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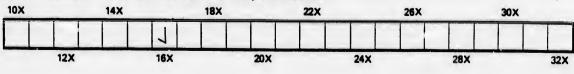
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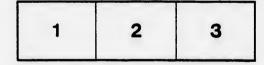
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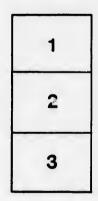
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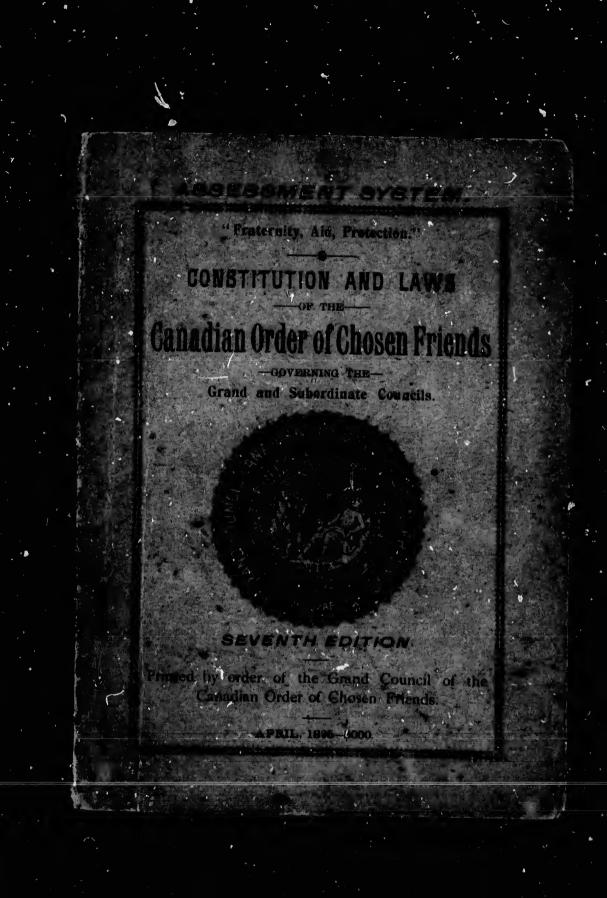
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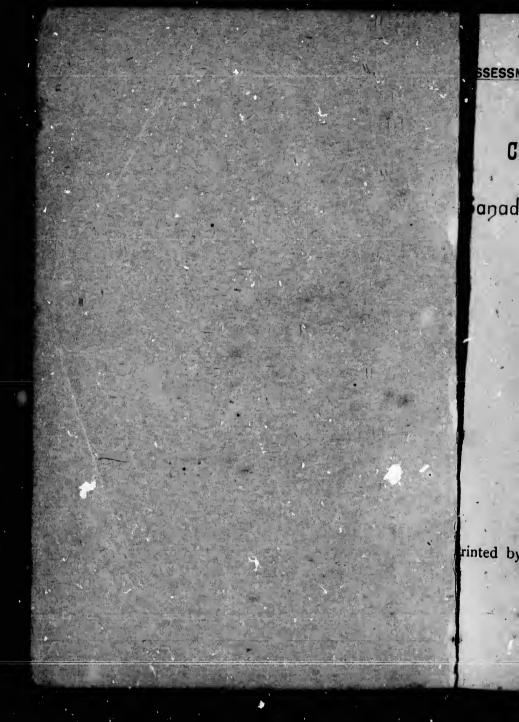
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# CONSTITUTION AND LAWS

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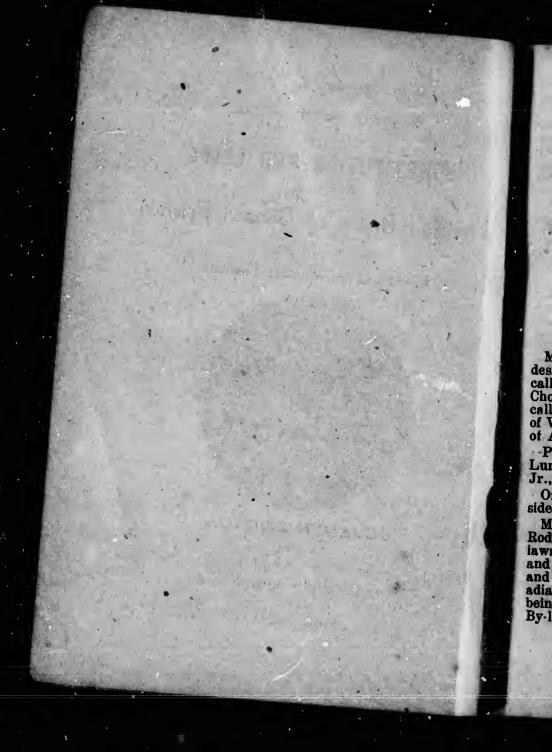
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We, James Symmers, Salesman; James Dixon, Fruit Dealer; Mark J. Paterson, Customs Officer; James Fairclough, Carpenter; Robert McLeod, Shipper, John Carmichael, Machinist; George Magill, Moulder; John Cousins, Bank Messenger ; John Rodger, Black smith, and John Wilson, Carpenter, all of the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, in the Province of Ontario; and Walter W. Lumsden, Baker; William F. Campbell, (the younger), and Lionel S. Call, Gentleman, all of the Town of Dundas, in the said County of Wentworth; and Alexander Robinson, of the Village of Unionville, in the County of York, Doctor of Medicine, and Robert Woods, of the Township of Ancaster, in the said County of Wentworth, Earmer, do hereby declare that we are desirous of heing incorporated under the provisions of Chapter 167 of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, entitled an Act respecting Benevolent, Provident and other Societies, under and by the name of the Grand Council of the Canadian Order of

The objects of the Association are, first, to unite in bonds of Fraternity, Aid and Protection, all acceptable white persons of good character, steady habits, sound booily health, reputable calling, and who believe in a Supreme, Intelligent Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe; second, to improve the condition of its membership, morally and socially and materially, by timely counsel in the seven cardinal virtues and instructive lessons in the seven principal arts and sciences, and by assistance to obtain employment when in need; third, to establish a Relief Fund, from which members of the Association who have complied with all its rules and regulations, may receive the benefit of a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars (\$8,000), which shall be paid as hereafter provided; upon either of the following conditions, namely: (a) When a member becomes disabled by the infirmities of old age, provided he or she has reached the age of seventy-five years; (b) When by reason of disease or accident a member becomes permanently disabled from following

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his or her usual or some other occupation : (c) When a member has died; fourth, to establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members; fifth, to establish an Indemnity Fund for the purpose of protecting the Relief Fund from fraudulent or improper claims, by enabling proper investigation to be made in regard to persons admitted as members, and the alleged facts upon which the claim itself is based; sixth, power to issue Certificates of Membership in certain specified amounts, not exceeding the sum of three thousand dollars, (\$3,000), to any member, and to pay to the. party or persons respectively, for whose benefit the Certificates were made and issued upon the same becoming payable, from a fund to be raised in each case by an assessment of the members of the Association, including all officers and members of Subordinate Councils.

The Association shall have power to make and change its own Constitution and Laws from time to time, and the Constitution and By-laws of all Subordinate Councils of the Order: to finally decide all matters and appeals pertaining to the Order, which shall be properly presented to it; to grant and revoke charters for all Subordinate Councils, and generally to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges properly belonging to the Grand body of the Association of this or similar character, all of which powers shall be exercised in the manner and through the means specified in the Constitution and By-laws of the Order.

The business of the Association, shall be conducted, and its property controlled under such laws and regulations as have been or hereafter shall be legally adopted by the following officers, namely :

- A Grand Councilor.
- A Grand Vice Councilor.
- A Grand Recorder.
- A Grand Treasurer.
- A Grand Medical Examiner.

A Grand Prelate.

A Grand Marshal.

A Grand Warden.

A Grand Guard.

A Grand Sentry.

### And three Grand Trustees.

Who shall severally acquire and hold office in the manner and for the terms provided for in the Constitution of the Grand Council, and until their successors are elected and installed; provided, however, that vacancies may be filled at any time by the proper authority, as provided for by the Constitution; and provided further, that the Grand Council may, by Constitutional provision, include one or more past officers as active officers, of the Association.

The Association shall have the power to levy such assessments or taxes upon Subordinate Councils at any regular session, not exceeding a yearly tax of one dollar (\$1.00) per capita on the Subordinate membership as may seem to be necessary, in addition to charter fees and for revenue to meet the estimated expenses of the ensuing year, or for a specified term; and the proper officers shall have power at any time when a liability on account of the death, disability or arriving at the specified age of a member entitled to a benefit occurs to make the proper and specified assessment under the prescribed regulations, as set forth in the Constitution and By laws to meet such liability. The first trustees and managing officers of the Association

(1) Past Grand Councilor, the said James Symmers.

(2) Grand Councilor, the said James Dixon.

(8) Grand Vice Councilor, the said Walter W. Lumsden.

(4) Grand Recorder, the said Mark J. Paterson.

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(5) Grand Treasurer, the said William F. Campbell (the younger).

(6) Grand Medical Examiner, the said Alexander Robinson.

(7) Grand Prelate, the said James Fairclough.

(8) Grand Marshal, the said Robert Woods.

(9) Grand Warden, the said Robert McLeod.

(10) Grand Guard, the said John Carmichael.

(11) Grand Sentry, the said George Magill.

(12) Grand Trustees, the said John Cousins, the said John Rodger and the said John Wilson.

And that their successors shall severally be elected by a ballot and a majority vote, and for a term of one year from a session at which the regular election is held. The Grand Councilor, for the first term after passing the chair, shall be the acting Past Grand Councilor, and shall be counted as one of the regular officers of the Grand Council. Any officer who allows himself to become suspended from the Order for thirty days thereby forfeits all official rights, and his office may be declared vacant, and the vacancy may be filled any time by the proper authority.

That at a meeting of the said declarants, held on the 16th day of April, A. D., 1887, the printed book or pamphlet hereto annexed marked with the letter "A," was declared to be the Constitution and By-laws for the government of the said Association, and the paper writing hereto annexed marked with the letter "B," is a copy of the said resolution.

That the head office of the said Association is to be at the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth and Province of Ontario.

That the purpose of incorporation is not to carry on trade or business, or for any purpose provided for by any of the Acts mentioned in the Schedule to Chapter 167 of the Rovised Statutes of Ontario, under which this Association is sought to be incorporated.

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And we jointly and severally make this Declaration and have hereunto set our respective hands this 16th day of April, A. B., 1887.

Signed in the presence of H. Carscallen and Christian Wideman.

James Symmers, James Dixon, Walter W. Lumsden, Mark J. Paterson, William F. Campbell, jr., Robert Woods, Robert McLeod, John Rodger, John Carmichael, James Fairclough, John Cousins, John Wilson, George Magill and Alexander Robinson.

#### Co. OF WENTWORTH, ? TO WIT :

I, Henry Carscallen, of the City of Hamilton, in the County of Wentworth, Barrister-at-law, make oath and say as follows:

1. That I was personally present and did see the within declaration signed and executed by James Symmers, James Dixon, Mark J. Paterson, James Fairclough, Robert McLeod, John Carmichael, George Magill, John Cousins, John Roder, John Wilson, Walter W. Lumsden, William F. Campbell (the younger), and Robert Woods, thirteen of the parties thereto, at the said City of Hamilton.

2. That I know all and each of the said parties.

3. That I am a subscribing witness to the execution

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Sworn before me at the City of Hamilton in the Co. of Wentworth, this 26th day of April, A. D. 2887. E. D. CAHILL, A Com., etc.

CO. OF YORK, TO WIT: }

I, Christian Wideman, of the Village of Unionville, in the County of York, Accountant, make oath and say as follows :

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1. That 1 was personally present and did see the within Declaration, signed and executed by Alexander Robinson, one of the parties thereto.

2. That the same was signed and executed at the Village of Unionville.

3. That I know the said party.

4. That I am a subscribing witness to the signing and execution of the said Dec'aration.

#### CHRISTIAN WIDEMAN.

Sworn before me at the Village of Unionville, in the County of York, this 29th day of April, A.D. 1887. JOHN STEPHENSON A Com., etc.

PROVINCE OF UNTARIO, CO. OF WENTWORTH, TO WIT:

I, James Shaw Sinclair, Judge of the County Court, of the County of Wentworth, do hereby certify that the within Declaration appears to me to be in conformity with the provisions of Chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the Revised Statutes of Ontario. Dated at Chambers at the City of Hamilton, and signed this first day of June, A. D. 1887.

#### J. S. SINCLAIR,

Judge of the County Court, of the Co. of Wentworth,

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# ASSESSMENT SYSTEM.

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# GRAND COUNCIL.

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### ARTICLE I.

### NAME AND POWERS.

SECTION 1.- This body shall be known as the GRAND COUNCIL OF THE CANADIAN ORDER OF CHOSEN FRIENDS, with power to make its own Constitution, Laws and Rules of Discipline, and Constitution and General Laws for the government of the whole Order.

SEC. 2-Its decisions on all matters pertaining to the

Order, and on all appeals properly presented, shall be

SEC. 8.-It shall have exclusive power to grant Char-

ters to Subordinate Councils. It shall have power, by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at a stated meeting, to deprive any Subordinate Council of its Charter, and annul its authority.

SEC. 4.-It shall have original, co-ordinate and concurrent jurisdiction in all matters, with Subordinate Councils, whenever it may deem it for the best interests of the Order to exercise the same (excepting the acceptance of new members), notwithstanding any delegation of power to such Subordinate Councils.

SEC. 5-It shall have power to deprive any Subc-dinate Council of its charter and annul its authority for :

First.—Knowingly accepting improper persons as members.

Second.—Knowingly recommending improper claims upon the Relief Fund for payment.

Third.—Wilful and persistent violation of any of the Laws of the Order.

Fourth.—Insubordination, or acts tending to the injury of the Order.

Fifth.—For neglecting or refusing to conform to the Constitution or Laws of the Grand Council or the General Laws or Regulations of this Order.

Sixth.—For wilfully refusing to make its returns, or for non-payment of the assessment to the Relief Fund and of the dues to the Grand Council.

Seventh.—When its membership diminishes to less than five in number.

SEC. 6.—It shall have the power to strike the name of any member summarily from the roll of beneficiary membership and cancel his or her Relief Fund Certificate for the following offence, viz. : Any misrepresentation or concealment material to the contract of benefit insurance in the petition for membership or in the Medical examination, as to any fact regarding which the member is questioned, or any false answer material to the contract of benefit insurance made to any such question or to the Medical Examiner or the Investigating Committee; and the exercise of such power shall work the expulsion of such member from his or her Council without any action of the Council thereon.

The said Grand Council shall also have the power after due trial, as provided by Law IX. of the General Laws of this Order, to strike the name of any member from the roll of beneficiary membership and cancel his or her Relief Fund Certificate for the following of fences:

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Third.—Any violation of the Obligation or of the Laws, Regulations or Rules of the Order material to the contract of benefit insurance, or for neglect of duty as an officer, or for immoral conduct or other offence against the Laws of the Order or of the land.

The exercise of such power after such trial shall work the expulsion of such member from his or her Council.

SEC. 7.—When the Grand Council elects to exercise any of the powers delegated to Subordinate Councils, its edict to that effect, or the edict of the Grand Councilor, acting for it, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, when it is not in session (as herein provided), shall oust such Subordinate Council of jurisdiction over the subject-matter.

SEC. 8.—The action of the Grand Council or the Grand Councilor, when he is authorized to act by the Executive Committee, in the exercise of any power herein conferred, shall be final and conclusive upon all parties affected thereby.

### ARTICLE II.

# OBJECTS OF THE ORDER.

SECTION 9.—The objects of this organization shall be :

First.—To unite in bonds of Fraternity, Aid and Protection all acceptable white persons of good character, steady habits, sound bodily health, reputable calling, and who believe in a Supreme Intelligent Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.

Second.—To improve the condition of its membership, morally, socially, and materially, by timely counsel in the seven cardinal virtues, and instructive lessons in the seven liberal arts and sciences, and by assistance to obtain employment when in need.

Third.—To establish a Relief Fund from which the (beneficiaries of) members of this organization who have complied with all its rules and regulations shall

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B. When by reason of disease or accident, a member becomes permanently disabled from following his or her usual or some other occupation.

C. When a member has died.

Fourth.-To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members.

Fifth.—To establish an Indemnity Fund for the purpose of protecting the Relief Fund from fraudulent or improper claims by enabling proper investigations to be made in regard to persons admitted as members; and the alleged facts upon which the claim itself is based.

SEC. 10.—No claim for any benefit from the Relief Fund shall be paid until reasonably sufficient proof of the justness of the claim has been made in accordance with such laws, regulations and forms as may have been or may be made or prescribed by this Grand Council.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### MEETINGS AND QUORUM.

SEC. 11.—The Grand Council shall meet annually, on the fourth Tuesday in March at 10 o'clock a.m., at such place as may be agreed upon at each preceding annual session: Frovided, the Executive Committee may change such place of meeting, when the exigency of the case demands it. The Grand Council may, adjourn from day to day until the business of the session is disposed of.

SEC. 12.—Special meetings of the Grand Council may be called by the Grand Councils. At the written request of a majority of the Councils in good and regular

standing, who will state the object of the call and no business shall be transacted except that for which the special session may be called, which shall be distinctly stated in the proclamation for the attendance of mem-

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SEC. 18.-Representatives of at least 20 Councils, and such Grand Officers as may be present, shall constitute a quorum, and no business shall be transacted without a quorum, except the installation of officers and closing of the Grand Council, but less than that

number may adjourn to meet at a future specified time. ARTICLE IV.

MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION.

its Officers, Past Officers, Representatives and Stand-

ing Committees, each of whom must be a beneficiary member in good standing of a Subordinate Council.

None but acting Officers, Representatives and members of the Committee on Laws and Supervision, however,

Provided : That the elected members of the Execu-

tive Committee and the Grand Organizer shall be Ex

OFFICIO members of the Grand Council, and entitled to

SEC 15.-Alternates elected by bodies entitled to

elect Representatives shall be recognized, in the ab-

sence of their principals, as having all the rights said

SEC. 16.-A Representative cannot be admitted to the Grand Council from any Council that is in arrears for supplies obtained before the first day of January previous to the meeting of the Grand Council, or that has neglected to make necessary reports, except by a

SEC. 17.-Councils outside the Province of Ontario shall be represented in the Grand Council by Districts, and the Councils constituting such Districts shall be

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SEC. 18.-The date of District Meeting shall be the second Tuesday in January of each year, and the place of such meeting shall be designated in a notice issued by the Grand Recorder to the Councils assigning them to their respective Districts, and the meeting shall be called to order at 10 o'clock a.m., by the duly appointed representative of the Grand Councilor, who shall be a Past Councilor in good standing of some Subordinate Council in the District. The order of business shall be as follows :

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- Opening remarks by the presiding Officer.
   Appointing a Secretary, who shall keep a record of the proceedings.
- 8. Appointing a Committee on Credentials.
- 4. Appointing a Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.
- 5. Report of Committee on Credentials.
- 6. Discussion of proposed amendments.
- 7. Election of one representative to Grand Council. and one alternate.
- 8. General business.

9. Report of Committee on Mileage and Per Diem. 10: Exemplification of the Secret Work

11. Conferring the Past Councilor's Degree on all entitled to it by the Presiding Officer.

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12. Closing remarks by Presiding Officer.

All appointments shall be made by the Presiding Officer. The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of all representatives and report as to their eligibility without delay. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall make up and present to each meeting duplicate pay rolls showing the name of each representative present and the mileage by the most direct route from the location of the Council to which the representative belongs, and the amount due each representative for mileage and per diem, which shall be computed at six cents per mile one way, and two dollars per diem for one day's session only. They shall, after the same have been approved, issue vouchers to each representative for the amount due him or

The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the meeting and shall transmit a copy of the same, signed by the Presiding Officer and himself, to the Grand Recorder within ten days after adjournment, together with a certified copy of the Pay Roll as approved by the meeting.

SEC. 19.-Each Council shall pay its representative the amount shown by the voucher issued by the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, said vouchers to be forwarded to the Grand Recorder, who shall credit the

said Council with the amount on general account. SEC. 20.-The District representatives to the Grand Council shall faithfully represent their respective Districts, and carry out the instructions given them at the. District meeting, provided they are in conformity with the Laws, Rules and Usages of the Order. Such representatives shall be entitled to a vote for each Council in the District, and an additional vote for each Council having one hundred members. No District representa-

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SEC. 21.-The credentials of such representatives to the Grand Council shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of such District Meetings.

### ARTICLE V.

#### OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 22.-The officers of this Grand Council shall . 1.4. 30 at 1 1 30 3" be: e /

- 1. Grand Councilor.
- 2. Grand Vice Councilor.
  - 8. Grand Recorder.
  - 4. Grand Treasurer.
- 15. Grand Medical Examiner. 6. Grand Prelate. 7. Grand Marshal.

  - 8. Grand Warden.
  - 9. Grand Guard.
    - 10. Grand Sentry.
    - 11. Three Grand Trustees.

Who shall severally be elected by ballot and a majority vote, and for a term of one year from the session at which the regular election is held; provided, that in the election of Grand Trustees, one shall be elected each year for a term of three years, the senior trustee being chairman and retiring each year.

No person shall be eligible for the office of Grand. Councilor, who has not previously held an office in the Grand Council.

The Grand Councilor, for the first term after passing the chair, shall be the acting Past Grand Councilor, and shall be counted as one of the regular officers of the Grand Council.

Any officer who allows himself to become suspended from the Order for three months, thereby forfeits all official rights, and his office may be declared vacant, and the vacancy may be filled at any time by the pro-

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No salaried officer of this Grand Council shall be eligible during the same term to be appointed to any other office or position to which any salary or emolu-

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# ARTICLE VI.

# DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 23.-The Grand Councilor shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Council, preserve order and enforce the laws thereof. His decision upon all points of order, whether provided for by the Constitution or not, shall be obeyed, unless reserved on an appeal to the Grand Council. He shall have the casting vote on all occasions when the Grand Council is equally divided. He shall have the General superintendency of the Order, with power to grant dispensation when the good of the Order may require, except for the admission of persons to the beneficiary membership not qualified. He shall conduct, or give directions as to all legal business of the Grand Council. He shall sign all orders upon the Grand Treasurer, drawn in accordance with the law, and all charters and other documents which require his signature to make them. He shall appoint all committees, except when the nomination thereof, on motion, be reserved to the Grand Council. He shall have power to direct any Subordinate Council, to try a member of such Council who has disobeyed the laws and rulings of the Order, and if said Council disobey such direction for thirty days, he may declare said Council suspended without trial. He shall have power to stop the organization of Councils or initiation of applicants where epidemics are prevalent or likely to become so. He shall, when the Grand Council is not in session, with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, exercise the power conferred by Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6, of Article I. of this Constitution upon the Grand Council, and may prescribe rules and regulations to facilitate him in the exercise thereof, and appoint such

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persons (members of the Order) as he may deem necessary to assist him in the premises, delegating to the person or persons so appointed such powers as he may deem proper. He may delegate such portion of his powers and duties as he may deem proper to any other member of the Grand Council, but shall not be relieved of any portion of his responsibility by reason of so doing. He shall submit, at each regular session of the Grand Council, a report of his official acts during the recess, and perform such other duties as the laws, rules and usages of the Order require.

SEC. 24.—The Grand Vice Councilor shall assist the Grand Councilor in the ceremonies of the Order, and in the preservation of decorum in the Grand Council, and in the absence of the Grand Councilor, shall fill his place.

SEC. 25.-The Grand Recorder shall keep a correct record of the proceedings of the Grand Council. and fyle all documents relating thereto; preserve all books, papers and other property belonging to the Grand Council, and have the custody of, and shall affix the seal of the Grand Council to all official documents. He shall prepare for publication a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Council within sixty days after the close of each regular or called meeting. He shall make to the Grand Council, at each regular session, a complete report of the condition of the Order. He shall promptly perform all duties relating to the Relief Fund, as directed in the laws of the Grand Council. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Council pertaining to his office He shall keep a record of the name, number and date of institution of all Subordinate Councils. He shall keep a true and correct account between the Grand Council and all Subordinate Councils, collect or receive all money due the Grand Council, attest all warrants legally drawn on the Grand Treasurer, and present to the Grand Council, annually, a full and correct statement of all money received and disbursed during the year. He shall

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deposit all money in a chartered bank to the credit of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, to be drawn only by the regular Warrants of the Order, signed by the Grand Councilor and Grand Recorder, and "ac cepted " by the Grand Treasurer. The bank in which the funds are to be deposited, shall be designated by the Executive Committee. He shall examine all applications for beneficiary membership and require satisfactory proof of age from all applicants over forty six years of age, such proof to be filed with the application. He shall perform such other duties as the Grand Council, or the laws and usages of the Order require, and, at the expiration of his term of office, shall deliver to the Grand Council, or to his successor, all property of the Order in his keeping. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, he shall give a good and sufficient bond in a sum not less than double the amount he will probably at any time have in his hands; said bond not to be less than Two Thousand Dollars, for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond must be approved by and deposited with the Grand Trustees. He shall fyle such bond within thirty days from the date of his installation, failing in which his office shall be declared vacant. For his services he shall receive such sums as this Grand Council shall de-

SEC. 26.-The Grand Treasurer shall perform all the duties relating to the Relief Fund, as prescribed in the General Laws of the Order. He shall have the custody of all the funds of the Grand Council, and forward all warrants drawn on him in accordance with the Laws of this Order to the persons designated to receive the money. He shall keep a correct and separate account of all money received and paid by him for the Relief Fund, and only pay out the same on warrants drawn on him to pay death and disability benefits. He shall also keep a correct and separate account of all money received and paid out belonging to the General Fund, which that not be used to pay the death and

to the credit of disability benefits. He shall also keep a correct and ds, to be drawn separate account of the Indemnity Fund and Sick Benefit Fund. He shall have his accounts posted at each regular session, and submit them to the Grand Council, or to any committee appointed for that purpose, together with a full and correct report of the. condition of the Grand Treasury. He shall deliver to this Grand Council, or its proper officer, when called upon to do so, all money, papers and other property in his hands belonging to this Body or Order. Whenever it is possible he shall, in conjunction with the Grand Trustees, deposit all money in his hands in such a manner as to be at interest, but the deposit much be subject to the warrant of the Order at pleasure. The interest on such deposits shall be added to the principal. For the faithful discharge and performance of his duties he shall give a good and sufficient bond, in a sum not less than double the amount he will probably at any time have in his hands, which bond must be approved by and deposited with the Grand Trustees: Provided, that the amount of said bond shall not, at any time, be less than one thousand dollars. He shall fyle such bond within thirty days of the date of his installation, failing in which, his office shall be declared vacant. For his services he shall receive such an amount as the Grand Council may determine.

SEC. 27.-The Grand Medical Examiner shall pass upon the qualifications of such physicians for Subordinate Medical Examiners as may have been recommended in the prescribed manner; he shall recommend for suspension or removal by the Grand Councilor all Subordinate Medical Examiners who become disqualified, or neglect or refuse to perform the duties of their office ; examine and approve, reject or return for further investigation, every medical examination referred to him by Subordinate Medical Examiners; require further or more extended examination of any applicant whenever he may deem it necessary; forward every medical examination paper sent to him, after having finally passed

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upon the same, to the Grand Recorder, and shall transmit his report thereon to the Recorder of the Subordinate Council from whence it emanated. All notices of rejection shall be by enclosed communication. shall carefully examine all reports and papers relating to the permanent disability of a member of the Order, and in conjunction with the Grand Councilor and Grand Recorder, render a decision thereon. He shall examine and report to the Grand Recorder on all claims for sick benefit, rendering a decision thereon; transmit to his successor in office all property pertaining to his office ; submit at each regular session of the Grand Council a written report of all the official acts during the recess; and shall receive as compensation such fee as may be prescribed by the Grand Council for each medical examination submitted for his approval, which fee shall be paid out of the amount paid for Relief Fund Certificate. He must be a graduate of some reputable medical college, be in regular, active practice at the time of his election, and shall maintain himself in good standing in the Subordinate Council in which he may

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SEC. 28.—The Grand Prelate shall open and close the

sessions of the Grand Council with prayer, and perform any other duties appropriate to his office. SEC. 29.-The Grand Marshal, Grand Warden, Grand Guard and Grand Sentry, shall perform such

duties as may be required of them by the laws, ritual

and customs of the Order: SEC. 80.-The Grand Trustees shall have charge of

the property of the Grand Council. They shall approve and hold the bonds of all Grand Council Officers who are required to give bond. They shall invest any funds placed in their hands by the Grand Council (subject to the approval of the Executive Committee) in readily-convertable securities, Government on Municipal, that have a stated or well-known market value. They shall not at any time loan money or personal security or real estate mortgages, and they shall de-

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> SEC. 31.-Each and every officer of the Grand Council shall, at the time when his term of office expires, or when legally called upon to do so, turn over to his successor in office, or whomsoever the Grand Council, or Grand Councilor, or Executive Committee, may lawfully designate, all moneys, books, papers, securities, paraphernalia, supplies, and property of whatever nature, which he may have in his possession, belonging to the Grand Council, failing in which, he shall at once be deprived of all offices and honors in the Grand Council, and shall be forever thereafter ineligible to any office or emolument whatever in said body.

> SEC. 32.-Each officer shall also, upon reasonable notice, whenever requested submit a statement of the affairs of his office to the Grand Councilor, or the Executive Committee, or, upon like request, submit his books and papers for inspection, failing in which, the above named penalty may be inflicted.

> SEC. 33.-When the Grand Council is not in session, it shall be the duty of the Grand Councilor, with the approval of the Executive Committee, to inflict the penalty prescribed for any act of omission or commission on the part of any officer, but no penalty shall be inflicted until the accused has had an opportunity to be heard.

SEC. 36.-This Committee shall have power, by a vote wherein a majority of its members shall concur, to fill all vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, removal or otherwise after due trial had, upon notice accompanied by charges and specifications, to suspend or remove any officer of the Grand Council, for misconduct, incompetency, neglect, refusal or failure to comply with any constitutional or lawful duty, and in cases where no other provision is made in these laws for such filling, to fill the place of any officer of the Grand Council so suspended or removed, until the regular session of the Grand Council, and to pay such temporary appointee the salary, if any, which the regular officers would have been entitled to, for the time aforesaid; but no power is hereby given to direct any officer in the administration of the duties of his office so long as he observes the constitutional and lawful requirements. If a member of this Committee be under charges or the preferrer of charges against an

SEC. 35.—During the recease of the Grand Council, this Committee shall exercise the supervisory powers thereof, but its actions must be reported in detail to the next session of the Grand Council. It shall, however, have no power to change any Constitution or Law of the Order.

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SEC. 34.—There shall be a body connected with this Grand Council, to be known as the Executive Committee. It shall consist of the acting Past Grand Counccilor, Grand Councilor, Grand Vice Councilor, the Chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, and three elected by the Grand Council, a majority of whom shall at the call of the Grand Councilor, or, if he refuse to issue such call when requested, upon that of a majority Star 25.

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SEC. 37.—The Grand Councilor, in matters which can be fully explained in writing, may, instead of callirg this Committee together, submit such matters in this form to the members thereof, and their votes shall, in such cases, be as valid and binding as when the Committee is assembled in regular session.

SEC. 38.—This Committee shall have power to summon before it any officer of the Grand Council, or any officer of a Subordinate Council, and to require the production of any books or papers pertaining to the business of the Order.

SEC. 39.—The Grand Recorder shall be clerk of this Committee, and shall attend its sessions and keep such minutes of its proceedings as it may direct.

SEC. 40.—The action of this Committee, under the powers hereby conferred, shall in all cases be final, subject only to appeal to the Grand Council, but the decision of the Committee shall remain in full force pending such appeal.

SEC. 41.—No member of the Executive Committee shall hold any contract, either directly or indirectly, for printing or other supplies.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

SECTION 42.—The Grand Councilor shall have power during the recess of the Grand Council to take such measures as may be necessary for the organization of new Subordinate Councils, and to grant dispensations therefor, which dispense tions shall be attested by the Grand Recorder.

### ARTICLE IX.

# SECRET WORK, ETC.

SECTION 43.—The printing of all Charters, Ritual, St Odes, Cards; Relief Fund Certificates, Relief Fund Action count Books, Petitions for Membership, Assessment te Notices and Assessment Reports belongs exclusively the the Grand Council. Subordinate Councils have not the ou authority, and are hereby forbidden to print any por li

SEC. 44.—All printing of supplies, except the Ritua bec and secret work cards, for the Grand Council, shall be il a contracted for by the Executive Committee after thr tenders have been asked for. The lowest tender shall be have the preference, providing the Committee are satisfied as to the quality of workmanship and materials need.

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SEC. 45.--The power to adopt, change or amend the Ritual or secret work of this Order is vested in the Grand Council exclusively, and can only be altered or amended by a ballot vote of four-fifths of the members

SEC. 46.—The Ritual and Constitution may be published in any language: provided, that a sufficient number of Councils to pay for such publication so petition,

SEC. 47.—Councils shall conduct all correspondence with the Grand Council in the English language, and Councils using other than English Rituals must keep the minutes and records in English; yet when the interests of the Council demand, a copy of the same may be kept in the language of their Ritual.

SEC. 48.—No officer or member of this Order shall be allowed, under the penalty of suspension, to use the name or initials of their peculiar profession or business on any official document concerning the Order.

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SEC. 50.—The Constitution for Subordinate Councils, the General Laws, and the By-laws of the Grand Council, may be altered or amended at any regular aly be altered or session of the Grand Council, or at a special session of the members called for the purpose, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

> SEC. 51.-No new laws or amendmonts shall come into force until thirty days after close of Grand Council meeting, except in case of special legislation, when by a three-fourths vote of the Grand Council, such special legislation may become law at the close of the session.

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# ARTICLE I.

# ORDER OF BUSINESS.

SECTION 52.-The business at each session of the Grand Council shall be taken up daily in the following

- Calling Roll of officers. I.
- II.
- Calling Roll of Representatives. III. Reading the Journal.
- IV.
- Report of Committee on Credentials. V. Initiation of Representatives.
- VI.
- Reports of Officers. VII.

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- Presentation of Petitions, Memorials, Ap-VIII.
- Reports of Committees in the following
  - State of the Order. 1.
  - Laws and Supervision. 2.
  - Grievances and Appeals.
  - Miscellaneous Business. 4.
  - Secret Work. 5.
  - Finance.

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IX. Reports of Special Committees.

- X. Unfinished Business.
- XI. New Business.

XII. Closing.

SEC. 53.—The order of business may be transposed t any time, as occasion may require. All resolutions abmitted to this Grand Body shall be reduced to riting.

SEC. 54.—Any member may, on demand, have his ote on any question recorded on the minutes. The eas and nays shall be called upon the demand of ten nembers present.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 55.—The nomination and election of officers hall take place at any time during the session that the frand Council may determine upon. The Grand Offiers elect shall be installed on the last day of the sesion.

SEC. 56.—Where there is more than one candidate or the same office it shall require a majority of all the votes cast to elect; and when there are more than two candidates for the same office, the one receiving the owest number of votes on each ballot shall be dropped until the election is hal: provided, when there is but one candidate the Grand Councilor shall declare him elected by consent.

SEC. 57.—During the nomination and election of officers no motion, except to adjourn, shall be entertained.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### MILEAGE, PER DIEM AND COMPENSATION.

SEC. 58.—The Grand Council shall pay to its Officers, Representatives and Committees who may be in actual attendance, two dollars per day while the Grand Coun-

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SEC. 59.-The Grand Officers, when instituting Councils, or installing officers, shall be entitled to such compensations as the Grand Council or Executive Committee may determine.

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### ARTICLE IV.

#### COMMITTEES.

SEC. 60.-At the commencement of each Annual Session of the Grand Council, there shall be appointed by the Grand Councilor, the following Committees to serve during the session :

- 1.\* Committee or Credentials.
- 2. Committee on State of the Order.
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- Committee on Grievances and Appeals. 4.
- Committee on Miscellaneous Business. Committee on Secret Work.

And at the close of each Annual Session, the Grand Councilor shall appoint the following Standing Committees, to continue during the year, viz: :

- Committee on Laws and Supervision. 1.
- 2. Committee on Finance.

The first named on any Committee shall be the Chairman thereof, each Committee to consist of three mem-

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SEC. 62.-The Committee on State of the Order shall of said officer of sating all correspondence of the Grand Council, subect to any action, and report thereon. They shall also xamine into and report the condition, progress and prospects of the Order and offer such recommendations as they may deem advisable for the Order.

SEC. 63.-The Committee on Laws and Supervision shall consider and report upon all propositions for changes in the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Council, and the Constitution governing Subordinate Councils.

SEC. 64.-The Committee on Grievances and Appeals shall examine all cases of grievance coming before the Grand Council, by appeals or otherwise, and report their opinion, together with a distinct statement of all questions at issue, to the Grand Council.

SEC. 65.-The Committee on Miscellaneous Business shall report such unanished business of the preceeding session of the Grand Council as may require action; referred all matters of a misceland to them. which they shall report during laneous characte seting. each regular or spin

SEC. 66.-The Committee on Secret Work shall examine all documents referring to the Ritual or secret work of this Order, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them.

SEC. 67.-The Committee on Finance shall examine all bills presented to the Grand Council or its officers, make out a pay roll showing the mileage and per diem due each member, examine the books and accounts of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer quarterly and report to the Executive thereon, who shall cause the same to be printed and appended to the regular quarterly report of the Grand Recorder. This Com-

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mittee shall also verify the Annual Reports require by law and shall report on the same to the Grand Coun cil. No officer of Grand Council shall be eligible to ac as a member of the Finance Committee. SEC. 68.—Other Committees that may be created from time to time shall, at each session, examine and report on such matters as may be referred to them.

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SEC. 70.—Certificates may be issued either in the amount of five hundred, one thousand, fifteen hundred, or two the same may elect; subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Medical Examiner, who has full authority to refuse an application or to reduce the amount as he may deem right.

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### ARTICLE I.

SECTION 69.-There shall be connected with this Order a Relief Fund from which each beneficiary member-the person or persons designated by said member related to or dependent upon him or her or the legal representatives of such person or persons-shall be entitled under the prescribed regulations and conditions to draw the sum named in his or her certificate as hereinafter specified. During his or her life each member shall have full control of his or her interest in this fund, and in case of disability, notwithstanding that some other person or persons have been designated to receive such benefits either in the application for membership, Relief Fund Certificate, or otherwise, the member shall be entitled to r ceive the benefit individually. The designation of benefit must be in accordance with Sec. 120 of Law I. as hereinafter provided.

SEC. 70.—Certificates may be issued either in the amount of five hundred, one thousand, fifteen hundred, or two thousand dollars, as the member applying for the same may elect; subject, however, to the approval of the Grand Medical Examiner, who has full authority to refuse an application or to reduce the amount as he may deem right.

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SEC. 71.-The Beneficiary members shall be divide into two classes. The Ordinary Class shall consist hua all those not included in the Hazardous Class, and sha liv pay the following rates of assessment and the sam gra amount on each assessment thereafter : **em** 

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All members fifty-one years of age and under fifty five shall be limited to one thousand dollars benefit an shall not be eligible for membership in the Sick Bene fit Department.

The Hazardous Class shall consist of all those wh are engaged in or follow any of the following occupa No n tions or callings, viz. : Locomotive engineers, firemen railway trainmen, yardsmen, switchmen, car couplers grinders of edged tools, circular and buzz sawyers mem appli

uarrymen, if engaged in blasting with dynamite, livers, glass blowers, manufacturers of fireworks, telegraph, telephone, or electric light linemen, and other employees of electric light stations, hotel keepers, bartenders; and shall pay the following rates of assessment and the same amount on each assessment thereafter:

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All members fifty one years of age and under fiftyfive shall be limited to one thousand dollars benefit. No member of this class shall be eligible for membership in the Sick Benefit Department.

No person shall hereinafter be admitted to beneficiary membership who is over fifty-five years of age, and all applicants over forty-six years of age shall furnish sat-

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SEC. 72.—No person shall become a beneficiary member of this Order until his or her petition has been ap proved by the Grand Medical Examiner, all the required fees properly paid, and he or she has been duly and regularly initiated.

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### ARTICLE II.

SEC. 73.—On the death of a member the Recorder of the Council shall immediately forward to the Grand Recorder an official notice of such death in accordance with the form furnished by the Grand Council. Such notice must state the name of the deceased member, date of admission, date and cause of death, age at admission, age at death, number, date and amount of the member's Relief Fund Certificate, amount paid into the Relief Fund, amount of benefits, if any, already received, and that he or she was in good standing in the

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SEC. 74.—Upon all the requirements of Section 78 of is Article being complied with, the amount named in e member's Relief Fund Certificate shall be paid upon e death or age disability of the said member, and onealf of the said amount shall be paid to a member who adjudged to be totally or permanently disabled in the anner hereinafter provided. The amounts above amed shall be paid within sixty days after completion the proofs as provided in Section 78 of this Article, rovided, however, that should a death occur when one sessment on each member would not amount to the m named in the member's Relief Fund Certificate, en the sum to be paid shall be the amount of one asssment on each member in good standing in the rder at the date of such members's death.

SEC. 75 .- Should a member become disabled by reaon of old age, which, however, cannot occur within e meaning of these Laws until he or she arrives at e age of seventy-five years, the Recorder of the ouncil shall forward to the Grand Recorder a notice nd proof of such disability as in case of death, and the Recorder of point he receipt and approval of such proofs, the d to the Grand mount of the Relief Fund Certificate held by him or h in accordance er shall be paid to the member as set forth in Section Council. Such of this Article, who shall, upon receipt thereof, re-ceased member, aquish all claims upon the Order.

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SEC. 77.-In making proofs of disability under Se tion 76 of this Article, if the disability is caused h disease, it must be shown to have been of not less that one year's standing.

SEC. 78 .- On receipt of the proper notice of disea or accident disability, under Section 76 of this Articl the Grand Councilor shall proceed to investigate t same. If at any time he deems the facts to warra it he may appoint one or more physicians, whose du it shall be to make a careful examination of the men ber's condition and report as to the character and pe manency of the disability. If such report shows a di ability of an unquestionably total and permanently d abling character, the Grand Councilor, Grand Record and Grand Medical Examiner may approve the san and order the benefit paid. If, however, in the opinic of said officers, there is any doubt concerning the pe nde manence of the disability; they shall postpone the ma Irwa ter for any period they may determine upon, not e elie ceeding one year, and shall then order a new examin ent tion, either by the same or other physicians. If the Ich result of this second examination be also uncertai hat i said officers may in like manner provide a third, up eleas the result of which they shall either pay or refuse pay the benefit claimed. This decision shall be fin SEC and conclusive upon the parties affected thereby, unle on fo reserved upon appeal by the Grand Council in regul edic Any claimant feeling aggrieved may tak ot a i such an appeal by serving notice thereof upon the Sec Grand Recorder within thirty days after receipt erson notice of decision by the claimant or his or her leg ant 1 representatives. enefi The Grand Council shall accord the appellant, a hearing at its next regular session and d epted of t pose of the matter. SEC.

SEC. 79.—In cases where disabilities, under Section 76 of this Article, are caused by accident, and are oction

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SEC. 80.-All proofs for death or disability benefits hall be approved by the Subordinate Council to hich the claimant belongs, while assembled in regular ession, and such approval shall be attested by the ouncilor and Recorder with the seal of the Council. Medical Examiner shall also approve and attest such aims, all of which shall be done before a claim is forarded to the Grand Recorder.

SEC. 81.-Any amount paid a member under the proisions of Section 76 of this Article shall be charged gainst and endorsed upon the Relief Fund Certificate eld by such a member, and deducted from the amount ue thereon at the death of the member, or when the ember becomes entitled to an aged disability benefit. pon notice from the Grand Recorder that a benefit nder said Section has been allowed, the member shall rward through the Subordinate Council, his or her elief Fund Certificate to said officer for said endorseent, and no warrant shall be drawn in payment of ich benefit until this is done, or evidence is furnished hat it is impossible to do so, in which case a receipt of elease shall be furnished.

SEC. 82.-Whenever, upon the examination of a petision shall be fine on for beneficiary membership in this Order, the Grand sion shall be find on for beneficiary membership in this Order, the Grand ed thereby, unleaded a fit subject to receive benefits under the applicant is Council in regulator a fit subject to receive benefits under the provisions rieved may tak i Section 76 of this Article, but is otherwise a suitable shereof upon the erson to receive the benefits of the Order, said appli-after receipt on the may, by waiving and relinquishing all rights and or his or her lege enefits which might arise under said Section, be ac-acter session and die of this Article.

SEC. 83.—The following are hereby declared to be es, under Section tal and permanent disabilities within the meaning of ccident, and an ection 76 of this Article, viz. : The loss of both hands ;

the loss of both feet; the loss of both eyes; the loss one hand and the permanent crippling of the othe the loss of one foot and the permanent crippling of the other foot or leg; such a permanent and disabling sit ness as shall render the member hereless to the exte of permanently preventing the there is to the extern any occupation whereby he or site an obtain a live hood.

SEC. 84.—The benefit provided for in Section 76 this Article does not apply to, and shall not be grant where the disability may have been caused, wholly in part, by duelling, self-inflicted injuries, where disability is traceable to the influence of intoxicat drinks, or while the member is engaged, or in con quence of having been engaged in any unlawful act

SEC. 85.—After the payment of the disability ben herein provided for, the member, by a final surrent of his or her Relief Fund Certificate, may be relief from any other payments on account of the Re Fund. If, however, any member to whom a payment under Section 76 of this Article has been made, desi to retain beneficiary membership in the Order, he she may do so by continuing to pay assessments at full rate upon the whole amount of the Relief Fu Certificate as originally issued, and no such membership any other terms.

SEC. 86.—After receipt of a proper notice and prof death or disability of a member duly approved the proper officers, the Grand Recorder shall drawarrant on the Grand Treasurer in favor of the properson or persons for the amount payable under surflife Fund Certificate, as provided in Section 74 this Article, and the Grand Treasurer shall forwarthe same within sixty days after proper receipt of a proof to the Treasurer of the Subordinate Council which the deceased held or disabled member hard membership.

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SEC. 87.-The Treasurer of the Subordinate Council all, on receipt of a warrant from the Grand Trearer, immediately deliver it to the person or persons whose favor it is drawn and receive in return the elief Fund Certificate properly endorsed, which Cerficate he shall forward to the Grand Treasurer. Said livery shall be certified by the Councilor and Recorder hd attested with seal of the Council and entered upon e records of the Subordinate Council. In case of the eath of the person or persons named in the warrant fore delivery is made, the warrant shall be returned the Grand Treasurer with a statement of the facts gned by the Councilor, Recorder and Treasurer under al, and a new warrant shall be drawn payable to the erson or persons who, after a proper and thorough vestigation, shall be found to be entitled to the enefit.

SEC. 88.-Should one or more of the bereficiaries e, may be relievelected by a member die before the decease of such ember, and no other or further disposition be made hereof, upon his or her death, such benefit shall be aid in full to the surviving beneficiaries, each sharing RO RATA as previded in the Relief Fund Certificate. SEC. 89 .- Should all the beneficiaries selected by the

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#### ARTICLE III.

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SEC. 91.-Whenever an assessment is called for th Recorder shall certify to the Treasurer the amount du the Grand Treasury on account of Relief Fund by th terms of the call of the Grand Recorder. The Tree surer of the Subordinate Council shall within fiftee days from the date of call, forward to the Grand R corder the amount so certified by the Recorder, and once notify in writing the Recorder of his or her Coun cil of the amount so forwarded, the date it was sen and the method by which it was transmitted. The R corder shall make a report of the same at the nex meeting of the Council.

SEC. 92.-Whenever any extra assessment is levie then the Subordinate Council shall, within fifteen day after same is payable by the members, forward to th Grand Recorder the amount thereof due the Gran Treasury accompanied by the proper reports.

SEC. 93.-Should a Council fail to remit any assess ment within fifteen days as above provided for, th Grand Recorder shall notify the Grand Councilor of th fact, who shall thereupon declare such Council and al its members suspended from all the rights and privil eges of the Order, and before they can be reinstated all liabilities to the Relief Fund must be fully paid.

SEC. 94.-When an extra assessment is made it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to at once giv notice of the same through the columns of the Officia Organ, and such assessment notice shall be of the formame is prescribed by the Executive Committee, and shall be notice, legal notice to all concerned. Each member shall partice in

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SEC. 95.-Subordinate Councils shall forward all SEC. 95.—Subordinate Councils shall forward an councilor of the noney for the Relief Fund to the Grand Recorder, Council and al Subordinate Council, if the amount and report is ghts and privil, correct according to the record of the Council in his n be reinstated office, and for this purpose the Grand Recorder shall effice, and for this purpose the Grand Recorder shall keep a tull and complete record of the membership of is made it shall each Subordinate Council. If the amount forwarded to at once give to the Grand Recorder is insufficient he shall at once s of the Official notify the Subordinate Council of the error, and if the be of the form same is not corrected within thirty days after such and shall be notice, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to ember shall pay give notice of the same to the Grand Councilor, who

## shall thereupon declare such Council suspended.

#### ARTICLE IV.

#### SICK BENEFIT FUND.

SECTION 96.—This fund shall be known as the Sic Benefit Fund of the Canadian Order of Chosen Friends and it shall be optional with any member of the Orde to participate in its benefits.

SEC. 97.--Any member of the Order who is in good standing in any Subordinate Council, desiring to par ticipate in the Sick Benefit Fund, must make applica tion upon the blank forms prepared for that purpose which shall form a part of the Medical Examiner report. The applicant shall go before the Medical Ex aminer of his or her Council for examination as to hi or her physical condition. If the examination be satis factory to the Medical Examiner, the applicant sha hand his or her application, together with a fee of tw dollars, to the Recorder of the Council, who shall for ward the application and seventy five cents of th said fee to the Grand Recorder, who shall forward the application to the Grand Medical Examiner for his ap proval. If approved, the Grand Recorder shall there upon fill out the Sick Benefit Certificate and return to the Recorder. One dollar of said fee shall be place to the credit of the applicant as one advanced assess ment, to be applied to the first call levied after the ap plication is approved. In case the application is no approved the whole fee of two dollars shall be returned to the applicant.

SEC. 98.—Any member, who at the time of the institution of a Council, or at the time of initiation into th Order, making application to participate in the Sic Benefit Fund, shall pay a fee of two dollars—seventy five cents of said fee to be transmitted to the Gran Recorder with the application, and twenty-five cents to be applied to the General Fund of the Council of which the applicant is to become a member. After the applicant plica appr Rece cate Rece be p asse the not turn

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SEC. 99.—The amount of benefits to be paid for any one continuous disability shall be five dollars per week, and at the same rate for a fractional part of a week; provided that no benefit shall be paid for a longer period than twelve weeks, or a shorter period than two weeks. Any member having received the full benefit of \$5.00 for twelve weeks, cannot again be entitled to full benefit until twelve months after receiving that benefit, but will be entitled to \$3.00 per week for a period not longer than twelve weeks, if taken sick again during the twelve months.

SEC. 100.—No benefit shall be paid to any one whose sickness or disability was caused or originated through intemperate habits or vicious or immoral conduct on his or her part. Provided also that until such sickness or disability shall prevent any member from follov ing his or her usual business, occupation, avocation or calling, he or she shall not be deemed entitled to receive benefits from the Sick Benefit Fund.

SEC. 101.—The Sick Benefit Assessment shall be bimonthly, and every member of the Department shall pay to the Recorder of the Council the sum of one dollar, on or before the last day of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December in each year, without notice. On the first day of the months of January, March, May, July, September and November of each year, the Grand Recorder shall make a call on each Council for the assessment of each member in the Treasury belonging to the Sick Benefit

Fund, who had been entered on the books of the Grand Recorder as a member of this department prior to the date of the call. The assessments called for shall be forwarded in the same manner as Relief Fund Assessments, and shall be subject to the same laws in that respect. In case there should be one full assessment on hand in the Grand Treasury on the first day of any of the months last mentioned in this Section, the Grand Recorder shall notify each Council of the fact, and shall omit making the call for that month, and in such case the members of the Department shall not require to pay the next bi-monthly assessment, and shall be notified by the Recorder of the fact when they call to pay the said assessment.

SEQ. 102.-Extra assessments shall be levied whenever there are no funds on hand on the first day of any of the months of February, April, June, August, October or December in any year, and in such case the Subordinate Councils shall forward such extra assessment, with the regular bi-monthly assessment, accompanied by the proper report. The Grand Recorder shall, in levying the extra assessment, give a statement of the fund and give notice of the same through the columns of the Official Organ, and such assessment notice shall be legal notice to all concerned.

SEC. 103.-The Grand Treasurer shall keep a distinct and separate account of the Sick Benefit Fund from all other Funds, and shall pay no amount out of it save for Sick Benefits, and for the expenses of investigating Sick Benefit claims, as per order of the Grand Councilor and Grand Recorder.

SEC. 104.-The fee for examination shall be paid by the applicant to the Medical Examiner; provided, however, that in case application is made for participation in the Sick Benefit Fund at the time of joining the Order, the medical examination for admission into the Order shall be deemed sufficient. SEC. 105.-Any member participating in the Sick

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SEC. 106.—Any member who is participating in the Sick Benefit Fund, if suspended for non-payment of dues to his or her Council, or assessments to the Beneficiary or other Fund of the Order, or for any violation of the Constitution or Laws of the Order, or who withdraws from the Order, or is expelled from the Order for any cause whatever, shall forfeit all rights, privileges and interests which he or she may have in the Sick Benefit Fund of the Order; provided, that in no case shall a member suspended for non-payment of assessments to the Sick Benefit Fund forfeit his or her rights to the Beneficiary Fund or Total Disability benefit of the Order.

SEC. 107.—Any member of. the Sick Benefit Fund may surrender his or her Sick Benefit Certificate by giving thirty days' notice, when it shall be cancelled by the Grand Recorder, but by such surrender he or she shall not forfeit any of his or her rights or privileges in the Order, nor his or her rights in the Beneficiary Fund or Total Disability benefit of the Order.

SEC. 108.—All applications for relief and benefits from the Sick Benefit Fund must be upon the proper forms prepared for that purpose, made in the name of the applicant by the Chief Councilor and Recorder of the Council in which the applicant is a member, signed

by the Chairman of the Sick Committee, and forwarded to the Grand Recorder who shall, if the claim is approved by the Grand Medical Examiner, and the applicant is in good standing, issue an order, signed by the Grand Councilor, on the Grand Treasurer, for the amount due, and it shall be paid to the applicant through the Treasurer of the Council of which the applicant is a member. Provided, that a declaration of the applicant and certificate of the attending physician shall in all cases accompany the claim, except where a duly registered physician certifies that the claimant is

by reason of his or her mental or physical condition incapable of making such declaration. SEC. 109.-Sick Benefits shall not extend to nor be

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or submarine operations, active military or naval ser-

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not above enumerated, and shall be subject to the

restrictions enumerated in the Sick Benefit Certificate.

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a Justice of the Peace, such application to set forth the

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SEC. 112.-All members of the Sick Benefit Fund shall pay extra dues at the rate of ten cents per quarter into the funds of his or her Council, and each Council shall pay to the Grand Recorder, out of their General Fund, ten cents semi-annually for each member participating in the Sick Benefit Fund as extra per capita tax.

SEC. 113.-No benefits shall be paid out of the Sick Benefit Fund unless application has been made for such benefits within three months from the date of the commencement of such sickness or disability, and any member of this department shall not be entitled to sick benefits for more than one week previous to his or her notification to the Councilor or Recorder of the Council of such sickness, and in the case of non-resident members, the post mark of the receiving post office shall be When the Chief taken as the date of notification. Councilor or Recorder receives notice of the illness of a member of this Department he shall at once notify the Chairman of the Relief Committee, giving the name and address of the member, and said Committee shall visit said member at least once a week during the continuance of illness.

SEC. 114 .- A member of the Order having applied for participation in the Sick Benefit Fund, and being rejected by either the Medical Examiner of his or her Council or the Grand Medical Examiner, cannot again make application therefor for a period of six months, after which, so desiring, he or she shall make application therefor through his or her Council; if a majority of the votes cast are favorable, he or she shall receive a recommend with the seal of his or her Council attached, and again go before the Medical Examiner of his or her Council as in the first case, when, if his or her medical examination receives the approval of the Grand Medical Examiner a Cortificate approval of the

Grand Medical Examiner, a Certificate shall be issued. SEC. 115.—Provided also that no female member shall receive any benefit for any peurpural disease or sickness or any illness arising directly or indirectly from child-bearing and parturition or for any illness directly from or indirectly due to disease of the uterus, ovaries, or shall include hysteria and that train of symptoms due

SEC. 116.—Members on the Sick Benefit Funds must not visit gambling houses or other questionable places; nor frequent taverns, nor get intoxicated.

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SECTION 117.—The Grand Treasurer shall set apart one per cent. of every Relief Fund assessment as an Indemnity Fund, to be used only for the purpose of protecting the Relief Fund from improper claims. This Indemnity Fund shall be used to pay bills incurred in investigating claims made for death or disability, defending suits upon such alleged claims, and investigating the acts of Councils or members affecting in any way the Relief Fund.

SEC. 113.—Whenever this Fund shall accumulate so that there shall be three thousand dollars to the credit thereof in the Grand Treasury, the setting aside of one per cent. chall cease, and shall not be resumed until the amount has been reduced to less than one thousand dollars.

SEC. 119.—Warrants shall be drawn on the Indemnity Fund in the same manner as upon the General Fund.

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### LAW I.

#### APPLICATION.

SECTION 120.—Every application for beneficiary membership must be upon the form furnished by the Grand Council, and the application must be governed by the provisions of Article VI. of Subordinate Council Constitution, and such other Laws and Regulations as are now in force or may hereinafter be adopted.

SEC. 121.—Fach member on making application for Relief Fund Certificate, shall designate to whom the benefit shall be paid in case of death, which may be to any person or persons he or she may name, related to or dependent upon him or her, to receive either the whole or a part of such benefit as follows : First—to a member's wife, husband, children, father, mother, sisters, brothers, grand-parents, uncles, aunts, cousus, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, stepchildren, half-sisters, or half-brothers. Second — To adopted children, or any other person who is dependent on the member for maintenance (food, clothing, lodging, or education) in which case satisfactory proof of dependency must be furnished to the Grand Recorder before the Relief Fund Certificate can be issued.

SEC. 122.—Every Subordinate Medical Examiner shall forward to the Grand Medical Examiner all applications for beneficiary membership, together with the medical examination and reports, within five days after the date ( receiv days ( Medica

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date of such medical examination. Applications not received by the Grand Medical Examiner within thirty days of the date of the examination by the Subordinate Medical Examiner may be declined.

SEC. 123.—The Grand Medical Examiner shall forward every application finally passed upon by him, immediately to the Grand Recorder, and a notice of his action to the Subordinate Council.

SEC. 124.—Upon receipt of a notice from the Grand Medical Examiner that an application is approved, the Subordinate Council shall forward to the Grand Recorder a certificate (as per form on the back of the Medical Examination) that the applicant has been initiated and a fee of one dollar to pay for a Relief Fund Certificate. No member can become beneficiary until this is done.

SEC. 125.—Any member who has no assessments charged against him or her, may at any time change from a higher to a lower amount by giving a written notice to his or her Council of a desire to change from and after a given date named by him or her in said notice: Provided, that such member shall pay the former rates on all assessments levied on or before date of such change, and shall surrender to the Council his or her Relief Fund Certificate, which, with the fee (\$1.00), the Certificate of the change and the member's notice thereof, shall be forwarded by the Recorder to the Grand Recorder, who shall issue a new Relief Fund Certificate to such member.

SEC. 126.—Any member under fifty-five years of age may change from a lower to a higher amount by making a written application to his or her Council, after being examined and recommended in the manner prescribed for new members, and shall pay as an assessment thereafter, in addition to his or her previous assessment, the rate of assessment for the additional amount at his or her age at the time the change is made. The application for change must be accompani-

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SEC. 127.-Any beneficiary may at any time surrender his or her Relief Fund Certificate, and release the

Order from any claim arising by reason thereof. SEC. 128.-Upon the surrender of any Relief Fund Certificate, the same shall be immediately forwarded to the Grand Recorder, who shall cancel the same and

## LAW II.

## RELIEF FUND CERTIFICATES.

SECTION 129.-The Grand Recorder shall, after an application has been approved by the Grand Medical Examiner, the person has been initiated, and the Relief Fund Certificate fee (\$1.00) has been paid, make

out and forward to the Council a Relief Fund Certificate. SEC. 130.-A member in good standing may at any time surrender his or her Relief Fund Certificate, and a new Certificate shall then be issued, payable to such person or persons as the member may direct, upon the payment of the Certificate fee (\$1.00). In case of the loss or destruction of a Relief Fund Certificate, a new one may be issued upon the execution of an affidavit by the member to whom the same belonged, showing such loss or destruction, and a release by the benficiary or beneficiaries thereunder, such affidavit and release, accompanied by a petition for the new Certificate and a fee

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SEC. 181.—A member who desires to change the amount of his or her Relief Fund Certificate, may, by surrendering the old Certificate, paying the fee (\$1.00) for new one, and complying with the law governing such cases, if his or her application for change is approved, receive a new Certificate for the new amount.

SEC. 132.—The issuing of a new Relief Fund Certificate to a member, at his or her request, shall cancel and invalidate any and all previous Relief Fund Certificates issued to such member, whether such previously issued Certificates have been formally surrendered or not.

SEC. 133.—Each Relief Fund Certificate shall be upon the form prescribed by the Grand Council or its duly constituted authorities; shall bear the signature of the Garnd Councilor and Grand Recorder, or a fac simile thereof, and an impression of the seal of the Grand Council.

### LAW III.

#### MEDICAL EXAMINERS.

SECTION 184.—To become a Medical Examiner of this Order, a physician must be a graduate of some recognized Medical School, or a licentiate, be in regular active practice, and furnish satisfactory evidence of his character, skill and ability. Upon these conditions being complied with, a commission may be issued, which shall entitle such physician to examine applicants for beneficiary membership, such examiners, however, to be subject to the approval of the Grand Medical Examiner. Medical Examiners are under the general direction of the Grand Medical Examiner, and are to be subject to removal upon his recommendation,

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SEC. 135.-The Medical Examiner shall make person. al examination of all applicants for membership, shall answer the questions asked by the forms supplied by the Grand Council, and shall state in writing his opinion of the character of the risk, and in case of doubt, shall report to the Grand Medical Examiner the exact physical condition of said applicant in such distinct and clear terms that he may be able to pronounce an intelli gent judgment as to the fitness and character of the risk. He shall in all applicants of 35 years age of and upwards, be required to make the urinal tests. He shall examine the report of the Board of Physicians, in case of disability, and state in writing his opinion thereon. He shall perform such other duties as the laws, rules and customs of this order may require. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Subordinate Council may prescribe, the same to be paid

zer may select a physician, who may examine the applicants. Such examinations, when forwarded to the

SEC. 186.—In the organization of new Councils, where it is not practicable to have a Medical Examiner com-missioned before the date set for initiation, the organi-Grand Medical Examiner, must be accompanied by the evidence required for a commission.

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SEC. 138.-Every application to the Grand Councilor

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### LAW V.

## PER CAPITA TAX AND REPORTS.

SECTION 139.—Subordinate Councils shall, on or before the last day of January and July of each year, make a complete and accurate report to the Grand Recorder on the blanks furnished by the Grand Council, and pay a semi-annual per capita tax of 50 cents on all members in good standing in the respective Councils on the last day of December and June preceding, and said tax shall be transmitted to the Grand Recorder before the installation of officers. Any Council failing to comply with this law shall be reported by the Grand Recorder to the Grand Councilor, who shall thereupon declare such Council and all its members suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order.

SEC. 140.—Subordinate Councils shall also pay the per capita tax of 50 cents on all members reinstated during the months of January and July of each year.

SEC. 141.—New Councils organized less than six months before the date of making report, shall pay a per capita tax of five cents for each full month of their existence. Councils organized less than one month before the close of a term, shall make the regular report, but shall be exempt from tax for that term.

SEC. 142—Members-at-large shall pay to the Grand Council the sum of one dollar and fifty cents, semiannually in advance, which shall take the place of dues and be applied to per capita tax account.

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SEC. 144.—Each Subordinate Council shall forward to the Grand Recorder a copy of its roll of membership and statement of its accounts of the Relief Fund when requested by that Officer to do so.

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## LAW VI.

INSTITUTION OF NEW COUNCILS.

SECTION 145.-New Councils shall be designated by the name of the city, town or village in which they are situated, and by a number which shall be furnished by the Grand Recorder. No Subordinate Council shall be instituted for a sum less than \$75, or with less than ten members, said members to be received as Social

members until the medical examination and application for beneficiary membership is approved and the Relief Fund Certificate granted.

SEC. 146.-Charter members shall have the privilege of fixing the amount each shall pay; provided that such an amount in the aggregate be not less than \$75 for Charter and the Certificate fee of one dollar, except in the case of the member of the Order joining a new

Council by card, and such as remain non-beneficiary or

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SEC. 147.-The supplies of a Subordinate Council

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SEC. 148.—Whenever any pestilence or epidemic disease shall prevail or shall be threatened in any District where a Council or Councils of this Order aro or may be established, the Grand Councilor shall, immediately upon being notified thereof, or in any manner acquiring knowledge of the same, suspend the initiation of new members into said Council, or the establishing of new Councils, during the continuance of said pestilence or epidemic. The District to be prescribed, and the period of the suspension aforesaid to be defined by the Grand Councilor in an official circular.

SEC. 149.-No circular, resolution or document, relating to the Ritual, Laws or general management of this Order, shall be issued or circulated by any Subordinate Council or member of the Order. or be read in or acted upon by any Subordinate Council, unless the same shall bear the approval of the Grand Councilor. All official circulars, notices, etc., issued by the Grand Councilor, Grand Recorder or Executive Committee published in the Official Organ shall be legal notice to all concerned.

SEC. 150 .- No act of a Subordinate Council in the admission of any person to membership in this Order, and no act of any member, for his own or his beneficiary's advantage, shall be recognized by, or be deemed binding upon the Grand Council, or as entitling the person admitted or the beneficiary named, to any benefits from this Order, unless such acts shall be in substantial accordance with the provisions contained in the Laws and Constitution prescribed by the Grand at a with Council.

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SEC. 151.-When two Councils in the same city or village desire to consolidate they shall appoint com mittees to arrange the terms therefor. The report of the committee, if favorable to consolidation, shall recommend the adoption of the name and number of one of said Councils, and the date on which the consolidation shall take effect. If both Councils adopt the report of the committee the consolidation shall take place under the supervision of the Grand Councilor, who shall install the officers and make report to the Grand Recorder. Before said consolidation shall be affected, a complete copy of the roll of membership of each Council, together with a statement of the last assessment paid to the Relief Fund by each member, signed by the Recorder under seal, shall be forwarded

## LAW VII.

## DELINQUENT OR DEFUNCT COUNCILS.

SECTION 152.-When charges are preferred against a Subordinate Council, and it neglects or refuses to answer to the same within thirty days after receiving due notice thereof, it may be tried and suspended or

SEC. 153.-When a Subordinate Council is dissolved it shall be the duty of the last officers or members having charge thereof to deliver up the charter, books, funds, paraphernalia and other property and effects to

SEC. 154.-All funds and effects received by the

Grand Council shall be restored in the event of its being reinstated, which reinstatement may be done by a majority vote of the Grand Council at a stated or special session, or during the recess, by the Grand Councilor, upon the payment of all dues and assessments due at the date of dissolution and removal of the

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SEC. 156.—Members holding the cards provided for n the preceding Section, shall be carried as memberst-large, on the books of the Grand Recorder, and hall pay to the Grand Council the sum of three dollars her year as annual dues, which shall be payable seminnually in advance.

SEC. 157 — All members-at-large shall pay their asressments to the Grand Recorder as though regularly connected with a Subordinate Council.

SEC. 158.—No member-at-large shall be carried as such for a period exceeding one year, unless it be impracticable by reason of surrounding circumstances for him or her to connect himself or herself with a Subordinate Council.

#### LAW VIII.

#### CONTROVERSIES-ARBITRATION.

SECTION 159.—Whenever any controversy shall arise as to the liability of the Grand or any Subordinate Council to any member or beneficiary as to any matter, the adjustment or determination of which is not provided for in any other way, the same shall be settled by arbitration. The Grand or Subordinate Council may select one arbitrator, the member or beneficiary another, and the two so selected, if they cannot agree upon a decision as to the matter in dispute, may select a third. A decision by a majority shall be binding and final, and conclusive upon all the parties interested.

SEC. 160.—The expenses of such arbitration shall be borne by the party to the arbitration against whom the decision is made.

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SEC. 161.-Either party may be represented by cour sel before the arbitrators.

# SECTION 162.-Each and every member of this Order

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without regard to official rank or position, shall be su

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SEC. 163.-The general charge shall be "Conduc

unbecoming a Chosen Friend," and the following shall

be recognized among other things as distinct offence

against this Order, which shall render the offende

1st.-Revealing any of the secrets or private business

2nd.-Revealing the name of any member of a com-

mittee, or other member, to any applicant, who reported

4th.-Habitual intoxication, or visiting the Council

5th.-Indecent, profane, or unbecoming language or

6th .- - Improperly obtaining or attempting to obtain

the benefits of the Order, or falsely answering questions

in the petition for membership or medical examination.

fraudulent or improper claims upon the Order, or being

concerned in any way in securing or attempting to secure the payment of such a claim, knowing it to be

8th.—Appropriating any of the funds or effects of the Order or using them contrary to the laws and customs

7th.-Knowingly recommending the payment of

subject to the provisions of the preceding Section :

of the Order to anyone not a member thereof.

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3rd.-Dishonest or immoral conduct.

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### 9th.-False and malicious charges.

SEC. 164.-All violations not herein specified, shall be sited with appropriate penalties, as the Councils shall etermine. Every Chosen Friend shall be deemed reponsible immediately to the Council to which he or she elongs, and immediately to all other Councils of the order.

SEC. 165.—The following shall be the penalties which nay be inflicted upon members found guilty of charges referred under this article, viz.:

1st.-Expulsion.

2nd.-Indefinite suspension.

3rd.-Suspension for a definite period.

4th.-Fine.

5th.-Reprimand.

The effect of expulsion, indefinite suspension, or suspension for more than three months, shall include, among other things, the cancellation of the Relief Fund Certificate held by the member.

SEC. 166.-When any member of a Council shall violate any of the provisions, laws, or usages of the Order it shall be the duty of any member knowing the same to give a written statement thereof to the Councilor together with the names of all witnesses, whereupon the Councilor, without reading said complaint to the Council, or revealing the name of the informant, shall refer the matter to the Trial Tribunal of the Council. Such Trial Tribunal shall be a regular standing committee of each Subordinate Council, shall consist of three members, and be appointed by the Councilor at the first stated meeting in each term.

SEC. 167.—It shall be the duty of the Trial Tribunal to whom a charge has been referred, to furnish a copy of the same to the accused, and to examine carefully and impartially the witnesses and evidence. They shall give due notice of the time and place of trial, and a fair opportunity for all concerned to be present. The accused and Council shall each have as counsel a mem-

SEC. 170.-Whenever a Council may determine upon a suspension for a definite period, or fine, a motion may be made to fix the time or amount, and two amendguilt, th ments may be offered thereto, which shall be decided Council well as

SEC. 169.-The Council, having found a member guilty must inflict some penalty recognized in Section 165, and to this end should the vote be taken on all the penalties, without the requisite vote in favor of either, the whole matter shall lie over until the next regular meeting, when the ballot on fixing a penalty shall be had as before, and shall so continue until some penalty

SEC. 168 — Should the charges be sustained, and the recommendation of the Trial Tribunal not sustained the Councilor shall, without motion, proceed to take the vote on the first mentioned penalty in Section 165 of this Article, and if lost, shall take the next, and shall so proceed until some penalty is agreed upon by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

ber of the Order in good standing, and but one with at a time shall be allowed to be present. Tribunal shall keep a correct journal of its proceeding reduce to writing the testimony taken, and have witnesses sign it, and after receiving all the eviden presented shall reduce to writing their findings as the guilt of the accused. If guilty they shall s what punishment in their opinion the Council should flict. They shall present the report to the Counciln later than the second stated meeting held after su charge is preferred, which report shall be rejected adopted as the case may be by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting at which such repo is presented, and such vote shall be taken without m tion by ball ballot, by order of the Councilor after has ing read the report of the Trial Tribunal to the Coun cil. If the report is adopted it shall be recorded as the judgment of the Council. The journal and testimon shall be read on the call of five members.

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SEC. 171.—If an accused member shall evade the ceiving of a citation, or, after receiving the same, hall neglect or refuse to attend at the time therein red, and if absent throughout trial, and not repreented by a member of this Order as attorney, the buncil may proceed to expel the member for conempt; provided that, if such absence shall have been aused by unavoidable circumstances, the accused hall be entitled to a rehearing, and at all stages of the proceeding shall have every opportunity for vindiation.

SEC. 172.—Should an accused member appeal from the decision of the Trial Tribunal, and the Council decides that the appeal is justified by additional evidence, the complaint shall be tried by the Council according to the rules prescribed in the foregoing Sections for the action of the Trial Tribunal.

SEC. 178.—Every specification of a charge legally brought before the Council must be inquired into by testimony, and every specification that in itself imports a direct offence against the laws of this Order must be voted upon, and sustained or dismissed; when a charge or a part or parts of charges are sustained, or a plea of guilty entered the Council must fix a penalty to such finding or plea.

SEC. 174.—If a member acknowledges his or her guilt, the penalty may be imposed without trial. The Council may hear testimony upon a plea of guilty, as well as to determine the extent of the offence, on the

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one hand, as to ascertain the mitigating circumstan on the other.

SEC. 175.-A member may be charged more th once for the same offence if the trial has not been be but when a trial has taken place on any complain another charge for the same offence cannot be enter

SEC. 176.-All votes taken under the provisions

this Article shall be by ball ballot.

SEC. 177.-The Recorder shall serve all notices and summons for the Trial Tribunal or Council, and atta the witnesses have been summoned and the offendin

member notified to appear, a trial cannot be dismissed SEC. 178.-Any member of this Council who sha make to it, or its Councilor, any accusation again a member, that shall prove to be false and malicious shall be suspended or expelled as it may be deter

SEC. 179.-If an accusation shall be proved fall and malicious, the Councilor shall deliver up the name of the informant to the Council, on a demand of a ma jority of the members present, to be dealt with accord ing to the provisions of this Article.

SEC. 180.-Members expelled from the Order; applying for re admission, shall be re-admitted by the same vote as is taken on an original admission to the Council, which shall not be taken at the meeting at which the application is made. Members indefinitely suspended applying to be reinstated shall be subject to a ballot vote wherein three-fourths are required to reinstate. Members suspended for a definite period of more than three months, may become reinstated at the expiration of the period of suspension, by payment of all dues, fines and assessments which had accrued against them up, to the day of suspension, and dues for the current quarter, and complying with the other provisions of law. Members suspended for a definite period of three months or less, become reinstated at the expiration of

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SEC. 181.—A sentence of expulsion or suspension for nore than three months shall carry with it, without wither action by the Council, a forfeiture of all honors and offices, including office held at the time, if any, and the member shall not be allowed to hold office gain during the current term, either elective or cppointive: Provided, however, that upon membership being restored, and proper application for restoration of honors being made, the Grand Council or Grand Executive Committee may, where there are mitigating circumstances, and in their opinion the best interests of the Order would be subserved thereby, restore such honors.

SEC. 182.—No member expelled for any offence shall be restored to membership without the written consent of the Grand Councilor or Grand Council, as the case may be.

SEC. 183.—All trials, in the Order and under its Laws, shall be held as disciplinary and social merely,

and in no case as imputing legal crime or misdeme but as a means of determining whether or upon terms a member shall longer remain in the fraternal and beneficial relations which, as an 0 its members have voluntarily united to create and u its Laws, Rules, and Regulations solemnly oblig

SEC. 184.-In trials under the Laws of this On strict formality and technicality shall not be held in pensable in the charges, notices, proceedings records thereof, and it shall suffice if the accused is upon reasonable notice of the matter, place and tim inquiry, and the Council or Trial Tribunal may h oral or written statements, or both, as may seem me and the proceedings and findings, if, in the judgment the Council or Trial Tribunal, according to the stantial right of the case, and for the good of the Ord shall not be voided or reversed for want of form.

SEC. 185.—An appeal may be taken from any actin ruling, order, judgment; trial or proceeding of a Officer, Committee or Council, by the member perso

ally interested and whether under sentence or not, any other member in good standing : Provided, that every case of appeal the course and order prescribe in the next section shall be observed.

SEC. 186.-The following shall be the course and order of appeals to be pursued in this Order : From the Councilor to the Council.

From the Council to the Grand Councilor, or

Any member considering that injustice has been done may, within one month after such decision, make written appeal to this Council, Grand Councilor, or Grand Council, as the case may be, stating the reason therefor, and must notify all concerned. If the apreal is to the Grand Councilor, or Grand Council, the Council within one month after receiving notice shall for ward to the Grand Recorder a copy of all the minutes of the Council relating to the subject, together with the

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SEC. 187.—The Grand Council, Grand Executive committee or Grand Councilor, or in cases where maters rendering a member subject to discipline are rought to notice, may direct any Subordinate Council o charge, put upon trial, and if found guilty, punish ny of its members: Provided, that the appeal, ir any, from the action of the Council in such cases may be general on the merits, and if so, the Grand Council may proceed to a re-trial of the whole case.

#### LAW X.

#### BADGES AND JEWELS.

SEC. 188.-No. 1, Members of Subordinate Council.-The badge to be worn by a Chosen Friend during a Council session shall.be a pair of clasped hands, two inches in length, suitably proportioned, with a hinged pin and guard on the back to attach the same to the garment ; with seven links describing a bow under and attached to the hands at or near the wrists; with a seven-pointed star suspended from the centre link, the star to be two inches from point to point, with a raised border, and the letters, "R.O.Y.G.B.I.V." on the points, commencing with R. upon the point attached to the centre link. In the centre of the star there shall be a triangle with a raised border; on the face of the triangle shall be stamped "Fraternity," on the other "Aid," and on its base "Protection." In its centre there shall be a figure seven. At the bottom there shall be a monogram of the letters "C.O.C.F." The entire length of the badge shall not exceed three and one-half inches. The badge is to be made of white metal, at least one-sixteenth of an inch in thickness.

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No. 2, Past Councilor.—Badge same as No. 1, wit shield shaped jewel, and the letters "P.C." on i face. The name of the Council may also be engrave thereon.

No. 3, Councilor.—Badge same as No. 1, Jewel crossed Mallets, and word "Constitution" stamped engraved on closed book.

No. 4, Vice Councilor.—Badge same as No. 1, Jewel. crossed Mallets.

No. 5, Recorder.-Badge same as No. 1, Jewel, crossed Pens.

No. 6, Assistant Recorder.-Badge same as No.1, Jewel, single Pen.

No. 7, Treasurer.-Badge same as No. 1, Jewel, crossed Keys.

No. 8, Medical Examiner.—Badge same as No. 1, Jewel, abbreviation, "Med. Ex." stamped or engraved on a medal.

No. 9, Prelate.-Badge same as No. 1, Jewel, seven links on open Holy Bible.

No. 10, Marshal.-Badge same as No. 1, Jewel.

No. 11, Warden.-Badge same as No. 1, Jewel, single Baton.

No. 12, Guard.-Badge same as No. 1, Jewel, crossed swords.

No. 13, Sentry.-Badge same as No. 1, Jewel, single sword.

No. 14, Representatives to Grand Council.—Badge same as No. 2, with the number of Council enclosed by a wreath.

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No. 15, Officers of Grand Council.—Badges and wels same as prescribed for Officers of Subordinate uncils, except that they shall be of gold, or metal d-plated.

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# Subordinate Councils.

### ARTICLE I.

### NAME AND POWER.

SECTION 189.—This Council shall be known by the name of \_\_\_\_\_\_ Council, No. \_\_\_\_, of the Canadia Order of Chosen Friends, located at \_\_\_\_\_, Count of \_\_\_\_\_, Province of \_\_\_\_\_\_

SEC. 190.—The Council shall consist of not less that five members, having the requisite qualifications for it elective officers, and shall possess the powers an privileges of a Subordinate Council working under the Order of the Grand Council of the Canadia Order of Chosen Friends, under whose authority is exists by virtue of a charter duly granted by the Grand Council, while acting in conformity with the Laws, Rules and Regulations of said Grand Council.

## ARTICLE II.

## MEETING AND QUORUM.

SECTION 191.—The regular meeting of this Council shall be held at least twice a month, on the day and hour chosen by this Council in its By-laws, and it changed, the Recorder shall notify the Grand Recorder forthwith of the change. SECTION with app official d uthority be office SEC. 19 official se with the it was ins

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SEC. 192.—Special meetings may be called by the uncilor when deemed necessary by him, or at the quest of five members, but no business, except that which the meeting was called, shall be transacted, d every member shall receive due notice of such eting.

SEC. 193.—In the absence of the Councilor and Vice funcilor, the Senior Past Councilor present shall take the chair. If no Past Councilor is present, any memr who is in good standing may be chosen to preside the majority of the members present. Five members all constitute a quorum for the transaction of busi-

SEC. 194.—All meetings shall be opened and closed due form.

#### ARTICLE III.

#### OFFICIAL SEAL.

SECTION 195.—This Council shall have an official seal with appropriate design, which shall be affixed to all efficial documents and papers issued by and under its authority, an impression of which shall be deposited in the office of the Grand Recorder.

SEC. 196.—A new Council shall provide itself with an official seal, from the Grand Council, in accordance with the above section, within sixty days from the date it was instituted.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

SECTION 197 .- The officers of this Council shall be

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- 3. Recorder.
- 4. Assistant Recorder.
- 5. Treasurer.
- 6. Prelate.

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- 7. Marshal.
- 8. Warden.
- 9. Guard.
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Who shall severally be elected by a ballot and majorit vote, and for a term of one year from the first regul meeting in January of each year. The election sha take place during the month of December of eac The Councilor, for the first term after passin the chair, shall be the acting past Councilor, and sha be accounted one of the regular officers of the Council Provided, however, that in the election of Trustee one shall be elected each year for a term of three years, the senior Trustee retiring each year ; provided also, that when Councils meet weekly, the nomination and elections may be held semi-annually at the las meeting in June and December. Provided, that at the organization of a Council the Past Councilor shall be elected and shall be entitled to the honor the rank conveys, as if he had passed through the chair.

SEC. 198.-At each regular election there shall be elected one Representative to the Grand Council, and may be elected one additional Representative for each full hundred members, and an Alternate for each Representative so elected, but no one shall be eligible to the office of Representative or Alternate Representative except those who hold the rank of Past Councilor, or who shall attain said rank previous to the next succeeding session of the Grand Council. But any member who shall have served two consecutive years as Recorder or Treasurer of any Subordinate Council may have the rank of Past Councilor conferred upon him by the Grand Councilor, upon a certificate from such Subordinate Council that such service has been rendered, with a request that such rank be conferred. SEC. 199.-All officers shall be members in good standing.

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te meeting immediately preceding, and on the evening felection, and no vote shall be valid or received as art of the poll unless it be given for a candidate thus minated.

SEC. 201.—Each officer shall be voted for separately y ballot, and it shall require a majority of all the alid votes given to elect. When there are more than no candidates for the same office, the one having the mallest number of votes shall be dropped at each allot. If there be but one candidate for any office, the Chief Councilor may declare the candidate elected by consent. Any candidate who shall attempt to inmence an election in which he or she is personally interested, shall be subject to the censure of the Council.

SEC. 202.—When an election is held to fill an office or offices of this Council, the presiding officer shall act as judge, and he shall appoint two members to act as tellers, and they shall also assist in conducting the election in a just and impartial manner. They shall keep a register of all the votes polled, and should it appear that there have been more votes polled than there are legally qualified voters present, the presiding officer shall declare the ballot void, and direct another ballot to be taken immediately; each member voting shall then hand his or her ballot to the tellers, who shall deposit it in the, poll.

SEC. 203.—Officers-elect shall be installed at the first regular meeting in January, if practicable, and the ceremonies of installation shall be under the direction of the Grand Councilor, cr in his inability to be present, by any Grand Council Officers, according to rank; and if no Grand Officers be present, then by any Past Councilor who may be selected for that purpose by the Council: Provided, that the semi-annual reports and per capita tax due are in possession of the Grand Recorder, and for which the Recorder must produce a receipt. Any member, who has been duly elected, failing to present himself or herself for installation (unless pre-

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SEC. 201.-Any officer may be removed for inattention to the duties of his or her office, or conduct unbecoming his or her standing in this Order, by a majority vote of the Council. Vacancies occurring by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, shall be filled by election, to serve for the remainder of the term, and the officer elected to fill the unexpired term, and, serving until the end of the term, shall be entitled to the

SEC. 205.-Every officer against whom charges are preferred shall have a fair and impartial trial, in accordance with the Laws, Rules and Regulations of this

Order, but shall nct officiate until the charges have been settled, unless otherwise ordered by this Council. SEC. 206.-Any member who shall have served one term as Councilor, in this or any other Council of this

Order, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of a Past Councilor of this Order.

### ARTICLE V.

## DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 207.-The Councilor shall preside at all meetings, and enforce the Laws, Rules and Usages of this Council, and those of the Grand Council; decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to this Council; shall act as judge of all elections, and declare the result to this Council; shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by this Council; shall sign all orders on the Treasurer for all moneys ordered to be paid by this Council; shall be entitled to a vote; shall announce

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SEC. 208.—The Vice Councilor shall assist the Counilor in conducting the ceremonies; have charge of the nner door, and, in the absence of the Councilor, shall preside, and shall perform such other duties as the Ritual, Laws, Rules and Usages of the Order enjoin.

SEC. 209 .- The Recorder shall keep an accurate account of all the proceedings of this Council, draw and attest all orders on the Treasurer, make all reports required of him by the Grand Council, properly signed and attested, with the seal of the Subordinate Council attached. He shall have charge of its seal and conduct its correspondence. He shall notify all applicants who have been elected to membership within seven In towns or cities where there days thereafter. are more than one Council, having common jurisdiction, he shall notify such Councils immediately of all rejections and expulsions. He shall keep a record of all rejections and expulsions of which he shall receive notice. He shall keep a full and correct account between this Council and its members, and receive all moneys due this Council, and pay the same to the Treasurer before the close of each regular meeting, taking

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his receipt therefor on the cash book, immediated under the amounts so received by the Recorder. H shall notify all members when in arrears, and when member is in arrears to the amount of three months dues or suspended for assessments, shall notify the Council of the fact. He shall, at the time of the in stallation of officers, furnish the Council with a list o members not in good standing. He shall make out al reports of the finances of this Council, and report the semi-annual dues to the Grand Council, receive all money for the Relief Fund, and keep an account in separate books provided for that purpose. He shall open in the ledger accounts with the Grand Council, and also with the Treasurer and members of this Coun. cil, keeping separate accounts of the General and Relief Funds. He shall have the books ready for settlement on the last day of June and December of each year, and shall deliver over to his successor in office all moneys, books, papers and vouchers in his hands, and shall perform such other duties as the Laws, Rules and Usages of this Order enjoin. Before entering upon his duties he shall give to the Trustees of this Council a bond, with approved security, for the faithful performance of said duties, in such amount as this Council may direct : Provided, it shall not be less than three hundred dollars; and for his services he shall receive such compensation as this Council may direct.

SEC. 210.-The assistant Recorder shall perform such portion of the duties of the Recorder as the Council may direct, and shall give a bond of the same tenor and amount as is required of the Recorder. The Council may, however, at its option, allow the office of Assistant Recorder to remain vacant, or it may permit the Recorder to select an Assistant, in which case said Assistant shall work under the direction of the Recorder, who shall in such case be responsible for the acts of such. Assistant.

SEC. 211.-The Treasurer shall receive from the Recorder all money received for this Council, and give a

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SEC. 212.—The Prelate shall open the Council with prayer and perform such other duties as are required of him or her by the Ritual.

SEC. 213.—The Marshal shall have charge of the ragalia and other property of this Council entrusted to his or her care, and perform such other duties as are required by the Ritual, Laws and Usages of this Order.

SEC. 214.—The Warden shall assist the Marshal and perform such other duties as are required by the Ritual.

SEC. 215.—The Guard and Sentry shall have charge of the doors. and perform such other duties as the Ritual, Laws, Rules and Usages of this Order enjoin.

SEC. 216.—The Trustees shall have the general supervision of all the property of this Council; they shall invest in such securities as this Council may direct, such sums as it orders to be drawn from the Treasury for that purpose; they shall have the custody of all securities of this Council for money loaned or invested; they shall collect or realize all such sums where so directed by this Council; they shall collect all interest, rents, or other moneys arising frem said investments

belonging to this Council, and pay the money collected by them to the Recorder; they shall, on the last stated meeting at the close of every term, report their transactions to this Council, and make an inventory of al property; they shall receive from the Recorder and Treasurer their bonds with approved security, for the faithful performance of their duties : Provided, that in case the Trustees fail to have the bonds of the Recorder and Treasurer executed, signed and sealed, they shall be held personally responsible, as if they were bondsmen for the said officers. Before entering upon the duties of their office they shall, when called upon by the Grand Council, give bond, with approved security, for such sum as this Council may require, for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 217 .- The Relief Committee shall consist of seven, of which the Councilor, Vice Councilor and Prelate shall form a part, the other members to be appointed by the Councilor at the first stated meeting in the term. Their duties shall be to visit all sick or disabled members, and make a report at each stated meeting of the Council, and, in such cases as they may deem necessary, they may suggest some pecuniary assistance as they believe is needed. The Council shall, by Bylaws, provide for the care of sick members by requiring the members to watch during the night, or by procur-

SEC. 218.-The Representative to the Grand Council shall receive the instructions of this Council and faithfully represent its interest. When a Representative is elected who has not previously been admitted to membership in the Grand Council, he or she shall be required to present a certificate of Past Councilor, together with that of Representative before he or she can be admitted to membership in the Grand Council.

## ARTICLE VI.

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SEC. 220.—Each applicant for membership must sign the application furnished by the Grand Council; state the particulars therein required, and must be recommended by two members of the Order in good standing, one of whom must be a member of the Council.

SEC. 221.-After such application shall have been read in open Council, the Councilor shall immediately appoint a committee of three (of which the members presenting the application shall not be members), who shall investigate the character and fitness of the applicant, and shall report in writing by means of the blank provided on the petition, at the next regular meeting of the Council, when, if said report is favorable and the application is not withdrawn (which shall not be done after the report of the committee has been read), or re-committed, the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and should not more than two black balls appear, the applicant shall be declared elected. If three or more black balls be cast against an applicant, he or she shall be declared rejected; bat to prevent all doubt in such cases another ballot may be had, which ballot, if had, shall be immediately ordered by the Councilor, and no discussion or explanation shall be allowed, except his statement that the first ballot was not favorable, and an admonition to the members to be careful in voting. When a candidate has been duly elected, the petition shall be sent by the Recorder to the Medical Examiner, who shall make a full and Complete examination according to the form required, and immediately forward said petition, properly filled up and signed to the Grand Medical Examiner, who shall at once act upon the same and notify the Recorder of his decision. Upon receipt of the decision of the Grand Medical Examiner, the Recorder shall notify the applicant to present himself or herself

for initiation and admission to beneficiary membership if the decision of the Grand Medical Examiner is favorable. Should the decision of the Grand Medical Examiner be unfavorable, all fees paid by the applicant, except the amount necessary to pay the fee of the Subordinate Medical Examiner, shall be returned. After the election of the candidate and prior to initiation, should the Council become satisfied that he or she is unworthy, or in any way, physically or otherwise, unfit to become a member of the Order, it shall be competent for the Council to annul such election, and declare it void; Provided, however, that the motion for such annulment shall lie over until the next stated meeting of the Council, and shall require a majority vote of the members present at that meeting.

SEC. 222.-When a candidate has been rejected notice thereof shall be sent, without delay, to the Coupcils in the immediate neighborhood, and to the Grand Recorder, and no person rejected for any cause shall be again balloted for in any Council in the space of six

SEC. 223.-Each application must be accompanied by a proposition fee of not less than two dollars, which fee, should the applicant be rejected, shall be immediately returned to the member by whom the applicant was proposed, less the Medical Examiner's fee; but the petition shall be retained by the Grand Medical Exam And should an applicant fail to present himself or herself for initiation within sixty days from the date of the approval of the application he or she shall forfeit

SEC. 224.-No candidate shall be received in any Council but the one nearest his residence, without the consent of the nearest Council, signed by the Councilor and Recorder, under seal, except where two or more Councils have concurrent jurisdiction : Provided, that every Council withholding its consent shall state its

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SEC. 225.—When no reply is received from a Council within thirty days, in answer to a request to initiate a candidate, the Council making such request may receive permission from the Grand Councilor to initiate such applicant, upon submitting proof of having made such request.

#### ARTICLE VII.

#### FEES, DUES AND BENEFITS.

SECTION 226.—The fees for membership in this Council shall not be less than the following :

For admission by card.....\$1 00 Provided, however, that new Councils may, at their option, for a period not exceeding ninety days from the date of the institution thereof, receive members at such a fee, not less than that charged charter members, as they may determine, which fees shall be divided among all the members of the Council at the expiration of the time referred to: provided, further, that after the organization of a Council all applicants for social membership shall pay such initiation fee and quarterly dues as the Council may fix by By-law, if no By-law is made by the Council such member shall pay an initiation fee of fifty cents and the regular quarterly dues as required by beneficiary members, and said social members shall not have the right to vote on any destion affecting the Relief or Sick Benefit Funds of the Order.

SEC. 227.—Each member of this Council shall pay as dues, to commence with the date of receiving the degree, such sums as shall be prescribed in the Bylaws, not less than fifty cents per quarter payable quarterly in advance on the first stated meeting nights in January, April, July and October: Provided, that a Council may, by By-law, remit the dues for the current quarter in which the member is initiated.

SEC. 228.—Any member in arrears for three months for his or her dues shall not be entitled to the pass-word nor to vote or hold office in the Council; and when six months in arrears for dues, he or she shall stand suspended from this Council and from all the rights and privileges of the Order. Any member who fails to Comply with Sec. 94 of Art. III., of the Relief Fund Laws, shall stand suspended from membership, and all SEC. 220.

SEC. 229.-A member who has been suspended for less than thirty days, may become reinstated by paying all dues and assessments due the Council, including those accruing during the time of suspension, and in addition such fine as the Council may prescribe, not exceeding the rate of five cents per week per \$1,000 of benefit for each complete week elapsed since suspension, and not more in any case than at the rate of twenty cents per \$1000 for the whole period of suspen-If for over thirty days, and less than three months, he or she shall, in addition to the above requirements, furnish a Medical Certificate from a Medical Examiner of the Order, on the form prescribed by the Grand Council, showing him or her to be in good health, and shall be balloted for as prescribed in Section 221 of Article VI., except that it shall take a majority of the whole number of votes cast to reject. If suspended over three months, he or she shall also surrender the old Relief Fund Certificate, fill out a new application for beneficiary membership, procure a new medical examination, pay the Grand Medical Examiner's fee and Relief Fund Certificate fee, and be subject to the above specified ballot. The medical examinations and other requirements relating to the Beneficiary department of the Order hereintofore provided for, shall be fully observed in considering the restoration of mombers who have been deprived therefrom under the ponal laws of the Order; but the other provisions, where different or conflicting, shall, in such cases, be subject to the provisions of said penal laws. All medical certificates, petitions for reinstatement,

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etc., shall be forwarded as soon as acted upon by the Subordinate Council, to the Grand Recorder.

SEC. 230.—A Council may expend its General Fund for such charitable purposes as may be deemed expedient. But no money shall be so expended except by a two-thirds vote of all present and voting at any meeting; nor shall more than twenty-five dollars be so ordered to be expended at any meeting, unless the character of the object and the a ount to be expended shall have been stated at a previous meeting 'and laid over one week.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

#### CONCERNING NOTICES.

SECTION 231.—All official circulars, notice, extra assessment notices, etc., issued by the Grand Councilor, Grand Recorder or Executive Committee, published in the Official Organ shall be legal notice to all concerned. Provided, that members shall not be notified of the regular monthly assessments due and payable on or before the last day of each and every month.

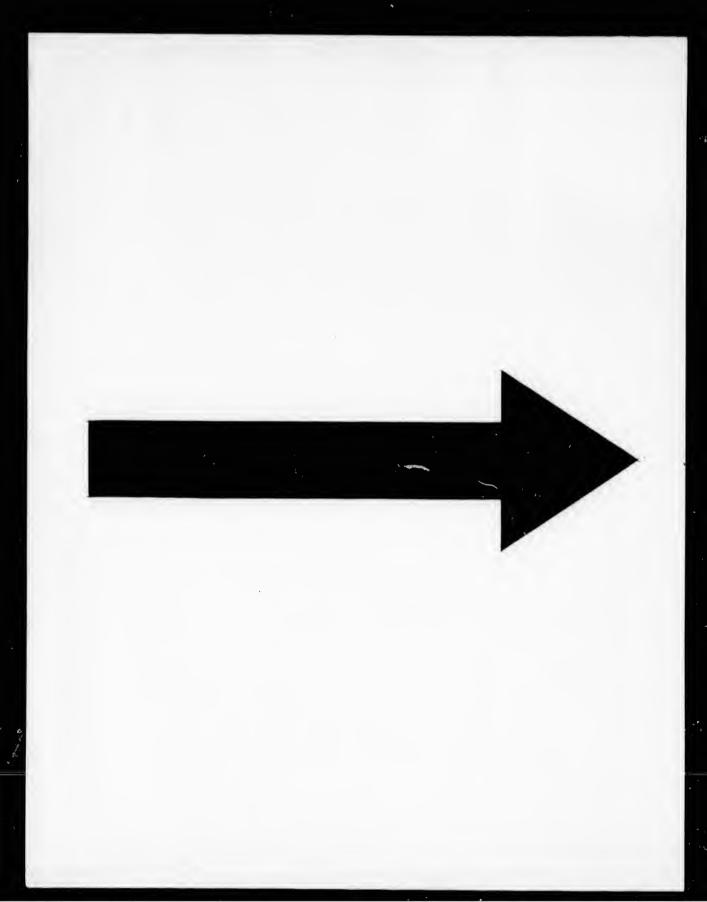
SEC. 232.—Members shall keep the Recorder informed of their exact address, and a failure to notify that officer of any change of residence, within ten days of the time the same takes place, shall relieve the Recorder and the Order of all responsibility in the matter of giving notice of assessments and of other matters, of which, by law or custom, notice should be given.

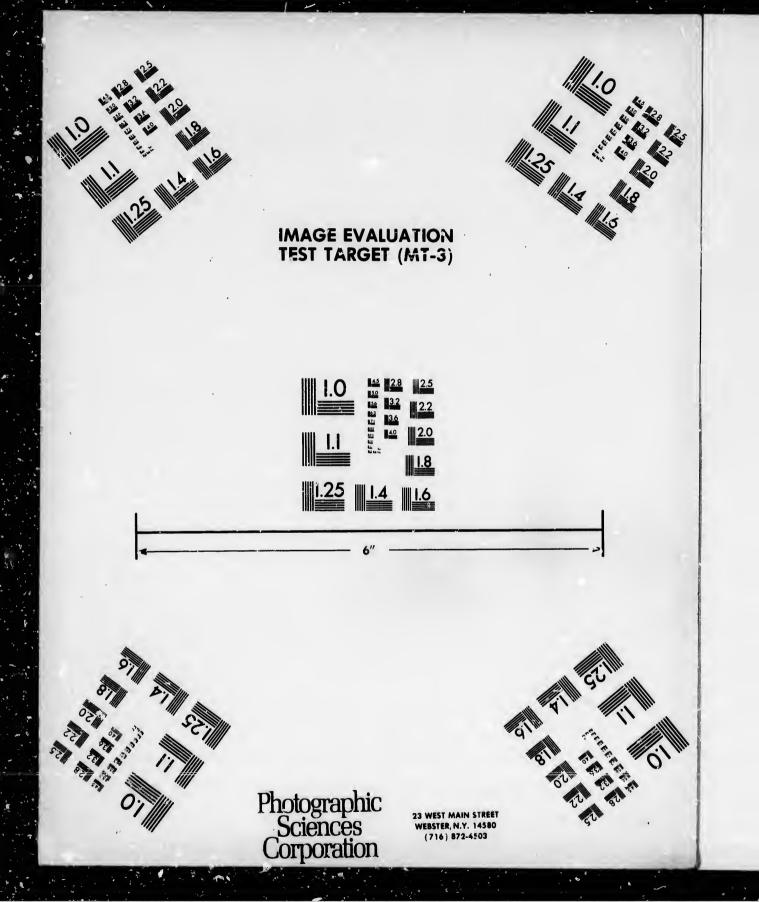
SEC. 233.—It shall be the duty of members to ascertain the amount of their dues and assessments, by personal application to the Recorder, and this Council shall not excuse members, or pay or cause to be paid to them any benefits, which they may have forfeited by non-payment, because of a failure on the part of the Recorder to give them written or other notice.

#### ARTICLE IX.

#### CARDS, ETC.

SECTION 234 .- Withdrawal cards, in the form pre-







SEC. 287.—A member of the Order wishing to become a member of this Council, shall make written applica... tion and present his or her Withdrawal Card from the council of which he or she was last a member, accompanied by receipts showing that his or her dues and assessments have been paid in said Council, up to time of fied of the correctness of the Card, the application shall be referred to a committee of three members, whose to the character and fitness of the applicant for mem-

SEC. 286.—The Council shall grant the Card for the time named by the member in his petition therefor: Provided, it shall not exceed six months, and during this time, or until it is deposited, the Council shall retain said member's name on its books, and the member shall keep the dues and Relief Fund assessments paid up as if he or she had not received a Withdrawal Card. If, at the end of this time, the Card has not been deposited in some Council, the name shall be stricken ject to the provisions of Sec. 240 of this Article.

SEC. 285.—Cards must be applied for in writing, when, if the applicant be free from all charges, penal or monetary, a ballot vote shall be taken, and if a majority of the votes cast be in favor of the card, it shall be granted. Should a majority of those voting refuse to grant the card, the objection shall be stated in writing and the applicant shall be entitled to a trial in the same manner and form as upon other charges.

scribed by, and bearing the seal of the Grand Council, and signature of the Grand Recorder, may be granted to any member who is in good standing and not in arrears to the Council, and to no others; and for such card the member receiving the same shall pay into the treasury such sum as the Council may, by By-law provide, not exceeding one dollar. All cards granted shall be signed by the Councilor and Recorder, and im-

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SEC. 238.—When a Card is deposited in a Council the Recorder shall certify upon the Card the date of deposit and number of first assessment paid to this Council, and shall forward it to the Grand Recorder; he shall also notify the Council issuing the Card that it has been deposited, giving the date and the name, number and location of the Council in which it has been deposited, and the first assessment paid to the Council receiving the same: No Card can be deposited in this Council until satisfactory proof is furnished that no assessments due are unpaid in the Council from which the Card is granted.

SEC. 239.—At the expiration of the time for which a Withdrawal Card was granted, the member holding it not having deposited it in another Council, may at any time within one year thereafter, deposit the same with this Council, by paying all dues, fines and assessments accruing during the time up to the date of deposit of the same, otherwise his or her connection with the Order shall finally cease from the date of the expiration of the Card.

SEC. 240.—A member whose Card is out of date, or which may have been lost, or who has been suspanded for non-payment of dues and assessments for a longer period than six months, may be admitted into this Council, and assume such rank and standing in the Order as he or she can prove himself or herself entitled to, and shall pay into the Relief Fund, assessments according to the rates established for the age which he or she has attained at the time of re-admission to the Order, being admitted on the same terms as new members, and shall surrender the old Relief Fund Certificate.

SEC. 241.—Members of this Council wishing; to withdraw permanently from the Order, may pay all dues,

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fines and assessments charged against them, surrender their Relief Fund Certificates, in writing, and release all claim thereto and receive a final Card, for which they shall pay 50 cents; and said release and Relief Fund Certificate shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder, with a certificate of the granting of the Card and the date thereof. Any member taking such a Card can be re-admitted only as a new member, except that the ceremony of initiation may be dispensed with.

### ARTICLE X.

## RETURNS AND DUES TO GRAND COUNCIL.

SECTION 242.-At the close of every six months the Council shall report to the Grand Recorder, the number, name and age of each member initiated, reinstated, received by Card, suspended, withdrawn by Card, deceased and rejected, total number of members, total amount of receipts for General and Relief Funds, a list of all Past Councilors in good standing, the amount of PER CAPITA tax due the Grand Council, and the result of the election of officers according to the form furnished by the Grand Council, which report shall be attested by the retiring Councilor and Recorder, with the

SEC. 243.-This Council shall pay to the Grand Council a PER CAPITA tax, as prescribed in Law V.

## ARTICLE XI.

## AMENDMENTS AND BY-LAWS.

SECTION 244.-This Constitution may be altered or amended as provided in Article X., Section 49, of the

SEC. 245.-By-laws in conformity with this Constitution may be made, from time to time, altered or amended when two members of this Council submit a written proposition, and have it read at two regular meetings previous to being acted upon, then, two-thirds of the

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# Rules of Ørder.

RULE 1.—The presiding officer shall decide questions of order without debate, subject to an appeal to the Council by any member, when the question before the Council shall be: "Shall the decision of the Chair be sustained?"

RULE 2.—Any member who shall misbehave himself in the meeting of the Council, disturb the order and harmony thereof, either by abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall refuse obedience to the presiding officer, shall be excluded from the Council room for the evening, and afterwards dealt with at the pleasure of the Council.

RULE 3.—No member shall be interrupted while speaking, except to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

RULE 4.—If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if in order, he may proceed again.

RULE 5.—Each member, when speaking, shall stand and respectfully address the Chair, confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid all personalities and indecorous language. Rul tive s action meetin by a recons Every less ex

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RULE 6.—A motion carried in an affirmative or negative shall not be subject to reconsideration unless such action shall take place at the same or next regular meating and unless the motion is made and seconded by a member who voted in the majority. A motion to reconsider once decided cannot again be renewed. Every member present entitled to vote must vote, unless excused by vote of Council.

RULE 7.—If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Chief Councilor shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

RULE 8.— A question shall not be subject to debate until it has been seconded and stated from the Chair, and it shall be reduced to writing, at the request of the presiding officer.

RULE 9.—Before putting a question the presiding officer shall ask, "Is the Council ready for the question?" If no member rises to speak, he shall rise and put it, and after he rises to put the question, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

RULE 10.—When the presiding officer is addressing the Council or putting a question, he shall not be interrupted.

RULE 11.—A member shall not speak longer than FIVE MINUTES, nor more than once on the same question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without the permission of the presiding officer.

RULE 12.—Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will admit of it.

RULE 18.—When a question is before the Council no motion shall be in order, except to adjourn, for the previous question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to refer, to recommit, to

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RULE 14.—On motion a majority of the Council may order the previous question, which shall be put in this form : "Shall the main question be now put?" and until it is decided it shall preclude all amendments and

RULE 15.-A motion to adjourn is always in order, except while another member has the floor, or except when no action or motion has intervened since the last motion to adjourn was made, which motion shall be decided without debate, unless the motion is to adjourn to a stated time.

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