shall be filled by the Executive Council, on the recommendation of the Courts in the District. The Executive Council shall have the power to appoint any of the recommendations made.

SEC. 3.—An Arbitration and Appeal Committee, consisting of eight contributing members, to be selected from each and every Court in a District in equal numbers, where practicable, shall be appointed at each High Court Meeting. Any vacancy occurring in the Committee through death, suspension or expulsion, or removal



making an infrom the District, shall be filled up by the Court from which such permanent Sec-member belonged. The District Chief Ranger shall preside fined one dollar all sittings of the Committee, but shall have no vote, except to be paid with casting vote when necessary. Should the District Chief Ranger be suspended until interested in any case as plaintiff, appellant, defendant, or witness, the nearest District Chief Ranger shall preside, and he shall have a casting vote when necessary. That no case be adjudicated upon unless a quorum of five members are present, nor unless clear days' notice of the time of hearing has been served in writing by the District Chief Ranger, or under his order, upon the Secretary of one or more of the Court to which the plaintiff and defendant belong.

SEC. 4.—That the functions of this Committee shall be to hear and decide upon the decision of a Court Arbitration Committee, and decide upon the following cases: 1st. Any dispute, charge, or complaint, in respect of some matter or thing only connected with the Order between a member, officer, or Court, against any member, officer, or Court of the same District. 2nd. Any charge made by an officer of the District against any Court or its members, or officer of the same District, for violation of the rules of the Court or General Laws, where such violation of Rules or Laws incurs penalties of suspension, expulsion, a fine exceeding \$1, the return of funeral money improperly obtained, or other penalty not within the summary jurisdiction of the District officer. 3rd. Any appeal by a member or Court against the decision or act of a Court or Court Committee, any appeal or claim by any person on behalf of a member or member's widow or next of kin against a Court for the withholding of a member's funeral allowance; any appeal against any fine or penalty, or any act of the District officer done on his own authority, and not under a resolution of the Executive Council. 4th. Any false rumor which may be circulated by a member to the detriment or injury of the character or business of a member of his own or any other Court. 5th. Divulging the business transacted in any Court or Committee to any person other than a member of the Order.

SEC. 5.—That every member, officer, Court, or person on behalf of a member's widow or next of kin, making a charge, complaint, claim, or appeal, as above, shall give notice of the same in writing, to the District Chief Ranger, within three calendar months of the discovery of the alleged offence, or date of the act appealed against, or such charge, complaint, claim, or appeal shall not be entertained, nor unless the claimant, complainant or appellant makes a deposit of \$5 towards any fine or expenses that the committee in their verdict may record against him. A copy of the appeal, duly signed by the District Chief Ranger, shall be served upon the Plaintiff and Defendant at least fourteen clear days

previous to the date upon which the Committee are summoned sit. The said deposit to be forfeited to the High Court Management Fund if the complainant or appellant wilfully neglect to appear, if the charge, complaint, claim, or appeal be proved frivolous or vexatious. If the defendant neglects to appear, judgment shall be recorded against him by default, and the Committee shall be empowered to fine him any sum not exceeding \$15 for such neglect not caused by illness, duly certified.

SEC. 6.—That this Committee shall have power to refer a case back to the Court or Court Committee for a decision upon its merits, in the event of any informality having prevented it being tried, and that this Committee shall have power to confirm, rescind or alter any decision which may be appealed against and to inflict fines for the violation of the Rules and Laws, and to charge the plaintiff or defendant with the whole or any part of the expenses of the Committee, or of witnesses in a case. The expense necessarily for conducting a case shall be provided by the High Court. Each party shall provide and pay their own witnesses.

SEC. 7.—That all Courts opened out of a District as at present constituted, be attached to the nearest Territorial District.

Territorial Districts to be as follows (subject to additions):

Middlesex District—London, London East, London West, London South, Hyde Park.

Oxford District—Woodstock, Ingersoll and Sweaborg.

Wentworth District—Hamilton and Dundas.

Perth and Huron District—Stratford, St. Marys, Mitchell Seaforth, Mount Forest, Zurich.

Durham and Ontario District—Oshawa and Bowmanville.

York District—Toronto, Parkdale, Little York, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Whitevale, Wexford and Dovercourt.

Grey and Simcoe District—Meaford, Leith and Barrie.

Kent District—Chatham, Buckhorn and Thamesville.

Hochelaga District—Montreal.

Waterloo and Wellington District—Galt, Guelph and Orton.

Lambton District—Point Edward and Sarnia.

Essex District—Windsor.

Brant District—Brantford and Paris.

Bruce District—Kincardine, Tiverton and Paisley.

Selkirk District—Winnipeg.

Carlton District—Ottawa and Maxville.

Lincoln District—Niagara Falls.

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## ARTICLE XII.

## SUBORDINATE COURTS.

SEC. 1.—Subordinate Courts exist by Dispensation issued by Executive Council of the Order through the High Court.

SEC. 2.—A Court shall consist of not less than nine members, and shall hold stated meetings at least monthly. Not less than five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, including one qualified to preside, and if only five members be present no appropriation of money shall be made unless by unanimous consent.

SEC. 3.—The officers of a subordinate Court shall be as follows: Chief Ranger, Sub-Chief Ranger, Treasurer, Secretary, Senior Woodward, Junior Woodward, Senior Beadle and Junior Beadle; the office of Chief Ranger being an office of honor, and the remainder seven to be subordinate officers, who shall form the Committee of Management of the Court, with such other members as the Court Rules may provide, such officers and members not to be, at the same time, members of the Arbitration Committee of the Court. That assistant officers may be appointed by Courts where such are necessary, but service in the same shall not qualify members holding them to fill office as Chief Ranger of a Court. That each Court may elect its Treasurer or Secretary to remain in office during the pleasure of the Court, but that no Court Secretary shall be appointed to perform the duties of Court Treasurer during the same time.

The officers shall be nominated and elected on the last meeting night in June and December of each year, and installed on the first meeting in July and January. Any office the occupant of which may have been absent without satisfactory excuse from three successive regular meetings may be declared vacant by a vote of the Court, on motion to that effect, provided notice of such motion has been given to the regular meeting previous to that at which the vote is taken. Any vacancy in office shall be filled by election as provided, and members so elected shall be entitled to the privileges of the office provided they complete the term. No member shall be eligible to fill the office of Chief Ranger who has not filled a subordinate office for the full term of six months, either in his own or any other Court, nor shall any member be eligible to fill any office who is not financial; and no member shall be allowed to take office on the night of his initiation or on the night of depositing his clearance, except such member is initiated on the opening of a new Court, when he may have the privilege of being elected as Chief Ranger as well as any other office in such newly opened Court.

The service in the office of Chief Ranger by a new member appointed upon the opening of a new Court shall also give a qualification to occupy any superior office.

SEC. 4.—No person shall be initiated into any Court who under eighteen years of age or over forty-five years (except as an honorary member), nor unless he be of good moral character, sound in health, and free from disease, that no person be admitted a member of the Order who is deaf or dumb, partially paralyzed, or who has lost the use of a foot or hand, or sight of an eye, or who is suffering from a rupture—except as an honorary member. Any member knowingly proposing or seconding a candidate contrary to the law shall be fined \$5; to be paid to the High Court Fund. Any respectable person shall be allowed to become an honorary member of the age of 18 years, by paying not less than \$5 to the Management Fund. He shall have no claim on the funds of the Court of the Order, or hold any office except that of Treasurer, Trustee, or Surgeon, to a subordinate court, (which, however, shall not render him eligible to hold any office of honor) and he shall not be allowed to vote upon any question affecting the Funds. Any financial member may become an honorary member of his own Court by giving notice at a previous regular Court meeting, by paying all contributions, arrears, fines (if any), and by proposition being duly made and carried and paying a transfer fee of one dollar to the Management Fund of the Court. Every application for membership must be accompanied with one dollar as proposition fee.

SEC. 5.—Any member who has lost a leg, arm, or an eye during the time he was a member of the Society, and who may have been suspended twelve months, may, if under the age of 45 years, upon the production of a medical certificate, and with the sanction of the Executive Council, be permitted to join any Court as a new member.

SEC. 6.—Should a Juvenile Forester lose a leg, arm, or an eye during the time he belongs to a Juvenile Foresters' Society, he shall be eligible to join any Court of the Order that is willing to accept him.

SEC. 7.—Applications for initiation must be signed by the petitioner, stating his age, residence, and occupation, and, if married, his wife's name and age, and certify as to her health, and indorsed by two members in good standing who are members of the Court he desires to enter. Such application must be entered in the minutes, and the petition referred to a committee of three, for investigation (neither of whom shall have recommended him), whose duty it shall be to report on the character and qualifications

member appointed a qualification of the petitioner at the next regular meeting. The applicant shall produce a medical certificate of good health and sound constitution from the physician of the Court, and if approved by the Court he shall be balloted for by secret ballot, and if elected may be admitted, but if three or more black balls appear in the ballot the candidate shall be rejected. When a candidate has been rejected he shall not be again proposed in any Court until the expiration of six months from date of rejection. The Secretary of each Court shall notify the candidates to attend the medical officer for examination immediately after the proposition is accepted by the Court.

SEC. 8.—Any Subordinate Court may receive clearances from the date of opening, and may grant clearances one year from that date.

SEC. 9.—Every Court shall appoint, if possible, a legally registered medical practitioner, in actual practice, for the examination of candidates and attendance on sick members.

SEC. 10.—Should a member of the Order when residing at a distance of five miles or upwards from his Court fall sick, he shall send a certificate from some qualified medical practitioner, magistrate or clergyman to the Secretary of his Court, who shall request any Court of the Order (provided that there is a Court near the member) to visit and to pay the member his sick pay, but should the Secretary fail to do so, the Court being satisfied that the member is a financial member of the Order, may pay the member's sick allowance for two weeks, which amount shall be repaid by the Court to which the member belongs, but no Court to pay more without an authority to do so. Any Court giving authority to another to pay sick pay or other allowance shall repay the same, along with the amount paid previous to receiving such authority, if correct, within one month after demand has been made for the same, or be fined \$1; such fine to be paid to the Court which has paid the allowance. If the Court to which the member belongs has been suspended, expelled, or broken up, the High Court shall pay the amount from the Sick and Funeral Fund. A fresh authority to pay shall be required in all cases of sickness which may occur after a member has been declared off the funds and a settlement made with the Court for sick pay advanced. Should a member reside at a distance of three miles or more from his Court, and desires the assistance of a medical officer of a Court in the neighborhood, he shall be allowed such privilege upon being accepted by such medical officer, and by paying the same Medical Officer's fees into the Court as may be paid by members thereof, during which time he shall not be compelled to

pay to the medical officer of his own Court; and every member, whether he has the services of another Court Surgeon than his own or not, and who lives three miles or more from his Court room, may be exempt from any payment of contributions to the medical officer of his Court during such time as he is living beyond the said distance.

SEC. 11.—No person shall be initiated or admitted under any pretence whatsoever unless the full initiation or admission fee shall have been paid, which shall not be less than as stated in the following graduated scale of entrance fees:

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SEC. 12.—Every Court shall adopt a graduated scale of contributions to the Sick and Funeral Fund, which shall in no case be less than the following scale, but may be increased where Courts think it necessary:

Ages at last birth- day.	S. & F. contribution per fortnight.	Ages at last birth- day.	S. & F. contribution per fortnight.
18, 19, 20, 21	\$0 17	37, 38	\$0 24
22, 23, 24	0 18	39, 40	0 25
25, 26, 27	0 19	41	0 26
28, 29, 30	0 20	42	0 27
31, 32	0 21	43	0 28
33, 34	0 22	44	0 29
35, 36	0 23		

Courts have the power to regulate the managing contributions as necessity requires, the rate not to be less than 8 cents and not more than 12 cents per member per fortnight. Sick pay to be paid by Courts for 26 weeks \$4.00, sick pay for further 26 weeks to be paid by the High Court \$4.00, and reduced sick pay of \$2.00 per week as long as the member remains sick, to be paid from the High Court Sick and Funeral Fund. No extended sick pay shall be paid until the member has been initiated at least eighteen months. Funeral benefit at death of member shall be \$100, and funeral benefit at death of member's wife shall be \$50, to be paid from the High Court Funeral Fund. In the event of a member dying his widow



every member shall contribute the sum of \$1 per annum to the High Court Funeral Fund, when her heirs or nominee shall receive the member's wife's funeral allowance at her death. A member who has received the death benefit for one wife may on being married again, on the payment of \$1 registration fee and 25 cents per quarter to the H. C. S. & F. fund, receive the funeral benefit in the case of the wife's death, provided the wife's age does not exceed 40 years at the time of registration. A member must have received full pay from his Court for 26 weeks continuously before being placed on the High Court S. & F. fund; any member drawing reduced sick pay declaring off the funds shall not be entitled to recommence the receipt of full sick pay from his Court until he has resumed his business or occupation six months, but if he fall sick within said six months he shall be placed in the same position as when he ceased to receive sick pay and shall be paid the same allowance which he was then receiving.

SEC. 13.—That a registration fee of one dollar be paid for every new member returned to the Subsidiary High Court; and a levy of fifty cents per member per half year for each member returned as financial upon the return sheet of the Court, such registration fee and levy to be placed to the credit of the Subsidiary High Court Funeral Fund and paid from the Sick and Funeral Fund of the Court. Each Court shall make a return quarterly up to the first day of January, April, July and October of the name, age, occupation, whether married or single, and date of initiation of each new member that has been admitted during the previous quarter; likewise, the names of all members admitted by clearance, also those who have left by clearance or expulsion (the reason for expulsion to be assigned), and any who have been suspended for non-payment of contribution, and any suspended members who may have been reinstated or single members who may have been married during the quarter, such return to be sent in to the Permanent Secretary within 15 days of the end of the quarter. Any Court neglecting to comply with the above shall be fined one dollar. All members not returned by their Courts as suspended, expelled, or dead, shall be charged in all High Court levies as financial members. A member shall become free and entitled to his own full sick and funeral benefits and to his wife's full funeral benefit at the expiration of twelve calendar months after his initiation, and to half said benefits in six months after his admission, provided he be not a suspended member. All legal claims upon the High Court Funeral Fund shall be presented to the Permanent Secretary, accompanied with proof of the death, together with an official notice of such death in accordance with a form to be furnished by the Executive Council; also a

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statement signed by the Chief Ranger and Secretary certifying the deceased member's financial standing in the Court, and if found to be in accordance with the laws, he shall issue a cheque for payment of the same. All Courts having claims for extended and produced sick pay shall make such claim immediately after the first January, April, July or October, to the Permanent Secretary, who if the claim be found correct, the High Court Treasurer shall discharge the same. All documents produced to bear the Court Secretary's signature, and the Surgeon's last certificate prior to the claim being made. Court Secretaries shall notify the Permanent Secretary within 14 days from the time of placing the member in the High Court Sick and Funeral Fund. Any Secretary neglecting to comply with this law shall be fined \$1 to the High Court Management Fund.

SEC. 14.—When a member becomes suspended from the benefits of his Court through non-payment of contributions, and such contributions do not exceed 12 months, he may be reinstated in the same Court, in accordance with SEC. 16 of this law, but if the arrears of contributions exceed twelve months he shall rejoin the order as a new member only, and in any Court, by complying with the following conditions: That no person who has previously been a member of a Court in the Dominion of Canada, shall be allowed to rejoin the Order in another Court, without the sanction of the Court of which he was a member; but in the event of such sanction being withheld it shall be in the power of the Executive Council to grant such sanction upon the application of the Court willing to admit the member, provided the Court to which the member last belonged fails in producing satisfactory reasons why their sanction is withheld. Any Court neglecting to forward their reasons for withholding their sanction within one calendar month from the same being applied for by a Court, or the Executive Council, as the case may be, shall be fined one dollar, to be paid to the party applying for the reasons. Any Court knowingly initiating a member contrary to this law shall be fined a sum not exceeding \$5, to be paid to the High Court Fund; and any person obtaining admission into the Order without informing the Court of his having been formerly a member, shall be fined one dollar and his membership cancelled until the sanction of his former Court has been obtained. The fines specified in his Section shall be enforced by the Executive Council, provided satisfactory proof is adduced that the law has been violated.

SEC. 15.—In the event of a member being under suspension from his Court and the order for a period of 12 calendar months through non-payment of his contributions or fines, or non-compliance with any decision, direction, or order of his Court, or of any Arbi-



SEC. 20.—The funds of each Court shall be divided as provided for in Sec. 12, but nothing in this Law shall deter a Court adopting such other funds as they may desire. The account of each fund shall be kept separate and distinct; and any Court appropriating any portion of the Sick and Funeral Fund for any other purpose

than paying the Sick and Funeral allowances claimable under Rules, shall be expelled from the Order.

SEC. 21.—Each Subordinate Court shall, at its first meeting in January in each year, elect an Arbitration Committee of seven financial members, five of whom shall constitute a quorum for business; they shall try all cases, hear all charges and appeals in person, partially, and present their recommendations, securely sealed, to the Court. Should any member of the Committee become disqualified to act, the Court shall have the power to fill the vacancy at its regular meeting. Every Brother or Officer preferring a charge, complaint, or making an appeal as above, shall give notice of the same in writing to the Chief Ranger of the Court within three months after the discovery of the alleged offence appealed against, or such charge, complaint or appeal shall not be entertained, unless the complainant, or appellant, make a deposit of two dollars towards any fine or expense that the Committee may record in their verdict against him. A copy of the charge, complaint or appeal shall be signed by the Secretary, and having the seal of the Court shall be served upon the defendant, or at his residence, at least 14 days previous to the date upon which the Committee are summoned to sit. The said deposit to be forfeited if the charge, complaint or appeal be proved frivolous or vexatious; and if the defendant neglect to appear, unless caused by illness, duly certified, judgment shall be recorded against him by default, and the Committee shall be empowered to fine him in any sum, not exceeding five dollars, for such neglect to appear, except satisfactory reasons can be submitted to the Committee, and also to charge either the plaintiff or defendant with the whole or any of the expenses of the Court Committee or of witnesses in a case. Whether the defendant appears or not the Committee may (subject to confirmation by the District Arbitration Committee. The fine to be paid to the Court in all cases. The plaintiff or defendant shall have the right to appoint any member of the Order in good standing to appear as counsel on their behalf. The evidence shall be taken down in writing and signed by the witnesses. The Chief Ranger shall act as chairman, and the Secretary shall take the minutes of the meeting and have charge of all papers and documents.

SEC. 22.—At the end of each year, if it be found that there is a balance against the fund or the funds of any Court, said Court shall immediately make a levy upon its members sufficient to make up any and all such deficiencies.

SEC. 23.—Should a Court wish to amalgamate with another Court, shall be allowed to do so on receiving the sanction of the Executive Council, provided they transfer the whole of their funds and other property to the Court which may have agreed to receive them.

SEC. 24 —Order of Business:—

1. Opening of Court.
2. Roll Call of Officers.
3. Reading Minutes previous meeting.
4. Sick and Distressed Report.
5. Reports of Committee on Candidates.
6. Balloting for Candidates.
7. Initiations.
8. Communications received.
9. Accounts.
10. Business relating to Endowment Fund.
11. Reports of Committees.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. New Business.
14. Propositions.
15. Good and Welfare.
16. Closing Court.

NOTE.—Courts may transpose the order of business after the Section to suit their own convenience.

SEC. 25.—That each Subordinate Court shall have the privilege making such laws as may be deemed best for the management of its own Court, providing such are in accordance with the High Court General Laws, and sanctioned by the Committee on Laws, the expenses of the defendant and Relief, to whom all by-laws shall be submitted for approval.

SEC. 26.—Each new Court hereafter formed shall be required to become incorporated under the Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies within twelve months after receiving its dispensation.

SEC. 27.—Courts shall have the privilege of admitting married men for their own benefit only in cases where their wives are in known bad health or inadmissible to benefits from other causes.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### DUTIES OF OFFICERS OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

SEC. 1. *Past Chief Ranger.*—The retiring Chief Ranger shall be known as the Past Chief Ranger. It shall be his duty to attend

the meetings of the Court, see that the salutations are properly given, assist in the initiation of candidates according to the Ritual and preside in absence of the proper officers.

SEC. 2. *Chief Ranger*.—The duty of the Chief Ranger shall be to preside at all meetings of the Court and maintain order and decorum in his Court, inflict all fines for infraction or violation of all Rules and Regulations of the High Court or his own Court. He shall sign all drafts for payment of moneys, and all documents required to be signed by him pursuant to law. He shall attest minutes of each meeting after the same shall have been confirmed and perform such other and further duties that may be consistent with his office, and as prescribed by the Ritual, General and Court Laws.

SEC. 3. *Sub-Chief Ranger*.—The Sub-Chief Ranger shall assist the Chief Ranger in the discharge of his duties, and in preserving order and decorum in the Court. He shall preside over all meetings in the absence of the Chief Ranger, and for the time being be invested with the same power and authority, and be subject to the same penalties and liabilities as though he was the Chief Ranger. He shall assist in the initiation of new members, and perform such other duties as may be consistent with his office, and as prescribed by the Ritual, General and Court Laws.

SEC. 4. *Treasurer*.—The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Court, and pay all drafts properly presented to him for payment, which shall be signed by at least the Chief Ranger and Secretary, and the seal of the Court attached. He shall deposit the funds in such manner and give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Constitution and By-laws of his Court shall provide. It shall be incumbent upon him to attend all meetings of the Court, and to receive from the Secretaries all money paid to said Court, and give a receipt therefor.

SEC. 5. *Secretary*.—The Secretary shall take note of the proceedings of each Court and Standing Committee meeting, and keep a true, correct and full record thereof in a book provided for the purpose, receive all moneys from members on behalf of the Court and Endowment Fund, make out all notices, conduct all correspondence, keep true and correct accounts between the Court and its members, and High Court, post the members' accounts after each meeting, draw all drafts for the payment of money, and affix the seal thereto, and to all other documents requiring the impression of such seal, make all necessary returns to the High Court, including quarterly returns upon a form to be supplied by the Permanent Secretary for the purpose, with the names of all expelled members

tions are proposed with the reasons for their expulsion (such names to be published in the Annual Report, together with the reasons for their expulsion), keep a full and complete record of the name, age, residence and occupation of each member of the Court, date and cause of leaving, and all particulars which may be required by law, and perform such other and further duties as may be consistent with his office, and as prescribed by the General and Court Laws. He shall give such security for the faithful performance of his duties as the Court shall determine.

SEC. 6. *Woodwards*.—The Woodwards shall each visit the sick at least once in each week, and perform such other duties as may be consistent with the office, as prescribed by the Court Laws.

SEC. 7. *Beadles*.—The Senior Beadle shall be stationed at the portal of the inner door, and his duties shall be to attend to the alarm and receive the password. When necessary the Junior Beadle to be stationed outside the portal. They shall perform such other duties as the Ritual and Laws may require.

SEC. 8. *Trustees*.—The Trustees (neither of whom shall be Secretary or Treasurer of the Court) shall have general supervision over the funds and properties of the Court, and in conjunction with the Chief Ranger, Secretary and Treasurer, shall attend to and invest the funds of the Court in such bank or securities as the Laws of the Court may provide, and the Court may determine. It shall be incumbent upon them to from time to time see that the proper bonds are executed according to law, and that the surety or sureties in the said bonds named is or are of sufficient responsibility, which bond or bonds shall be retained by them, or deposited in some place of security. They shall perform such other duties as the Court may provide or the Court may determine.

SEC. 9. *Auditors*.—Three Auditors shall be appointed, who shall be members of the Court. They shall fully and thoroughly examine and audit the accounts of the Court and Endowment Fund half yearly, or as often as it may be deemed necessary, and may act as a Finance Committee of the Court. They shall make out a detailed report, accompanied with the result of their examination, which the Chairman of such auditing Committee shall read in open Court, at the meeting next succeeding the conclusion of their examination. For the purpose of enabling the said Committee to fully perform their duties, all officers of the Court having under their control any books, papers, documents, moneys and other effects relative to the accounts and finances of said Court, shall attend and produce the same before the said auditors at the time or times named by said auditors, and on the refusal of any officer or member to

comply therewith, he shall be fined, suspended or expelled after due trial.

SEC. 10. *Medical Officer.*—The duty of the Medical Officer who shall be a financial or honorary member of the Order, shall be to examine into the health and physical condition of all candidates for admission into the Court, fill up the medical certificate in accordance with the prescribed laws. He shall personally attend the sick members of the Court at such time or times as the sickness may necessitate, and perform such other duties as may be consistent with his office, and as the Laws of the Court may provide. He shall receive such compensation for his services as may be agreed upon by himself and the Court. He shall not be eligible to sign his own certificate when sick.

SEC. 11.—Courts may make such additions to this Article, and impose such further duties as may be necessary for the proper government of their Court.

SEC. 12.—Should the presiding officer, or Sub-Chief Ranger of any Subordinate Court of the Order, vacate his chair without the consent of his assembled brethren, or should he refuse to put to vote any proposition that has been legally made, or adjourn the meeting before the business is finished, without the approval of a majority of the brethren then present, or unless in the case of a Subordinate Court, the hour of closing has arrived, he shall, if the offense be not so flagrant as to justify a motion for his deposition, be fined—for the first offence, \$5.00, and for the second offence, \$10.00, and for any further offence shall be punished as the Arbitration Committee may determine. Each Court shall close at 11 o'clock p.m., except on quarterly, half-yearly, or a summoned meeting, when the Court may be kept open till 12 p. m., but not later, or the Chief Ranger shall be fined \$1 to the Court Management Fund.

SEC. 13.—Should a financial member be legally declared on the Sick Fund of his Court, and in receipt of sick pay, the officers of the Court to which the member belongs shall deduct from the sick pay such amount as may be required from time to time to keep the member in compliance, and the officers shall be responsible for the member being kept in compliance until such time as he may be legally declared off the sick fund.

## ARTICLE XIV.

### CLEARANCES.

SEC. 1.—No Court shall grant a clearance unless it shall have been established twelve months. Applications for clearances shall be made, either personally or in writing, to the Court, and a clear-



expelled after clearance shall thereupon be granted, provided the member has been initiated twelve months, is clear upon the books, is free from all charges made or pending, and there be no other valid objection. A member drawing a clearance must deposit the same in some legal Court within three months from its date.

SEC. 2.—Any member drawing his clearance, shall pay his dues up to date of such clearance, and three months' dues in advance, and the Court granting the same shall pay all lawful claims accruing within and during six calendar months from said date, under such rules and regulations as the Court may provide. No Court to be allowed to accept clearance from members whose age exceeds 45 years, except Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court of Canada, who may accept clearances from members under the same jurisdiction, up to fifty years of age.

SEC. 3.—Should any Court refuse to accept the clearance of a member, said member shall be allowed one calendar month from the date of such refusal, except members in a foreign country, when three months shall be allowed to return the same to his own Court, which Court shall be bound to receive the same.

SEC. 4.—Any member holding a clearance for a longer period than six months shall be suspended from the benefits of his Court, and if not returned at the end of twelve months from its date he shall only be permitted to join the Order as a new member.

SEC. 5.—When a Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court of the Dominion of Canada accepts a clearance, it shall inform the Court granting such clearance of the date of its acceptance within 30 days, or be fined \$1, to be paid to the High Court Fund. Should the Court from which the brother drew his clearance break up before the expiration of six months, then the sick pay shall be paid by the High Court until the six months have expired.

SEC. 6.—A member depositing his clearance in any Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court shall, if accepted, be entitled to all the benefits thereof after the expiration of six calendar months, provided such clearance shall have been granted by any Court under the jurisdiction of the same. Clearances granted to members by foreign Courts, if deposited and accepted by Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court, to be twelve calendar months before being entitled to full benefits.

SEC. 7.—All Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court of the Dominion of Canada shall recognize all clearances issued by the High Court of the Order, or any High Court working under the same, subject, however, to the foregoing provisions. Courts may

accept clearances from any Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court at the same rate of contributions as the member paying into the Court from which he drew such clearance, and any Court accepting a clearance from a Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court, shall not be charged registration fee for such member. An entrance fee of 50 cents shall be charged on all members under the H. C., and \$1.50 from all foreign countries.

SEC. 8.—A clearance shall be renewed if lost or destroyed accidentally, upon satisfactory evidence being adduced from the holder and applicant to the Court. Any clearance may be revoked by the Court that issued it previous to being accepted by another Court, at any time for cause appearing, and when so revoked for purpose of impeachment and trial, the person holding such clearance shall be subject to the Court so far as concerns said impeachment and trial. Refusal to comply with proper citation in this connection shall constitute contempt.

SEC. 9.—In the event of a clearance being refused to a member, it shall be in the power of the Executive Council to grant such clearance upon the application of a Court willing to admit the member, provided the Court to which the member belongs fails in producing satisfactory reasons why the clearance is refused. Any Court neglecting to forward their reasons for refusing a clearance within one calendar month from the same being applied for by the Executive Council, shall be fined one dollar.

## ARTICLE XV.

### DELINQUENT COURTS.

SEC. 1.—Any Subordinate Court may be suspended or dissolved, and its dispensation, seal, and lecture books forfeited to the High Court for the following causes: 1st. For improper conduct. 2nd. For neglecting or refusing to conform to the ritual, laws, ceremonies, enactments or resolutions of the High Court. 3rd. For neglecting or refusing to make its returns, or for non payment of dues or levies to the High Court. 4th. For neglecting to hold the regular meeting without proper authority or unforeseen circumstances. 5th. By its membership diminishing so that less than a legal quorum is left.

SEC. 2.—In the event of any Subordinate Court being under suspension from the Order for the period of 18 months through non compliance with the decision or resolution of the High Court of the Order or the Subsidiary High Court, or of a Final Arbitration Committee, such Court shall at the expiration of 18 months be expelled



jurisdiction of the member from the Order, and shall not be re-admitted until they comply with the said resolutions or decisions.

## ARTICLE XVI.

### DUTY OF OFFICERS AND DELEGATES.

SEC. 1.—In order to make every officer and delegate responsible to his constituents for the becoming and faithful discharge of their trust, and more readily to check insolent demeanor or to prevent any abuse of power, and remedy any other effect arising from an erroneous choice, where the continuance of an officer in office until the expiration of the term of his election would be adverse to the well-being of his constituents or the Order generally, it is enacted that the assembled High Court, Executive Council, or any Subordinate Court, shall have the power of impeaching any of its officers for misdemeanor at any regular or special meeting, and if he or they be found guilty, after due trial by the Arbitration Committee, immediately deposing him or them, or may call upon him or them to resign immediately, and upon such request being made and the compliance therewith refused, the High Court, Executive Council, or Subordinate Court may, by a two-thirds votes of the members present at the time of such refusal, remove such officer or officers from his or their respective office or offices and declare his or their office vacant, and shall as soon thereafter as practicable proceed to the election of another officer or officers to fill such vacant position or positions.

SEC. 2.—No High Chief Ranger, District Chief Ranger, or Chief Ranger shall put or suffer to be put to the vote any motion which can be decided by law, under the penalty of one dollar for each and every offence, without mitigation, to the High Court Fund.

## ARTICLE XVII.

### FINES.

Any Court, or member of the Order, violating any Rule for which there is no penalty specified, shall be fined not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars, and that all fines inflicted for violation of laws shall be paid into the Court by which the fine was inflicted.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### BUSINESS ON SUNDAYS NOT ALLOWED.

No Court shall be allowed to transact any business whatever connected with the Order on Sunday, except attendance at funerals and Divine service. Any Court violating this law shall be fined \$20, to be paid to the High Court Fund.

## ARTICLE XIX.

NAME OF THE ORDER NOT TO BE USED BY MEMBERS FOR THEIR OWN PECUNIARY BENEFIT.

No member or members shall use the name, emblems or initial of the Order in connection with fetes or any kind of entertainment for their own business or pecuniary benefit. Any member violating this law shall be fined not more than \$50.

## ARTICLE XX.

BRINGING AN OFFICER, BROTHER, OR THE ORDER INTO CONTEMPT.

Should a Court, officer, or brother, print, publish, or circulate any article, or by any means whatsoever act so as to bring any Court, officer, member (financial or honorary) of the Order into contempt, unless a sufficient cause can be shown for so doing, shall, on proof being made thereof, be fined, suspended or expelled at the discretion of the Arbitration Committee, by which the charge may be heard.

## ARTICLE XXI.

PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS, ETC.

SEC. 1.—Any member or members who voted in the minority against their Court breaking up or seceding from the Order or violating any law or decision which would suspend their Court, shall, on satisfactory proof being made thereof, be still recognized as members of the Order, and in the event of their not being able to obtain admission into any other Court by clearance in consequence of ill health or over age, they shall pay their contributions through the medium of a Court in their locality to the Executive Council, and in case of sickness or death their sick pay and funeral expenses shall be paid from the High Court sick and funeral fund, or in the event of eight members voting in the minority as above so desiring it, they shall be recognized by the Executive Council as the same Court to which they formerly belonged under a new dispensation, bearing the same number which the Executive Council shall have power to grant in such cases, and the granting of which renewed dispensation shall thereby abrogate and cancel all powers and authority conveyed in any dispensation which may have been granted bearing the same number.

SEC. 2.—Any member or members having voted in the minority against their Court seceding, &c., and wishing to avail themselves of the above provisions, shall signify the same within two calendar months to the Permanent Secretary, provided such members reside, for the time being, at the same place in which the

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Court is held, but if such member or members reside at a distance of over five miles they shall be allowed three calendar months to make their intentions known to the proper officers, who shall be authorized to supply proper clearances, provided by the Executive Council to members requiring the same.

SEC. 3.—Any member availing himself of the provisions of this law, neglecting to apply within the time specified, as regards notices, &c., shall not be allowed to rejoin the Order except by the sanction of the High Court, and in all cases where a member has voted in the minority against his Court breaking up, and has received his share of the funds, he shall pay over such share of the funds into the Court which may receive him, and the majority who may vote for the breaking up of the Court shall be expelled from the Order.

SEC. 4.—No Court that may have seceded, or have been suspended by the Order, and have a member or members contributing to the High Court Fund, shall be reinstated in the Order, unless such members are first reinstated in the Court, and except the Court re-fund to the High Court all the money that may have been paid to such member or members for sick and funeral pay, less the amount of contributions paid by such member or members of the High Court Fund.

SEC. 5.—A separate fund, called the High Court Members' Sick and Funeral Fund, shall be established for the purpose named in this law, and every member, with the exception below specified, admitted to the privileges of this law, shall contribute thereto the same rate of contributions that he has been paying into his Court, and in case of sickness or death the same benefits shall be paid to him, or his representative, as promised in his Court rules, provided they do not exceed the amount stated in Art. 15, Sec. 12. Such contributions shall fall due on the first day of each month. The High Court Members' Sick and Funeral Fund shall be sustained by the contributions of members contributing to the same.

SEC. 6.—All members of the High Court Fund who are six months in arrears with their contributions, shall be suspended from benefits, and continue so for three months after their arrears have been paid up, but if the contributions have been paid regularly to the Court the Executive Council may appoint, it shall be considered sufficient to be remitted to the Executive Council at any time they may think proper to call for it. In all cases of sickness a note of the Court, with seal affixed, and a medical certificate, stating that member is sick and unable to follow his employment, shall be forwarded to the Executive Council, such note or certificate

to be repeated every fourteen days during the time the member may continue ill.

## ARTICLE XXII.

### COURTS OR SOCIETIES JOINING THE SUBSIDIARY HIGH COURT.

SEC. 1.—Any Court already in existence may connect itself with the High Court, by application to the Executive Council upon a form to be supplied. All Courts which shall hereafter be organized within the jurisdiction of the High Court and opened, shall only be so opened by and upon the authority of a dispensation for that purpose, issued by, through and under the High Court.

SEC. 2.—Upon application being made for a dispensation to any Court, by the founders of a new Court, through the District Chief Ranger, information shall be given relative to the costs to which they will be liable, nor shall any person or persons become chargeable to a new Court in any way, whose age is beyond the scale laid down, and that two officers be sufficient to open any new Court. The officers to be allowed \$2.00 per day, with travelling and hotel expenses, as opening fee, which shall be paid by the Executive Council. Any Court requiring the attendance of a District Chief Ranger or other parties, after opening, shall pay their expenses according to the above scale.

SEC. 3.—In the case of new Courts a uniform rate of initiation of not less than \$3.00 may be charged for one month from date of its institution.

SEC. 4.—No Court shall be permitted to sever its connection with the High Court, except by permission of a three-fourths vote of the delegates assembled at any High Court meeting, and pursuant to the laws thereof, and then only upon payment by said Court of all liabilities existing against it upon the books of the High Court, and provided further that said Court so desiring to sever its connection with the High Court, shall give notice in writing of such intention to the Executive Council, who shall publish such notice in the *Ancient Forester*, at least three months prior to the next High Court meeting, and provided furthermore that said Court be in good standing in the Order at the date of the last mentioned meeting.

SEC. 5.—In the event of any society or association of persons desiring to transfer themselves into a Court of this Order, and making application in due form to the Executive Council so to do, said Executive Council shall have full discretionary powers in respect to the admission or rejection of such society or association as a Court of Forestry, especially in respect to the age of said per-

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persons, anything contained in these laws relative to the age to the contrary thereof notwithstanding, provided, however, that the said persons be in good bodily health and of sound limbs, and as far as practicable, shall conform to the procedure prescribed by these laws in such cases.

## ARTICLE XXIII.

## COMMUNICATIONS TO THE HIGH COURT.

SEC. 1.—All communications to the High Court or the Permanent Secretary shall come through Courts with the seal of the Court attached thereto.

SEC. 2.—Communications from any other source in any other form, or from any individual member or members of the Order, except D. C. R.'s, may not be recognized or replied to, except, however, as to members of High Court Sick and Funeral Fund.

## ARTICLE XXIV.

## WHERE THERE IS NO PROVISION IN THE HIGH COURT LAWS.

In case any question or subject shall arise in the High Court, or in a Subordinate Court, for the determination of such question or subject, there be no provision made by or contained in the High Court or the by-laws of a Subordinate Court, resort shall be had to the General Laws of the Order, if there be any provisions therein contained which will affect the question or subject matter that may be under consideration.

## ARTICLE XXV.

## MAKING KNOWN THE SECRETS OF THE ORDER.

SEC. 1.—During the suspension of a member from the benefits of his Court through non-payment of contributions or non-compliance with any resolution or decision of his Court, the High Court, or an Arbitration Committee, such member shall not be entitled to admission into his own or any other Court of the Order.

SEC. 2.—Should a brother persuade a candidate to be initiated into any Court other than that into which he was first proposed as a member, within six months, he shall be fined two dollars for every such offence, and the Court who knowingly receives such a candidate shall be fined ten dollars—the said fines to be paid into the Court that the said candidate has been induced, in consequence of such solicitation, to leave.

SEC. 3.—Should a brother make known to any person not duly and legally initiated a member of the Order any of its secrets, and most especially the grip, password, signs, countersign or travelling

password, he shall forever be expelled, or should a brother make known to any person not a member any objection made in a Court to the admission of a candidate, or the name of a brother making such objection, he shall pay a fine of ten dollars or be expelled, and should a brother, except the Chief Ranger and Secretary, give the password to another brother in or out of Court, except the Junior Beadle at the Portal, or to the Senior and Junior Woodward in the Court by special direction of the Chief Ranger, he shall be fined for every such offence according to the direction of his Court any sum not exceeding three dollars; and should a brother make known any resolution of or discussion used in any meeting of this Order to any person not being a member of the same, he shall be fined five dollars.

SEC. 4.—Any brother attending, visiting or holding office in any other Court than that of which he is a member, he shall conform to all its laws, orders, regulations and usages, and should he knowingly violate either or any of the same he shall be taken cognizance of for such misdemeanor and be held amenable to and suffer the same penalty as it may be customary to impose on any brother of such Court guilty of a similar irregularity, and shall not be allowed to speak on any subject without the permission of the Chief Ranger or vote of the Court.

SEC. 5.—Punishment shall only be inflicted upon a brother after a trial had before and a verdict of guilty rendered by the Arbitration Committee.

## ARTICLE XXVI.

### JUVENILE BRANCHES.

SEC. 1.—Courts under the jurisdiction of this Subsidiary High Court shall be permitted to organize and establish Juvenile Foresters' Societies for the purpose of securing to youths between the age of five and eighteen years, medical attendance, sick pay, a sum at death, and for paying the entrance fee for admission into the Order. These funds shall in no way interfere with and shall be kept separate and distinct from all other funds, and in no case shall a Court incur any liability from members of a Juvenile Society.

SEC. 2.—The Executive Council shall alone furnish such societies with dispensations, lecture books, and regalia suitable therefor.

SEC. 3.—That each existing Juvenile Branch and all Juvenile Branches hereinafter organized, shall procure from the Executive Council a Dispensation, Rituals and Officer's Cards, and be under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

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SEC. 4.—All Juvenile Branches shall have the privilege of granting clearances to juvenile members from one branch to another, also transfer from the Juvenile Branch into an Adult Court of the Order in Canada upon a form supplied by the Executive Council.

SEC. 5.—Any member of the Juvenile Branch drawing a clearance shall deposit it in another Juvenile Branch within six weeks from its date of issue. Any Court accepting the same shall notify the Secretary of the Court issuing the clearance within thirty days after accepting the same. No clearance shall be granted to any member who is not of twelve months standing in the Court. The Court granting the clearance shall pay all lawful claims accruing up to twelve months from date of such clearance.

SEC. 6.—Transfers from the Juvenile Branch to Adult Courts shall be granted to members of the Juvenile Branch who are of the age of 18 years on a form to be supplied by the E. C. Any Court accepting such transfer shall notify the Court of the Juvenile Branch granting such transfer within thirty days from date of accepting the same. The Juvenile Branch shall pay the entrance fee into the Court and pay all claims for sick benefits up to six months from date of such transfer.

## ARTICLE XXVII.

### CONSTRUCTION OF TERMS.

Wherever the word "month" occurs in these laws it shall mean calendar month, but shall not effect Court rules adopting lunar month, and wherever the word "suspended" or "suspension" occurs it shall mean that the person for the time ceases to have the privilege of membership. The words "financial member" shall mean a person contributing to the funds of a Court for sick and funeral allowance. An honorary member shall be eligible to election as Trustee, Treasurer or Medical Officer, and a word in the singular number shall be applicable to the plural, and a word in the plural also to be applicable to the singular. The word "district" shall mean territorial district. Travelling expenses to mean railway fare, and hotel expenses to mean \$1.00 per day. "A regular Court meeting" shall mean an ordinary meeting of a Court as fixed by its Rules. "A summoned meeting" shall mean a meeting held on the regular Court nights, summoned by circular or otherwise, under the Rules, and "a special summoned meeting" shall be a meeting called for a special purpose by circular stating the objects of the meeting, which may be held on a regular Court night, or on any other night.



## GENERAL LAWS.

## ARTICLE XXVIII.

## CANVASSING PROHIBITED.

No member or Court shall circulate any written or printed document canvassing for the election of a town or city as the seat of the High Court and Executive Council, or solicit nominations for the same, and no member shall by canvassing seek to be placed on any Committee, neither shall any brother in any Court of the Order, or anywhere else, canvass either for himself or any one else for any office, or solicit a vote. Any Court or member acting contrary to this law shall, upon satisfactory proof thereof, be disqualified.

## ARTICLE XXIX.

## PLACE OF MEETING.

All nominations for the next place of meeting of the High Court shall be sent to the Permanent Secretary not later than the first day of May in the year of holding the biennial session. Said nominations shall be published in the May number of the *Ancient Forester*, and no other city or town shall be voted on than those so nominated.

## ARTICLE XXX.

## AMENDMENTS.

No addition, alteration, or amendment to these laws shall be made, unless presented at a regular High Court meeting, and adopted by a two-thirds vote of all the delegates to the High Court meeting. Notice of such amendment must be made under the Court seal, attested by the Secretary and sent to the Executive Council not later than May 30th, otherwise they will not be acted upon; subject, however, to the right of the Committee on Laws and Supervision to amend and modify, reconstruct and reject any and all the proposed additions, alterations, amendments, recommendations and suggestions so presented for consideration of High Court meeting, and also to make such further recommendations as in their judgment may be conducive to the interest and advantage of the Order. No amendment to the General Laws shall be received by the E. C., unless legibly written in ink.

## ARTICLE XXXI.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

SEC. 1.—Any Court or member of the Order violating any of its rules for which there is no penalty specified, shall be fined not less than \$1.00 nor more than \$5.00, and all fines inflicted for violation of General Laws shall (except otherwise ordered) be paid into the Subsidiary High Court Fund.

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SEC. 2.—The infliction of fines for the violation of laws does not legalize the act, but the law shall still be carried out as though no fine had been inflicted.

SEC. 3.—In the event of any fine inflicted under these laws, or under the rules of a Court, not being paid within three calendar months from the date of such fine being inflicted, the Court or member failing to pay within the time specified, except otherwise provided, shall be suspended from all benefits of the Order, or Court, until the fine is paid.

SEC. 4.—Any Court may subscribe from the Management or Benevolent Funds thereof to any hospital or infirmary such sum, annually, as may be decided upon at a summoned meeting of the Court, as necessary for the purpose of securing to the members of the Court, so contributing, the benefits of such hospital or infirmary, according to its rules.

SEC. 5.—Should any Trustee, Treasurer or Secretary of any Court be removed or resign his office, and refuse or neglect to deliver up, assign or transfer any money, property or securities for money which may be in his possession, or under his control, belonging to such Court, upon demand being made by order of the Court, or their Committee of Management, such Trustee, Treasurer or Secretary shall be expelled from the Order, and shall thereby forfeit all rights and benefits in the branch of which he was a member, without prejudice to any liability to prosecution which he may have incurred.

SEC. 6.—For the purpose of preserving the acknowledged neutrality of the Order in all matters connected with party politics or religious creeds, no Court or members shall take part, as Foresters, in any meeting or gathering, or in any other way, for the advocacy or promotion of political or sectarian religious objects; but this section shall not apply to the customary attendance of members in their capacity as Foresters at any place of worship in connection with anniversary gatherings, or on occasions when such attendance is in aid of some public hospital, infirmary or charity, of an unsectarian nature.

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## KNIGHTS OF SHERWOOD FOREST.

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SEC. 1.—That this Branch shall be known as the Uniformed Branch of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

SEC. 2.—Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court shall be permitted to organize and establish Conclaves under a charter granted by the Grand Conclave of Canada, but that no Conclaves shall be established without the consent of the Executive Council of the High Court. The management of this Branch shall be kept separate and distinct, and in no case will the Courts or the Order be responsible for its liabilities.

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# RULES OF ORDER

FOR USE OF SUBORDINATE COURTS.

1. The C. R. shall announce all votes and decisions. His decisions on points of order shall not be debateable, unless entertaining doubts, he shall invite discussion.

2. In putting a vote he shall ask "Is the Court ready for the question?" Should no member offer to speak, he shall rise and put it, and after he has risen no member shall be allowed to speak upon it.

3. He may speak to points of order, in preference to other members of the Court, rising from his seat for that purpose, and decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Court by any member. On such an appeal no member shall speak more than once.

4. When an appeal is made from the decision of the C. R., he shall put the question thus, "Shall the decision of the chair be sustained?"

5. It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, and the privilege of any member of the Court, to call a member to order who violates an established rule of order.

6. Motions—A motion must be seconded and repeated from the chair or read aloud before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing if any member require it.

7. Any member having made a motion, may withdraw it, with leave of its seconder, before it is debated, but not afterwards without leave of the Court.

8. An amendment destroying or altering the intention of a motion shall be in order, but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

9. On a call for a division on the question, the majority shall decide. The call can only be granted when the division will leave distinct and entire propositions.

10. Debate—When a member speaks or offers a motion, he shall rise and respectfully address the C. R., confining attention to

the question under consideration, and avoiding personality or unbecoming language.

11. When a member is called to order, he shall take his seat until the point is determined.

12. When two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

13. No member shall speak more than twice, nor longer than five minutes each time, on any question, without leave of the Court, which leave shall be granted or refused without debate.

14. While a member is speaking no one shall interrupt, except for the purpose of calling him to order, or asking of the presiding officer leave to explain, or call the previous question. A member allowed "to explain" shall only have a right to explain an actual misunderstanding of the language, and be strictly prohibited from going into debate on the merits of the case.

15. For any member in speaking to impeach the motives of a fellow-member, or to treat such with personal disrespect, shall be deemed a violation of order, which may incur the censure of the presiding officer of the Court.

16. If any member feels personally aggrieved by a decision of the chair, he may appeal from such decision.

17. Any conversation by whispering or otherwise which is calculated to disturb a member while speaking, or hinder the transaction of business, shall be deemed a violation of order, and if persisted in shall incur censure.

18. When a motion is postponed indefinitely, it shall not come up again during the session.

19. Adjournment—A motion to adjourn shall always be in order, except, 1st, when a member is in possession of the floor; 2nd, while the yeas and nays are being called; 3rd, when the members are voting; 4th, when it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

20. A motion to adjourn simply cannot be amended, but a motion to adjourn to a given time shall be open to debate.

21. The reading of any paper, called for, relating to the subject under debate, shall always be in order.

22. Taking Vote—When the presiding officer has commenced taking a vote, no further debate or remark shall be admitted unless a mistake has been made, in which case the mistake may be rectified, and the presiding officer shall re-commence taking the vote.

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23. In voting by yeas and nays, all present in regular standing in the Court must vote unless excused by the Court; but no member shall vote who was not in the room at the time the question was put. A motion for excuse shall be decided without debate.

24. Reconsideration and Appeal—A question may be considered any time during the session or the first regular session held thereafter, but a motion for reconsideration being once made and decided in the negative, shall not be renewed before the next regular session.

25. A motion to reconsider must be made and seconded by members who voted in the majority. No question shall be reconsidered more than once, nor shall a vote to consider be considered. To consider a resolution, etc., the decision of which has officially passed out of Court, shall not be in order.

26. A motion to repeal a resolution shall be offered in writing, and announced at a regular session, two weeks before action shall be taken on the same, and shall only be in order when the motion to reconsider is no longer available.

27. All reports of committees except reports of progress shall be made in writing and signed by a majority.

28. When a report has been read it shall be considered as properly before the Court, without a motion to accept.



## ENDOWMENT FUND.

### PREAMBLE.

The establishment of a Mutual Relief or Endowment Fund being a recognized principle in Forestry, it is deemed essential for the protection and support of the widows and orphans of deceased brothers that such a fund be created, to be known as the A. O. F. Endowment Fund. It is to be under the exclusive jurisdiction of a Board of Directors, consisting of seven members, who shall be elected at a general meeting of the members to be held bi-annually at the same time and place of S. H. C. meeting; no member to be eligible who is not a member of the Endowment Fund.

SEC. 1.—The membership of this fund shall consist of members of the A. O. F. who are in good standing in some Subordinate Court, and members of foreign Courts residing within the jurisdiction of the S. H. C. of the Dominion of Canada, and not less than eighteen or more than forty-five years of age. A member shall be considered in good standing of his Court as soon as his initiation fee is paid, and so long as he is not in arrears to the Court to which he belongs for a period exceeding six months.

SEC. 2.—Every member applying for admission to this fund must do so through the Agent or Secretary of his Court, or in the case of a member of a foreign Court through the Court most convenient, on a blank form supplied for that purpose, and produce a medical certificate of good health from the Surgeon of his Court, or some other regularly qualified physician, both of which will be forwarded to the Board Secretary, together with an entrance fee of \$2.00.

Honorary members shall be admitted upon the same terms as financial members. If the application is passed by the Surgeon, the applicant shall be supplied with a certificate of membership; if rejected, the entrance fee shall be returned.

SEC. 3.—The capital of this fund shall be derived from admission fees, monthly payments, and accumulated interests thereon.

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SEC. 4.—The following table of rates shall be adopted for the creation and maintenance of this fund, to become due in advance:—

TABLE OF MONTHLY RATES FOR DEATH BENEFITS.

BETWEEN THE AGES OF		\$250	\$500	\$750	\$1000	\$2000
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SEC. 5.—All moneys received for and on behalf of this fund shall be deposited in such bank or banks as may be selected by the Board of Directors, in the name of the A. O. F. Endowment Fund, and no payments shall be made for anything not directly connected with this fund. All drafts and cheques must be signed by the Chairman and Secretary, and impressed with the seal of this fund. A copy of this section, together with the signatures of the afore-

mentioned officers, and an impression of such seal, shall be delivered by the Board to each bank or banks in which such funds are deposited. And that so much of this fund as may not be required for the probable accruing liabilities under the laws of this fund shall be invested by the Board of Directors, in such only of the following ways as the Board may direct, viz:—In the Post Office Savings Bank, in government or municipal debentures, or other government securities, and in regular chartered banks, or incorporated loan societies.

SEC. 6.—The benefits to be paid by this fund shall be paid by cheque or draft, payable to the person or persons legally entitled to receive the same, and be forwarded through the Court Secretary or Agent.

SEC. 7.—All remittances to this fund shall be sent by Post Office order, registered letter, or through an express company, to the Secretary of the Board.

SEC. 8.—The Secretary shall keep full, complete and accurate books of account in connection with this fund, conduct the correspondence, issue all notices, and generally perform all duties appertaining to his office, and he shall give security for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum of \$2,000.00, and for his services he shall receive the sum of fifty cents per annum for every member of the fund good on the books at the end of the year. He shall also notify Court Secretaries or Agents of members three months in arrears in their respective Courts.

SEC. 9.—The Board shall at their first meeting appoint one of their own number as Treasurer, who shall deposit all moneys received by him within twenty-four hours, as per Sec. 5, and shall also give security for the faithful performance of his duties in the sum of \$2,000.00, and for his services he shall receive the sum of \$10 per annum.

SEC. 10.—The books and accounts of this fund shall be audited by three auditors, who shall be appointed at the bi-annual meeting.

SEC. 11.—Every member of this fund who shall change his place of residence shall notify the Secretary or Agent of his Court within one month, and any failure to comply with this requirement shall be at the risk of the member.

SEC. 12.—In each annual report the Board shall give the number of members who have joined this fund during the past year, also the names of the members who have died, or have been suspended.

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SEC. 13.—Members shall nominate in writing, on the application, the person or persons to whom they wish the amount of the certificate paid, and shall have the right at any time to revoke the same; such nomination to be witnessed by a member of the Order, and the seal of the Court attached, the same to be forwarded by the Secretary or Agent to the Secretary of the Board, who shall cause the same to be entered in a book provided for that purpose.

SEC. 14.—Upon the death of a member of this fund the person or persons entitled to receive the benefits shall produce a certificate of death and burial to the Secretary of the Court to which deceased member belonged, said certificates to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board, who will lay the same before the Board, and if found correct, shall issue a draft for payment of the same, the said draft to be drawn in favor of the persons legally entitled to receive the same, provided always that the Board shall have forty days after proof of death in which to settle the claim.

SEC. 15.—Any member in arrears for four months' dues shall be suspended from the benefits of this fund, and shall be only reinstated upon producing a medical certificate, and upon payment of all dues at the date of his suspension, and that may have accrued up to the time of his reinstatement. The Secretary or Agent of the Court shall notify each member in arrears at least two weeks previous to the expiration of the four months. No member shall be entitled to the benefits of this fund after being expelled from the Order.

SEC. 16.—Any member who shall in his declaration and at the time of his admission as a member, knowingly make any false statement as to his health, age, or condition, or conceal any disease or bodily infirmity tending to shorten life, shall forfeit all claim to and benefit in this fund, and his certificate of membership shall be cancelled.

SEC. 17.—The Secretary or Agent of each Court shall be supplied by the Board with all necessary blanks for compliance with the terms of this fund, in accordance with these laws, free of cost.

SEC. 18.—Any Secretary or Agent failing to comply with the forms and requirements, as laid down in these laws, shall be fined the sum of one dollar, to be paid into this fund.

SEC. 19.—Each Court Secretary or Agent shall keep a separate account of membership in his Court of this fund, such account shall contain all necessary information connected therewith, particularly the name, age, occupation and residence of each member, and whether married or single. The Secretary or Agent to receive for

his services the sum of ten cents per annum per member, for every member of his Court belonging to the fund.

SEC. 20.—Any member whose original certificate shall become torn, lost, or destroyed, on producing satisfactory evidence thereof, shall be supplied with a duplicate on payment of twenty-five cents.

SEC. 21.—Any member of this fund who may have taken a beneficiary certificate for \$250, \$500, \$750, or \$1,000, and wishing to increase that amount, shall be permitted to do so, provided the combined certificates shall not amount to more than \$2,000; the applicant shall be required to pass a second medical examination, and be charged for such increased amount the rate according to his age at the time of making the second application, and that a fee of one dollar be charged to cover the expense of the second application.

SEC. 22.—Each Court may appoint one of its members to canvass the other members for this fund, and for every member he obtains and passes he shall receive the sum of one dollar, to be paid from this fund.

SEC. 23.—In cases where no person or persons are entitled to the endowment, it will revert to the Endowment Fund.

SEC. 24.—The Endowment Board does not hold itself responsible for the payment of any endowment if death is brought on by the persistent use of intoxicants.

SEC. 25.—These laws shall only be altered after notice in the Ancient Forester has been given of such alteration, at least two months previous to the date at which the next regular or special general meeting may be called.

SEC. 26.—A special meeting of the members of the E. F. may be called at any time between the regular meetings on a requisition to that effect being forwarded to the Secretary of the Board, by at least one-third of the members of the Fund, notice of such meeting to be given by the Secretary of the Fund to the Agents or Secretaries of the Courts at least two weeks before the date on which the meeting is called.

SEC. 27.—The Board shall give a report of the proceedings of this Fund to the S. H. C., at each session thereof.

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