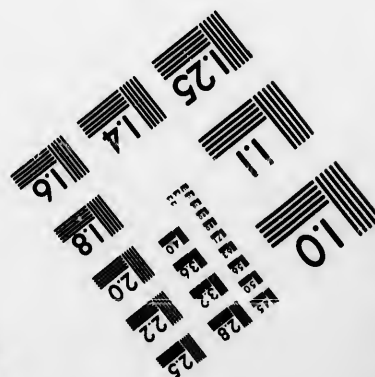
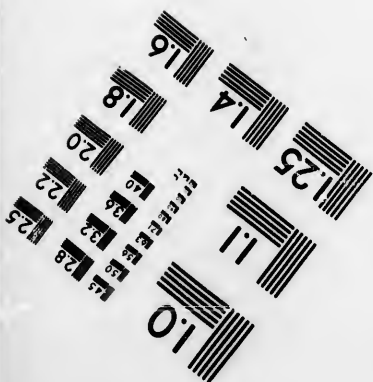
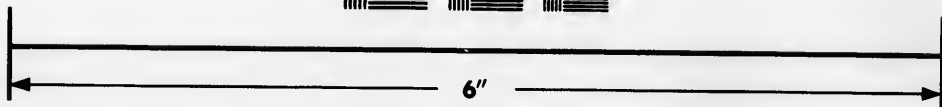
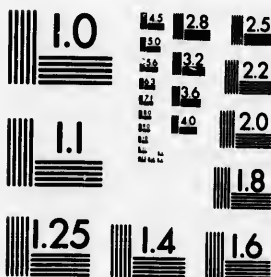


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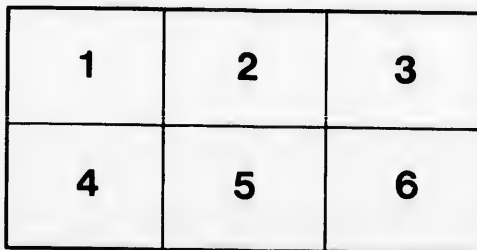
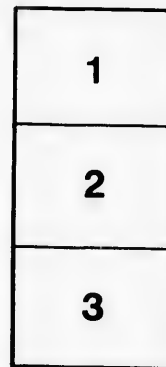
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DOMINION INCORPORATION.

52 VICTORIA, CHAP. 104.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE SUPREME COURT OF
THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS.

[Assented to 2nd May, 1889]

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named have, by their petition, prayed to be incorporated under the name of "The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters," and it is expedient to grant the prayer of their petition: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

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(a.) To unite fraternally all persons entitled to mem-

bership under the constitution and laws of the Society ; and the word "laws" shall include general laws and by-laws ;

(b.) To give all moral and material aid in its power to its members and those dependent upon them ;

(c.) To educate its members socially, morally and intellectually ;

(d.) To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members ;

(e.) To establish a benefit fund, from which, on satisfactory evidence of the death of a member of the Society who has complied with all its lawful requirements, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars shall be paid to the widow, orphans, dependents, or other beneficiary whom the member has designated, or to the personal representative of the member ; or from which, upon the completion of the expectancy of life of a member, as laid down in the said constitution and laws, such sum shall be paid to himself ;

(f.) To secure for its members such other advantages as are, from time to time, designated by the constitution and laws of the Society.

2. The head office of the Society shall be in the city of Toronto.

3. Subject to the constitution and laws of the Society, branches under the names of "High Courts," "Subordinate Courts," or "Encampments of Royal Foresters," may from time to time be established, under the title designated in the Charter granted by the Society constituting such branches ; and the trustees of each branch already established, and to be hereafter established, in Canada, shall be a body corporate and politic, subject to the constitution and laws of the Society ; but no such branch shall have power to establish benefit funds under paragraphs (d.) and (e.) of section one of this Act ; and each of such branches shall be so incorporated under the corporate name of "The Trustees of (giving the title of the branch) ;" and, upon being established and before proceeding to act as such corporation, shall cause

to be registered at full length, in the registry office of the city, county or registration division within which such branch is established, a declaration signed by the trustees stating the fact of such establishment, the date of the instrument effecting it, the corporate name, and the names in full of the trustees thereof.

4. The value of the real property which the Society or any branch thereof may hold shall not exceed, in the case of the Society, one hundred thousand dollars, and, in the case of any branch, twenty-five thousand dollars; but in towns having less than six thousand inhabitants the value of such real property shall not, in the case of any one branch, exceed five thousand dollars; and the Society may, by laws, determine the manner in which such real property shall be held and conveyed, subject always to the laws of the Province in which such real estate is situate: Provided always, that no part of the endowment funds shall be used for such purpose.

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

6. The surplus funds of the Society shall be invested in mortgages which are a first charge on land held in fee simple in Canada, or in deposits with or in registered debentures of loan and investment companies incorporated in Canada, or in debentures of municipal or school corporations in Canada, or in securities of the Dominion of Canada or any of the Provinces thereof, or shall be deposited in a chartered bank in Canada; but the Society shall sell such real estate and property as it acquires by the foreclosure of any mortgage, hypothec, or lien within seven years after it has been so acquired; otherwise it shall revert to the previous owner or to his heirs or assigns.

7. Whenever, under the constitution and laws of the Society, any branch becomes dissolved, the Society shall have the option of taking over the property of such branch, provided it exercises such option within three months after the dissolution of such branch, evidenced by an instrument under the hand of the chief

officer of the Society for the time being, and the seal of the Society, and registered in the registry office for the city, county or registration division within the limits of which such property may be situate,—whereupon the said property, whether real or personal, shall become vested in the Society, subject, however, to the payment of all the debts and liabilities of such branch, which it shall be incumbent on the Society to liquidate and discharge as the same may mature; and thereupon each creditor shall have a direct right of action against the Society for the enforcement of his lawful claims upon such branch; and provided also, that in the case of real estate, it shall be sold within seven years after the dissolution of such branch; and provided further, that, pending the exercise of such option by the Society, the corporation shall continue in existence, and the trustees thereof shall continue their duties for the purpose of liquidation only.

8. There shall be printed in legible type and in red ink upon every policy hereafter issued by the Society, as well as upon every application therefor, and upon every receipt given for payments in connection therewith, the following words: "The insurance undertaken by this Society comes under the exception contained in section forty-three of '*The Insurance Act*,' applicable to fraternal and benevolent associations, and is not subject to Government inspection."

9. Every officer of the Society and every other person who transacts business on behalf of the Society and who issues, circulates or uses or who causes to be issued, circulated or used any policy of insurance or endowment certificate, or application for membership, on which the notice provided for in the next preceding section is not printed shall, on summary conviction thereof before any two justices of the peace or any magistrate having the powers of two justices of the peace, incur and be liable to the penalties mentioned in the twenty-second section of "*The Insurance Act*," and every pecuniary penalty so recovered shall be applied in the manner provided by the said section.

10. Within three months from the coming into force of this Act, a certified copy of the present constitution and Laws of the Society and of its form of insurance policy or contract shall be deposited in the offices of the Secretary of State of Canada and of the Superintendent of Insurance, and copies of any future changes or amendments thereto shall be so deposited within three months from their adoption by the said Society, and in default of compliance with any provision of this section the Society shall incur a penalty of ten dollars for each day during which such default continues.

11. Nothing herein contained shall be held to exempt the Society from the effect of any legislation hereafter passed by the Parliament of Canada in respect to any insurance powers exercised by friendly societies.

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AMENDMENT
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59 VICTORIA, CHAP. 51.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ACT INCORPORATING THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE INDEPENDENT
ORDER OF FORESTERS.

[Assented to 23rd April, 1896.]

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters (hereinafter called "the Society") has by its petition prayed for certain amendments to its Act of incorporation, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition and to amend the said Act in the manner hereinafter set forth: Therefore Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Section four, of chapter one hundred and four of the Statutes of 1889 is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:—

"4. The value of the real property which the Society or any branch thereof may hold shall not exceed, in the case of the Society, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and, in the case of any branch, twenty-five thousand dollars, except in the city of Toronto where each branch may hold real property to the value of ten thousand dollars and no more; but in towns having less than six thousand inhabitants the value of such real property shall not, in the case of any one branch, exceed five thousand dollars, and the Society may, by by-laws, determine the manner in which such real property shall be held and conveyed, subject always to the laws of the province in which such real estate is situate."

2. Section six of the said Act is hereby amended by inserting after the word "shall" in the first line the words "subject to the provisions of section four hereof."

3. Notwithstanding anything contained in the said Act, the Society may invest or deposit such portion of its funds in such government securities as is necessary for the maintenance of any branch outside the Dominion of Canada, provided that at no time shall more than one-fourth of the available surplus funds of the Society be invested outside of Canada.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in any Act of the Parliament of Canada, it shall be lawful for the Society to make the deposit required by section thirty-nine of *The Insurance Act*, in the securities required by the said Act; provided that at the time of making the said deposit, the Society shall file the constitutions and laws of the Society with the superintendent of insurance, whereupon the said constitutions and laws shall be binding upon the Society and upon every member thereof: Provided also that in the event of the Society at any time thereafter amending the said constitutions and laws, such amendment shall forthwith after the adoption thereof by the Society be filed with the superintendent of insurance, and shall thereupon be binding upon the Society and upon every member thereof: Provided also that in case of contradictory or repugnant provisions in the said constitutions and laws, or in the case of provisions conflicting with any statute law in force in Canada, the Treasury Board may, after due notice to the executive body of the Society and hearing what they may have to allege, amend by order of the board the said constitutions and laws, and from the date of such amendment the constitutions and laws so amended shall be binding upon the Society and every member thereof.

2. Upon the Society making such deposit and filing its constitutions and laws as aforesaid, the Society shall be entitled to receive a license under *The Insurance Act*, renewable from year to year so long as the Society com-

plies with the requirements of this Act, and with the provisions of the said *The Insurance Act* applicable thereto, to undertake with its members the contract or contracts of life, disability and sickness insurance specified in the said constitutions and laws for a sum or sums not exceeding, in addition to the sick and funeral benefits, the sum of five thousand dollars upon any one life.

3. On or before the first day of March in each year, the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Supreme Secretary of the Society shall transmit to the superintendent of insurance a statement verified by their own oath, of the condition and affairs of the Society, at the thirty-first day of December, then next preceding, which statement shall exhibit the assets and liabilities of the Society, and its income and expenditure during the previous year, and such other information as is deemed necessary by the Minister of Finance and Receiver General.

4. Any failure to make the said statement shall subject the Society to a penalty of ten dollars for each day during which such default continues; and such penalty shall be recoverable and enforceable with costs at the suit of Her Majesty instituted by the Attorney General of Canada.

5. The superintendent of insurance may from time to time examine or cause to be examined at its head office, the books, vouchers and securities of the Society, and its officers shall facilitate such examination so far as it is in their power; and he may address any inquiries to the said officers in relation to the assets, investments, liabilities, doings or conditions of the Society, and it shall be the duty of the officers so addressed to promptly reply in writing to such inquiries.

6. Every certificate and policy issued by the Society shall contain a promise to pay the whole amount therein mentioned out of the mortuary funds of the Society, and out of any moneys realized from assessments to be made for that purpose; and the Society shall be bound forthwith and from time to time to make assessments to an amount adequate with its other available funds to pay

all obligations created under every such certificate or policy heretofore issued or hereafter to be issued without deduction or abatement.

7. Every application, policy and certificate issued or used by the Society in Canada shall have printed thereon in a conspicuous place, in ink of a colour different from that of the ink used in the instrument, and in good sized type, the following words:—"This Society is not required by law to maintain the reserve which is required of ordinary life insurance companies."

8. The words "assessment system" shall be printed in large type at the head of every policy and every application for the same, and also in every circular and advertisement issued or used in Canada in connection with the business of the Society.

5. Sections eight, nine and eleven of the said Act of incorporation are hereby repealed.

6. The Society shall not, after the date of the passing hereof, assure to any member a certain annuity, either immediate or deferred, whether for life or for a term of years, or any endowment whatever.

7. In addition to the deposit required by section four of this Act, the Minister of Finance upon the report or the superintendent of insurance, approved by the Treasury Board, may from time to time require such other and further deposit as is recommended in such report and so approved, to be made by the Society or deposited with trustees, to be named by the Treasury Board, upon such trusts as are determined by the Governor in Council, provided that the amount of the deposits that may be required of the Society under section four and by this section shall not exceed in all the sum of five hundred thousand dollars.

8. So much of the Act referred to in the first section of this Act as is inconsistent with the provisions of this Act is hereby repealed, and so much of the provisions of the existing constitutions and laws, including the general laws, of the Society as are inconsistent with this Act are hereby declared to be null and void.

9. Nothing herein contained shall be held to exempt the Society from the effect of any legislation hereafter passed by the Parliament of Canada in respect to assessment or other insurance.

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

THE
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NAME, TERMS AND THEIR MEANING.

1. (1) THE SUPREME COURT OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS shall be the exclusive legislative and the supreme governing body of the Order and of any and all branches thereof; and shall, for the purpose of the life, disability, sickness and funeral benefits, provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, be deemed to be the only contracting body.
- (2) The short title of The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters shall be "The Supreme Court."
- (3) The expression, "The Independent Order of Foresters," includes and shall be taken to include the incorporated Society together with any and all of its branches.
- (4) The expression, "The Order," means and shall be taken to mean The Independent Order of Foresters.
- (5) The expression, "application for membership,"

means and shall be taken to mean application for membership in a Subordinate Court of the Order, or in a Companion Court of the Order, upon the form prescribed by The Supreme Court or by the Executive Council.

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

(7) The expression, "the Constitution and Laws of the Order," means and shall be taken to mean the Constitution and Laws, inclusive of the "General Laws," "Laws governing High Courts," "Laws governing Subordinate Courts and Companion Courts," "Laws governing Juvenile Courts," "Laws governing Encampments of Royal Foresters," "By-Laws" and "Rules of Order," from time to time enacted by The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, or as the same from time to time may be amended in accordance with the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Canada entitled "An Act to amend the Act incorporating The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters," (59 Victoria, Chapter 51).

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

(9) The expressions, "accepted by the Medical Board," or "passed by the Medical Board," or "rejected by the Medical Board," wherever occurring in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, mean and shall be taken to mean that the medical examination of an applicant for membership in the Order, or for reinstatement, or for increased Mortuary benefit, or for enrolment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court, respectively as the case may be,

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has, in the manner hereinafter provided, been approved and accepted by, or has been rejected by, the Medical Board of The Supreme Court, as the case may be.

(10) The beneficiary and social members of a Subordinate Court shall be exclusively male.

(11) The beneficiary and social members of a Companion Court shall be exclusively female; but members of Subordinate Courts may be elected and admitted as honorary members of such Companion Court by unanimous ballot taken at a regular meeting thereof.

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

(13) Notwithstanding that the masculine form only is used in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, all the provisions thereof together with any amendments thereof shall be applicable to and shall bind every member of the Order, whether such member be a member of a Subordinate Court or a member of a Companion Court; *provided* always, that all sections of the Constitution and Laws of the Order relating to the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court shall apply to male members only.

COMPOSITION OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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

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

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(3) Honorary members shall consist of Past Representatives from High Courts, and of those officers of the Royal Foresters who hold the rank of Brigadier-General, or who hold higher rank, and such Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers as may have been admitted to the degrees of The Supreme Court. Honorary members shall not be entitled to speak nor vote in The Supreme Court, nor to hold office therein.

POWERS OF THE SUPREME COURT.

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

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

(3) It is the Supreme Tribunal of the Order, and the final appellate Court, and has power to receive and decide all appeals, and to redress any grievance, which may arise in the Order.

(4) It has the sole right and power, subject to its Act of Incorporation and Amendments thereto, and to the provisions of Section *fifty-seven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, to make and amend the Constitution and Laws of the Order for its own government and the government of each and all of its branches.

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

(6) Every member of the Order and every person

deriving benefits or other legal rights from such membership, shall be subject to and be bound by the Constitution and Laws of the Order in force at the time such member was admitted to membership, as well as by any amendments thereto which may thereafter be made from time to time.

OBJECTS OF THE ORDER.

4. (1) The objects of the Order are to unite fraternally all persons of sound bodily and mental health and of good moral character, who are socially acceptable, and who are of the age hereinafter provided, and who are not proscribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.
- (2) To give aid to its members and those dependent upon them, in the manner provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.
- (3) To improve the social and intellectual status of its members.

BENEFIT FUNDS.

- (4) To establish a Benefit Fund for the relief of sick and the burial of deceased members, as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.
- (5) To establish a Benefit Fund from which, on satisfactory evidence of the death, or total and permanent disability, of a member of the Order who has complied with all the requirements contained in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, a sum not exceeding *five thousand* dollars shall be paid to the member himself, or to the wife or husband of, or to the affianced wife or affianced husband of, or to the children of, or to the blood relations of, or to persons dependent upon, such member, who may have been duly designated as the beneficiary of such member, as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, subject, however, in the case of the death of a member, to the laws of the Province, State or country in which the member had a fixed place of abode at the time of his death.

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THE MONETARY AND OTHER MATERIAL BENEFITS.

(6) The monetary and other material benefits pro-
vided for in the Order are :

(a) Free medical attendance by the Court Physi-
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and the attendance of watchers or nurses, furnished by
the Courts, as provided in Section *one hundred and fifty-
eight*, sub-sections *eight to thirteen* inclusive, and tem-
porary relief furnished by the Courts, as provided in the
Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(b) A Sick Benefit of *three* dollars per week for the
first *two* weeks and *five* dollars per week for the next *ten*
weeks, and subject to the provisions of Section *two hun-
dred and twenty-four*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitu-
tion and Laws of the Order, *three* dollars per week for
an additional *twelve* weeks.

(c) A Funeral Benefit of *fifty* dollars, as provided in
Section *two hundred and twenty-four* sub-section *one*
and Section *two hundred and thirty*, of the Constitution
and Laws of the Order.

(d) A Total and Permanent Disability Benefit for
those totally and permanently disabled by accident or
disease, being a sum equal to *one-half* of the amount of
the Mortuary Benefit held, as provided in Section *two
hundred and fifty-seven* of the Constitution and Laws of
the Order.

(e) An Old Age Disability Benefit, or an Old Age
Pension and Burial Benefit, for those totally and per-
manently disabled by reason of old age, as such members
may elect, as provided in Section *two hundred and fifty-
seven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order ; *pro-
vided* that on the death of a member who has received
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of accident or disease, or the Old Age Disability Bene-
fit by reason of old age, the amount received on ac-
count of such Benefit shall be deducted from the amount
of the member's Mortuary Benefit, and the remainder
only of such Mortuary Benefit shall be paid to the bene-
ficiary or personal representative of such member.

(f) A Mortuary Benefit of *five hundred* dollars, *one thousand* dollars, *two thousand* dollars, *three thousand* dollars, *four thousand* dollars or *five thousand* dollars, less the amount, if any; previously paid on account of the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit of the member.

THE SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL BENEFITS.

(g) The Social and Fraternal Benefits consist of the privileges of the Court Rooms of the Order with their educational and other advantages.

SESSIONS.

REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS.

5. (1) The Supreme Court shall meet in regular session triennially or quadriennially, in any country in which it has branches, at such time and place therein as may have been selected as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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

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

(4) At least *sixty* days' notice of a special session must be given to the members; *provided* always, that if the Executive Council determine that it is a case of emergency *thirty* days' notice shall be sufficient.

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

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

SELECTION OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

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

(2) Any member may nominate a place, and if only one place be named it shall be declared selected as the next place of meeting; *provided* that The Supreme Court shall not meet, except with unanimous consent, more than *twice* in succession within the United States to *once* in Canada and *once* in countries other than the United States and Canada.

SIGN VOTE MAY BE USED.

(3) If *two* or more places be named, the selection may be determined by sign votes first. If *two-thirds* of the sign votes be in favor of any one place it shall be deemed to be the choice of The Supreme Court, but failing which, it shall be determined by written ballot, and a majority of all the legal ballots cast shall be requisite to make a selection.

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

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

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

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MAY SELECT TIME AND PLACE.

(7) If no time, or place, be selected for the regular session of The Supreme Court, as above provided, then the Executive Council shall make the selection, and shall publish a notice of the time or place selected in the Official Organ.

(8) Such notice must be published in the Official Organ in at least *two* issues thereof prior to the time selected for such session.

QUORUM OF THE SUPREME COURT.

7. *One-fifth* of the Active members in "good standing" on the roll of The Supreme Court must be present before The Supreme Court proceeds to business, except that a less number may act upon the credentials of representatives, and that the Presiding Officer shall have power to confer The Supreme Court degrees, and that the meeting may be adjourned from time to time till a quorum is obtained.

OPENING A SESSION.

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

PRESIDING OFFICER.

(2) In the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Executive Officer present who is next highest in rank shall preside.

(3) In the absence of all the Executive Officers, a temporary organization shall take place, and a Presiding Officer be chosen from the Officers or Active members present.

OFFICERS.

TITLES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

9. (1) The Elective Officers of The Supreme Court shall be as follows :

- Supreme Chief Ranger,
- Past Supreme Chief Ranger,
- Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger,
- Supreme Secretary,
- Supreme Treasurer,
- Supreme Physician,
- Supreme Counsellor,

two members of the Medical Board, and two Supreme Auditors.

TITLES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS.

(2) The appointed Officers shall be as follows :

- Supreme Orator,
- Supreme Journal Secretary,
- Supreme Superintendent of Juvenile Courts,
- Supreme Organist,
- Supreme Senior Woodward,
- Supreme Junior Woodward,
- Supreme Marshal,
- Supreme Conductor,
- Supreme Messenger,
- Two Supreme Standard Bearers,
- Two Supreme Sword Bearers,
- Supreme Senior Beadle,
- Supreme Junior Beadle.

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE.

10. All Active members of The Supreme Court shall be equally eligible for any of the offices, except as provided in Section *one*, sub-section *twelve*, and Section *two*, sub-section *two*, and in Section *fifty-four*, sub-section *one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and except that the Supreme Physician and the Secretary of

the Medical Board shall each be a duly qualified physician, and legally entitled to practise his profession, and the Supreme Counsellor shall be a duly qualified member of the legal profession; *provided* that if no member of the legal profession be present among the qualified members of The Supreme Court, then, in that case, any Active member present may be elected Supreme Counsellor.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

11. (1) The nomination of the elective officers of The Supreme Court shall take place at each regular session thereof not earlier than the afternoon of the *second* day of such regular session immediately after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, unless The Supreme Court is sooner ready to adjourn.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

12. (1) The elections shall immediately follow the nominations for each office, and the nominations for the next succeeding office shall not be made till the election for the preceding office shall have taken place.

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

(3) In the election of Auditors and members of the

Medical Board, any ballot that does not contain as many names as there are Auditors or members of the Medical Board to be elected, as the case may be, shall be reckoned to be a blank ballot and shall not be taken into account in determining the election.

(4) At every election the Supreme Chief Ranger shall appoint *three* or more Tellers to count the ballots; after the count the ballots shall be sealed up and placed in the hands of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

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

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

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

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

13. (1) On the opening of a session of The Supreme Court, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall appoint, from among the Active members of The Supreme Court present, officers in the place of any appointed officers who may be absent from the session.

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

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

BONDS.

BONDED OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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(4) All bonds of the Officers of The Supreme Court shall be executed in favor of THE SUPREME COURT OF THE INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS, and, after approval by the Executive Council, shall be filed with and kept by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

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

(6) If a satisfactory bond is not furnished by such Officer within the said fifteen days the office shall thereby be *ipso facto* forfeited, and the vacancy thus created shall be duly filled as provided in Section twenty-eight of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(7) If, at any time, in the opinion of The Supreme Court, or of the Executive Council in the *interim* of sessions, it may be deemed advisable to require any bonded Officer to give a new and better bond or bond in a larger amount the Supreme Chief Ranger shall give such Officer notice in writing to file such bond for approval within thirty days. A failure on the part of the Officer so directed to comply with such notice within the said thirty days shall *ipso facto* create a vacancy in such office; and such vacancy shall be filled by The Supreme Court if in session, or by the Executive Council in the *interim* of the sessions as provided in Section twenty-eight of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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

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

duly qualified as required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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

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

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

16. (1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Chief Ranger to preside at all meetings of The Supreme Court and of the Executive Council.

(2) To have charge and control of the Head Office and all other offices of The Supreme Court, and to employ such persons, from time to time, as he may deem necessary to the proper carrying on of the business of The Supreme Court, with power to discharge the same; and to have a general superintendence of the affairs of the Order, and the promotion of its growth; to appoint such Deputy Supreme Secretaries as the interests of the Order may require, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them from time to time by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(3) To safely keep the corporate seal of The Supreme Court; to keep the Cheque Book and issue cheques, duly countersigned by the Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Treasurer, to pay all legitimate claims upon The Supreme Court.

(4) To sign, and where necessary, to attach the corporate seal to all documents and papers that require his signature and the corporate seal to properly authenticate the same.

(5) To select in June and December the semi-annual password to take effect on the *first* day of the next suc-

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

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

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

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

(10) To appoint all committees required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, except the appointment thereof be otherwise ordered by vote of The Supreme Court; *provided* always he may appoint the Standing Committees prior to the meeting of The

Supreme Court, and summon such of them as he may deem best to meet not earlier than *ten* days prior to the opening of the session of The Supreme Court.

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

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

PAST SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

17. The Past Supreme Chief Ranger having a seat in the Executive Council, shall be the member of The Supreme Court who shall be elected to that office from time to time, and who shall possess all the qualifications required for the Supreme Chief Ranger by the Constitution and Laws, and by the General Laws, of the Order.

SUPREME VICE-CHIEF RANGER.

18. The Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger shall in the absence of the Supreme Chief Ranger and of the Past Supreme Chief Ranger preside at the sessions of The Supreme Court or at the meetings of the Executive Council.

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SUPREME SECRETARY.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) To keep a Mortuary Benefit Register showing the name of each deceased member and the name and number of the last Court of which he was a member, date and cause of death, amount of Mortuary Benefit held, amount and to whom paid, and date of such payment; also to keep a Total and Permanent Disability Benefit Register in such form as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger; also to keep a Sick Benefit Register in such form as may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(8) To issue to every beneficiary member of the Order, whose medical examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, the required Benefit Certificate: such Certificates shall be numbered consecutively, and shall show the names of the beneficiaries.

(9) To have charge of the books, papers and all rituals and other private works belonging to The Supreme Court.

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

(11) To keep a true and correct account between The Supreme Court and all High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of Royal Foresters, and all other parties with whom it has dealings.

(12) To receive all moneys due to The Supreme Court and deposit the same daily to the credit of The Supreme Court in a chartered bank designated by the Executive Council, and to obtain a marked duplicate of the deposit receipt, and without delay send or deliver the same to the Supreme Treasurer, and, at the same time, notify the Supreme Chief Ranger of the amount of money so deposited.

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(13) To transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger at the commencement of each month, for publication in the Official Organ, a report comprising the following items: cash received, and from what source; total paid the Supreme Treasurer.

(14) To examine all Reports sent to the Supreme Secretary of assessments forwarded, and, if incorrect, notify forthwith the Court from which the money was sent, and have the same at once corrected.

(15) To exhibit the books, accounts, papers and property of The Supreme Court to any member of the Executive Council whenever requested so to do; and give full information upon any point connected with the Order whenever so requested by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(16) To furnish to High Courts the supplies needed for Courts under their respective jurisdictions, and to furnish supplies to Courts not under the jurisdiction of a High Court.

(17) To transmit to his successor in office, whenever so requested by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, all property of The Supreme Court of whatsoever kind that may be in his possession or custody.

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

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

SUPREME TREASURER.

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

(2) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Treasurer to keep correct and separate account of all moneys received

for the Benefit Funds of The Supreme Court, and pay out the same only on cheques drawn to pay the several Benefits provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or for investment; to keep a correct and separate account of all moneys belonging to the General Fund; to permit any member of the Executive Council, at any time, to examine the bank book and other books; to transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, at the commencement of each month, for publication in the Official Organ, a statement showing the amount received since last report for each Benefit Fund and the General Fund, the amount of the Benefits paid and to whom paid; also to transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger weekly, a certified statement of the amount of funds deposited by the Supreme Secretary in the bank to the credit of The Supreme Court.

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

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

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

(6) To forthwith deliver to his successor in office, upon the request of the Supreme Chief Ranger, all

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INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS.

(7) The Supreme Treasurer shall, in conjunction with
the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Supreme Secre-
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tion and the amendments thereto and to the directions
of the Executive Council, invest the Surplus funds of The
Supreme Court, over and above what may be required to
pay current claims and expenses, in government, munic-
ipal, or other debentures or bonds, or in first-mort-
gages, or in such other securities as may be specially
designated and approved by the Executive Council.

SUPREME PHYSICIAN.

21. (1) It shall be the duty of the Supreme Physician
to prepare and submit to the Supreme Chief Ranger,
whenever so requested, a chart showing unhealthy dis-
tricts in which Courts should not be organized, or where
initiations should be temporarily suspended.

(2) To carefully examine, when referred to him by the
Supreme Chief Ranger or Supreme Secretary, all pa-
pers and matters appertaining to either the Mortuary
Benefit, or Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, or
Sick and Funeral Benefits, of The Supreme Court, and
if, in his opinion, any fraud exists or has been perpe-
trated, to notify the Supreme Chief Ranger who shall
take the necessary steps for a thorough and complete
investigation.

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

(4) To perform such other duties as the Supreme
Chief Ranger, the Executive Council, or the Constitu-
tion and Laws of the Order, may require.

SUPREME COUNSELLOR.

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

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

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

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

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

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

OTHER SUPREME OFFICERS.

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

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SUPREME COURT CONSTITUTION.

VACANCIES THROUGH ABSENCE FROM SESSIONS.

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

DISABILITY OF THE SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

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

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

COMPOSITION AND POWERS.

26. (1) The Executive Council shall consist of the
Supreme Chief Ranger, the Past Supreme Chief Ran-
ger, the Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger, the Supreme
Secretary, the Supreme Treasurer, the Supreme Phy-
sician, the Supreme Marshal, the Supreme Counsellor,

(2) The powers and duties of the Executive Council
shall be defined in the Constitution and Laws of the Order,
in addition to those defined
elsewhere in the Constitution and Laws of the Order,
and shall be as follows:

(a) During the recess of The Supreme Court to exer-
cise all the executive and judicial powers thereof.

(b) Whenever the General Fund of The Supreme
Court becomes exhausted, to borrow from any other
fund at the legal disposal of the Executive Council, or

from any other source, paying the current rate of interest therefor.

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

(d) To hear and determine any charges against any Officer or member of The Supreme Court, or of a High Court, or of a Subordinate Court, or of a Companion Court, or of a Juvenile Court, or of an Encampment of Royal Foresters; to suspend from the Order any cause any Officer or member thereof; to review, hear or re-try, any case or proceeding of any branch of The Supreme Court, or of any tribunal thereof, to vary, modify, augment, reverse or set aside any finding or decision of any such branch or tribunal, to suspend or arrest the Charter of any High Court, Subordinate Court, or Companion Court, or Juvenile Court or Encampment of Royal Foresters, for neglect or refusal to perform any lawful duty, or for violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or for contempt of the authority or mandates of the Executive Council, or of the Supreme Chief Ranger; to fill the vacancy in any elective office of The Supreme Court until the next session thereof, and pay such appointee a salary not exceeding the salary which the preceding Officer was receiving at the time the vacancy occurred.

(3) All members of the Executive Council shall be *ex officio* members of all Courts and Encampments of the Order.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION.

27. (1) Whenever action or decision by the Executive Council is required on any matter, the Supreme

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- 28. (1) In case of the disqualification, refusal or neg-
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 the office so rendered vacant ; and such elected officer
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 (2) The other members of the Executive Council
 shall be the judges of the disqualification, refusal or
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 (3) Should any member of the Executive Council ab-
 sence may be declared vacant, if, after due notice, he fail
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duties of his office, the Executive Council shall have power to declare such office vacant, and they shall forthwith elect a successor to the office thereby rendered vacant, and such elected officer shall, upon complying with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order and on being duly installed, assume and perform the duties of the said office. The Executive Council shall be the judges of the disqualification, refusal or neglect referred to in this sub-section.

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

(6) All vacancies in the appointed offices of The Supreme Court shall be filled by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

MEDICAL BOARD.

COMPOSITION AND POWERS.

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

(2) The Secretary shall have power at the time of reviewing the medical examinations of applicants for membership, or of initiates, or of applicants for reinstatement, to order an examination of any such person to be made by two physicians, or to reduce the amount of Mortuary Benefit applied for and to pass such appli-

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cants, or initiates, for such reduced amount only, and to determine under what class applicants shall be rated, unless specifically determined in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or to accept or to reject the medical examinations. He shall also have power to reconsider any medical examination within *three* months after passing the same, and, if there be sufficient cause which existed at the time of the examination to reject the medical examination, he may reject the same, whereupon such member shall cease to be a beneficiary member of the Order.

(3) Assistant Secretaries may be appointed by the Supreme Chief Ranger, from time to time, to act under the direction of the Secretary of the Medical Board; and they may be discharged at any time by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(4) An appeal from the decision of the Secretary of the Medical Board may be taken to the Medical Board any time within *twenty* days from the date of his action; the decision of the Medical Board shall be final in all cases.

(5) The regular meetings of the Medical Board shall be held on the day before the opening of a session of The Supreme Court; and an emergency meeting may be called at any time by the Supreme Chief Ranger through the Secretary of the Medical Board, and for such meeting it shall be sufficient for him to give notice to, and secure the attendance of, a quorum of the Board.

(6) The quorum of the Medical Board shall consist of *two* members thereof.

AUDITORS.

30. (1) Two Auditors shall be elected at each regular session of The Supreme Court whose duty shall be to audit the books of the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer quarterly, and at any other time when requested by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(2) They shall have ready for presentation at the opening of each regular session of The Supreme Court,

a full and complete printed report of their audits covering the period since the last triennial or quadriennial audit to the 31st December immediately preceding the session of The Supreme Court.

SALARIES AND COMPENSATIONS.

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

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

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

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

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

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

(7) The persons employed by the Supreme Chief Ranger at the Head Office of The Supreme Court, or

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REPRESENTATIVES.

QUALIFICATIONS AND ALLOWANCES.

32. (1) Representatives from a High Court must be residents within the jurisdiction thereof, and must be officers or members in "good standing" in one of the Courts in such jurisdiction, and must have been elected by the High Court they represent, or appointed by the High Standing Committee of their High Court, to the number provided in Section *eighty-seven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order. Representatives shall furnish a credential of their election or appointment as such, signed by the High Chief Ranger and High Secretary and attested with the seal of their High Court.

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

(3) Representatives who cease to reside within the jurisdiction of the High Court they represent shall *ipso facto* forfeit their position as Representatives of such High Court, unless they shall have removed to and are residing in a territory where there is a High Court.

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

(5) Representatives who attend the session of The Supreme Court and are present on the *first* day of the

session, shall be entitled to necessary sleeping-car fare and a *mileage* allowance of *five* cents one way for each mile travelled from their respective homes to the place of meeting of The Supreme Court. Mileage shall be computed by the shortest route between the two points.

(6) Representatives shall also be entitled to a *per diem* allowance of *five* dollars during the time that would necessarily be occupied in coming from and returning home by the shortest and quickest routes, and while actually in attendance at the session of The Supreme Court except as provided in sub-section *seven* of this section, and while in attendance at the meetings of Committees which may have been called to meet prior to the opening of The Supreme Court as provided in Section *sixteen*, sub-section *ten*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; *provided* always that the time allowance for crossing the Atlantic Ocean shall in no case exceed *ten* days.

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

VOTES.

HOW GIVEN.

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

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

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

WHO MAY OR MAY NOT VOTE.

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

(2) Each Representative in "good standing" present from a High Court shall be entitled to cast one vote, except as provided in sub-sections *three* and *four* of this section, and except as provided in Section *thirty-five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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

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

(5) No member of the Order whose name appears in the Act of Incorporation shall be entitled to speak or vote in The Supreme Court by reason only of his name appearing in the said Act.

VOTES OF ABSENTEES.

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

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

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

- (a) By the date of initiation into The Supreme Court ;
- (b) Next by the date of admission into the Order, and if still equal ;
- (c) By the age of the Representatives.

VOTES OF THE PRESIDING OFFICER AND TIE VOTES.

36. (1) Except as provided in sub-section *three* of this section, the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall not vote except in the election of officers or the selection of place of meeting, when he shall cast his ballot the same as other Officers and members entitled to vote.

(2) In case of a tie in the election of Officers or the selection of a place of meeting, the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall not be entitled to give the casting vote, but a new ballot shall be taken until there is a clear majority of the legal ballots cast.

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

BLANKS NOT TO BE COUNTED.

37. All blank ballots, and all ballots not filled up in accordance with the provisions of Section *twelve*, sub-section *three*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and all ballots marked for any one, or for a place, not in nomination at that particular ballot, shall be counted as blanks, and shall not be taken into account in determining the majority.

DEPUTIES

OF THE SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

38. Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers shall be duly commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and they shall *ipso facto* be entitled to receive the High and Supreme Court Degrees as Honorary members thereof, and shall—

(1) Be the Representatives of the Supreme Chief Ranger in their respective territories.

(2) Have power to organize and institute Subordinate Courts and Companion Courts anywhere not proscribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order or by the Executive Council.

(3) Receive such compensation for their services as may be fixed by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

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

(5) Make proper returns to the Supreme Chief Ranger within *twenty-four* hours after the institution of a new court.

(6) On the institution of a new court not under the jurisdiction of a High Court, a Court Deputy shall be commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger; the duties and powers of such Court Deputy shall be the same as those of a Court Deputy of a High Chief Ranger.

(7) All commissions of the Supreme Chief Ranger shall terminate at the opening of the next regular session of The Supreme Court after the date of such commissions, unless sooner revoked by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

THEIR APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES.

39. (1) Except such Standing Committees as may have been previously appointed under the provisions of

Section *sixteen*, sub-section *ten*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the Supreme Chief Ranger or other Presiding Officer shall, at the opening of each regular session of The Supreme Court, appoint the following Standing Committees, each to consist of *five* members, viz. :

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

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

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

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

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

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

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(7) The Committee on the State of the Order shall present to The Supreme Court an exhibit of the condition, progress and prospects of the Order, and suggest such measures to be taken in connection therewith as they may deem to be in the interest of the Order.

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

(9) The Committee on Mileage and per Diem shall prepare a pay roll, showing how much each Officer, Past Executive Officer and Representative is entitled to be paid, making the computation in accordance with the provisions of Section *thirty-two*, sub-sections *five* and *six*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

THE GENERAL FUND.

40. The General Fund of The Supreme Court shall consist of the following named items:

(1) Charter Fee for a High Court, including Charter Supplies, *two hundred* dollars.

(2) Charter Fee for an Encampment of Royal Foresters *one hundred* dollars.

(3) Charter Fee for a Subordinate Court instituted under the authority of The Supreme Court of *one* dollar for each Charter member.

(4) Charter Fee for a Companion Court instituted under the authority of The Supreme Court of *one* dollar for each Charter member.

(5) For each member initiated into the Order a Certificate fee of *one* dollar

(6) For each Beneficiary member a Registration Fee of *fifty* cents for each *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit taken.

(7) The Enrolment fee of *one* dollar and the Registration Fee of *one* dollar in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department.

(8) Not more than *five* per cent. of the amount of assessments received on account of the Benefit Funds of The Supreme Court.

(9) Annual Dues for each unattached Member-at-large, payable annually in advance, *three* dollars if such member is holding *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, *three* dollars and *sixty* cents if holding *one thousand* dollars, *four* dollars and *twenty* cents if holding *two thousand* dollars, *four* dollars and *eighty* cents if holding *three thousand* dollars, *five* dollars and *forty* cents if holding *four thousand* dollars, and *six* dollars if holding *five thousand* dollars of Mortuary Benefit.

(10) Subject to the proviso contained in Section *two hundred and forty-five*, subsection *one (e)*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, for each beneficiary member in "good standing" in a Court on the *first* day of each and every month, the Extension of the Order Tax of *five* cents for each of those holding *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, *ten* cents for each of those holding *one thousand* dollars, *fifteen* cents for each of those holding *two thousand* dollars, *twenty* cents for each of those holding *three thousand* dollars, *twenty-five* cents for each of those holding *four thousand* dollars, and *thirty* cents for each of those holding *five thousand* dollars, of Mortuary Benefit.

(11) Also the profits on supplies and such other fees as The Supreme Court at a regularly convened session may from time to time order.

(12) Also the interest earned on any accumulated funds of the Supreme Court; *provided* that the interest earned on the Mortuary Fund shall not form a part of the General Fund, nor be used for management expenses, but shall be placed in a Contingency Fund, which shall be used to maintain the capital sum of the Surplus Fund unimpaired; *provided* further, that such portions of any balance that may remain in the Contingency Fund from time to time, may, as deemed best by the Executive Council, be added to the Surplus Fund.

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41. (1) Supplies of all kinds shall emanate from The Supreme Court exclusively. The Executive Council shall designate and define what are supplies.

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

(3) Supplies furnished by The Supreme Court must be paid for on or before delivery.

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

(5) All supplies needed by High Courts for their own use or for the use of the Courts under their jurisdiction must be procured from The Supreme Court; and all supplies needed by the Courts under a High Court must be procured from such High Court. If a Court is not under a High Court all supplies must be procured from The Supreme Court at the list prices. Any High Court, Court, or member, procuring supplies from other sources than The Supreme Court, or from a High Court, as the case may be, without the permission of the Executive Council, shall on conviction be subject to a fine of *fifty* per cent. of the cost thereof, as laid down in the "price list" by the Executive Council.

(6) All receipts on The Supreme Court account must be promptly forwarded by a High Court, or other Court, or Encampment, to The Supreme Court as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

NOTICES, HOW GIVEN.

42. (1) Any notice emanating from The Supreme Court or Executive Council shall bear the signature of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary, or both.

(2) Any notice to The Supreme Court, or to the Executive Council, shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary.

(3) Any notice to any officer or member of The Supreme Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Supreme Secretary, or upon the officer or member immediately concerned.

(4) Any notice to any branch of The Supreme Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served, in the case of a High Court, upon the High Chief Ranger or the High Secretary; in the case of a Subordinate Court or a Companion Court, upon the Recording Secretary or Financial Secretary; in the case of a Juvenile Court, upon the Recording Secretary or the Worthy Commander; in the case of an Encampment of Royal Foresters, upon the Illustrious Archivist or the Illustrious Commander.

(5) Any notice to any officer or member of any branch of The Supreme Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the High Secretary, or Recording Secretary, or Financial Secretary, or Illustrious Archivist, as the case may be; or by being served upon the officer or member immediately concerned at his last known post office address.

(6) Any notice designated in the *five* preceding subsections of this section shall be deemed to be duly served,

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(c) The time of such notice shall be computed from the date of mailing such notice, or day of publication in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, as the case may be.

(7) Any notice to the beneficiary, personal representative, or other person interested in any mortuary or other benefit of a living or deceased member, shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Recording Secretary or Financial Secretary of the member's Court or, if the member be deceased, of the Court of which he was last a member; or such notice may be served upon such beneficiary, personal representative or other person interested.

APPEALS.

IN WHOM THE RIGHT IS VESTED.

43. (1) The right of appeal shall be vested in every member of the Order, and in case of the death or disability of a member the right of appeal shall be vested in his beneficiary or personal representative.

(2) The right of appeal shall also be vested in every High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court, Juvenile Court and Encampment of Royal Foresters; and an appeal shall lie against the action or decision of any Officer, or of any Court or Encampment, except that of The Supreme Court whose action shall be final and conclusive in all cases.

(3) Any aggrieved party failing to take an appeal from any action or decision in the manner and within the time laid down in the Constitution and Laws of the Order shall be bound by such action or decision, and shall have no further recourse, whether in law or equity, in respect of the subject matter of such action or decision.

SEQUENCE OF APPEALS.

44. (1) All appeals arising in any of the Courts in connection with any of the Benefits or Benefit Funds of the Order, and all appeals relating to the General Laws, shall be direct from the Officer, or Court, or Encampment, as the case may be, giving original decision to the Supreme Chief Ranger; thence in the order of the sequence laid down in sub-sections *three* and *four* of this section.

(2) All appeals from the action or decision of any of the Officers of The Supreme Court, other than the Supreme Chief Ranger, shall be to the Supreme Chief Ranger; thence in the order of the sequence laid down in sub-sections *three* and *four* of this section.

(3) From the Supreme Chief Ranger to the Executive Council.

(4) From the Executive Council to The Supreme Court, whose decision shall be final on all questions.

MODE OF APPEALS.

45. (1) All appeals must be made within *twenty* days from the date of the decision, except from a decision of a High Chief Ranger, or from the decision of the Supreme Chief Ranger, when the High Court or The Supreme Court, as the case may be, is in session, when an appeal must be taken forthwith and before any other business is begun.

(2) The appellant must take the appeal in writing, and immediately notify the appellee thereof, except in the case of an appeal from the decision of a Presiding Officer to a Court, or from that of a Court to the Court Deputy if the Court Deputy is present at the time the appeal is first taken, or from that of a High Chief Ranger to a High Court in session, or from that of the Supreme Chief Ranger to The Supreme Court in session, which may be in writing or *viva voce*; the appellant must in every case where the appeal is required to be in writing transmit with the appeal a copy of the

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(3) Whenever an appeal is required to be taken in writing, official copies of all the records and documents in regard to the decision or action against which the appeal is taken, and all evidence relating to the subject, properly authenticated or verified by the signatures of the Presiding Officer and Secretary and with the seal of the Court, or verified by affidavit or statutory declaration, shall be forwarded to the next higher authority within *twenty* days from the date of appeal; and such return shall be final unless additional evidence is required by the authority to whom the appeal is taken.

(4) All appeals must be decided or referred to the next higher authority within *twenty* days from the receipt of the same, except in the case of an appeal to the High Court, or to the Executive Council, or to The Supreme Court, which shall be decided at the next session thereof.

(5) The parties interested shall be notified at once whenever a decision or reference is made, such notification shall be given as provided in Sections *forty-two, ninety-eight and one hundred and sixty-five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

APPEALS OF COURTS NOT UNDER A HIGH COURT.

46. When a Court is under the immediate jurisdiction of The Supreme Court, all appeals shall be made from the Court Deputy to the Supreme Chief Ranger, thence in the order of the sequence laid down in Section *forty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; and all communications with The Supreme Court shall be made through the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

CHARTERS EMANATE FROM THE SUPREME COURT.

47. (1) All Charters for High Courts, Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and En-

campments of Royal Foresters, shall emanate from The Supreme Court only; High Courts may, however, issue Dispensations for the formation of Courts within their own territorial jurisdiction; and when the High Court is not in session, Dispensations for the formation of Courts may be granted by either the High Chief Ranger or High Standing Committee, but in every case immediate notice of the issuing of such Dispensation must be sent to the Supreme Secretary.

(2) All Charters or Dispensations are subject to revocation and annulment by The Supreme Court or by the Executive Council, as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

CHARTER SUPPLIES.

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

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PROSCRIBED TERRITORY.

49. (1) Except as provided in sub-section *two* of this
 section, no Court shall be established anywhere in
 North America south of the 38th parallel of north lati-
 tude, nor in the West Indies, nor in any place or
 country proscribed by the Executive Council.

(2) With the unanimous consent of the Executive
 Council, the Supreme Chief Ranger may issue a special
 dispensation, in each case, for the institution of Courts
 in proscribed territory.

(3) Provided that no Court shall be instituted in any
 locality where an epidemic of yellow fever has ever
 prevailed.

CHARGES AND TRIALS.

50. (1) In the event of charges being made against
 any Officer or member of The Supreme Court, as such,
 the same shall be tried by The Supreme Court or by the
 Executive Council, and the same general rules as are
 provided for charges against, and trial of, officers and
 members of Courts shall be observed.

(2) No Officer of The Supreme Court shall officiate
 during the trial of a charge duly preferred against him.
 Should the Supreme Chief Ranger be under charges,
 the Past Supreme Chief Ranger, who is also a member of
 the Executive Council, shall preside while any question
 arising therefrom shall be under consideration; but
 should the Past Supreme Chief Ranger be not present,
 then the Officer present who is highest in rank shall
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(3) Upon any trial in the Order, the accused may ap-
 pear in person or by attorney, or both, and may submit
 in his defence *viva voce* or documentary evidence; *pro-
 vided* always that no one shall appear in any trial as
 attorney, who is not a member in "good standing" in
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REGALIA AND DEGREE COLORS.

51. (1) The Regalia of the Order shall be a badge and a sash.
- (2) The colors of the Order shall be red, white, blue and purple.
- (3) The badge for members shall be of gold or gilded metal in the form of a Maltese Cross, pendent from two clasps or bars and a ribbon, each part having emblematic designs shown thereon.
- (4) The badge for officers shall have in addition, suspended from the upper clasp of the badge, the emblem pertaining to their office. All badges shall be worn on the right breast, except that Royal Foresters shall wear them on the left breast.
- (5) The sash shall be of ribbon *four* inches wide and of distinctive colors and design, according to degree and official position of the officer or member, and shall be worn over the left shoulder. All trimmings, ornaments, letters, official titles and designs shall be gold or gilt.
- (6) The colors of Subordinate Courts shall be red, white and blue.
- (a) Members of Subordinate Courts shall wear red, edged blue, moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design with fringed ends.
- (b) Officers of Subordinate Courts shall have, in addition, the letters of official title on the sash, which shall have braid or lace, fringed ends and shoulder straps.
- (c) Court Deputies of Subordinate Courts shall wear red, edged white and blue, moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design, but otherwise trimmed like the sash of other officers.
- (7) The colors of Companion Courts shall be red, white and sky-blue.
- (a) Members of Companion Courts shall wear blue, edged red, moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design with fringed ends.

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(c) Court Deputies of Companion Courts shall wear blue, edged white and red, moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design, but otherwise trimmed like the sash of other officers.

(8) The colors of High Courts shall be red, white and purple.

(a) Members of High Courts shall wear purple, edged red, moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design, which shall have braid or lace, fringed ends and shoulder straps.

(b) Appointed officers of High Courts shall have a sash of the same colors and design as the members, with the addition of the letters of official title thereon, and shall wear the badge of office on the breast.

(c) High Standing Committees shall have a sash like the appointed officers with the addition of fringe at the lower edge of the sash, and shall wear the badge of office on the breast.

(d) District Deputies and General Deputies of a High Chief Ranger shall wear purple, edged white and red, moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design, but otherwise trimmed like the sash of the appointed officers.

(9) The colors for Royal Foresters shall be red and royal-blue.

(a) Royal Foresters shall wear royal-blue, edged red, moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design with fringed ends.

(10) Deputy Supreme Chief Rangers shall wear red, white and blue moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design, which shall have braid or lace, fringed ends and shoulder straps.

(11) The colors of The Supreme Court shall be red, white, blue and purple.

(a) Members of The Supreme Court shall wear royal-blue, edged red, white and purple, moire ribbon in the clasps of the badge, and a sash of same colors and design, which shall have braid or lace, fringed ends and shoulder straps.

(b) Appointed officers of The Supreme Court shall have, in addition, the emblems of office on the sash, and shall wear the badge of office on the breast.

(c) The Executive Council and the Supreme Auditors shall have the emblem of office and a Maltese Cross on the sash, which shall have fringe at lower edge, and shall wear the badge of office on the breast.

GRAND CROSS OF MERIT.

52. (1) The Grand Cross of Merit shall consist of a Maltese Cross in gold and enamel, resting on a golden wreath and surmounted by a crown, pendent from a royal-blue ribbon with three clasps. It shall be worn on the left breast. Besides the foregoing, an award of the Grand Cross of Merit shall entitle the member to a Jewel of a gold and white enamel *nine*-pointed large star, in the centre of which shall be displayed a moose-head in gold on red enamel field, inclosed in a belt of blue enamel, with the words: "Independent Order Foresters" in gold letters. The Star shall rest on a gold background, with small *five*-point blue enamel stars between the points of the large star. The whole shall be surmounted with a gold crown. The Jewel shall be worn pendent from a royal-blue ribbon around the neck. The Jewel of the Supreme Chief Ranger shall bear, in addition, the crossed gavels, and shall have the small stars and crown set with brilliants.

(2) The holders of the Grand Cross of Merit shall be designated *Chevaliers*.

(3) A Chevalier shall wear a blue corded ribbon sash, *four* inches wide, over the left shoulder and under the coat.

(4) No one shall be entitled to wear the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel except the Supreme Chief Ranger

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The Grand Cross of Merit shall consist of a gold chain, resting on a golden pendant from a royal sash, shall be worn on the left side. An award of the Grand Cross of Merit is a member to a Jewel of a large star, in the center a moose-head in gold on a belt of blue enamel, "Order Foresters" in gold on a gold background, with five enamel stars between the points. The Jewel shall be surmounted by a large star, shall be worn pendent from a ribbon on the neck. The Jewel shall bear, in addition, five small stars and

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and Past Supreme Chief Rangers, and such other members of The Supreme Court, or of a High Court, to whom the Grand Cross of Merit shall have been awarded, as provided in sub-sections *five, seven* and *eight* of this section; *provided* always, that the number of living *chevaliers* shall at no time exceed *one hundred*.

(5) By special vote of The Supreme Court, as provided in sub-section *eight* of this section, the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel may be conferred for distinguished services to the Order upon *one* member thereof for each year elapsed since the last regular session.

(6) By special ballot of a High Court at each regular session, the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel may be recommended to be granted to any *one* member thereof, *provided* always, that whenever a High Court recommends a candidate for the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel such High Court must set forth and transmit to the Executive Council, in a written statement, the distinguished services to the Order on account of which the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel is recommended.

(7) The Executive Council shall, at its first meeting after the close of each year, carefully review all the recommendations for the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel and the reasons submitted by High Courts, and make the grant to those of the Candidates who, in their judgment, have rendered such meritorious services to the Order as to entitle them to the Decoration.

(8) At each regular session of The Supreme Court, the Executive Council may recommend not more than *three* members of the Order for the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel, submitting with the recommendation a statement of the distinguished services rendered by each of the Candidates; and The Supreme Court may make the grant to one or more of the Candidates recommended by the Executive Council.

(9) The Candidates nominated by the Executive Council for the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel, shall be balloted for and elected for the honor by a majority of all the ballots cast in The Supreme Court.

(10) On the death of a Chevalier, the widow, husband, son, or daughter shall be entitled to wear the Grand Cross of Merit and Jewel of the deceased Chevalier.

AMENDMENTS.

HOW MADE.

53. (1) The foregoing Constitution cannot be altered nor amended, nor can any part of it be repealed, except as provided in the Act of the Parliament of Canada entitled An Act to amend the Act Incorporating The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters (59 Vic. c. 51), or at a regular session of The Supreme Court upon a proposition therefor duly submitted in writing or in print, when, by unanimous consent, it may be immediately considered, and if it is supported by *two thirds* of the votes cast shall be declared carried, and shall immediately go into effect, unless otherwise provided for in the proposition to amend; *provided* that any proposition to alter, amend or repeal submitted by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council, at the opening of the session, shall be considered before the close of the session.

(2) Except as provided in sub-section *one* of this section, if unanimous consent is not obtained for immediate consideration, then it shall be entered upon the journals and lie over until the next succeeding regular session of The Supreme Court, when it may be called up by any Officer or member, and if supported by a *two thirds* vote, shall be declared adopted and at once go into effect.

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GENERAL LAWS.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS.

54. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger, Past Supreme Chief Ranger, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer, in addition to other qualifications required by the Constitution, shall be of the full age of *twenty-one* years, and shall, at the time of their election, and, during their incumbency of office continue to, be residents of the Dominion of Canada. And before any brother is eligible for election to the first and second named offices, he must have filled the Supreme Chief Ranger's chair, or the Supreme Vice Chief Ranger's chair, or be a Past High Chief Ranger of one of the High Courts.
- (2) The High Chief Ranger, High Secretary and High Treasurer, in addition to other qualifications required by the Constitution, shall be residents within the jurisdiction of their respective High Courts, and shall be of the full age of *twenty-one* years, and
- (3) Before any member is eligible for election to the office of High Chief Ranger, he must be an Executive or a Past Executive Officer of The Supreme Court, or an Executive or a Past High Officer of the High Court; *provided* that, on the petition of a High Standing Committee, the Supreme Chief Ranger may grant a dispensation to nominate and elect some Active member other than an Executive or Past Executive Officer. Such dispensation may be applied for at any time within *thirty* days before the opening of a regular session of the High Court.

SURPLUS FUNDS.

55. (1) Except as provided in Section *forty*, sub-sections *eight* and *twelve* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the Surplus Fund shall consist of all funds

of The Supreme Court remaining from the assessments paid by the membership on account of the various Benefit Funds, after paying the Benefits accruing from time to time and the necessary out-goings for maintenance and care of the respective Funds; *provided* always that the aforesaid funds shall be kept separate and distinct, and that an amount not exceeding five per cent. of the amount of assessments received on account of each of the Benefit Funds respectively, may be taken for Management Expenses.

(2) Except as provided in sub-sections *one* and *three* of this section and in Section *twenty-six*, sub-section *two (b)*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and except as provided in Section *four* of the Act of Incorporation as amended, no part of the Surplus Fund shall be used for any purpose whatsoever except to pay the Benefits of the Order, and then only when the current revenue from the monthly assessments is insufficient to pay the claims as they accrue from time to time; *provided* always that no portion of one Benefit Fund shall be liable for, or shall be applied to, any of the purposes of the other Benefit Fund.

DECLARING A BONUS.

(3) It shall be competent for The Supreme Court at a regular session, by a *two-thirds* majority of the members present and voting, to declare and pay out of the Surplus Fund a bonus not exceeding in amount in any one year the sum of two assessments paid by each member participating in such bonus.

(4) No bonus shall be paid under the provisions sub-section *three* of this section, except to members at least *seven* years' "good standing" in the Order.

(5) No bonus shall be declared or paid, if such payment will reduce the available Surplus Fund to less than *twenty-five* dollars for each beneficiary member "good standing" in the Order; *provided* that the deposits with Governments or with the Insurance Department thereof shall not be deemed to be available Surplus

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

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57. These General Laws of The Supreme Court shall not be altered nor amended, nor annulled, nor any part of them repealed, except as provided in an Act of the Parliament of Canada (59 Vic. C. 51), or except a proposition therefor be made in writing or in print and recommended by one or more High Courts, and entered upon the minutes of The Supreme Court at a regular session thereof. Such proposition shall thereafter be sent to all High Courts for action thereon. At the next regular session of The Supreme Court after being so referred if no objections are filed with the Supreme Secretary by any High Court such proposition shall be considered, and shall be subject to amendment, alteration or postponement by a majority vote of the Officers and Active members present; and upon its final passage, if agreed to by *two-thirds* of the Officers and Active members present on a call of the *yeas* and *nays* such proposition shall be declared to be adopted and

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LAWS GOVERNING HIGH COURTS.

TERRITORIAL LIMITS.

58. (1) One or more High Courts may, in the discretion of The Supreme Court or of the Executive Council, be instituted at any time in any Province or Territory of the Dominion of Canada, or group of such, and in any State or Territory of the United States, or group of such, and in other Countries, not proscribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, when *six* or more Courts in "good standing" within the proposed High Court jurisdiction, with a total membership of not less than *one hundred and fifty*, shall make proper application for a High Court Charter to The Supreme Court, or to the Supreme Chief Ranger during a recess of The Supreme Court, *provided* that the Executive Council may, in their discretion, grant a Charter for a jurisdiction with a less number of Courts, or members, than required in this sub-section.

(2) The applications or petitions for a Charter must be signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of each petitioning Court, and shall have the seals of the Courts affixed to such applications or petitions; and the petitioning Courts must be a majority of all the Courts in the proposed High Court jurisdiction.

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

(4) The Executive Council shall have power to prescribe from time to time the boundaries of High Courts.

COMPOSITION.

59. (1) A High Court shall be composed of its Active voting members, its *Ex-officio* members and its Honorary members.

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

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

(4) Honorary members shall not be entitled to speak nor to vote, nor to hold office in a High Court.

POWERS.

(5) The powers of a High Court shall be: to grant Dispensations for the formation of and to establish Courts within its jurisdiction; to foster and build up existing Courts; to receive appeals and redress grievances to decide questions arising out of the Constitution and Laws of the Order except those pertaining to the Monthly Benefit Fund and to the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund and to Encampments of Royal Foresters; to compensate its Officers and employees; to have and exercise general supervision of the Order in its jurisdiction *provided*, however, that a High Court shall have no control over the Benefit Funds or other funds of The Supreme Court.

(6) The Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger may suspend the Charter of a High Court for non-payment of any liability to The Supreme Court for any violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(7) Upon the suspension of the Charter of a High Court, the Courts under the jurisdiction of such High Court shall forthwith come under the immediate jurisdiction of The Supreme Court as if there were no High Court in such jurisdiction, and they shall so continue until the Charter of the High Court is duly restored.

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RITUALS AND FORMS.

(8) All High Courts shall be managed and conducted according to the Rituals prescribed or which may be prescribed from time to time by The Supreme Court or by the Executive Council.

(9) All High Courts shall use the printed Forms prescribed or which may be prescribed from time to time and supplied by the Executive Council and none other.

INCORPORATION OF HIGH COURTS.

(10) Any High Court desiring to be incorporated shall proceed in the manner laid down in Section *one hundred and thirteen* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

BY-LAWS OF HIGH COURTS.

60. A High Court shall have power to make such By-laws for the regulation and government of its own internal economy as it may deem best; *provided* that such By-laws do not in any way conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Order; and *provided* further, that such By-laws shall not go into effect until approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger, such approval to be given in writing and attested by the signature of the Supreme Chief Ranger with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed.

JURISDICTION.

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

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

SESSIONS.

REGULAR AND SPECIAL SESSIONS.

62. (1) A High Court shall meet in regular sessions at such time and place as may have been selected, as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) A High Court may by By-law provide that it shall meet in regular session triennially, or annually, but in the absence of such By-law it shall, after January 1, 1900, meet biennially; *provided* that a High Court may hold its first regular session any time within two years of its institution.

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

SELECTION OF TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING.

63. (1) Subject to the provisions of Section six, sub-section two, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the selection of the place for holding the next regular session of a High Court shall be determined immediately after the election of Officers and Representatives.

By-law provide that it shall be annually, or annually, but not less than annually, after January 1st of each year; provided that a High Court may be called by the Supreme Chief Ranger whenever in the interest of the Order so requested in the written request of the Standing Committee. The High Court shall be called by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Standing Committee, and shall give *thirty days' notice* must be given to each of the High Court members. No business shall be transacted without the unanimous consent.

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provisions of Section *sixty-two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the place for holding the regular session of the High Court shall be determined by the Standing Committee of Officers and Representatives.

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

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

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

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

(5) The month and day of holding the regular session of the High Court shall be determined by a majority vote of the High Court.

(6) If no time or place be selected for the next regular session of the High Court as provided in sub-section *one* of this section, the High Standing Committee shall, subject to the provisions of Section *sixty-two*, subsection *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, make the selection and shall notify by circular or by letter every Officer and *Ex-officio* member of the High Court as well as every Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court, and shall also cause to be published in the Official Organ of the Order the time and place selected.

(7) Subject to the provisions of Section *sixty-two*, subsection *three*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, at least *thirty* days must elapse between the sending of such circulars or letters and the opening of the session of the High Court; the publication of the notice in the Official Organ must be made in the number of the month prior to the date of such session.

QUORUM OF A HIGH COURT.

64. (1) *One-fifth* of the Active members in "good standing" on the roll of a High Court at the time meeting be present before a High Court shall proceed to business, but a less number may act upon the credentials of Delegates, and the Presiding Officer shall have power to confer the High Court degree, and the meeting may be adjourned from time to time till a quorum is obtained.

(2) The Active members of a High Court who are counted for the purposes of the computation mentioned in sub-section *one* of this section are the Officers and the Past Executive Officers of the High Court and the Delegates whose credentials have been filed with the High Secretary.

OPENING A SESSION.

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

PRESIDING OFFICER.

(2) In the absence of the High Chief Ranger, the Executive Officer of The Supreme Court present who is highest in rank shall preside; in the absence of any such Supreme Court Officer, the High Chief Officer present who is the highest in rank shall preside.

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

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TITLES OF ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

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

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

(2) The first six elective Officers together with the Senior Past High Chief Ranger shall be the Executive Officers of a High Court, and shall be styled the High Standing Committee.

TITLES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS.

(3) The appointed Officers shall be as follows:

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE.

67. All Active members of a High Court shall be equally eligible for any of the offices, except as provided in Section *sixty-eight*, sub-section *three*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and except that a High Physician shall be a duly qualified physician legally entitled to practise his profession, and the High Counsellor shall be a duly qualified member of a legal profession; *provided* that if no member of the

legal profession be present among the qualified members of the High Court, any Active member present may be elected High Counsellor.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

68. (1) The nomination of the elective Officers of High Court shall take place at each regular session thereof, not earlier than the afternoon of the second of such regular session immediately after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, unless with the unanimous consent of the High Court or unless the High Court is sooner ready to close.

(2) Any Officer or Active member shall have the right to make any proper nomination and the nomination shall be taken in the order in which they are made. No member cannot be nominated nor elected unless present at the time, except when unavoidably absent and has given in writing a satisfactory explanation of such absence, or is temporarily absent, having been previously excused by the High Court or by the Chief Ranger.

(3) Males only shall be eligible for election as members of the High Standing Committee and as High Auditor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES.

69. (1) The election of an Officer shall immediately follow the nominations for each office, and the nominations for the next succeeding office shall not be taken until the election for the preceding office shall have been taken place.

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

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(2) At any time before final adjournment any *two*
ve members of the High Court may demand a re-
at of the ballots, which shall forthwith be made by
High Chief Ranger, the High Vice-Chief Ranger,
High Secretary and the *two* members demanding the
count. The result of such recount shall be final as to
each ballot.

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

(4) Subject to the provisions of sub-section *eight* of this
tion, the nomination and election of Representatives
of the Supreme Court, when held, shall immediately
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Auditors or Representatives to be elected, as the
may be, shall be reckoned to be a blank ballot
shall not be taken into account in determining the
election.

APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS.

(1) On the opening of a session of a High Court,
High Chief Ranger shall appoint from among the
five members of the High Court present Officers in

the place of any appointed officers who may be absent from the session.

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

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

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

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

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

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

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

BONDS.

BONDED OFFICERS.

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

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High Secretary and High Treasurer.

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

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

(4) All bonds shall be executed in favor of the Trustees of the respective High Courts in interest; and after approval by the said Trustees shall be filed with and kept by the High Chief Ranger, as provided in Section *eighty-four*, sub-section *four*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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

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

(7) If a satisfactory bond is not furnished by such Officer within the said *fifteen* days, he shall thereby forfeit the office to which he shall have been elected and the vacancy thus created shall be duly filled as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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

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

(10) A bonded Officer who is re-elected shall be held together with his sureties if members of the Order, on his former bond, unless the High Standing Committee shall require that a new bond be given.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS

HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

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

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

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

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

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

(6) To keep the Cheque-Book and issue cheques duly countersigned by the High Secretary and High Treasurer to pay all legitimate claims upon the High Court.

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(7) To sign and where necessary attach the cor-
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 cate the same.

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

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

(10) To call special sessions of the High Court as
 provided in Section *sixty-two*, sub-section *three*, of the
 Constitution and Laws of the Order; to call special
 meetings of any Court under the jurisdiction of the
 High Court whenever he deems it to be in the interests
 of the Order; to suspend for cause the Charter or
 Dispensation of a Court under his jurisdiction; to sus-
 pend for cause an Officer from office; and to perform
 such other duties as may be required for the proper
 administration and enforcement of the Constitution and
 Laws of the Order.

(11) He shall instruct all Banks wherein any of the
 funds of the High Court shall from time to time be
 deposited, to not allow any of such funds to be with-
 drawn except upon the joint cheque of the High Chief
 Ranger, the High Secretary and the High Treasurer.

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

JUNIOR PAST HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

74. (1) The Junior Past High Chief Ranger shall be the first Past High Chief Ranger of a High Court until the High Chief Ranger shall have passed the Chair; thereafter it shall be the Past High Chief Ranger in "good standing" who was most recently the High Chief Ranger.

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

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

HIGH VICE-CHIEF RANGER.

75. The High Vice-Chief Ranger shall, in the absence of the High Chief Ranger and of the Junior Past High Chief Ranger, preside at the sessions of the High Court and at meetings of the High Standing Committee.

HIGH SECRETARY.

76. (1) The High Secretary shall see that a correct report of the proceedings of the High Court is kept. He shall read to the High Court all communications, petitions and other documents and papers. He shall prepare and publish a copy of the proceedings of the High Court within *one* month after the close of each regular or special session. He shall also make to the

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

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

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

(5) He shall at the expiration of his term of office, or
 at any time on the order of the High Standing Com-
 mittee or of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Ex-
 ecutive Council; deliver to the High Court or to his suc-
 cessor in office all books, papers, funds, furniture or
 other property or effects of the High Court which may
 be in his custody or under his control.

(6) He shall keep a true and correct account between
 the High Court and the Courts under the jurisdic-
 tion and all other parties with whom it has dealings.
 He shall present to the High Court, on the *first* day of
 each regular session, a full and correct statement of
 the amount of money received and disbursed during
 the last term and since last report.

(7) He shall receive all moneys due to the High Court
 and deposit the same weekly, or oftener if so required
 by the High Standing Committee, to the credit of the
 High Court in a chartered bank designated by the
 High Standing Committee and shall obtain a marked
 duplicate of the deposit receipt, and without delay send
 and deliver the same to the High Treasurer. He shall
 also at the same time notify the High Chief Ranger of
 the amount of money so deposited.

(8) He shall exhibit his books, accounts, papers and
 property to any member of the High Standing Com-
 mittee, whenever requested so to do; and shall give

full information upon any point connected with the High Court, whenever so requested by the High Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee.

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

(10) He shall transmit to his successor in office, whenever so requested by the High Standing Committee by the Supreme Chief Ranger, all property pertaining to his office and committed to or coming into his care and custody.

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

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

HIGH TREASURER.

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

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

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

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HIGH PHYSICIAN.

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

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

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

HIGH COUNSELLOR.

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

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

(3) He shall carefully examine and report in writing
 upon all legal questions affecting the High Court
 which may be referred to him in writing by the High
 Chief Ranger.

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

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

(6) He shall conduct or give directions as to the
 legal business of the High Court; and he shall trans-

mit to his successor in office all the books and proper appertaining thereto.

OTHER HIGH OFFICERS.

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

HIGH STANDING COMMITTEE.

COMPOSITION AND POWERS.

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

(2) The High Standing Committee shall, for the purpose of becoming a body corporate and politic provided in 52 Victoria (Canada), Chapter 104, Section 3, be *ex-officio* the trustees of the High Court; and shall act in the recess of the High Court and perform all duties assigned to them by the High Court, or by the Constitution and Laws of the Order; have power to call special sessions of the High Court if they deem necessary; have power to grant Dispensations for the formation of new Courts or for the consolidation of existing Courts; fill all vacancies in the offices of the High Court except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and pay a salary to the new officer not exceeding in amount the salary paid to the previous incumbent of the office.

(3) They shall hear and determine any charges against any Officer or member of the High Court of the Courts under the jurisdiction; for cause they may

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STANDING COMMITTEE.

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Committee shall, for the purpose of carrying out its objects, be a body corporate and politic (under the laws of Canada), Chapter 104, Section 10, of the High Court; and they shall do all things which the High Court and perform by the High Court, or by the High Court, or by the High Court if they deem it expedient to grant Dispensations for the High Court or for the consolidation of the High Court vacancies in the offices of the High Court otherwise provided in the Order, and pay a salary to the High Chief Ranger in amount the salary of the office.

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temporarily suspend from office Officers of the High Court or of Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court until the next session of the High Court, unless sooner decided on appeal to the higher tribunals; for cause they may suspend from the Order any Officer or member of the High Court or of any Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court; they may suspend or arrest the Charter of any Court under the jurisdiction of the High Court for neglect or refusal to perform any lawful duty or for violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Order or for contempt of the authority or mandates of the High Standing Committee or of the High Chief Ranger.

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION.

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

REMOVAL FROM OFFICE AND VACANCIES.

83. (1) In case of the disqualification, refusal or neglect of any member of the High Standing Committee to discharge the duties of his office, the other members of the High Standing Committee shall have power by

unanimous vote to declare such office vacant, and shall forthwith elect a successor to the office thereby rendered vacant; and such elected officer upon complying with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order and on being duly installed, shall assume and perform the duties of the said office.

(2) The other members of the High Standing Committee shall be the judges of the disqualification, refusal or neglect referred to in sub-section *one* of this section.

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

(4) All vacancies in the appointed offices of the High Court shall be filled by the High Chief Ranger.

AUDITORS.

84. (1) Two High Auditors shall be elected at each regular session of the High Court. It shall be the duty to audit the books of the High Secretary and High Treasurer of the High Court within *ten* days prior to the regular session, or at any other time when so requested by the High Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee.

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

TRUSTEES.

(3) The High Chief Ranger, Junior Past High Chief Ranger, High Vice-Chief Ranger, High Secretary, High Treasurer, High Physician and High Counsellors shall be the Trustees of their High Court.

CUSTODY OF BONDS.

(4) The High Chief Ranger shall be the custodian of all bonds required to be given by Officers of the High Court.

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COMPENSATION.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES OF OFFICERS.

85. (1) The High Chief Ranger shall be re-imbursed for the necessary expenses and outlay incurred by virtue of his office, and he may also receive such salary as the High Court may determine from time to time.

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

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

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

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

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

PENALTY FOR AN ABSENTEE.

86. (1) If any Officer of the High Court should absent himself from any session of the High Court without giving an excuse for such absence which shall be satisfactory to the High Court, he may have his office declared vacant, and the vacancy shall be forthwith filled by the High Court; in the case of an appoint-

ed office being declared vacant, the same shall be filled by the High Chief Ranger.

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

REPRESENTATIVES AND DELEGATES

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SUPREME COURT.

87. (1) The number of Representatives that may be required from time to time according to the provision of Section *two* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be apportioned by the Executive Council nearly as may be *pro rata* to the various High Courts on the basis of membership in "good standing" on the *first* day of January immediately preceding the date which The Supreme Court session is fixed to be held. Each High Court shall have at least *one* Representative.

(2) Each High Court, at its regular session immediately preceding the regular session of The Supreme Court, shall elect its Representatives to The Supreme Court as provided in Section *sixty-nine*, sub-section *seven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, to serve till the next regular session of the High Court immediately preceding another regular session of The Supreme Court or until their successors are chosen. Any vacancy in the office of Representative shall be filled by the High Court at its regular session, but if no regular session intervene between the time when the vacancy occurs and the session of The Supreme Court the vacancy shall be filled by the High Standing Committee; and a Representative so elected or appointed shall hold office for the balance of the term.

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(3) Representatives to The Supreme Court must be Active members of and must have been elected by the High Court they represent, or appointed by the High Standing Committee of their High Court; they must be Officers or members in "good standing" of some Court within the jurisdiction of such High Court; and they must be residents within such jurisdiction unless they shall have removed to and are residing in a territory where there is no High Court. Representatives shall furnish a credential of their election or appointment as such, signed by the High Chief Ranger and High Secretary and attested with the seal of their High Court.

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Representatives that may according to the provision of the Executive Council to the various High Court in "good standing" on the date immediately preceding the date of the session is fixed to be held at least one Represent

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

(5) Any Representative who is absent at the opening of a session of The Supreme Court shall, unless excused by The Supreme Court, *ipso facto* forfeit his seat, and the vacancy thus created may be forthwith filled.

(6) Active members only of a High Court shall be eligible for election as Representatives to The Supreme Court.

its regular session immediately preceding the regular session of The Supreme Court. Representatives to The Supreme Court shall be elected by the High Standing Committee of the High Court at their regular session of The Supreme Court. Their successors are chosen at the close of the regular session of the High Court, but if the session of The Supreme Court is held between the time when the session of The Supreme Court is held by the High Standing Committee so elected or appointed at the close of the term.

(7) No Representative of a High Court shall be entitled to speak or vote in The Supreme Court unless the High Court which he represents is, at the time of the meeting of The Supreme Court, clear upon the books of The Supreme Court in respect of all sums which may have been due at the close of the semi-annual term immediately preceding the session of The Supreme Court.

DELEGATES TO THE HIGH COURT.

(1) The basis of representation from the Courts to High Courts shall be regulated by each High Court in its By-laws; and a High Court may by special By-

law enact that when the beneficiary members in "good standing" of a Court fall below *ten* in number such Court shall not be entitled to be represented in the High Court.

(2) In the absence of any High Court By-laws to the contrary, each Court with less than *ten* beneficiary members shall be entitled to *one* Delegate, and each Court having *ten* to *fifty* beneficiary members in "good standing" shall be entitled to *two* Delegates, and *one* additional Delegate for each additional *twenty-five* beneficiary members or major fraction thereof in "good standing" at the end of the semi-annual term immediately preceding the regular session of the High Court.

(3) Companion Courts shall be under the immediate jurisdiction of The Supreme Court and shall not be entitled to send Delegates to the High Court until the High Court shall have extended to them the right of representation; *provided* always, that when a High Court shall have once extended to Companion Courts the right of representation the Companion Courts in the jurisdiction shall thereafter, subject to the provisions of sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section, be under the jurisdiction of and entitled to send Delegates to such High Court.

(4) No Delegate shall be entitled to vote in the High Court unless the Court which he represents and in which he must be a member in "good standing," is in time of the meeting of the High Court clear upon the books of the High Court in respect of all sums which may have been due upon the *first* day of the month preceding the month in which the session of the High Court is held and has also paid all its liabilities to The Supreme Court.

VOTES.

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89. (1) Voting, except as provided in Sections *five*, *two*, *sixty-three*, *sixty-nine* and *ninety-two* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be by the use

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voting sign, but upon a demand therefor supported by one-fifth of the members present, the yeas and nays shall be ordered.

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

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

WHO MAY OR MAY NOT VOTE.

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

(2) Each Delegate present from a Court in "good standing" shall be entitled to cast one vote.

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

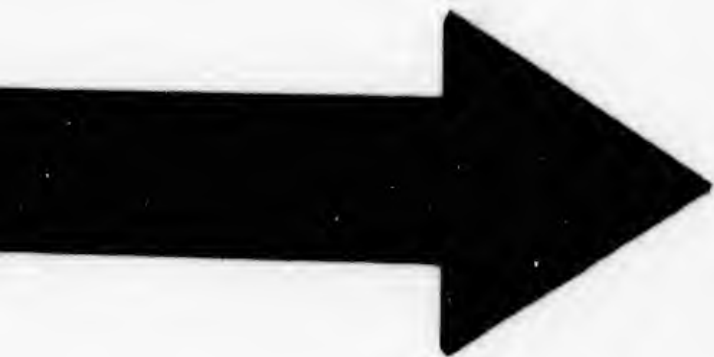
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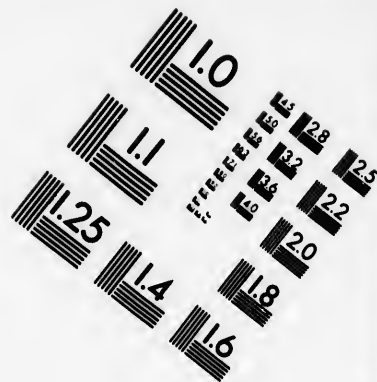
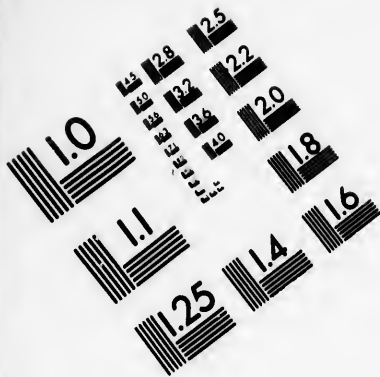
91. (1) The Delegate or Delegates of a Court present during the time any vote or ballot is being taken in the High Court shall be entitled to cast all the votes or ballots to which their Court is entitled.

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

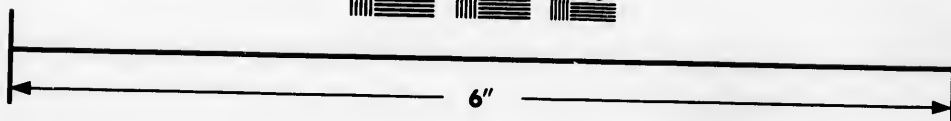
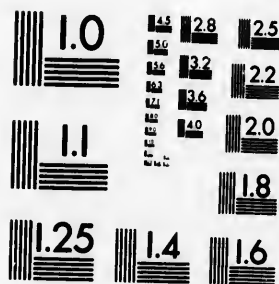
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- (a) By the date of initiation into the High Court ;
 (b) Next by the date of admission to the Order ;
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 (c) By the age of the Delegates.

VOTE OF PRESIDING OFFICER.

92. (1) The High Chief Ranger shall not vote except in the election of Officers, or of Representatives to The Supreme Court, or the selection of a place of meeting when he shall cast his ballot the same as other officers and members entitled to vote.

(2) In case of a tie in the election of Officers, or Representatives to The Supreme Court, or in the selection of a place of meeting, the High Chief Ranger shall not be entitled to give the casting vote, but a new ballot shall be taken until there is a clear majority of the legal votes cast.

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

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

BLANKS NOT TO BE COUNTED.

93. All blank ballots and all ballots marked for a name, or for a place, not in nomination at that particular election, or not filled up in accordance with the provisions of Section *sixty-nine*, sub-section *eight*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be counted as blanks, and shall not be taken into account in determining the majority.

DEPUTIES

OF A HIGH CHIEF RANGER.

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

- (1) General Deputies of the High Chief Ranger, whose duties shall be to look after the general interests of the Order ; to spread the principles of Forestry by pub

admission into the High Court ;
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Delegates.

RESIDING OFFICER.

Chief Ranger shall not vote except
as a Representative to the High Court,
or of Representatives to the High Court,
at the election of a place of meeting,
and shall not vote as other officers
at the same as other officers.

At the election of Officers, or of the
Supreme Court, or in the selection
of the High Chief Ranger shall
have the casting vote, but a
negative shall not be given unless
there is a clear majority.

If there be a tie, the High Chief
Ranger shall have the casting vote.

The High Chief Ranger shall have
the casting vote as the High Chief Ranger.

TO BE COUNTED.

All ballots marked for or against
the nomination at that particular
meeting in accordance with the provisions
of section eight, of the Constitution
of the Order, shall be counted
and taken into account in determining

DUTIES

CHIEF RANGER.

The High Chief Ranger shall have power to appoint
and remove members of any of the Courts.

The High Chief Ranger, subject to the
approval of the general interests of the
Order, shall have power to publish
the Principles of Forestry by public

measures and otherwise, and to advance the interests of
the Order by all legitimate means; to institute Courts
anywhere within the High Court jurisdiction, in accordance
with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws
of the Order; in the absence of the Supreme Chief
Ranger, or other superior Officers, to install the Officers
of the Courts; to give decisions on points of law
when appealed to, and to enforce strict adherence to
the Constitution, Laws of the Order, and to enforce obedience to the
instructions of The Supreme Court, or of the Executive
Council, or of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or of the
High Court, or of the High Standing Committee, or
of the High Chief Ranger; to send a report of all their
official acts to the High Chief Ranger at least once
a quarter, and to make such suggestions as they may
deem to be in the interests of the Order.

(1) District Deputies of the High Chief Ranger,
whose duties shall be to look after the interests of the
Order in their respective districts, and to give instructions
in the ceremonial and private work; to visit the
Courts in their respective districts at least once a year,
and to see that they conform to the Constitution and
Laws of the Order; to give decisions on points of law
when appealed to, and to perform such other lawful
duties as the Constitution and Laws of the Order may
require, or as the High Chief Ranger or the High
Standing Committee may from time to time direct.

(2) A Court Deputy for each Court in the jurisdiction,
whose duty shall be to hear and determine appeals
from his own Court and when so requested, to give decisions
on points of law in his own Court; to enforce a strict
adherence to the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Usages
of the Order, and to enforce obedience to the instructions
of the Supreme Court, and of the Executive Council,
of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and of the High
Court, and of the High Standing Committee, and of the
High Chief Ranger; to make report of all his official
acts to The Supreme Chief Ranger or to the High Chief

Ranger, as the case may be, at least semi-annually with such suggestions as he may deem to be in the interests of the Order; and, in the absence of the District Deputy, or other superior Officers to install Officers of his own Court.

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEES.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

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

Committee on Credentials,

“ “ Distribution,

“ “ Finance,

“ “ Appeals and Petitions,

“ “ Constitution and Laws,

“ “ State of the Order,

“ “ New Business,

“ “ Mileage and per Diem.

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

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(4) The Committee on Finance shall examine all ac-
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 the High Court for the ensuing term, and report the
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 of the High Court shall require; and perform such other
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(5) The Committee on Appeals and Petitions shall ex-
 amine and report on all appeals taken to the High
 Court; also consider and report upon all petitions,
 with such recommendations in each case as they may
 seem best.

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

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

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

(9) The Committee on Mileage and per Diem shall
 prepare a pay-roll, showing how much each Officer and
 Delegate is entitled to receive, making the computation
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REVENUE.

CHARTER AND OTHER FEES.

96. The fees and dues payable to a High Court be as follows :

(1) Charter Fee for a Court instituted under authority of a High Court of not less than *one* dollar for each Charter Member or such higher Charter fee as may be fixed by the High Court not exceeding *one* hundred dollars for each Charter Member.

(2) High Court dues for each beneficiary member of "good standing" in each Court under its jurisdiction not less than *fifty* cents per year ; which dues shall be payable by the Courts semi-annually in advance on the *first* week day of January and July of each year ; *provided* that a High Court may by By-law adopt a higher scale of High Court Dues, which may be graded according to the amount of Mortuary Benefits held by members or otherwise.

(3) Such special tax as the High Court may from time to time order.

(4) The Profits allowed by the Executive Council on supplies sold to Courts under the jurisdiction of the High Court.

SUPPLIES.

97. (1) All supplies furnished by a High Court shall be paid for on or before delivery.

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

(3) Supplies of all kinds must be procured from the Supreme Court exclusively. The Executive Council shall designate and define what are supplies.

(4) The Supreme Secretary shall not furnish any supplies whatsoever to any Court which is under the jurisdiction of a High Court, but such Courts shall purchase all supplies from the High Secretary of the jurisdiction.

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8. (1) Any notice emanating from a High Court or High Standing Committee shall bear the signature of the High Chief Ranger or the High Secretary, or

(2) Any notice to a High Court, or to a High Standing Committee, shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the High Chief Ranger or the High Secretary.

(3) Any notice to any Officer or member of a High Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the High Secretary, or upon the Officer or member immediately concerned.

(4) Any notice to a Subordinate Court or to a Companion Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Recording Secretary or the Financial Secretary.

(5) Any notice to any Officer or member of a Subordinate Court or of a Companion Court, shall be deemed to be duly given by being served on the Recording Secretary or on the Financial Secretary, or by being served upon the Officer or member immediately concerned at his last known post office address.

(6) Any notice designated in the *five* preceding sub-sections shall be deemed to be duly served,

(a) By being published in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, the official organ of the Order, or

(b) By being mailed in a registered letter; *provided* that, if any notice be sent in a non-registered letter, and it be established that such letter was received by the proper party, or if it be established that such notice was otherwise sent to, or received by, or served on, the proper party, such notice shall be deemed to be duly given and served;

(c) The time of such notice shall be computed from the date of mailing such notice or day of publication in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, as the case may be.

TRIAL OF HIGH COURTS.

99. The Dispensation or Charter of a High Court may be suspended and the Court dissolved and Charter or Dispensation forfeited to The Supreme Court for any of the following causes :

- (1) For improper, insubordinate or rebellious conduct.
- (2) For neglecting or refusing to comply with the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or to conform to the Ritual, Rules, Usages or Regulations of the Order.
- (3) For failing or neglecting to pay any of its indebtedness to The Supreme Court when called upon to do by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

NOTICE OF CHARGES.

100. (1) A High Court Charter shall not be forfeited except as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, until the High Court through the High Chief Ranger or the High Secretary shall have been notified of its offence by the Supreme Secretary, and an opportunity has been given to answer the charge or charges against it.

(2) At least *thirty* days must elapse between the date of the notice of charges and the date of trial of a High Court.

DISSOLUTION OF HIGH COURTS.

SUSPENSION OF CHARTER.

101. (1) The Charter of a High Court may be suspended by The Supreme Court, or for cause it, may be suspended by the Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger ; but the Charter of a High Court shall not be declared forfeited to The Supreme Court only by the unanimous vote of the members of the Executive Council present at any meeting, or by a *two-thirds* vote of the members present at any regular or special session of The Supreme Court.

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Charter shall not be forfeited by the Constitution and Laws of the State, or by any Court through the High Court, unless the Chief Secretary shall have been notified in writing by the Supreme Secretary, and an opportunity shall be given to answer the charge or charges.

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of a High Court may be suspended, or for cause it, may be dissolved by the Executive Council or the Supreme Court, or by a Charter of a High Court suspended by the Supreme Court only by a majority of the members of the Executive Council, or by a two-thirds vote of the members of any regular or special session of the High Court.

(3) Whenever the Dispensation or Charter of a High Court shall be suspended or revoked, the Courts under its jurisdiction shall immediately come under the exclusive jurisdiction of The Supreme Court and they shall make all their reports and remittances to the Supreme Secretary.

COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE TESTIMONY.

102. (1) If the Executive Council, on receipt of the order of the High Court to charges which shall have been preferred, deem that they are not in possession of the facts connected therewith, they may proceed to examine in person before them such members of the Order who are conversant with the facts, and may also direct the production before them of all books, papers, letters and documents bearing on the subject-matter under consideration.

(2) Should it, however, be inconvenient for the Executive Council, in any trial, to sit and hear the evidence, or any part thereof, the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint two or more members of the Order, who have taken the High Court Degree, to act as Commissioners to take testimony and before whom the parties concerned shall be summoned. The evidence so taken shall be reduced to writing and returned by the Commissioners to the Executive Council.

(3) Upon receipt thereof by the Supreme Secretary, he shall give notice to the parties when the written testimony will be presented to the Executive Council, and the respective parties shall be heard by Counsel if they desire it, after which the cause shall be determined. No person shall appear as Counsel except a member in "good standing."

CONTEMPT OF SUMMONS.

3. When charges are preferred against a High Court and it neglects or refuses to answer the same within the time prescribed by the Constitution and the Regulations of the Order, such charges may be tried *ex parte* by the High Court, or the Charter of the High Court may be forth-

with suspended by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger and its Charter may thereupon be forfeited and the Court dissolved for contempt of summons, at the discretion of The Supreme Court or the Executive Council.

REBELLION OF HIGH COURTS.

104. (1) When a High Court is in open rebellion against the Constitution and Laws of the Order or is in contempt of the authority of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger, its Charter may be immediately suspended by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and the Court thereafter be dissolved and its Charter forfeited by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court.

(2) Any High Court refusing or neglecting to transmit any books, papers or returns required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or refusing to obey the legal mandates of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger, shall be deemed to be in contempt and may have its Charter forthwith suspended by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger and its Charter may thereupon be declared forfeited and the Court dissolved by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court.

TRIAL OF OFFICERS.

WHO PRESIDES AT TRIAL.

105. (1) No Officer of a High Court shall officiate during the trial of a charge duly preferred against it. Should the High Chief Ranger be under charges, the Junior Past High Chief Ranger shall preside while the question arising therefrom shall be under consideration, but should the Junior Past High Chief Ranger not be present, then the Officer present who is highest in rank shall preside, and the same general rules as are provided for the trial of officers and members of a Court shall be observed.

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106. Charges against any Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, or Deputy of a High Chief Ranger, for acts connected with the discharge of his official duties shall be tried by the Executive Council or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

APPEALS.

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107. (1) The right of appeal shall be vested in every member of the Order, and in case of the death or disability of a member the right of appeal shall be vested in his beneficiary or personal representative.

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(2) The right of appeal shall also be vested in every High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court, Juvenile Court and Encampment of Royal Foresters; and an appeal shall lie against the action or decision of any Officer or of any Court or Encampment, except that of the Supreme Court whose action shall be final and conclusive in all cases.

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SEQUENCE OF APPEALS.

108. (1) All appeals arising in any of the Courts in connection with any of the Benefits of The Supreme Court or in relation to any of the Benefit Funds, and in matters relating to the General Laws (being Sections *four to fifty-seven*, both inclusive, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order), shall be direct from the Deputy to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(2) All appeals arising in any Encampment of Royal

Foresters shall be from the Encampment direct to the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(3) All appeals from the action or decision of any of the Officers of The Supreme Court, other than the Supreme Chief Ranger, shall be to the Supreme Chief Ranger ;

(4) From the Supreme Chief Ranger, or Illustrious Supreme Commander, to the Executive Council ;

(5) From the Executive Council to The Supreme Court whose decision shall be final and conclusive in all cases ;

(6) From the Chief Ranger to the Court ; thence to the Court Deputy ; thence to the High Chief Ranger ; thence to the Supreme Chief Ranger if the Court is under the immediate jurisdiction of The Supreme Court, as the case may be ; thence to the High Standing Committee or to the Executive Council ; and thence to the High Court or to The Supreme Court.

MODE OF APPEALS.

109. (1) All appeals must be made within ten days from the date of the decision, except when a High Court is in session when an appeal from the High Chief Ranger shall be taken forthwith and direct to the High Court.

(2) The appellant must take the appeal in writing and immediately notify the appellee thereof, except in the case of an appeal from the decision of a President or Officer to a Court, or from that of a Court to the Court Deputy if the Court Deputy is present at the time the appeal is first taken, or from that of a High Chief Ranger to a High Court in session, or from that of the Supreme Chief Ranger to The Supreme Court in session, which may be in writing or *viva voce* ; the appellant must, in every case where the appeal is required to be in writing, transmit with the appeal a copy of the notice served upon the appellee. Every appeal must state the grounds of appeal.

(3) Official copies of all the records and documents in regard to the decision or action against which

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 within *twenty* days from date of appeal; and the case
 shall be decided thereon unless additional evidence is
 required by the authority to whom the appeal is taken.
 (4) All appeals shall be decided or referred to the
 next higher authority within *twenty* days from the re-
 ceipt of the evidence and documents relating to the
 appeal, except in the case of an appeal to The Supreme
 Court or to a High Court which shall be decided at the
 succeeding session of The Supreme Court or of the
 High Court, as the case may be.
 (5) The parties interested shall be given due notice
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CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

(1) All Charters for Subordinate Courts, Com-
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 ever, issue Dispensations for the formation of Sub-
 ordinate Courts, Companion Courts or Juvenile Courts
 within their own territorial jurisdiction, and when the
 formation of such Courts may be granted by either the
 Chief Ranger or the High Standing Committee,
 immediate notice of the issuing of such
 dispensation must be sent to the Supreme Secretary.
 (2) It is to be distinctly understood that the Charter
 is paid for the privilege of instituting a High Court,
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 Charter, rituals, seal and other supplies are given
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 the purposes of The Supreme Court of the Independent
 Order of Foresters, or for the purposes of some of the
 purposes thereof; and whenever the Charter of a High

Court is suspended, revoked, forfeited or annulled, any cause whatsoever, the Charter, rituals, seal all supplies, funds, furniture, regalia, or other property and effects of such High Court shall be delivered to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to any one who may be appointed by him to receive the same, and there shall be held, subject to the order of The Supreme Court or of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger, for the sole use of The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters.

(3) All Charters are subject to suspension, revocation, forfeiture or annulment by The Supreme Court or Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

AMENDMENTS.

111. (1) Subject to the provisions of an Act of Parliament of Canada (being 59 Vic. C. 51) the foregoing Laws Governing High Courts shall not be altered, nor amended, nor shall any part of them be repealed, except at a regular session of The Supreme Court upon a proposition therefor duly submitted in writing or in print, when, by unanimous consent, it shall be immediately considered and if it is supported by a *two-thirds* of the votes cast it shall be declared carried and shall immediately go into effect unless otherwise provided in the proposition to amend; *provided* that any proposition to alter, amend or repeal submitted to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council at the opening of the session shall be considered and acted upon before the close of the session.

(2) Except as provided in sub-section one of this section, if unanimous consent be not obtained for immediate consideration, such proposition shall be entered upon the journal and shall lie over until the next regular session of The Supreme Court, when it may be called up by the officer or member, and if supported by a *two-thirds* vote it shall be declared adopted, and, unless otherwise provided in the proposition to amend, shall at once go into effect.

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evoked, forfeited or annulled, the Charter, rituals, seal, emblems, regalia, or other property. The High Court shall be delivered to the High Chief Ranger or to any one who may be appointed to receive the same, and thereupon to the order of The Supreme Council or of the Supreme Court of Foresters.

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LAWS GOVERNING
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INSTITUTION OF COURTS.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

112. (1) Except by special authority in writing from the High Chief Ranger or from a High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, a Subordinate Court shall not be instituted with less than twenty beneficiary members who are duly qualified under the Constitution and Laws of the Order; provided always, that no Subordinate Court shall be instituted with less than fifteen beneficiary members: and except by special authority in writing from the High Chief Ranger, in writing, a Companion Court shall not be instituted with less than twenty members.

(2) Subject to the provisions of Section forty-nine of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, Courts may be instituted anywhere under the authority of The Supreme Court by the High Chief Ranger or by any Executive Officer of The Supreme Court or by a Deputy High Chief Ranger.

(3) On the institution of a Court under the authority of The Supreme Court, the Instituting Officer shall within twenty-four hours thereafter transmit a full copy of the same to the High Chief Ranger, showing the name and location of the Court, the names of the charter members initiated and the names of the members of the Court, together with all certificate,

registration and enrolment fees as well as all assessments which may have been paid ; and if everything be satisfactory to the Supreme Chief Ranger, he shall cause a charter to be issued to such Court and thereafter such Charter shall not be suspended, revoked, annulled or forfeited except for cause as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, nor can it be voluntarily surrendered so long as *five* members in "good standing" object thereto.

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

(5) On the institution of a Court under the authority of a High Court, a Dispensation shall issue to such Court and thereafter such Dispensation shall not be suspended, revoked, annulled or forfeited except for cause as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, nor can it be voluntarily surrendered so long as *five* members in "good standing" object thereto.

(6) On the institution of a Court under the authority of a High Court, the Instituting Officer shall within *twenty-four* hours transmit the original Charter list, Form No. 1, to the Supreme Chief Ranger showing the name and location of the Court and the names of all those who have signed the Application for Charter, together with certificate, registration and enrolment fees as well as assessments which may have been paid ; he shall also designate the names of the Charter members initials and give the names of the Officers of the Court and such other information as may be required by the Application for Charter, Form No. 1. He shall also within *twenty-four* hours transmit to the High Secretary of the jurisdiction a copy of the original Charter list.

(7) On the receipt of such report, together with the required fees and if there be no valid objections

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(8) If the Supreme Chief Ranger object to the issuing
of such Charter, the Court shall continue under Dis-
pensation until the next subsequent session of The
Supreme Court.

(9) If The Supreme Court refuse for cause to grant
a Charter to such Court, then such Dispensation
shall lapse and become forfeited and the Court dissolved,
and the members thereof shall be attached to such ex-
isting Courts as may be determined by the Supreme
Chief Ranger.

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be held subject to the order of The Supreme Court or
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REPRESENTATION TO HIGH COURTS.

(1) Every existing Court under the jurisdiction of a
High Court in good standing at the time of the open-
ing of any session of the High Court, whether instituted
under the authority of The Supreme Court or of the
High Court, shall, subject to the provisions of Section
twenty-eight of the Constitution and Laws of the Order,

be entitled to representation in such High Court from and after the date of its institution. A certificate of the Instituting Officer as to the institution of the Court and the election of the Delegate, countersigned by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of the new Court, shall be a sufficient credential of the Delegate of such Court. All Delegates to a High Court shall be entitled to equal rights and privileges in such High Court, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

RITUALS AND FORMS.

(12) All Subordinate Courts, Companion Courts, Juvenile Courts and Encampments of Royal Foresters shall be managed and conducted according to the rituals prescribed from time to time by The Supreme Court or by the Executive Council.

(13) All Courts and Encampments shall use the printed Forms prescribed from time to time and supplied by the Executive Council and none other.

(14) All members of the Order passed by the Medical Board must hold at least *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, until they shall have become Social members in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

THE COURT THE AGENT OF THE MEMBERS.

(15) As soon as a Court is instituted, whether instituted under the authority of The Supreme Court or under the authority of a High Court, such Court shall forthwith become and be the agent of the members thereof and no act of the Court, or of any officer or member thereof, shall be construed as having been done for The Supreme Court, but shall be construed as having been done for the Court and the members thereof.

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desiring to become and be a body corporate shall make
 application to the Executive Council and, if agreed to
 by them, they shall forthwith signify their consent
 under the hands of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the
 Supreme Secretary, with the corporate seal of The
 Supreme Court affixed.

(2) Upon the receipt of such consent, the Trustees of
 the High Court, Subordinate Court, Companion Court
 or Encampment of Royal Foresters, shall file with the
 City, County or District Registrar or other duly au-
 thorized official, the Charter name of such High Court
 or the Charter name and number of such Subordinate
 Court, Companion Court, or Encampment of Royal
 Foresters, whereupon the High Court, Subordinate
 Court, Companion Court or Encampment of Royal
 Foresters shall become and be a body corporate under
 such Charter name.

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

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

NEW COURTS WHERE OTHER COURTS EXIST.

114. A new court may be instituted in any city, town,
 village or hamlet where there is not already in existence
 at least one Court to each *three thousand* of the popula-

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

NAME OF COURT.

115. A Court shall not be named after a living person unless the name of such person be a title, nor shall a Court take the name of an existing Court. A Court having been organized *thirty* days and having adopted a legal name cannot change it without the consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if under the jurisdiction of a High Court the consent of the High Chief Ranger shall also be obtained; *provided* that if a change of name is permitted, the Court requiring the change shall pay all expenses incident thereto.

DUTIES OF INSTITUTING OFFICERS.

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

(1) Unless a Physician has been previously selected by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, to select a Physician to examine the Charter applicants who is a graduate of some medical college and duly licensed to practice in the Province, State or Country in which he resides and in which the Court is instituted. Such Physician shall be a member of the Order, if possible, or an applicant as a Charter member of the Court;

(2) To see that the Application for Charter is properly signed by each Charter applicant personally and that the designation of the beneficiary or beneficiaries is also

reached a new Court shall be by the majority vote of the members of the existing Court if there be more than five; or by the consent of a majority of such members, village, town or city, by the special Dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger, a new Court notwithstanding the above, if it will conduce to the good of the Territory.

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The Court shall be named after a living person, and no person shall be named a title, nor shall the name of an existing Court. A Court shall be organized every five days and having adopted its name and having adopted its name it without the consent of the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if under the jurisdiction of the High Chief Ranger, provided that if a change of name is required the change shall be made by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

INSTITUTING OFFICERS.

Instituting Officers shall be appointed by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Chief Ranger, and shall select a Physician to examine the applicants who is a graduate of a medical school duly licensed to practice in the country in which he resides, or in the Territory, if possible, or an applicant for Charter is present, the Instituting Officer shall examine the applicant personally and that the names of the applicant or beneficiaries is also

the handwriting of the applicant, and to collect the full Charter fee and other fees and give an official receipt therefor; provided that Charter applicants for a Companion Court who do not apply for the Mortuary Benefit shall not be required to state their ages and shall not designate their beneficiaries;

(1) To appoint and install the first staff of officers and to instruct them fully in the duties of their respective offices, and to exemplify the private work;

(2) To explain to the Charter applicants the law relating to Charter membership, as set out in Section one hundred and eighteen of the Constitution and Laws of the Order;

(3) To deliver to the Court on its institution a full set of Charter supplies, taking therefor an official receipt from the Trustees of the Court;

TO MAKE RETURNS TO THE SUPREME CHIEF RANGER.

(1) To transmit the Application for Charter, Form No. 1, and to make the proper returns to the Supreme Chief Ranger within twenty-four hours after the institution of a new Court, accompanied by the required Charter fees, and all certificate fees, registration fees and enrolment fees required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order and all assessments that may have been paid pursuant to the provisions of Sections one hundred and eighteen, sub-section seven, and one hundred and twenty-seven of the Constitution and Laws of the Order;

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

NOT TO ACT AS MEDICAL EXAMINER.

(1) The Instituting officer shall not act as the examining Physician of the Charter applicants, unless by special written permission of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

BALLOTING AMONG CHARTER APPLICANTS.

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

CLOSING OF CHARTER AND ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS.

117. (1) The Charter shall be closed at the time of the institution of a Court and no person can be received as a Charter applicant after that time, unless prior to the institution of the Court he shall have signed the Application for Charter or unless at the time of institution the Court determines to hold open its charter for additional signatures for a period not exceeding *thirty* days, unless the Supreme Chief Ranger grants a dispensation to hold a Charter open for a longer period than *thirty* days, in which case additional signatures may be placed on the Application for Charter.

(2) Immediately on the institution of a Court, the blanks in the Court By-laws, beginning with Section *the hundred and twelve* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be filled in by the Court, except Sections *three hundred and fifteen* and *three hundred and sixteen*, which shall be filled in only when so ordered by the Court.

(3) When the By-Laws shall have been filled in as directed in sub-section *two* of this section, a copy of the same shall be transmitted to the Supreme Chief Ranger and as soon as such By-laws are approved by him they shall become the By-laws of the Court.

(4) A Court may adopt additional By-laws in accordance with the provisions of Section *three hundred and seventeen* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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FEES PAYABLE BY CHARTER MEMBERS.

118. The Fees payable by Charter members shall be as follows:

- (1) Charter Fee of not less than *one* dollar nor more than *five* dollars for each Charter member.
- (2) Certificate of Membership Fee of *one* dollar.
- (3) Registration Fee of *fifty* cents for each \$500 of Mortuary Benefit.
- (4) Medical Examination Fee for a Mortuary Benefit of \$500 or \$1,000..... 1 50
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(5) And, if a member takes The Supreme Court Sick and Funeral Benefits, an Enrolment Fee of *one* dollar and a Registration Fee of *one* dollar in that Department; *provided* that only Regular beneficiary members of Subordinate Courts are entitled to be enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Department of The Supreme Court.

(6) The whole of the Charter Fee and other Fees must be paid to the Instituting Officer by the Charter applicants at the time of the institution of a new Court; *provided* that the Charter applicants for a Companion Court need not apply for beneficiary membership, but may be initiated as Social members and may remain as such; and *provided* further that applicants for Social membership in a Companion Court shall be required to pay only the Charter Fee and the Certificate of Membership Fee.

PAYMENTS AFTER INITIATION.

- (7) Every Charter member shall on or before the last day of the month in which he is initiated pay to the financial Secretary of the Court all assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order or of the Court, as provided in Section *one hundred and twenty-seven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

RECOMMENDATION FOR TEMPORARY BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

(8) Whenever and so often as the duly authorized examining Physician shall, before the institution of a Court, examine a Charter applicant and recommend him for beneficiary membership, such recommendation shall be on Form No. 59 duly signed by the examining Physician, and it shall be delivered by the instituting Physician to the Instituting Officer before the institution of the Court, and the Instituting Officer shall transmit the said recommendation, Form No. 59, to the Supreme Chief Ranger with the returns.

(9) Whenever and so often as a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician shall, after the institution of the Court, examine a Charter applicant or a Charter member and shall recommend him to the Court for beneficiary membership, such recommendation shall be on Form No. 59, and it shall be forthwith forwarded or delivered by the Physician to the Recording Secretary of the Court of which the person so recommended is a Charter applicant or Charter member, as the case may be, and the Recording Secretary shall within *twenty-four* hours thereafter, or if the person so recommended has not been initiated, then within *twenty-four* hours after his initiation, transmit the said recommendation, Form No. 59, to the Supreme Secretary; *provided* that no person who has signed an application for Charter of a Subordinate Court can become a Temporary beneficiary member, as a Charter member, after the expiration of *ninety* days from the date of the institution of such Court.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

REGULAR BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

(10) Those Charter applicants whose medical examinations have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board may be initiated as Regular beneficiary members; but all such applicants must be initiated with

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thirty days from the date of their passing the Medical Board, and then only if they are in good, sound mental and physical health at the time.

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

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

TEMPORARY BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

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

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

(15) Those Charter applicants who are initiated as

Social members shall become Temporary beneficiary members as soon as they shall be examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him to the Court, Form No. 59, for beneficiary membership; *provided* that in the case of a Charter applicant initiated as a Social member in a Subordinate Court, the said examination and recommendation shall be made within *ninety* days from the date of the institution of the Court.

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(16) Those Charter applicants who are present at institution of the Court who have been examined by the duly authorized examining Physician, but who have not been recommended by him to the Instituting officer, Form No. 59, for beneficiary membership, may be initiated as Social members.

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

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

(19) Those Temporary beneficiary members whose medical examinations are not, for any cause whatsoever, accepted and passed by the Medical Board within *ninety* days from the date of their said medical examinations, shall *ipso facto*, at the end of the said *ninety* days become and be Social members, and they shall no longer be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order.

(20) Those Charter applicants who have become Regular beneficiary members, and whose medical examinations have been reconsidered, as provided in Section *twenty-nine*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and then rejected by the Medical

Temporary beneficiary shall be examined by the duly authorized examining officer by him to the Court, membership; provided that applicant initiated as a Social member, the said examination be made within ninety days of the institution of the Court.

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(1) Those Charter applicants of Companion Courts who are not present at the institution of the Court may, subject to the provisions of sub-section twenty-six of this section, be initiated as Social members at any time within ninety days after the institution of the Court.

(2) Those Charter applicants of Courts who are initiated as Social members, shall be liable for the Initiation fee, Certificate fee, Court dues, and any special tax levied by the Court, commencing with the date of their initiation; and, notwithstanding they are required to pay such fees, Court dues and special tax, they shall not be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order; provided that Social members of Companion Courts shall be eligible to receive the monetary and other material benefits of the Court provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and such other material benefits as a Court may itself provide for its members.

FORFEITING FEES AND OTHER PAYMENTS.

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

FORFEITING MEMBERSHIP AND PAYMENTS.

(1) All Charter applicants in a Subordinate Court who were initiated as Social members must be examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician within ninety days from the date of the institution of the Court, failing which they shall, at the end of the said ninety days, forfeit all fees, dues,

assessments, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order they may have paid and shall *ipso facto* cease to be members of the Order.

(25) All persons who have signed an Application for Charter of a Subordinate Court, and all persons who have signed an Application for Charter of a Companion Court and who applied for beneficiary membership before the institution of the Court, must do all things required of them to complete their membership within *ninety* days from the institution of the Court, viz., be examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, pay the required fees, assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order and be initiated, or they shall *ipso facto* forfeit all payments they may have made together with all their rights and privileges in the Order.

(26) All persons who have signed an Application for Charter for a Companion Court and applied only for Social membership before the institution of the Court must complete their membership within *ninety* days from the institution of the Court by paying all fees and other demands of the Order and by being initiated, or they shall *ipso facto* forfeit all payments they may have made together with their right to Charter membership in the Court.

REJECTED CHARTER MEMBERS ENTITLED TO REFUND

(27) If the Medical examination of a Charter member of a Court instituted under the authority of The Supreme Court be rejected by the Medical Board, he shall be entitled to a refund of the Charter fee, to be repaid by The Supreme Court, but if the Court was instituted under the authority of a High Court, then the refund shall be forthwith paid by such High Court; and such refund shall be charged against and collected from the Organizing officer; such rejected Charter member shall also be entitled to have refunded to him by The Supreme Court the Certificate fee, the Registration fee, and all assessments he may have paid; *provided* that if he was

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signed an Application for Membership in the Court, and all persons who are members of the Charter of a Companion Court, must do all things necessary to maintain their membership with the Court, viz., be examined by an or other duly authorized person, pay the required fees, assessments, and other demands of the Order, and shall *ipso facto* forfeit all privileges of membership together with all their rights and benefits.

signed an Application for Membership in the Court and applied only for Social membership within ninety days of the institution of the Court, and by paying all fees and other assessments by being initiated, or otherwise, as they may have made in the Charter membership in the Court.

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of a Charter member of the Court, by the authority of The Supreme Medical Board, he shall be entitled to a refund of the Charter fee, to be repaid by the Court, if the Court was instituted under the Charter, then the refund shall be made by the Charter Court; and such refund shall be collected from the Organization. A Charter member shall also be entitled to a refund of the Charter fee by him by The Supreme Medical Board, if he has paid the registration fee, and all assessments; *provided* that if he was

a beneficiary member he shall not be entitled to a refund of the assessments; *provided* further, that if he elects to remain in the Court as a Social member he shall not be entitled to a refund of the Charter fee nor of the Certificate fee. No one shall be entitled to a refund of the Medical Examination fee nor of the Court dues.

MEMBERSHIP IN EXISTING COURTS.

APPLICATION FOR BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP IN COURTS AND FOR SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP IN COMPANION COURTS.

119. (1) Any eligible person desiring to become a member of an existing Court, must make an application for membership on Form No. 2, which shall state his age, residence and occupation in full, the amount of Mortuary Benefit desired, and the name or names of the beneficiary or beneficiaries, as provided in Section 119, sub-section five, and Section one hundred and twenty-five, sub-section three, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, which application must be signed by the applicant with his name in full, and on the same application as the medical examination paper, and the applicant must pay the Initiation fee at the time of making his application; *provided* always, that applicants for membership in an existing Companion Court need not apply for beneficiary membership, but may be initiated as Social members; and *provided* further, that applicants for Social membership in a Companion Court shall not be required to state their age, and shall not state the amount of Mortuary Benefit nor designate their beneficiaries in their Application for Membership.

(2) Subject to the provisos contained in subsection one of this section, the "Application for Membership," Form No. 2, fully filled in and properly signed, accompanied by the Initiation fee, must be presented to the Court by a member of the Order in "good standing" at a regular meeting of the Court, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

(3) The application shall forthwith be referred to a

Committee on Character consisting of *three* members whose duty it shall be to investigate as to the character, habits, and health of the applicant; and they shall report their findings at the next succeeding meeting of the Court; *provided* that if the Court pronounce in any case to be one of emergency, the Committee on Character may report, and the Court may ballot for, a candidate, subject to the provisions of sub-section *seven* of this section, may initiate the candidate, on the night of proposal.

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

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

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

consisting of *three* members to investigate as to the character of the applicant; and they shall meet at the next succeeding meeting of the Court, if the Court pronounce in favor of the applicant, the Committee on Character of the Court may ballot for, or against, the candidate, on the night of publication of the report of the Committee. If the Court proceed forthwith to ballot for, or against, the candidate, and if not more than *two* members vote against such candidate, he shall be elected, but if *three* or more members vote against him, he shall be declared to be rejected. If the three members vote against the applicant, or if the Court, after duly authorized examination, does not accept the acceptance of the candidate, he shall be declared to be rejected without ballot. Candidates are to be balloted together, and if *three* or more candidates are on a joint ballot, then the candidate shall be elected *one* by *one*. If a candidate is rejected by ballot, and if it is determined that it has been done with improper personal ends, the Court, on the application of the Chief Ranger under the direction of the Chief Ranger and the Recording Secretary, may cause the Court to be called into session, and the Court may ballot for, or against, the candidate, on the night of publication of the report of the Committee. If the Court proceed forthwith to ballot for, or against, the candidate, and if not more than *two* members vote against such candidate, he shall be elected, but if *three* or more members vote against him, he shall be declared to be rejected. If the three members vote against the applicant, or if the Court, after duly authorized examination, does not accept the acceptance of the candidate, he shall be declared to be rejected without ballot. Candidates are to be balloted together, and if *three* or more candidates are on a joint ballot, then the candidate shall be elected *one* by *one*. If a candidate is rejected by ballot, and if it is determined that it has been done with improper personal ends, the Court, on the application of the Chief Ranger under the direction of the Chief Ranger and the Recording Secretary, may cause the Court to be called into session, and the Court may ballot for, or against, the candidate, on the night of publication of the report of the Committee. If the Court proceed forthwith to ballot for, or against, the candidate, and if not more than *two* members vote against such candidate, he shall be elected, but if *three* or more members vote against him, he shall be declared to be rejected. If the three members vote against the applicant, or if the Court, after duly authorized examination, does not accept the acceptance of the candidate, he shall be declared to be rejected without ballot.

this section, to initiate such candidate; *provided* that if any objections are filed with the Supreme Chief Ranger, he shall regard and hold the same as confidential and absolutely secret, except from members of the Executive Council who shall be entitled to obtain the information, but only under the seal of absolute secrecy.

(7) An applicant for membership in an existing Subordinate Court, except an applicant for Honorary membership, shall not be initiated until after he shall have been examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him to the Court, on Form No. 59, for beneficiary membership, and until the Recording Secretary shall have received the said Recommendation for Beneficiary Membership, Form No. 59; *provided* that if the applicant be not thus recommended to the Court, on Form No. 59, by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, then such applicant shall not be initiated until his medical examination shall have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board.

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

WHEN APPLICANTS MAY BE INITIATED.

(1) Applicants for membership in Companion Courts shall be initiated without applying for beneficiary mem-

bership, and without being examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, and without being accepted by the Medical Board, but all such candidates shall be initiated as Social members.

(10) An applicant for beneficiary membership must be initiated within *thirty days* from the date of his medical examination by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, or of the acceptance of his medical examination by the Medical Board, and then only if he is in good, sound mental and physical health at the time; *provided* that, if an applicant fail to present himself for initiation within *thirty days* from the date of his medical examination or acceptance by the Medical Board, as the case may be, but presents himself for initiation within *ninety days* from the date of his application for membership, he may, subject to the provisions of sub-section *eleven* of this section, be initiated upon again complying with the provisions of sub-section *seven* of this section.

(11) If an applicant for beneficiary membership fail to be initiated within *ninety days* from the date of his application for membership; he shall forfeit all the fees he may have already paid, and if he desires membership in the Order he must again be proposed as a new applicant, pay the usual fees required of applicants for membership, and again comply with all the provisions and requirements of this section.

APPLICANTS WHO ARE ILL OR INJURED CANNOT BE INITIATED.

(12) An applicant for beneficiary membership who may be ill or suffering from an injury of any kind at the time he presents himself for initiation shall not be initiated, even though he has been duly examined and recommended by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, or has been accepted by the Medical Board, until after he has fully recovered from such illness or injury, and until he has again complied with the requirements of sub-sections *seven* and *ten* of this section.

TEMPORARY BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

Examined by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician by the Medical Board, be initiated as Social member, beneficiary membership must be from the date of his medical examination by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, or of the acceptance by the Medical Board, and of sound mental and physical condition, that, if an applicant fails to be examined within *thirty* days from the date of his application or acceptance by the Court, it may be, but presents himself within *thirty* days from the date of his application, he may, subject to the provisions of this section, be initiated as beneficiary membership.

Beneficiary membership shall be forfeited from the date of his application if he shall forfeit all the fees and if he desires membership he may be proposed as a new applicant and the required of applicants shall apply with all the provisions of this section.

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Beneficiary membership will be forfeited if an injury of any kind at the time of initiation shall not be initiated and if not duly examined and recommended by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, he has again complied with the provisions *seven* and *ten* of the

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

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

REGULAR BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

(15) Whenever the medical examination of a Temporary beneficiary member or of a Social member shall be accepted and passed by the Medical Board, such member shall, if in "good standing," become and be thereafter a Regular beneficiary member so long only as he complies with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; and he shall be entitled to receive a Benefit Certificate issued to him.

(16) A candidate whose medical examination has been accepted and passed by the Medical Board before he is

initiated shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section *ten* of this section, be initiated as a Regular beneficiary member; and, subject to the provisions of Section *one hundred and twenty-seven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be entitled to have a Beneficiary Certificate issued to him.

SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP AND FORFEITING PAYMENTS.

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

(18) Whenever the medical examination of a Regular beneficiary member shall be reconsidered, as provided in Section *twenty-nine*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and then rejected by the Medical Board, such member shall *ipso facto* forthwith become and be a Social member, and shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order.

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

(20) All applicants for membership in a Court who are not initiated within *ninety* days from the date of their applications for membership shall *ipso facto* forfeit all payments they may have made, and if they desire membership in the Order they must again be proposed as new applicants, pay the usual fees required

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REJECTED BENEFICIARY MEMBERS ENTITLED TO
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21) All Temporary beneficiary members whose medi-
cal examinations are rejected by the Medical Board
within *ninety* days from the date of their medical
examinations shall have refunded to them their Initiation
fees by the Court, and the Registration fees and Certif-
icate fees by The Supreme Court, but they shall not
have refunded to them their Medical Examination fees,
assessments and Court dues; *provided* further, that if
they elect to remain in the Court as Social members
they shall not be entitled to a refund of the Initiation
fees nor of the Certificate fees.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, HOW AND BY WHOM MADE.

22) All Medical examinations in connection with
the Order must be made upon the official Form, No.
as prescribed from time to time by the Executive
Council; and every applicant for membership in a
Subordinate Court and every applicant for beneficiary
membership in a Companion Court must be examined
in accordance with the provisions of Section *one hun-
dred and fifty-six*, sub-section *one*, subdivisions (a) and
(b) of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP AND MEDICAL EXAM-
INATION PAPER, HOW SIGNED.

23) Applicants must sign the Medical Examination
paper, Form No. 3, exactly like the Application for
membership, Form No. 2, or the Application for
Charter, Form No. 1, as the case may be, other-
wise the Benefit Certificate will not be issued till the
Supreme Chief Ranger is satisfied that the signatures
on these Forms are made by one and the same person.

24) Every candidate shall, at the time of his initi-
ation, be furnished by the Court with a copy of the
Constitution and Laws of the Order, and as soon there-

after as possible, subject to the provisions of this section and of Section *one hundred and twenty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, he shall be furnished The Supreme Court with a Certificate of Membership, and, if a Regular beneficiary member, with a Benefit Certificate, and if enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, with a Sick and Funeral Benefit Certificate.

PROPOSITION FOR HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

(25) A candidate for Honorary membership in a Court other than as provided in Section *one*, sub-section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, may be proposed at a regular meeting of the Court; and such proposition must contain the grounds for which Honorary membership is sought to be conferred. The proposition shall be submitted to a special committee who must report at the next regular meeting of the Court, and if such report be unanimously in favor of the candidate, the ballot shall be taken, and if no black balls be cast the candidate shall be declared elected, but if *one* or more black balls be cast the candidate shall be declared rejected. A candidate for Honorary membership shall not be required to pay any Initial Fee or other Fees, and except in the case of an Honorary member defined in Section *one*, sub-section *eleven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the candidate shall procure from The Supreme Court and furnish such member with the Certificate of Membership, and pay the fee therefor out of its General Fund.

(26) None other than an applicant for Honorary membership who is within the meaning of Section *one*, sub-section *eleven*, and Section *one hundred and thirty*, sub-section *nine*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and who has been regularly elected, can be initiated into a Court as an Honorary Member.

FORMS NO. 2 AND 59 MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO SUPREME SECRETARY.

(27) The Recording Secretary shall, within *two* or *four* hours after the initiation of an applicant for membership

to the provisions of this section and *twenty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, he shall be furnished with a Certificate of Membership, with a Benefit Certificate for the Sick and Funeral Benefit, and a Funeral Benefit Certificate.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

A candidate for honorary membership in a Court shall file in Section one, sub-section one, and Laws of the Order, at the next regular meeting of the Court; and the grounds for which he is

admitted to a special committee at the next regular meeting of the Court shall be taken, and if no ballot shall be declared election shall be cast the candidate.

A candidate for Honorary Membership required to pay any Initial Fee, except in the case of an Honorary Member, the Laws of the Order, the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Court and furnished with a Certificate of Membership, and a contribution to its General Fund.

An applicant for Honorary Membership, the meaning of Section one, sub-section one hundred and thirty of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, may be, and he cannot be proposed again in any Court for the space of six months after such rejection, except by dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger of the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction; provided that this section shall not apply to any applicant for membership by card or reinstatement, who may be proposed again at any regular meeting after rejection.

MUST BE TRANSMITTED TO THE SECRETARY.

The Secretary shall, within two weeks of the date of an applicant for membership,

transmit to the Supreme Secretary the candidate's Application for Membership, Form No. 2, and, if the candidate was initiated as a Temporary beneficiary member, his Recommendation for Temporary beneficiary membership, Form No. 59, must also be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary with the said Application for Membership; provided always, that when a Social member applies for beneficiary membership he shall make an application for membership on Form No. 2, fully filled in and properly signed, and such application shall be forwarded by the Recording Secretary to the Supreme Secretary.

WITHDRAWAL OF APPLICATION.

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

RECONSIDERATION OF AN UNFAVORABLE BALLOT.

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

REJECTIONS.

12. When a candidate has been rejected by ballot, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all the other Subordinate Courts, or Companion Courts, as the case may be, and he cannot be proposed again in any Court for the space of six months after such rejection, except by dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger of the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction; provided that this section shall not apply to any applicant for membership by card or reinstatement, who may be proposed again at any regular meeting after rejection.

CANDIDATES MAY BE INITIATED IN ANOTHER COURT.

123. A candidate who has been legally elected to membership in a Court, and who has complied with the requirements of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, in the event of his inability to be present at a meeting of the Court in which he has been elected to membership, and to be initiated therein, may have the degree conferred on him by another Subordinate Court, or Companion Court, as the case may be, by request of and for the Court in which he was proposed and elected; *provided*, however, that all fees, assessments, dues and other demands of the Order shall be paid into the Court which received his application for membership.

AGE OF APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP.

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

(2) The Supreme Chief Ranger, or a High Chief Ranger within his own jurisdiction, may grant a dispensation to initiate a candidate who is under *eighteen* years of age, and such candidate shall be initiated as a Social member, unless prior to his initiation his medical examination shall be accepted and passed by the Medical Board, in which case he may be initiated as a Regular beneficiary member and be rated as of age *eighteen*.

(3) The Supreme Chief Ranger may also grant a dispensation to initiate a candidate who is over *fifty-five* years of age and who is otherwise fully qualified to become a member of the Order, and such candidate shall be initiated as a Social member, unless prior to his initiation his medical examination shall be accepted and passed by the Medical Board, in which case he may, subject to the provisions of Section *two hundred and forty* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, be initiated as a Regular beneficiary member on paying all assessments, dues, fees, taxes and other demands of the Order he would have had to pay under the Constitution and

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(4) A Social member who is under *eighteen* years of
age may become a Regular beneficiary member by
making application for beneficiary membership as pro-
vided in Section *one hundred and nineteen*, sub-sections
one and *twenty-seven*, of the Constitution and Laws of
the Order, passing the Medical Board and paying all
fees, assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the
Order as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the
Order, and thereafter he shall be rated as of age *eighteen*.

(5) A member who was initiated as a Social member
after he was *fifty-five* years of age under the dispensation
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was *fifty-five* years of age, and thereafter he shall be
rated as of age *fifty-four*.

(6) No person under *eighteen* years of age or over
fifty-five years of age can become a Temporary benefi-
ciary member.

ENROLMENT OF MEMBERS IN THE COURT.

125. (1) Every member on initiation shall be enter-
ed on the roll of his Court according to the date of his
admission into the Court, with his age, occupation and
place of abode, and if a beneficiary member, amount of
Temporary Benefit granted by the Medical Board, rate
of assessment, and the name or names of his beneficiary
beneficiaries and relationship to himself.

(2) Should any member change his occupation or place of residence, he shall at once give the Recording Secretary of his Court notice in writing of such change.

NOTICE OF INITIATION.

(3) On the initiation of an Applicant for beneficial membership, the Recording Secretary shall, within *twenty-four* hours thereafter, transmit to the Supreme Secretary the Application for Membership Form No. 1, duly filled up and properly signed, giving the name, age, occupation and Post-Office address of the initiate, the amount of Mortuary Benefit applied for, or if the Candidate's medical examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, the amount granted, the Christian name and surname in full of the beneficiary or beneficiaries; and if the Candidate was initiated as a Temporary beneficiary member he shall also, within *twenty-four* hours after the initiation, transmit to the Supreme Secretary the Physician's Recommendation for Temporary Beneficiary Membership, Form No. 2, with the Application for Membership.

REGISTRATION IN THE SUPREME COURT.

(4) On receipt of the aforesaid Application for Membership, the Supreme Secretary shall enter the member's name upon the Register, together with his age, occupation, and, if accepted by the Medical Board, date of acceptance as a Regular beneficiary member, rate of assessment, number of the Benefit Certificate, names of beneficiary or beneficiaries, and if more than one, the *pro rata* interest of each, if given, and such other facts as may be required by the Executive Council.

(5) He shall also number and file the Application in reference in the Head Office of The Supreme Court and forward to the Court, provided all the assessment fees, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order, up to the then current month have been remitted by the Candidate and provided the applicant's medical examination has been accepted by the Medical Board, a Benefit Certificate

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6) No Benefit Certificate shall be forwarded to any
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 der due from its members.

FEES PAYABLE BY APPLICANTS IN EXISTING COURTS.

26. (1) Every applicant for membership in an exist-
 Court of the Order must pay to the Financial Sec-
 ary of the Court, before initiation, the following fees:

- 2) An Initiation Fee, which cannot be less than
 dollar, except under a dispensation by the Supreme
 ef Ranger. The Initiation Fee must be paid at the
 e of making the application for membership.
- 3) A Certificate of Membership Fee of *one* dollar.
- 4) A Registration Fee of *fifty* cents for each *five*
hundred dollars of Mortuary Benefit.
- 5) And if he takes The Supreme Court Sick and Fun-
 l Benefits, an Enrolment Fee of *one* dollar and a
 gistration Fee of *one* dollar in that Department.
- 6) For Medical Examination by a Court Physician or
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- 7) Every person initiated into an existing Court, or
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the month in which he is initiated or otherwise admitted pay to the Financial Secretary of the Court all assessments, court dues, taxes and other demands of the Order, as provided in Section *one hundred and twenty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; *provided* that Honorary members of Companion Courts, defined in Section *one*, subsection *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall pay to such Companion Court the Court dues and such special tax as may be levied by the Court in accordance with the provisions of Section *one hundred and sixty*, subsection *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

ASSESSMENTS, COURT DUES AND OTHER DEMANDS
OF THE ORDER, PAYABLE AFTER INITIATION.

127. (1) Subject to the provisions of Section *one hundred and thirty-two* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, each and every person initiated in the Order, or otherwise admitted to membership therein, or reinstated, shall, *thirty-one* days before the *first* day of each and every month, pay in cash to the Financial Secretary of his Court at least one *Month*ly Benefit assessment according to his age at initiation, admission or reinstatement, as the case may be, and according to the Class in which he is registered, and if enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Department he shall also pay at least one Sick and Funeral Benefit assessment, and he shall also pay Court Dues according to the provisions of sub-sections *two* and *three* of this section, and such other taxes, fees, fines and other demands of the Order for such month as are required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or such payments shall be in default, *provided* that each member shall have *thirty* days' grace within which to make such payments, and upon failure to pay within the said grace the member shall *ipso facto* immediately stand suspended from the Order; *provided* further, that the foregoing provisions of this sub-section as to time of payment shall not apply to the initial or first assessment, or

ated or otherwise admitted by the Court all assessments and other demands of the Order; *proviso* *one hundred and twenty-seventy-five* cents of the Order; *proviso* Companion Courts, defining *eleven*, of the Constitution all pay to such Companion Courts special tax as may be levied in accordance with the provisions of *Section sixty*, subsection *two*, of the Order.

AND OTHER DEMANDS TO BE PAID AFTER INITIATION.

The provisions of Section *two* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order shall apply to every person initiated into the Order, whether admitted to membership or not, *thirty-one* days before the first day of each month, pay in cash to the Court at least one month in advance according to his age and condition at the time of reinstatement, as the case may be, in the Class in which he is registered. The Sick and Funeral Department shall also pay Court Dues for each of the sub-sections *two* and *three* of the Order, and for such month as are required by the Laws of the Order, or such other assessment as may be levied, *provided* that each member shall be given the opportunity within which to make such payment, and if he fails to do so he shall immediately stand suspended from the Order. It is further provided, that the foregoing provisions shall apply to the first assessment, or

to the first assessment, or other demands of the Order, which must be paid on or before the last day of the month in which a member is initiated or otherwise admitted, or reinstated, or the member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order on the *first* day of the month succeeding initiation, or admission.

(2) Subject to the proviso contained in Section *two hundred and forty-five*, subsection *one*, subdivision *(e)*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, until a higher rate of Court Dues shall have been fixed by law regularly adopted and duly approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger the Court Dues for Beneficiary members shall be not less than *fifteen* cents per month for each of those holding *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, *twenty* cents for each of those holding *one thousand* dollars, *twenty-five* cents for each of those holding *two thousand* dollars, *thirty* cents for each of those holding *three thousand* dollars, *thirty-five* cents for each of those holding *four thousand* dollars, and *forty* cents for each of those holding *five thousand* dollars, Mortuary Benefit; and the Court Dues for Social members and for Honorary members defined in Section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be not less than *five* cents per month.

(3) Court Dues shall be fixed at an amount to cover the expenditures of the Court and payment by the Court to the Supreme Court of the "Extension of the Order" (which includes the Fee for the Official Organ,) and to cover payment by the Court of the High Court dues. And the Financial Secretary shall remit to the Supreme Secretary, on the *first* week day of each month, the Extension of the Order Tax required by The Supreme Court, and to the High Secretary of the jurisdiction in January and July of each year, the High Court dues required by the High Court.

A Court may provide in its By-laws that the members thereof shall make their payments for the preceding month not later than the last regular meeting of the Court in each month, failing which, all members

who pay thereafter shall, in addition to the regular assessments, dues, taxes and other demands of the Order provided for in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, pay such additional Court dues, or fines, as the Court may fix in its By-laws.

MISTAKE OR FRAUD IN APPLICATION.

128. (1) If a Beneficiary member has made a mistake in giving his age, or if he has incorrectly or insufficiently described his occupation at the time of his admission, he shall forthwith make a written statement of the facts in his case to the Court.

(2) The Court, if satisfied that no fraud was intended, may recommend that the age or occupation upon the Register of The Supreme Court and the assessment of the member be corrected.

(3) The written statement of the member, and a statement of the action of the Court relating to the case do certified by the signatures of the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the Seal of the Court affixed shall be transmitted to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved by him, he shall transmit it to the Supreme Secretary, who shall make the correction in accordance with the facts.

(4) If the member reported his age at admission younger than he really was, he shall pay to the Financial Secretary of his Court the difference between what he has paid and the amount due for his correct age on all assessments accrued subsequent to his admission.

(5) If he reported his age older than he was at the time of his admission, he shall not be entitled to have anything refunded to him for any over-payments which he may have made by reason of his error as to his age, but he shall be assessed at his correct age from and after the date of the approval by the Supreme Chief Ranger of his statement of error.

(6) If the occupation has been wrongfully given, such error must be corrected in all the records, and if the error has affected the rate of assessment paid by

In addition to the regular assessments and other demands of the Constitution and Laws, the member shall pay the regular Court dues, or fines, or penalties, as provided in the Laws.

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If a member has made a mistake in his assessment if he has incorrectly or erroneously stated his occupation at the time of his application, he shall make a written statement of the error to the Court.

It shall be the duty of the member that no fraud was intended in his statement of age or occupation upon the application to the Court and the assessment.

The Court shall determine the age of the member, and a statement of the facts of the case shall be made by the Chief Ranger and the Seal of the Court affixed by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and the application shall be transmitted to the Supreme Court for the correction in accordance with the provisions of the Laws.

If a member has reported his age at admission to be less than it is, he shall pay to the Financial Secretary the difference between what he should have paid at due for his correct age and what he has paid subsequent to his admission. If a member is older than he was at the time of his admission, he shall not be entitled to have his assessment reduced for any over-payments which he has made on account of his error as to his age. The Supreme Chief Ranger shall determine his correct age from and according to the records of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

If a member has been wrongfully given, or if there is an error in all the records, and if the member has paid by

himself, he must forthwith pay all shortages in the assessments already paid by him; but if the correcting of the error of occupation reduces the rate of his assessment, then he shall pay from that time forward the correct rate of assessment, but he shall not be entitled to a refund of any overpayments which he may have made.

7) All shortages paid to a Court as provided in this section must be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary with the next monthly remittance after the receipt thereof by the Financial Secretary.

JOINING BY CARD.

29. (1) Any member desiring to join a Court by affiliation shall present his withdrawal card and a fee of five cents at any regular meeting of the Court, when it shall be referred forthwith to a Committee of three to report. On the presentation of the report of the Committee, if a majority of the members present ballot in favor of the applicant, he shall be declared elected.

(2) If a member who has not yet received his withdrawal card makes application for affiliation with a Court, by unanimous consent the application may be referred forthwith in the same manner as if the Court were in possession of the card, as laid down in sub-section one of this section; provided, however, that such applicant shall not be enrolled as a member of the Court until he deposits his withdrawal card and the required fee.

MAKING FORESTERS-AT-SIGHT.

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

(2) The Supreme Chief Ranger shall have power to delegate his authority to make a Forester-at-sight to the Executive Officer of The Supreme Court or of a Court, or to a Deputy specially appointed by him for that purpose.

To make a Forester-at-sight it shall be necessary

for the duly authorized Officer or Deputy, as provided in sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section, to first require the applicant for membership to properly fill in and sign an Application for Membership, Form No. 2, and pay the required Fees, after which he shall administer to the applicant the Obligation of the Order and issue to him a Member-at-large Card, Form No. 29, whereupon the applicant shall become and be a Social Member, and shall be a Member-at-large. If the Member-at-large is not forthwith attached to some Court, as provided in sub-section *four* of this section, then the Officer or Deputy shall collect the Annual Dues as provided in sub-section *ten* of this section. The Officer or Deputy shall forthwith transmit to the Supreme Secretary the Application for Membership, Form No. 2, together with the requisite fees, and the assessments and dues that he may have collected.

(4) The Officer or Deputy who shall make a Forester-at-sight may attach such member forthwith to some Court that will accept him, or he may remain as an unattached Member-at-large, or he may be attached to a Court as provided in sub-section *eleven* of this section.

(5) Section *one hundred and eighteen* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order shall apply and shall be deemed to apply to any person who is made a Forester-at-sight; and the expressions "Institution Officer," shall in this connection mean and shall be taken to mean the "Officer" or "Deputy" who shall make a Forester-at-sight, and "Charter Applicant" and "Charter Member," shall in this connection mean and shall be taken to mean "Forester-at-sight"; and if the Forester-at-sight is an unattached Member-at-large, the expressions "Recording Secretary" and "Financial Secretary" shall mean and shall be taken to mean the "Supreme Secretary."

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.

(6) All persons who are made Foresters-at-sight shall be, and continue to be, unattached Members

er or Deputy, as provided of this section, to first membership to properly fill in membership, Form No. 2, at which he shall administer of the Order and issued, Form No. 29, where and be a Social Member-at-large. If the Member attached to some Court, of this section, then at the Annual Dues as provided in this section. The Office transmit to the Supreme Membership, Form No. 2, dues, and the assessments collected. who shall make a Fore member forthwith to some or he may remain as a member or he may be attached to section *eleven* of this section and *eighteen* of the Constitution shall apply and shall person who is made expressions "Institution" or "Deputy" who shall in this connection make "Forester-at-sight"; and an unattached Member-recording Secretary" as mean and shall be taken

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until attached to some Court as provided in subsection *eleven* of this section; and they shall remain as members-at-large until elected by some Court to membership therein.

(7) Any member of a Court whose Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, forfeited or surrendered, shall be rejected by another Court on his application for membership therein by deposit of his Supreme Card, Form No. 30, shall be an unattached Member-at-large until attached to some Court as provided in subsection *eleven* of this section; and shall remain as a member-at-large until elected by some Court to membership therein.

(8) Any beneficiary member who has removed to a locality where there is no Court, and desiring to become a Member-at-large, shall make due application to the Supreme Secretary, setting forth in such application the circumstances of the case.

(9) Upon receiving such application, the Supreme Secretary shall lay the same before the Supreme Chief Warrantor, and if approved of by him: the Supreme Secretary shall notify the applicant of the same.

(10) The applicant upon receiving such notice shall immediately pay to the Supreme Secretary, as Annual dues, the sum of *three* dollars if such member is holding *one hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, *three* dollars and *sixty* cents if holding *one thousand* dollars, *four* dollars and *twenty* cents if holding *two thousand* dollars, *five* dollars and *eighty* cents if holding *three thousand* dollars, *five* dollars and *forty* cents if holding *four thousand* dollars, and *six* dollars if holding *five thousand* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, which Annual Dues shall be in lieu of Court Dues; and thereafter he shall pay a like amount annually in advance to the Supreme Secretary, in lieu of the same dues, so long as he remains an unattached Member-at-large. He shall also pay to the Supreme Secretary all assessments in the Mortuary Benefit Department, and, if enrolled in the Sick and General Benefit Department of The Supreme Court, he

shall also pay the assessments in that department when they fall due, in accordance with the provisions of Sections *one hundred and twenty-seven*, sub-section *one*, and *two hundred and forty-three*, sub-section *one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(11) If a Member-at-large be not attached to a Court as provided in sub-section *four* of this section, he may be attached to any Court at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger: in which case the Annual Dues required annually in advance in lieu of Court dues, and the assessments as provided in sub-section *ten* of this section, shall be paid by such Member-at-large to the Financial Secretary of the Court to which he has been attached; but such attached Member-at-large shall have no vote, nor shall he be entitled to free medical attendance, nor can he hold any office in such Court until duly elected a member thereof by the Court.

(12) In case of the death of a Member-at-large of "good standing," the "Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit" shall be executed by the Supreme Officers, or by the officers of the Court to which he may have been attached, as the case may be, and his Mortuary Benefit and other Benefits of the Order shall be paid the same as if he had been regularly a member of some Court, *provided* that when an unattached Member-at-large dies in the vicinity of a Court, such Court shall make the Proof of Claim the same as if the deceased had been a member of such Court.

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

CLASSES AND DIVISIONS OF MEMBERS.

131. (1) The membership of this Order shall consist of Beneficiary Members, Social Members and Honorary Members. The Beneficiary members shall be divi

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divisions, viz. : the Temporary and the Regular. Every
Beneficiary member shall hold at least *five hundred*
dollars of Mortuary Benefit.

TEMPORARY BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

(2) Temporary beneficiary members are those Appli-
cants for beneficiary membership who have been ex-
amined by the Court Physician or by some other duly
authorized examining Physician and recommended by
him to the Court, or Instituting Officer, as the case may
be, on Form No. 59, for beneficiary membership, and
which recommendation, Form No. 59, shall have been
received by the Recording Secretary of the Court, or by
the Instituting Officer of the new Court, into which the
said Applicants are initiated or otherwise admitted,
before their initiation or admission, and which said
recommendation, Form No. 59, shall be transmitted to
the Supreme Secretary by the said Recording Secretary
or Instituting Officer, as the case may be, within *twenty-*
four hours after the initiation or admission of said
Applicants to the said Court; and who have, within
thirty days of the date of their said medical examina-
tion, been duly initiated into some Court, or have been
otherwise admitted to the Order by some duly author-
ized Officer, as provided in the Constitution and Laws
of the Order; and who have paid from time to time all
the fees, assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other
demands of the Order in the manner and within the time
prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

DURATION OF TEMPORARY BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

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

(4) A Temporary beneficiary member whose medi-
cal examination has not been passed and accepted by
the Medical Board within *ninety* days from the date of

his medical examination by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, shall, at the end of the said *ninety* days, *ipso facto* cease to be a Beneficiary member and he shall forthwith become and be a Social member, and shall not be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order.

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

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

REGULAR BENEFICIARY MEMBERS.

(7) Regular beneficiary members are those persons who were initiated into the Order in the manner and under the terms and conditions required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and whose medical examinations have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and who were not under *eighteen* years of age nor over *fifty-five* years of age at the time of their initiation or admission, except as provided in Section *one hundred and twenty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and who have paid all assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

SOCIAL MEMBERS.

(8) Social members are:

(a) Those Charter applicants who have been initiated

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examination of a Temporary member shall be rejected by the Medical Board; and no Beneficiary member shall be a Social member, and shall not be a Forester, Foresters-at-sight, or other member of the Order.

any member shall become a Social member of the Order whenever he fails to pass a medical examination shall be rejected by the Medical Board; and no member shall be a Social member in respect of any fees, assessments, or other demands of the Order.

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members are those persons who are admitted into the Order in the manner and to the extent required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and whose medical examinations have been passed by the Medical Board; and no member shall be a Social member under *eighteen* years of age at the time of their initiation, as provided in Section *nine* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; and no member shall be a Social member unless he has paid all assessments, dues, and demands of the Order in the manner prescribed in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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to the Order as Social members and who have not since their initiation become Temporary or Regular beneficiary members;

(b) Those who were Temporary beneficiary members and who have not, for any cause whatsoever, become Regular beneficiary members within *ninety* days from the date of their medical examination;

(c) Those who were Regular beneficiary members and whose medical examinations were reconsidered, as provided in Section *twenty-nine* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and then rejected by the Medical Board;

(d) Those persons admitted under the provisions of Section *one hundred and twenty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, who were under *eighteen* years of age or over *fifty-five* years of age at the time of their initiation, and who have not since their initiation become Regular beneficiary members

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

(f) All persons made Foresters-at-sight who are not Temporary or Regular beneficiary members;

(g) Those Beneficiary members who, subsequent to their initiation, have engaged in a proscribed occupation or in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors, as provided in Section *one hundred and thirty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order;

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

(i) All members of Companion Courts, except Honorary members, who are not Temporary or Regular beneficiary members;

(j) All persons initiated into the Order under the provisions defined in Section *one hundred and thirty-four*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

(9) Honorary members are :

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

(b) Those Beneficiary members who have been paid the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit and who have not thereafter been restored to their former status in the Order ;

(c) Those Beneficiary members who have been paid the Expectation of Life Benefit ;

(d) Those Beneficiary members who have attained the age of *seventy* years.

STATUS OF SOCIAL AND HONORARY MEMBERS.

132. (1) Social members, and Honorary members except those who shall have become Honorary members by reason of having attained the age of *seventy* years or by reason of having been paid the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, shall not be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order *provided* that Social members of Companion Courts shall be eligible to receive the monetary and other material benefits of such Courts provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and such other material benefits as the Courts may themselves provide for their members.

(2) Social members shall be liable for Court dues and also for such special tax as may be levied by the Court in accordance with the provisions of Section *one hundred and sixty*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(3) Honorary members shall not be liable for any assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order whatsoever, except that the Honorary member

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(4) Social members and Honorary members shall be entitled to vote, and shall be eligible to any office, except that of Chief Ranger and that of Delegate to the High Court ; *provided* that Social members of Companion Courts, and Honorary Members of Companion Courts defined in Section *one*, sub-section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be eligible to the office of Chief Ranger ; and *provided* further, that Honorary members who became such by reason of having attained the age of *seventy* years, or having been paid the Expectation of Life Benefit, shall be eligible to any office and to be elected Delegates to their High Court.

QUALIFICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

133. All Applicants for membership, in addition to the other requirements of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall—

- (1) Believe in the existence of a Supreme Being.
- (2) Not be of bad character, nor lead a dissolute life, nor have been convicted of felony, nor be a frequenter of bad company, nor addicted to intoxication, nor of quarrelsome behaviour, and must be in good, sound mental and bodily health.
- (3) Must be able to earn a competent livelihood.

PRE-REQUISITE OF TEMPORARY BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

- (4) No one shall be deemed to be a Temporary beneficiary member, notwithstanding he may have been duly initiated and registered as a member of the Order and Benefit Certificate has been duly made out and delivered to him and he has paid all fees, assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order,

until he shall have been examined by a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician and recommended by him, on Form No. 59, for Beneficiary membership as provided in Section *one hundred and thirty-one*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; *provided* that no one can remain a Temporary beneficiary member for a period longer than *ninety* days from the date of his medical examination.

PRE-REQUISITE OF REGULAR BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP

(5) No one shall be deemed to be a Regular beneficiary member, notwithstanding he may have been duly initiated and registered as a member of the Order and a Benefit Certificate has been duly made out and delivered to him and he has paid all fees, assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order until he shall have passed the "Medical Examination of the Order," as defined in Section *one hundred and fifty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and shall have been accepted and passed by the Medical Board as required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

PROSCRIBED OCCUPATIONS.

DISQUALIFICATION FOR BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.

134. (1) All underground coal miners, lead and copper miners, employees in and around powder mills and all persons engaged in manufacturing dynamite and other dangerous explosives, and all persons whose occupation may, from time to time, be scheduled by the Supreme Court or by the Executive Council as "Specially Dangerous," shall not be eligible for admission to membership in the Order; and if a Beneficiary member should change his occupation to any one of those included in this sub-section, he shall *ipso facto* forfeit his standing as a Beneficiary member, and shall become and be a Social member, and shall thereafter, so long as he continues in such proscribed occupation and until he shall be re-admitted to beneficiary membership

examined by a Court of Physicians and a duly licensed examining Physician in Form No. 59, for Beneficiary membership in Section one hundred and two, of the Constitution provided that no one can be a Beneficiary member for a period of one year from the date of his medical

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BENEFICIARY MEMBERSHIP.
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as provided in sub-section five of this section, have the status of and enjoy the rights only of a Social Member.
 (2) No person engaged in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors is eligible for admission to membership in the Order; and any member engaging in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors shall *ipso facto* forfeit his standing as a Beneficiary member and shall become and be a Social member, and shall thereafter, so long as he continues in such proscribed occupation and until re-admitted to Beneficiary membership in the manner laid down in sub-section five of this section, have the status of and enjoy the rights only of a Social Member.

PENALTY FOR PROPOSING OR INITIATING A DISQUALIFIED APPLICANT.

(3) Any member knowingly proposing an applicant for membership who is disqualified by the provisions of this section, or by the provisions of any other section of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, may be fined, suspended or expelled at the discretion of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger; and it shall be the duty of a Court as soon as it becomes aware of such a proposal to report the facts to the Supreme Chief Ranger with a report of its own action in the matter; and any Court knowingly initiating a person as a Beneficiary member who is disqualified by the provisions of this section, or by the provisions of any other section of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be liable to have its Dispensation or Charter suspended or annulled, and the Court may be dissolved, at the discretion of the Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(4) Should a person disqualified under any of the provisions of this section, or by the provisions of any other section of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, be initiated into any Court as a Beneficiary member, or otherwise admitted as such, such person shall be deemed to have been irregularly admitted, and such person shall

have the status of and shall be a Social member only notwithstanding he may have paid all fees and assessments in the Mortuary Benefit Department and in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department and that his medical examination may have been accepted by the Medical Board and that he may have received a Beneficiary Certificate ; *provided* always, if such person shall have been, in the opinion of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger, knowingly a party to the irregularity, then such person shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order and shall forfeit all fees, assessments, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order he may have paid.

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(5) Social members defined in sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section, in good standing, who are under *forty-five* years of age, may become Beneficiary members by complying with all of the following requirements, viz.:

- 1st. Changing their occupation to one that is not proscribed ;
- 2nd, giving notice of such change to the Supreme Secretary ;
- 3rd, passing the Medical Board ;
- 4th, paying Registration fees and being rated at their present age.

MEETINGS AND QUORUM.

MEETINGS AT LEAST MONTHLY.

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

QUORUM.

(2) The quorum of a Court shall be *five* members in "good standing" in such Court.

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

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

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

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

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

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

THE COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

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

THE HONORARY OFFICERS.

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

THE ELECTIVE OFFICERS.

(c) The Elective Officers shall be the
Chief Ranger,
Vice-Chief Ranger,
Recording Secretary,
Financial Secretary,
Treasurer,
Orator,
Superintendent of Juvenile Court,
Organist,
Senior Woodward,
Junior Woodward,
Senior Beadle,
Junior Beadle.

TIME OF THE ELECTIONS.

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

be nominated, annually, at the first regular meeting in December.

(3) At the same time and in the same manner that the Officers are elected, there shall be elected *two* members of the Board of Trustees, and *two* members of the Finance Committee.

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

ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE.

137. All members of a Court shall be equally eligible to any of the offices in the Court, except that the Physician shall be a duly-qualified Physician and legally entitled to practice his profession; and except that subject to the provisions of Section *one hundred and thirty-two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, a Social member or an Honorary member shall not be eligible to the office of Chief Ranger or as a Delegate to the High Court, and except that a Court Deputy cannot at the same time hold the office of Chief Ranger, and except that the Recording Secretary cannot at the same time hold the office of Financial Secretary or Treasurer; and *provided* that the Financial Secretary and Treasurer shall each have attained the full age of *twenty-one* years; and *provided* also, that if it be impossible to secure a duly qualified Physician, who is a member of the Order, as Court Physician, then a Court may nominate as Court Physician one who is otherwise duly qualified, though not a member of the Order.

NOMINATION OF COURT DEPUTIES AND COURT PHYSICIANS

138. (1) The Court Deputy of a Court under the jurisdiction of a High Court shall be commissioned by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction upon the nomination of the Court, and shall hold office for

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one year, or the balance of a year, unless sooner removed for cause, or until his successor shall be appointed; *provided* always that the High Chief Ranger may commission some other member instead of the nominee of the Court.

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

COURT PHYSICIANS.

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

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

(5) Associate Court Physicians may be nominated at any regular meeting of the Court after the annual elections and, if the nomination is approved of by the Court at the next regular meeting, they or one or more of them may be duly commissioned by the Supreme Chief Ranger to hold office till the then current term shall end, unless their commissions be sooner revoked.

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

DIVISION OF MEDICAL FEES.

(7) In the event of two or more Physicians being commissioned for a Court and of their being unable to

mutually agree as to the division of the fees, then each member of the Court shall name which Court Physician he desires to attend him, and the fees shall be paid *pro rata* in accordance with such selection. Each Court Physician shall collect the fees for the medical examinations of applicants for membership made by him at the time of such examination.

MISCELLANEOUS.

(8) If a Court fail to make a proper nomination of a Court Deputy, the High Chief Ranger, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, as the case may be, may appoint and commission a Court Deputy for the Court; and if a Court fail to make a proper nomination of a Court Physician, the Supreme Chief Ranger at his discretion may appoint and commission a Court Physician for the Court.

MODE OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

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

(2) The election of Officers, Trustees, members of the Finance Committee and Delegates shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of this section and of Section *one hundred and thirty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; the election shall immediately follow the nominations for each office; and the nominations for the next succeeding office or position shall not be made till the election for the preceding office or position shall have taken place.

(3) When there is more than one candidate nominated for any office, the voting for such election shall be by written or printed ballots, and a majority of all the legal votes cast shall be necessary to elect. The candidate

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(5) After January 1st, A. D., 1900, the term of office of Delegates shall be *two* years, or until their successors are duly elected; *provided* that when the regular sessions of the High Court are held annually, or triennially, the term of office shall be *one* year, or *three* years, as the case may be, or until their successors are duly elected. Should a postponement of the time of holding the regular session of a High Court take place after the election of Delegates, it shall not affect the validity of such election.

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APPOINTMENT OF TELLERS.

(7) At every election, the Presiding Officer shall appoint *three* Tellers to count the ballots and report to the Court the result thereof, after which such ballots shall be sealed up and placed in the hands of the Presiding Officer. All blank ballots, and all ballots marked for any one not in nomination, shall not be taken into account in determining the majority.

RECOUNT OF BALLOTS.

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

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

VOTES OF PRESIDING OFFICER.

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

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

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

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

DEFERRED ELECTIONS.

140. In the event of any election of Officers or Delegates, or the nomination of Court Deputy or Court Physician, not having been held at the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, such election shall be held at the next regular meeting of the Court, or at such other time as the Court shall determine at each regular meeting.

141. (1) The Officers who are entitled to install are, the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Executive and Past Executive Officers of The Supreme Court; a High Chief Ranger, the members of the High Standing Committee and the Past Executive Officers of a High Court within their own High Court jurisdiction; the General Officers of the Royal Foresters; the Deputies of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Deputies of a High Chief Ranger who shall take precedence according to seniority of rank as laid down in Section *three hundred and twenty* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; *provided* that the Illustrious Commander of an Encampment of Royal Foresters shall take precedence over all Officers, except the Illustrious Supreme Commander, whenever the Encampment is regularly invited to officiate at a union installation.

(2) The Installation of Officers shall take place at the *first* regular meeting in January, except when a public installation or a union installation has been de-

cided upon as provided in sub-section *three* of this section.

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

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

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

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

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

BONDS.

BONDED OFFICERS.

142. (1) All bonds shall be executed in favor of the Trustees of the respective Courts in interest, and after approval by the Trustees, shall be filed with the Chief Ranger.

(2) The Chief Ranger shall be the custodian of the bonds required to be given under this section; and the Trustees shall, when occasion requires, enforce the covenants in such bonds contained.

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(3) The Financial Secretary and the Treasurer of a Court shall each give a bond in the sum of *two hundred* dollars, or in any larger sum that the Court may determine.

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

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

(6) Each of the aforesaid bonds shall, at the discretion of the Court, be the bonds of some Guarantee Company duly approved by the Trustees. The expenses of preparing and executing a bond shall be paid by the Court.

DUTIES AND POWERS OF OFFICERS.

CHIEF RANGER.

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

(2) He shall vote at the same time as other members when the vote is by ball-ballot or written-ballot, but shall not in such case be entitled to give the casting vote in the event of a tie.

(3) He shall be entitled to give the casting vote in the event of a tie, only when the vote is by sign vote or *yays* and *nays*, as provided in Section *one hundred*

and *thirty-nine*, sub-section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

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

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

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

OTHER PRESIDING OFFICER.

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

(8) If no Officer of the Court be present, the meeting shall be called to order by any member, and a Chief Ranger *pro tem.* shall be chosen from those present who shall preside until an Officer of the Court arrives. The acts of the *pro tem.* officer shall be as binding as those of the regular officer.

JUNIOR PAST CHIEF RANGER.

144. The Junior Past Chief Ranger present shall assist in the initiation and other ceremonies of the Court, and he shall perform such other duties as are required of him by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

VICE-CHIEF RANGER.

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RECORDING SECRETARY.

146. (1) The Recording Secretary shall be the me-
 dium through whom the official communications from
 The Supreme Court, or the High Court, shall come to
 the Court, and it shall be his duty to lay all such com-
 munications before the Court at the first meeting after
 they have been received by him; to transmit to the Su-
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 No. 2, of every candidate initiated into the Court; to
 transmit to the Supreme Secretary the Recommendation
 for Beneficiary Membership, Form No. 59, of every
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 Court, record all its proceedings, take charge of and
 safely keep the seal, and all books, papers and property
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 consistent with his office, as may be ordered by the
 Court or the Chief Ranger; and at the close of his
 term of office to deliver to his successor all papers,
 books, and other property of the Court in his possession

or custody, or to deliver the same at any time on demand of the Supreme Chief Ranger to such Deputy as the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint.

(2) To transmit to the Supreme Chief Ranger, or to the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, any circular or other communication relating to the Order he may receive, which is not authorized as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(3) He shall also, on the *first* week day in July and January of each year, prepare and hand to the Financial Secretary for transmission to the High Secretary of the High Court of the Jurisdiction, the Semi-Annual Report, Form No. 48; *provided* that if the Court is under the immediate jurisdiction of The Supreme Court, the Semi-Annual Report shall be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary.

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

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

(6) Whenever the Recording Secretary is removed, as provided in sub-section *five* of this section, the Financial Secretary shall temporarily perform the duties pertaining to the Office of Recording Secretary until the next meeting of the Court, when the vacancy shall be filled by the Court.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

147. (1) It shall be the duty of the Financial Secretary to keep just and true accounts between the Court and its members; to lay before the Special Auditing Committee all his books, receipt stubs, etc., so as to enable them to ascertain the standing of each member of the Court at date and the amounts paid by the members; to make, on the *first* week day of each and every

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 Supreme Secretary; to present at the *first* meeting of
 the Court in each month, for examination by the
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 or notify by circular at once, every member who may
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 having paid the required assessments, fees, dues,
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 the Court, (*provided*, that a failure to thus notify a
 delinquent member shall in no wise bar the suspension
 of such delinquent as provided in the Constitution and
 Laws of the Order); to regularly report to the Court
 Physician the names of the members received into or
 suspended from the Court; to keep the accounts of
 the members for dues or benefits in proper books; to
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 the Order; and at the close of his term of office to de-
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FINANCIAL SECRETARY THE AGENT OF THE MEMBERS.

(2) As the Financial Secretary and other Officers of a Court are the Officers of such Court, The Supreme Court shall in no wise be held accountable for any dereliction of duty on the part of the Financial Secretary or of any other Officer of a Court, and all payments for whatsoever purpose made to any Officer of a Court shall be received by such Officer as agent of the member making the payment.

WHEN PAYMENT TO THE SUPREME COURT IS DEEMED TO BE MADE.

(3) No payment of any fees, assessments, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order whatsoever, made by any member to any Officer or member of a Court shall be deemed to have been made to The Supreme Court, or to a High Court, as the case may be, unless made within the time and under the conditions required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and until the money is actually transmitted to the proper Officer of The Supreme Court, or of the High Court, as the case may be, *by post office money order, or by express money order, or by bank draft*, or is otherwise actually paid to The Supreme Court, or to the High Court, as the case may be.

(4) All remittances to The Supreme Court, or to a High Court, shall be made either by post office money order, or by express money order, or by negotiable bank draft, payable at par at the head office of The Supreme Court, or of the High Court, as the case may be; such money orders or drafts shall be made payable to the order of the Bank where the deposits of the funds of The Supreme Court, or of the High Court, as the case may be, are made, but all remittances shall be sent to the Supreme Secretary, or to the High Secretary, as the case may be. All bank charges or other charges for commission, exchange or other expenses in connection with the transmission of funds must be paid by the Court sending the remittance; *provided* always that if

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(5) The Financial Secretary shall give a bond of some Guarantee Company approved by the Trustees or, at the option of the Court, a personal bond with *two* good sureties, in a sum of not less than *two hundred* dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

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

TREASURER.

148. (1) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive from the Financial Secretary, from time to time, all funds paid into the Court during his term of office, giving his receipt for the same, and forthwith deposit all such funds to the credit of the Trustees of the Court in such Chartered Bank as the Court may direct; to pay out moneys only on orders voted by the Court and duly signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, except as provided in Section *one hundred and sixty-one* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) At the end of his term of office, he shall deliver all moneys, papers, books and other property of the Court in his possession or custody to his successor in office, or he shall deliver them at any time on demand to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to such person as the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint.

(3) He shall give a bond of some Guarantee Company approved by the Trustees or, at the option of the Court, a personal bond with *two* good sureties, in a sum of not less than *two hundred* dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

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

ORGANIST AND WOODWARDS.

149. (1) The Organist shall perform such duties in connection with the musical exercises of the Court as may be required by the Chief Ranger or by the Court.

(2) It shall be the duty of the Woodwards to take charge of the regalia and other property of the Court; to see that all present at the opening of the Court are "worthy Foresters"; and to report at every regular meeting the condition of sick members.

(3) The Woodwards shall also pay to sick members all benefits that may be ordered by the Court within *twenty-four* hours after the order has been made.

BEADLES.

150. (1) The Senior beadle shall attend the inner door and see that no member enters without permission of the Chief Ranger unless in possession of the proper password. He shall not admit into the Court any person except a true and lawful member of the Order, nor shall he admit any member who is intoxicated.

(2) The Junior Beadle shall have charge of the ante-room and remain at the outer door during the initiation of members and on any other occasion when required.

COURT PHYSICIAN.

151. (1) A Court Physician shall be a graduate of some recognized medical college, and shall be duly licensed to practice in the Province, State or Country in which he resides; and before being commissioned, he must make an application for a commission as Court Physician on Form No. 7, and procure from the Supreme Secretary for his use and guidance the Instructions to Medical Examiners.

(2) The duties of a Court Physician shall be to examine carefully and minutely all applicants for membership in his own Court, also all members of his own Court who shall apply therein for reinstatement, or for increased Mortuary Benefits, and to recommend to his Court for initiation, reinstatement, or for increase of Mortuary Benefits, only those who are, in his opinion, first-class risks in every way; *provided* that all recommendations by the Court Physician of applicants for Temporary beneficiary membership must be on Form No. 59 properly and completely filled in and signed by

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shall be a graduate of medicine, and shall be duly licensed by the State or Country in which he is being commissioned; he shall receive a commission as Court Physician from the State or Country in which he is procured from the State or Country under the guidance of the Instructions.

Physician shall be to examine all applicants for membership in the members of his own Court; or reinstatement, or for increase of dues; and to recommend to his Court, or for increase of dues, who are, in his opinion, to be admitted; provided that all recommendations of applicants for membership must be on Form No. 59, filled in and signed by

such Court Physician, and such recommendation, Form No. 59, must be forthwith delivered to the Recording Secretary of the Court.

(3) Whenever the Court Physician makes an examination of an applicant who, in his opinion, is not a first-class risk, he shall transmit the Medical Examination paper forthwith to the Medical Board for its action thereon.

(4) A Court Physician shall not examine himself nor any of his relatives; nor shall he examine applicants for membership in a Court other than his own unless specially authorized so to do by the Supreme Chief Ranger; provided that a Court Physician may be selected by a duly authorized Instituting Officer to examine the Charter Applicants of a new Court.

(5) Provided, however, if it be impossible for a member or applicant to be examined by his own Court Physician, or for other causes, the Supreme Chief Ranger may grant a Dispensation authorizing some other Physician to make the examination.

(6) It shall be the duty of the Court Physician to attend free of charge (except for surgical cases and attendance on the same and also, in the case of members of Companion Courts, except for confinement or miscarriage and attendance on the same) during the continuance of any illness, all the members of his Court, as well as the members of any other Courts who may be taken ill within his jurisdiction and who may require his professional services, except Members-at-large; provided that any member who has resided for twelve months within a jurisdiction other than that of the Court of which he is a member and to which he pays dues, shall forfeit his right to such free medical attendance and attendance of the Sick Committee.

(7) He shall, at every regular meeting during a member's illness, present to the Court a certificate stating the nature of the member's complaint and whether he is still under his treatment.

(8) Should he refuse or neglect to attend any member

after being duly notified, the Chief Ranger or, in his absence, any member of the Sick Committee according to seniority, shall be empowered to engage any Court Physician; *provided* if no Court Physician be available, any legally qualified Physician may be engaged to attend the sick member, and the Sick Committee shall charge the expenses thereof to the Court Physician and shall deduct the same out of any fees due or accruing due to him.

(9) Pending the adoption of By-laws by the Court fixing the salary of the Court Physician, his salary shall be at the rate of *one* dollar per annum, payable at the end of each quarter, for each member then in "good standing" in the Court, exclusive of Members-at-large who may be attached to the Court; such salary shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Court.

(10) Should the Court Physician be called upon to attend a member residing more than *one* mile from his office, he shall be at liberty to charge such member the regular fee for mileage for the distance necessarily travelled over and above one mile.

(11) He shall also be entitled to be paid by the member receiving the same, for all medicines furnished by him, unless otherwise provided in the Court By-laws.

(12) He shall also be paid extra for any surgical cases and for attendance on the same, the payment being made by the member himself.

(13) Surgical cases within the meaning of this Section are those in which a breach of continuity has undoubtedly occurred of some tissue of the body, such as bone, muscle, ligament, etc., including those cases where the "breach of continuity" is caused by the surgeon in an operation or by the removal of a tumor.

(14) He shall also be paid by the member for reductions of dislocations, or other cases requiring special skill, care and attention on the part of the physician.

(15) Lancing simple abscesses, incising carbuncles and treatment of ordinary sprains are excluded from the list of surgical cases.

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(16) In the event of any dispute as to whether a case is or is not a surgical case within the meaning of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the dispute shall be decided by the Medical Board.

(17) He shall receive for every examination made by him a fee of not less than one dollar and fifty cents for five hundred or one thousand dollars, two dollars for two thousand, or three thousand dollars, and three dollars for four thousand or five thousand dollars of Mortuary Benefit, to be paid by the person examined at the time of such examination, which shall in no case be refunded whether the candidate be accepted or rejected; he shall make an analytical examination of the urine of every applicant, and, if a microscopic examination be ordered by the Medical Board, the fee, which shall be paid by the applicant, shall be not more than five dollars.

(18) If the Court Physician make at any time, knowingly, an untrue statement regarding an examination, or give a false certificate by which the Court or the Order will suffer, he shall forfeit any salary due him and his dispensation shall become *ipso facto* forfeited, and on conviction he shall stand expelled from the Order if he be a member thereof.

(19) If a Court Physician's examinations be repeatedly defective, or should he recommend an improper risk, or certify to an improper or illegal claim for any of the benefits of the Order, or should he be otherwise negligent or unfaithful in the discharge of his duties, his commission may be summarily revoked by the Supreme Chief Ranger, and the offending Physician, if a member of the Order, may be suspended or expelled from the Order at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council.

(20) A Court may by By-law dispense with the Medical Attendance of the Court Physician, by giving notice in writing to that effect at a regular meeting of the Court and having the same duly entered in the minutes. Thereupon the Recording Secretary shall send a writ-

ten or printed notice to each and every member of the Court, advising each of them of the nature of the By-law and of the date of the next regular meeting of the Court at which the said By-law shall be voted upon. If the By-law is supported by *two thirds* of the members present at such regular meeting the By-law shall be declared carried and, when duly approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger, the Court Physician shall be relieved from attending the members free of charge, and the Court shall not thereafter be required to pay any salary to the Court Physician.

(21) A member taken ill away from home shall be entitled to free medical attendance from the Court Physician residing nearest his temporary domicile; *provided* always that unattached Members-at-large shall not be entitled to free medical attendance.

PAST CHIEF RANGERS.

152. A Past Chief Ranger shall be :

EX-OFFICIO PAST CHIEF RANGERS.

(1) One who has held the office of Chief Ranger during a regular term, or the balance of an unexpired term.

(2) One who was appointed to the office of Past Chief Ranger at the institution of a Court.

HONORARY PAST CHIEF RANGERS.

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

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

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

(6) An Illustrious Knight in "good standing" in an Encampment of Royal Foresters.

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153. An apothecary may also be elected annually, who shall supply all medicines ordered by the Court Physician for members upon such terms as may be agreed upon.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

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154. All vacancies in the offices of a Court shall be filled by the Court as soon as the vacancy is declared, or is created by resignation, suspension or expulsion. Any office in a Court, except that of Delegate to a High Court, or that of a Court Physician, may be declared vacant by a *two-thirds* vote of the Court, on the Officer absenting himself for *two* successive regular meetings of the Court.

TRUSTEES.

COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD.

155. (1) The Chief Ranger, Vice-Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary for the time being, together with *two* members duly elected by the Court at the same time that officers are elected, shall be the Trustees of the Court and shall for the purpose of becoming a body corporate and politic as provided in 52 Victoria (Canada), Chapter 104, Section 3, act for the Court; the Trustees shall have the legal custody and control of all the funds and property and effects of the Court and shall be legally liable for the same to The Supreme Court.

(2) The Chief Ranger of the Court shall be the custodian of all bonds required to be given by the Officers of the Court in their capacity as such; and the Trustees shall, when occasion requires, enforce the covenants in such bonds contained.

(3) The Trustees of a Court, together with the Officers or members having the custody or possession of any of the property or effects of a Court at the time of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the

Charter or Dispensation of the Court, shall be jointly and severally liable in any suit which may be brought under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; *provided*, that any such Trustee, Officer or member may free himself from such liability by furnishing satisfactory evidence of his loyalty to the Order and of having conformed to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of the Order.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION.

CONSISTS OF THREE PARTS.

156. (1) The "Medical Examination of the Order" consists of three parts, viz.:

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

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

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

MEDICINES.

157. All medicines used by any member must be paid for by the member himself, unless it is provided in the By-laws of the Court that such medicines be paid for out of the General Fund of the Court.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

158. (1) A Finance Committee consisting of *two* members shall be elected at the same time as the other

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(2) Also at the close of the annual term, or at any other time when ordered by the Court, to audit the books of the Financial Officers of the Court and report the result in writing to the Court; such report shall include a duly prepared balance sheet of the finances for the past year; and they shall perform such other duties as may be ordered by the Court.

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

SPECIAL AUDITING COMMITTEE.

(4) At the last meeting in each month the Chief Ranger shall appoint *two* members to act with the Recording Secretary as a Special Auditing Committee, who shall forthwith examine the books of the Financial Secretary and report at the same meeting on Form No. 20, giving the number of members who have paid all demands for the next ensuing month, also the amount paid by each member. They shall also report the names of all members who have not yet paid for the next ensuing month.

(5) At the *first* meeting in each month the Special Auditing Committee shall examine the duplicate of the Monthly Report, Form No. 9, or the July Report, Form No. 10, or the January Report, Form No. 11, as the case may be, and correct any errors which they may find therein. They shall also require the Financial Secretary to show when he sent the report and the remittance for the current month to the Supreme Secretary.

(6) The Special Auditing Committee shall report to the Court on Form No. 21 and, if any errors have been discovered by them in the Monthly Report, the Recording Secretary shall forthwith advise the Supreme Secretary thereof.

(7) The report of the Special Auditing Committee shall be entered each month in the minutes of the Court.

THE SICK COMMITTEE.

(8) The Sick Committee, consisting of the Chief Ranger, the Vice-Chief Ranger, the Orator, the two Woodwards and the two Beadles, after they have received notice of the illness of a member, shall see that he is visited *once* each day during his illness by at least *one* member of said Committee; and the Committee shall report the condition of every sick member to the Court at each regular meeting.

(9) If, in the opinion of the said Committee, or of the Court Physician, it should in any case be necessary that watchers be provided for a sick member, the Chief Ranger shall notify *two* members of the Court to perform such duty each night, and the members thus notified shall be those whose turn it shall be according to the order in which their names appear on the roll of members; and should any member thus notified find it inconvenient to attend to this duty himself, he must either immediately provide a suitable substitute, or pay the Chief Ranger *one* dollar to be expended by him for that purpose; and should any member fail to comply with the provisions of this sub-section he shall pay a fine of *two* dollars.

(10) Honorary members including Honorary members defined in Section *one*, subsection *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, clergymen, physicians and members who are at the time on the Sick Fund, or who are on the Probationary List for Total and Permanent Disability, shall be exempt from watching.

(11) The Court or the Sick Committee may at any time order a consultation of Physicians if the circumstances of the case require it and may also employ competent nurses to attend to the sick member.

(12) In cases of infectious or contagious diseases, it shall not be the duty of members of the Sick Committee to visit personally, or of other members to watch, and if attendance be needed a competent nurse shall be employed.

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(13) All expenses incurred for consultations of Physicians ordered by the Court or by the Sick Committee, and all expenses for nurses, shall be paid by the Court out of its General Fund.

ARBITRATION COMMITTEE.

(14) The Arbitration Committee shall consist of the Junior Past Chief Ranger, Vice-Chief Ranger and Orator, to whom all charges in a Court shall be referred.

(15) In case any member of such Committee shall be challenged as being personally interested in the cause, such challenge shall be tried by the Court and, if sustained, any disinterested member of the Court may be appointed in his stead.

(16) In case any member of the Arbitration Committee refuses or wilfully neglects to perform his duties, he shall *ipso facto* forfeit his office in the Court and the Court shall thereupon fill the vacancy by a new election.

(17) All Committees shall at all times be under the direction and control of the Court.

REVENUE.

FOR THE COURT.

159. The fees payable to a Court shall be :

- (1) For Initiation Fee, *one* dollar or such larger sum, not exceeding *five* dollars, as may be fixed by a Court in its By-laws.
- (2) For membership by deposit of card, *fifty* cents.
- (3) For a Letter of Credence, *fifty* cents.
- (4) For a Withdrawal Card, *fifty* cents.
- (5) For Court Dues [which shall include the Extension of the Order Tax required by Section *forty*, sub-section *ten* (which includes the Fee for the Official Organ), and the High Court Dues required by Section *ninety-six*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order] such sums as may be fixed by the Court in its by-laws; *provided* that such dues shall not be less than

fifteen cents per month for each member holding *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, *twenty* cents for each of those holding *one thousand* dollars, *twenty-five* cents for each of those holding *two thousand* dollars, *thirty* cents for each of those holding *three thousand* dollars, *thirty-five* cents for each of those holding *four thousand* dollars, and *forty* cents for each of those holding *five thousand* dollars of Mortuary Benefit; and provided further that Court Dues for Social members and for Honorary members defined in Section *one*, sub-section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be not less than *five* cents per month.

(6) Such special tax, assessments and fines as are required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or as may be fixed by the By-laws of the Court, or that may be levied by the Court for its General Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section *one hundred* and *sixty*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(7) Whenever a beneficiary member of a Court shall procure the initiation or admission of a new beneficiary member, such member shall, for the balance of the then current calendar year, have his Court dues reduced by the sum of *five*, *ten*, *fifteen*, *twenty*, *twenty-five* or *thirty* cents per month, according as the member procuring the new beneficiary member is holding *five hundred*, *one thousand*, *two thousand*, *three thousand*, *four thousand*, or *five thousand* dollars of Mortuary Benefit. The said reduction of dues shall begin for the month succeeding the date of the initiation or admission of such new beneficiary member.

(8) Annual Dues shall be paid annually in advance by each Member-at-large attached to a Court as follows: *Three dollars* by those holding *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, *three dollars and sixty cents* by those holding *one thousand* dollars, *four dollars and twenty cents* by those holding *two thousand* dollars, *four dollars and eighty cents* by those holding *three thousand* dollars, *five dollars and forty cents* by those holding *four thou-*

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(9) For the Mortuary Benefit Fund, such monthly
 and extra assessments as are provided in the Constitu-
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(10) For Registration Fee, *fifty* cents, *one* dollar, *two*
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(11) For Certificate of Membership Fee, *one* dollar.

(12) For the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, the
 Enrolment Fee of *one* dollar and the Registration Fee
 of *one* dollar, and such monthly and extra assess-
 ments as are provided in the Constitution and Laws of
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(13) Whenever the laws of any Province, State or
 Country require the payment of "stamp duties" or
 other special tax on the Benefit Certificates issued to
 the members therein, the amount of such duties or tax
 shall be paid by the applicants in such countries.

GENERAL FUND.

160. (1) The General Fund of Courts shall be com-
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 proposition therefor given at the previous regular meet-
 ing; nor shall any part of the General Fund be used
 for any purpose whatsoever except for objects con-
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PAYMENT OUT OF FUNDS.

161. No payment out of the funds of the Court shall be made without a vote of the Court and without an order signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, except for assessments, Extension of the Order Tax, High Court Dues, and other Fees payable to The Supreme Court, or to the High Court, as the case may be, which shall on completion of the required report be immediately paid by the Treasurer at the time required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, by his procuring a post office money order or express money order or bank draft and handing the same to the Financial Secretary to be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary or to the High Secretary, as the case may be; in all such cases the Treasurer shall report such payments to the Court at its next regular meeting, whereupon the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary shall issue the necessary orders upon the Treasurer to cover such payments.

THE FUNDS AND PROPERTY OF COURTS.

162. (1) The funds and property of a Court shall not be divided in any manner among the members individually, or between a Court and any other that may branch from it without the assent of *two-thirds* of the members in "good standing" in the Court and the approval of the Executive Council or of the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction, which approval must be attested by the Supreme Secretary with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed, or by the High Secretary with the seal of the High Court affixed.

(2) Whenever any one ceases to be a member of the Order, whether by expulsion, suspension or withdrawal, his right, title and interest in and to the property or funds, or any part thereof, of The Supreme Court, or of any Court of the Order, shall thereby cease and become null and void, and his liabilities in regard to any assessments, dues, taxes or fines which may thereafter

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SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

163. (1) Special relief may be granted from the General Fund of a Court, by a *two-thirds* vote of the members present, to any indigent or distressed member in "good standing," provided such relief shall in no case exceed the sum of *ten* dollars.

(2) A Court may provide in its By-laws for the donation out of its General Fund to a member of the Court in "good standing" a sum not exceeding *twenty-five* dollars on the death of the husband or wife of the member, and not exceeding *fifteen* dollars on the death of a child of the member.

(3) A Court may also provide in its By-laws for the payment out of its General Fund of a sum not exceeding *three* dollars as a bonus to any member for each beneficiary member initiated into the Court, secured by such member.

TRIALS AND CHARGES OF COURTS.

164. (1) A Court may be placed on trial and on conviction its Charter or Dispensation may be forfeited to The Supreme Court for any of the following causes:

(a) For improper, insubordinate or rebellious conduct;
 (b) For neglecting or refusing to conform to the Ritual, Rules, Regulations, Usages, or the Constitution and Laws of the Order;

(c) For neglecting to hold regular meetings unless prevented from doing so by some unforeseen circumstance, or when the membership diminishes to less than *five* in number.

(2) But the Charter or Dispensation of a Court shall not be forfeited, except as provided in Sections *one hundred and sixty-nine, one hundred and seventy, one hundred and seventy-one, one hundred and eighty-nine and two hundred and sixty-one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, until the Court shall have been

notified of its offence by the Supreme Secretary, or High Secretary, as the case may be, and an opportunity has been given to answer the charge or charges against it.

(3) At least *twenty* days must elapse between the date of the notice of charges and the date of trial.

NOTICES.

165. (1) Any notice emanating from a Court shall bear the signatures of the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary, and must have the seal of the Court affixed.

(2) Any notice to a Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Chief Ranger, or Recording Secretary, or Financial Secretary.

(3) Any notice to any officer or member of a Court shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Recording Secretary or the Financial Secretary, or upon the officer or member immediately concerned.

(4) Any notice, as aforesaid, shall be deemed to be duly served,

(a) By being published in THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, the Official Organ of the Order, or

(b) By being mailed in a registered letter; *provided* always that

(c) If any notice has been sent in a non-registered letter and if it be established that such letter was received by the proper party, or if it be established that such notice was otherwise sent to, or received by, or served upon, the proper party, such notice shall be deemed to be duly given and served.

(d) The time of such notice shall be computed from the date of mailing such notice, or from the day of publication of THE INDEPENDENT FORESTER, as the case may be.

(5) Any notice from The Supreme Court to the beneficiary, personal representative or other person interested in the Mortuary or other Benefit of a living or deceased member shall be deemed to be duly given by being served upon the Recording Secretary or the

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COMMISSIONERS MAY TAKE TESTIMONY.

166. (1) In the trial of any case, or in the reviewing or re-hearing of any trial or proceeding, the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, shall have power to summon the attendance of such persons as witnesses as they may deem proper, as well as any or all of the parties to the case; and shall also have power to order the production at any trial, review or re-hearing, of any books, papers, letters, documents or records.

(2) Should it be inconvenient for the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or High Standing Committee to sit and hear the evidence in any case, the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, may appoint one or more members of the Order to act as Commissioner or Commissioners to take testimony, and before whom the parties shall be summoned; and all books, papers and documents bearing on the case, if required by such Commissioner or Commissioners, shall be produced before him or them at such hearing by the parties having possession or charge of such books, papers or documents. The evidence so taken shall be reduced to writing and shall be certified to by such Commissioner or Commissioners and returned to the Executive Council, or Supreme Chief Ranger, or High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

(3) Upon receipt thereof by the Supreme Secretary, or High Secretary, as the case may be, he shall give notice to the parties interested in the cause when the written testimony will be presented to the Executive Council, or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or High Stand-

ing Committee, and the respective parties may be heard by counsel if they desire it, after which the case shall be determined. No person shall appear as counsel except a Forester in "good standing."

CONTEMPT OF SUMMONS.

167. When charges are preferred against a Court, and it neglects or refuses to answer the same within the time prescribed in Section *one hundred and sixty-four*, sub-section *three*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, such charges may be tried *ex-parte*, or the Charter or Dispensation of the Court may be suspended and the Court dissolved for contempt of summons, at the discretion of The Supreme Court or of the Executive Council.

COURT UNDER A CHARGE CANNOT DISPOSE OF PROPERTY OR FUNDS.

168. When a Court shall have notice that charges are preferred against it, or that its Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, such Court shall not, during the pendency of such charges, or during the continuance of such suspension, grant any withdrawal cards except to members who have removed, or who intend, *bona fide*, within *one* month after their application, to remove out of the district in which such Court is located; and until such charges are disposed of, or the suspension removed, such Court shall make no disposition of any of its property, rituals, books, regalia, furniture, effects or funds, except to pay its debts and current expenses, the benefits accruing to members, and assessments for the Mortuary Fund and other Benefit Funds of the Order.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND DISSOLUTION OF COURTS.

169. (1) A Court may be summarily suspended, and the members thereof deprived of all the benefits of the Order, by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Standing Committee,

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(2) When a Court is in open rebellion to the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or is in contempt of the constituted authorities of the Order, its Dispensation or Charter may be forthwith suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, and its Charter or Dispensation may thereafter be declared forfeited by the Executive Council.

CONTEMPT BY A COURT.

170. Any Court refusing or neglecting to transmit any books, papers, reports or records required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee or by the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, or refusing to obey the legal mandates of the Executive Council or of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the High Standing Committee or of the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be in contempt, and its Charter or Dispensation may be forthwith suspended by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the High Standing Committee or by the High Chief Ranger, as the case may be, and its Charter or Dispensation may thereafter be declared forfeited by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court and the Court dissolved.

COURT STANDING SUSPENDED.

171. Any Court which fails to transmit the monthly or other reports required by the Constitution and Laws of the Order within the time specified therein on the Forms prescribed by the Executive Council, or fails to have transmitted at the time specified in the Con-

stitution and Laws of the Order, any assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order, may be forthwith suspended by the Executive Council, or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Standing Committee, or by the High Chief Ranger; or if not so suspended, and such Court continues to be in default to the end of the then current month, it shall *ipso facto* stand suspended on the *first* day of the month immediately following the month in which such default occurred; and at any time thereafter its Charter or Dispensation may be revoked and declared forfeited by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court and the Court dissolved.

PROPERTY AND FUNDS OF SUSPENDED OR DEFUNCT COURTS.

172. (1) Upon the suspension or surrender or forfeiture of the Charter or Dispensation of a Court it shall be the duty, collectively and individually, of the Officers having the custody of the Charter or Dispensation, books, papers, furniture and other property or effects and funds of the Court, to assign, transfer and deliver the same to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to such party or parties as may be specially deputed by the Supreme Chief Ranger to receive the same, who shall hold the same subject to the order of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council.

(2) Any Officer or member having any Charter, Dispensation, rituals, books, papers, furniture or other property or effects, or funds of a suspended or dissolved Court, or of any Court, in his custody, possession or control and neglecting or refusing to assign, transfer or deliver the same on demand to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to the duly appointed Deputy of the Supreme Chief Ranger shall *ipso facto* stand expelled from the Order and shall be forever excluded from membership in the Order, notwithstanding such Court should afterwards be restored to "good standing;" and he shall also be liable to The Supreme Court in double the value

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SUCH PROPERTY AND FUNDS TO BE KEPT SEPARATE.

173. The Charter or Dispensation, rituals, books, papers, furniture or other property or effects or funds received from any Court under the provisions of Section *one hundred and seventy-two* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be kept separate and apart from the other property or funds of The Supreme Court, and such funds shall not be estimated as part of the funds of The Supreme Court, but the same shall be held for the purpose of returning them to the Court whence they came, on its being reinstated, or upon the expiration of the period of its suspension; *provided*, however, that in the event of said Court not being reinstated within *one* year, the funds and effects received from such Court shall be disposed of and used, under the direction of the Supreme Chief Ranger, in aiding the growth and progress of the Order.

VALUING PROPERTY AND EFFECTS OF DEFUNCT COURTS.

174. Whenever the Trustees or other Officers or members of a Court whose Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, annulled, surrendered or forfeited fail forthwith to assign, transfer and deliver up the Charter, Dispensation, books, papers, furniture or other property, effects or funds of such Court to the Supreme Chief Ranger or to such party or parties as may be specially deputed by him as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the Executive Council shall forthwith estimate the value to The Supreme Court of such property or effects, or any part of the same, and such estimate shall be taken as the value of such property or effects in any suit which may be brought as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

STATUS OF MEMBERS OF SUSPENDED OR DISSOLVED COURTS.

175. (1) Any member of a Court whose Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, and any member of a Court which has surrendered or forfeited its Charter or Dispensation, who was in "good standing" at the time of such suspension, surrender or forfeiture, may be admitted into any other Court after having received from the Supreme Chief Ranger a Supreme Card, Form No. 30, signed by him and countersigned by the Supreme Secretary with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed.

(2) Such card shall not be granted until the member has given satisfactory evidence that he was in "good standing" at the date of the surrender, suspension or forfeiture of such Charter or Dispensation, and has paid to The Supreme Court all assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order to date that he otherwise would have had to pay, including any deficiency arising from neglect or failure of the Officers of such defaulting or defunct Court to pay to The Supreme Court any assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order paid by such member into the treasury of his Court and which should have been paid by such Court to The Supreme Court; such member shall apply for such card within *ninety* days from the date of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the Charter or Dispensation of his Court.

(3) If the application for such card is not made either before or forthwith upon such surrender, suspension or forfeiture, then the application must be accompanied with the fee of *one* dollar and a certificate of good health, Form No. 4, fully and properly filled in and executed, and if required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger, such applicant shall pass the Medical Board, and, if required by the Supreme Chief Ranger, the applicant must also give satisfactory evidence of his loyalty to the Order at the time of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the Charter or Dispensation of his Court.

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(5) Members of a Court whose Charter or Dispensation has been suspended, surrendered or forfeited shall not be entitled to any benefits, except as provided in sub-section *six* of this section, until they have received a Supreme card from the Supreme Chief Ranger, as provided in sub-section *four* of this section; and if they do not apply for such card within *ninety* days from the date of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of the Charter or Dispensation of their Court, their reinstatement shall be subject to the provisions of Section *two hundred and five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; or they may be readmitted into another Court as new members without the ceremony of initiation, *provided* that a statement of the facts in the case shall be submitted with, and be made a part of, the application for membership to such Court.

(6) Any member of the Court who had his assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order at the time of the suspension, surrender or forfeiture of its Charter or Dispensation, paid in advance to The Supreme Court, shall be deemed to be in "good standing" during the period covered by such advance payments, notwithstanding such suspension, surrender or forfeiture, unless he shall have wilfully contributed towards, or been a party to, such suspension, surrender or forfeiture.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.

PROFANITY OR INTOXICATION IN COURT.

176. (1) A member who shall be guilty of profanity in the Court, or who shall enter any Court in a state of intoxication, shall be suspended or expelled as the Court of which he is a member may determine, *provided* that for the first offence he may be fined *five* dollars.

(2) A member who shall introduce intoxicating liquors into any Court room while the Court is in session may, on conviction, be suspended or expelled from the Order, as the Executive Council may determine.

USE OF LIQUORS PROHIBITED IN CONNECTION WITH COURTS.

(3) Any Court permitting the sale of intoxicating liquors at or in connection with any meeting or entertainment held under the auspices of the Court or in the name of the Order, shall, on conviction thereof before the Executive Council, or the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction, be liable to have its Charter or Dispensation suspended or revoked, or shall be liable to a fine of not less than *ten* dollars in addition to the costs of the trial.

REVEALING PRIVATE AFFAIRS.

177. A member who shall reveal any of the private affairs of the Order shall on conviction stand expelled. The mode of procedure to gain admission into any Court, its signs, grips, passwords, business transacted in any Court, and other affairs of the Court and of the Order are matters to be kept secret.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS OR PROPERTY.

178. (1) Should any Officer or member wilfully destroy, refuse to assign or transfer, or fail to deliver, on the demand of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of a Deputy duly appointed for the purpose, any books, papers,

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member improperly appropriate any of the funds, prop-
erty or other effects of the Order, or of any Court, or
of any Encampment of Royal Foresters, or of any other
branch of The Supreme Court, he shall upon conviction
by the Court or by the Executive Council stand ex-
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(2) Should any Officer or member wilfully damage or
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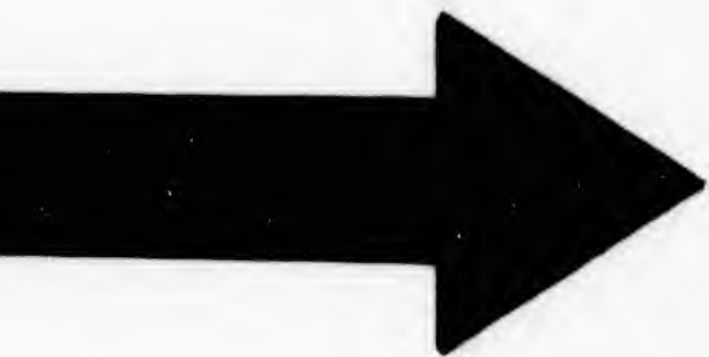
179. (1) Neither a member nor his beneficiary shall
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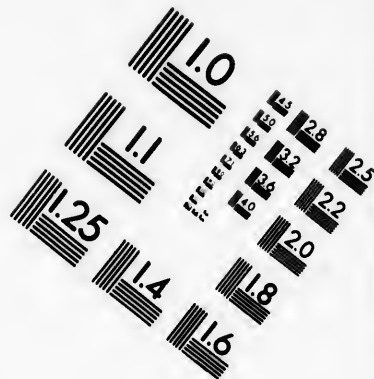
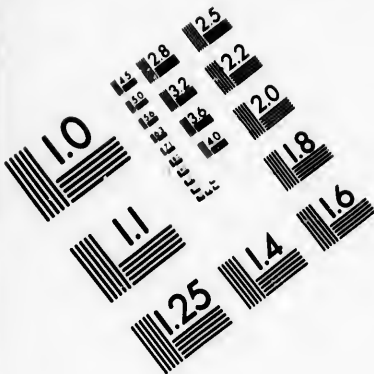
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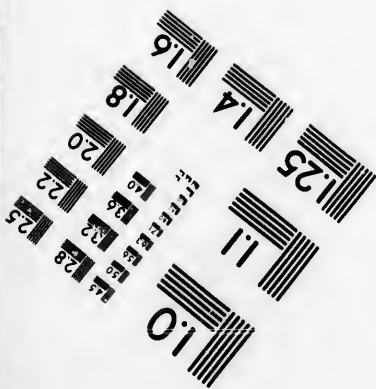
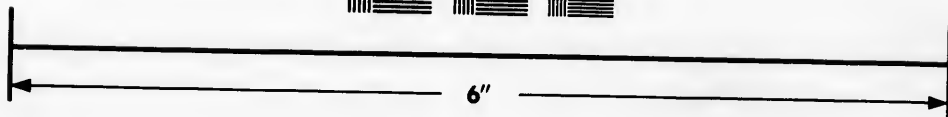
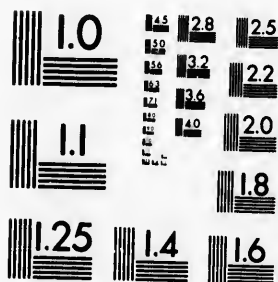
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cealing any mental or physical infirmity, or by not disclosing any material fact relating to himself or his family, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all payments he may have made and all benefits whatsoever that he or his heirs or his representatives or his beneficiaries would otherwise have been entitled to receive; and on conviction such member shall stand expelled from the Order.

CERTIFYING AN ILLEGAL CLAIM.

181. (1) Any Officer or member of the Order knowingly or negligently certifying to any dishonest, fraudulent, illegal or improper claim upon any of the funds of The Supreme Court or of any of its branches, in addition to all other penalties prescribed in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall become personally liable to The Supreme Court in double the amount paid by The Supreme Court or by any of its branches upon such certificate.

(2) If two or more Officers knowingly or negligently sign the certificate to any dishonest, fraudulent, illegal or improper claim, any one or more of them, or all of them, so knowingly or negligently certifying, may, at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or of the Executive Council, be sued for the recovery of the penalty.

(3) If the penalty is recovered from any officer or member so offending, then the right of action of The Supreme Court against any other officer or member, notwithstanding he may have signed such improper certificate, shall cease and determine.

UNWORTHY MEMBERS.

182. (1) Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or shall offend against the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or shall disregard the rules or usages of the Order, or throw discredit upon the Order by improper or disreputable conduct, may be fined, reprimanded, suspended or expelled.

(2) Any member who shall try to bring contempt upon the Order by speaking disrespectfully of The

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(3) If any Officer so offend, the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction to which the officer belongs, shall suspend him from office at once and report him forthwith to the Executive Council, or High Standing Committee, or Subordinate Court, or Companion Court, as the case may be, to be further dealt with, and, on conviction by the Subordinate Court, or by the Companion Court, or by the High Standing Committee, or by the Executive Council, as the case may be, he shall stand expelled from the Order.

FELONY OR MISDEMEANOR.

183. Any member of the Order engaging in or participating in any felony or treason felony shall *ipso facto* stand expelled from the Order; and any member who shall be convicted of misdemeanor may be summarily suspended or expelled by a *two-thirds* vote of his Court, or he may be summarily suspended or expelled by the Executive Council.

DEFRAUDING THE ORDER.

184. Any Officer or member guilty of an attempt to defraud The Supreme Court, or a High Court, or any other Court or branch of The Supreme Court, by dishonestly, fraudulently, illegally or improperly claiming benefits, or falsely certifying to an alleged illness or disability, or otherwise aiding, abetting or knowingly permitting a member to make a dishonest, fraudulent, improper or illegal claim for benefits, shall on conviction stand expelled from the Order; and the trial may be held before the Court of which the offending party is a

member, or before the High Standing Committee of the jurisdiction, or before the Executive Council.

IMPROPERLY DETAINING FUNDS.

185. (1) Any Officer of a High Court, or of a Subordinate Court, or of a Companion Court, or of an Encampment of Royal Foresters, or any Deputy, or any member, who has received any funds whatsoever paid by any member or candidate, either for the Charter Fee, or for any benefit fund of the Order, or for any tax or dues, or for any other funds, fees, or dues whatever, and failing to pay the same or any part thereof to The Supreme Court, or to the High Court, or to the Subordinate Court, or to the Companion Court, or to the Encampment of Royal Foresters, as the case may be, at the time directed in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended, and he may further dealt with, summarily or otherwise, by and at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council.

(2) The Charter or Dispensation of any Court sanctioning or allowing the detention of any funds by the Financial Secretary or by any other of its Officers, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended and the Court may be further dealt with by and at the discretion of the Executive Council.

(3) Any member of a Court suspended as provided in sub-section *two* of this section, who has been a party to, or aided in any way whatsoever, directly or indirectly in, the detention of such funds shall stand suspended and shall not be reinstated except at the discretion of the Executive Council.

MEMBERS STANDING SUSPENDED.

186. (1) Any member failing to pay any assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order, in the manner and within the time provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended.

(2) Any member who shall be guilty of contempt of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or of insubordination, or of rebellion against the constituted authorities of the Order, may be summarily suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

INTEMPERATE MEMBERS.

187. (1) The Supreme Chief Ranger upon receiving credible information that a member is using intoxicants, or opiates, or other narcotics, to such an excess as to endanger his life, or to materially affect the risk upon his life, shall order the Supreme Physician or the Secretary of the Medical Board, or some other officer or member, to make due investigation, and upon receiving the report of such officer or member, if the Supreme Chief Ranger is satisfied that the member is using intoxicants or opiates, or other narcotics, to such an excess as to endanger his life, or to materially affect the risk upon his life, he shall suspend such offending member from the Order.

(2) And it shall be the duty of every officer and member of a Court, as well as that of every Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger or Deputy of a High Chief Ranger, immediately on becoming aware that any member of the Order is using intoxicants or opiates, or other narcotics, to such an excess as to endanger his life, or to materially affect the risk upon his life, to forthwith report the facts to the Supreme Chief Ranger; and if the Supreme Chief Ranger is satisfied of the fact, he shall forthwith suspend the offending member.

(3) A member of the Order suspended under the provisions of this section cannot again be reinstated, except he first pass the Medical Board and is balloted for and accepted by his own Court, whereupon the Executive Council may order his reinstatement. Upon receipt by the Court of the order of the Executive Council and upon the suspended member paying all assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order he would otherwise have paid had he remained continu-

ously a beneficiary member, he shall be reinstated to his former status in the Order.

CIRCULARS.

188. No letter, circular or document relating to the Order shall be made or circulated by any Court or member of the Order, or be read or acted upon by any Court, unless the same shall have endorsed thereon the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger, or of the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction in which it is issued or circulated. A contravention of the provisions of this section shall subject the offender to suspension or expulsion; and if a Court so offends it shall be subject to suspension or revocation of its Dispensation or Charter.

SUSPENDED MEMBERS NOT ENTITLED TO SIT IN COURT.

189. No suspended member shall be entitled to sit in a Court while the Court is in session: and any suspended member forcing himself into a Court when in session shall *ipso facto* stand expelled; and any Court permitting a suspended or expelled member to sit in Court while in session shall have its Charter or Dispensation forthwith suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, and shall be reported to the Executive Council, who may at once annul or revoke the Charter or Dispensation and dissolve the Court; *provided* that a member suspended for non-payment of any assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order shall be permitted to have a seat in the Court when applying for reinstatement, and also at subsequent meetings pending his reinstatement, but without vote or voice in the Court.

SUSPENSION WORKS A VACANCY IN OFFICE.

190. Any member suspended or expelled from the Order shall *ipso facto* vacate any office held by him; and any office in the Order thus rendered vacant may be filled as provided in the Constitution and Laws of

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SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED MEMBERS CANNOT BE RECEIVED INTO OTHER COURTS.

191. Except by dispensation of the Supreme Chief Ranger, no suspended or expelled member of a Court, if the suspension was for other cause than non-payment of assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order, can be received into membership in another Court without the consent of the Court from which he was suspended or expelled.

CHARGES AND TRIAL OF MEMBERS.

TRIAL.

192. Subject to the provisions of Sections *one hundred and forty-six, one hundred and eighty-six, one hundred and eighty-seven and two hundred and sixty-one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, every member shall be entitled to a trial for any offence involving fine, reprimand, suspension or expulsion; *provided* that members shall *ipso facto* stand suspended for non-payment of assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order, or for contempt of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or for insubordination or rebellion, or for other causes specified in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

CHARGES.

193. No member shall be put upon trial unless charges duly signed by a member of the Order and specifying the offence and date of such offence, so as to fully apprise him of the nature thereof and enable him to prepare for his defence, shall be submitted in

writing to the Court having jurisdiction, or to the High Standing Committee, or to the Executive Council.

CHARGES IN A COURT.

194. (1) If charges are preferred in a Court, they shall forthwith be referred to the Arbitration Committee.

(2) Such Committee shall, before the next regular meeting of the Court, summon in writing the parties to the case, with a copy of the charges and specifications attached to or enclosed with the summons, to appear before the said committee for trial at a stated time and place, giving the said parties at least *forty-eight* hours notice of the time and place of such trial; the summons shall be signed by at least two members of the Arbitration Committee.

(3) The member or members serving the summons shall make a copy of such summons and endorse thereon the time, place and manner of service of such summons and of the fact that a copy of the charges and specifications were served therewith. The said endorsed copy shall be filed with the charges, and shall, in the event of an appeal, be forwarded with the record to the next appellate authority.

(4) The Arbitration Committee shall keep minutes of the proceedings at the trial and shall cause the evidence to be taken down in writing, and they shall report the evidence to the Court at its next regular meeting, together with their decision as to whether or not the charges have been sustained.

FIXING PENALTIES.

(5) If the decision of the Arbitration Committee is that the charges are sustained and if a specified penalty is provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order for the offence, the Chief Ranger shall forthwith enforce the penalty. If no penalty be so provided, the Court shall decide, by written ballot, whether the penalty shall be expulsion, suspension, fine or reprimand. If *two-thirds* of the ballots are for expulsion, then the penalty shall be

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(6) Upon the penalty being fixed, or upon the decision of the Arbitration Committee that the charges are not sustained, as the case may be, notice thereof shall, within *twenty-four* hours, be given in writing by the Recording Secretary to the parties in the cause, and if neither party take an appeal therefrom in writing, within the time specified in Section *two hundred and eleven*, subsection *one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the decision of the Arbitration Committee shall be final.

(7) If the penalty fixed by the Court be that of suspension or expulsion, it shall forthwith go into effect.

195. Any member of the Arbitration Committee making known the individual action or votes of any member thereof in any trial shall be suspended or expelled as the Court may determine.

WITNESSES MUST ATTEND.

196. Any member duly summoned to attend and give evidence as a witness on any trial, failing to do so without a proper excuse, or failing to give proper and truthful answers to all legitimate questions on such trial, may be fined, suspended or expelled as the Court, or High Standing Committee, or Executive Council, as the case may be, shall direct.

CONTEMPT BY A MEMBER.

197. (1) If a member against whom charges have been duly preferred refuse or neglect to stand trial when duly summoned, such refusal or neglect shall

be taken as equivalent to a plea of guilty, and the Arbitration Committee shall so report; and the penalty shall be determined as laid down in Section *one hundred and ninety-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) If a satisfactory excuse for a failure to stand trial be given within *ten* days a new date may be fixed for the trial and the parties in the case duly notified thereof.

(3) In case of non-residence of a member against whom charges have been duly preferred, he may be represented by counsel (who shall be a Forester in "good standing") and tried as though he were personally present.

REPRIMAND AND FINES.

198. (1) When a member shall be subject to the penalty of reprimand, he shall be summoned to attend at the next regular meeting to be reprimanded from the Chief Ranger's chair, and should he fail to attend at such meeting he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(2) If a member be fined he shall pay the same before the *first* day of the succeeding month, failing which he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended on the *first* day of such succeeding month, and shall so remain until the fine is paid and he is regularly reinstated as provided in Section *two hundred and four* or *two hundred and five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, as the case may be.

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION TO BE GIVEN.

199. Notice of the expulsion or suspension of a member shall, after the expiration of *twenty* days from the date thereof, be given to the Courts of the district; *provided* if a member expelled or suspended has filed, according to the Constitution and Laws of the Order, an appeal against the action of his Court, such notice shall not be given until the higher tribunal or tribunals have adjudicated upon the matter.

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OFFICERS UNDER CHARGE NOT TO OFFICIATE.

200. (1) An Officer shall not officiate during the trial of a charge duly preferred against him. Should the Chief Ranger be under charges the Junior Past Chief Ranger present shall preside while any question arising therefrom shall be under consideration; but should there be no Past Chief Ranger present the Officer present who is highest in rank shall preside, and if no Officer is present the Court shall elect a member of the Court to preside.

(2) When charges are preferred against an Officer of The Supreme Court or of a High Court for official acts, he shall be tried by The Supreme Court or Executive Council, or by the High Court or High Standing Committee, as the case may be.

CHARGES AGAINST DEPUTIES.

201. Charges against any Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger, or Deputy of a High Chief Ranger, for acts connected with the discharge of his official duties, shall be tried by the Executive Council or by the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, and the evidence in such cases may be taken by the Executive Council or the High Standing Committee, as the case may be, or the evidence may be taken before one or more Commissioners in the manner provided for the trial of Courts.

REINSTATEMENT.

(A) OF COURTS.

202. (1) Any Court whose Dispensation or Charter has been suspended may be reinstated upon the removal of the cause of suspension and upon the members desiring to be reinstated furnishing a certificate of good health on Form No. 4, or passing the Medical Board if required by the Supreme Chief Ranger; or the Executive Council or Supreme Chief Ranger may rescind the order of suspension; *provided* that, if a Court has

been suspended for more than *ninety* days, it shall not be reinstated, nor the order for its suspension rescinded, until the members thereof desiring to be reinstated shall have passed the Medical Board and paid all assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order that they would have paid if they and the Court had not been suspended.

(2) Upon the application of *five* or more members for the reinstatement of a suspended Court, such applicants, or as many of them as may be approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger, if they exceed *four* in number, may have the Court reinstated and be restored to membership therein. The reinstated Court, with such of the members as may be accepted, may again receive the Charter or Dispensation, or, in case of its loss, a new one, together with any effects or funds of the Court at the time of its suspension or dissolution that may yet be in the hands of The Supreme Court and not disposed of.

(3) No Court shall be reinstated until all its arrears shall have been paid in full to The Supreme Court and to the High Court and, except as provided in sub-section *one* of this section, until the members thereof desiring reinstatement therein shall have passed the Medical Board.

(B) OF MEMBERS.

203. Any member of a Court having been regularly expelled or suspended for other causes than non-payment of any accrued liability may be reinstated to his former status in the Order, except in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department, by presenting an Application for Reinstatement, Form No. 15, and by being duly proposed for reinstatement at a regular meeting of his Court, whereupon his case shall be referred to a Committee of *three* members. The Committee shall report at the next regular meeting, when the vote shall be taken by ball ballots, and if *two-thirds* of the members voting are in favor of the reinstatement, it shall be made upon the applicant passing the Medical Board, paying the fees required of initiates, and being rated at his present age;

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REINSTATEMENT WITHIN NINETY DAYS.

204. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section *nine* of this section, a member suspended for non-payment of any accrued liability, such as assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order, may within *ninety* days from the date of his suspension be reinstated, without ballot, to his former status in the Order, except in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department, upon all the requirements of this section being complied with.

(2) He shall personally present an application for reinstatement to any Court upon Form No. 15 fully filled in and signed by himself, and deposit with the Financial Secretary at the time of making the said application, all assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order that he would have paid had he remained continuously in "good standing," which deposit shall be held by the Financial Secretary as the agent of the applicant pending his reinstatement.

(3) Upon presentation of such application to the Court at any meeting, if the Court does not require a medical re-examination, such application, duly filled up and properly signed and with the seal of the Court affixed, shall be forthwith forwarded by the Financial Secretary to the Supreme Secretary.

(4) If, however, it be inconvenient for a suspended member to personally present his Application for Reinstatement to the Court, such application duly filled in and signed by himself may be sent to the Court, accompanied by his affidavit or statutory declaration that he is at the date thereof in good, sound health; and such application when accompanied by such affidavit or statutory declaration may be dealt with by the Court as though the Applicant were personally present.

(5) On receipt of the Application for Reinstatement the Supreme Secretary shall lay the same before the Supreme Chief Ranger, who, if he does not deem a medical re-examination necessary and the applicant is otherwise acceptable, shall direct the Supreme Secretary to notify the Court, on Form No. 16, that the applicant may be reinstated if the applicant be at the date of the reinstatement in good, sound mental and physical health.

(6) But if the Court or the Supreme Chief Ranger shall require a medical re-examination, then the applicant shall not be reinstated until after he has again passed the Medical Board.

WHEN DEEMED TO BE REINSTATED.

(7) The Recording Secretary upon receipt of the Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16, prescribed in sub-section *five* of this section, shall at once transmit or hand such notice to the Financial Secretary, who shall notify the applicant thereof, and if the applicant be in good, sound mental and bodily health, he shall forthwith and before the expiration of *ninety* days from the date of his suspension pay to the Financial Secretary any further liabilities that would have matured had he not been suspended, and upon payment thereof he shall be deemed to be reinstated if in good sound mental and physical health at the time and if all the provisions of this section have been fully complied with before the expiration of *ninety* days from the date of his suspension.

(8) The Financial Secretary shall then endorse upon the said Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16, the date of such payment and return it within *twenty-four* hours to the Supreme Secretary.

CONDITION OF REINSTATEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(9) A suspended member who is reinstated under the provisions of this section within *ninety* days from the date of suspension shall be reinstated to his former status in the Order, except in the Expectation of Life

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REINSTATEMENT AFTER NINETY DAYS.

205. (1) Any member suspended for non-payment of any accrued liability, such as assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order, and not having been reinstated within *ninety* days from the date of suspension as provided in Section *two hundred and four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, may be reinstated upon all the requirements of this section being complied with.

(2) He shall personally present an application for reinstatement to any Court upon Form No. 15 fully filled in and signed by himself; and deposit with the Financial Secretary all assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order he would have paid had he remained continuously in "good standing," (or in lieu thereof, pay the Registration Fee required of new applicants), which deposit shall be held by the Financial Secretary as the agent of the applicant pending his reinstatement; and surrender his Benefit Certificate which shall likewise be held by the Financial Secretary as agent of the applicant pending his reinstatement; and be approved by a *two-thirds* vote of the members of the Court to which he applies for reinstatement who are present at the time the vote is taken, such approval being certified on Form No. 15; and again pass the Medical Board. The application, duly filled in and properly signed and with the seal of the Court affixed, shall be forthwith transmitted by the Financial Secretary to the Supreme Secretary.

(3) If, however, it be inconvenient for a suspended member to personally present his application for reinstatement to the Court, such application duly filled in and signed by himself may be sent to the Court, accompanied by his affidavit or statutory declaration that he is at the date thereof in good, sound health; and such application when accompanied by such affidavit or statutory declaration may be dealt with by the Court as though the applicant were personally present.

(4) Upon the receipt of the Application for Reinstatement, Form No. 15, and upon notice from the Secretary of the Medical Board that the applicant has again been accepted by the Medical Board and upon notice from the Supreme Chief Ranger that the applicant is acceptable, the Supreme Secretary shall transmit to the Court notice on Form No. 16, that the applicant may be reinstated, subject to the provisions of sub-section *seven* of this section, if the said applicant be at the date of the reinstatement in good, sound mental and physical health.

WHEN DEEMED TO BE REINSTATED.

(5) The Recording Secretary upon receipt of the Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16, provided in sub-section *four* of this section, shall at once transmit or hand such notice to the Financial Secretary who shall notify the applicant thereof, and if the applicant be in good, sound mental and bodily health he shall forthwith pay to the Financial Secretary the assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other liabilities for the month in which the notice of re-instatement was sent by the Supreme Secretary and any further liabilities that may have accrued since the date of the Notice of Reinstatement, and upon payment thereof he shall be deemed to be reinstated if in good, sound mental and physical health at the time; *provided* that the assessments shall be at the rate prescribed for the member's age at the date of the notice of reinstatement on Form No. 16.

(6) The Financial Secretary shall then endorse upon the said Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16, the date

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CONDITION OF REINSTATEMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(7) A member who is reinstated under the provisions of this section shall be re-rated at his age at the date of the Notice of Reinstatement, Form No. 16; *provided* always that all such reinstatements shall be subject to the provisions of Sections *two hundred and thirty-one* and *two hundred and thirty-six* and to all other provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

NEW BENEFIT CERTIFICATE TO BE ISSUED.

(8) The Supreme Secretary, upon receipt of the old Benefit Certificate from the Financial Secretary, shall endorse thereon the date of reinstatement, or cause a new Benefit Certificate to be issued to the reinstated member, as the circumstances may require.

REJOINING AS A NEW MEMBER.

(9) A member suspended for non-payment of any accrued liability in the Order may at his own option rejoin the Order as a new member by complying with all the provisions of Section *one hundred and nineteen* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, except that he shall not be required to pass through the Initiation Ceremony.

MONEYS HELD BY THE SUPREME SECRETARY AS AGENT OF THE SENDER.

206. (1) All remittances forwarded to the Supreme Secretary on account of suspended members prior to their reinstatement, or for members who have not been accepted as beneficiary members from any cause whatsoever, or for members who have been unlawfully initiated or otherwise unlawfully admitted to membership in the Order, or for members not in "good standing" from any cause whatsoever, shall be held by the Supreme Secretary as agent or bailee of such members, pending their becoming members in "good standing" in the

manner provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order; and the receiving and the holding of any such remittance by the Supreme Secretary shall in no wise operate as an estoppel or be construed as a waiver on the part of The Supreme Court, or create or constitute any liability on the part of The Supreme Court to any one whomsoever.

(2) When an applicant for reinstatement is rejected, all moneys held on his account by the Financial Secretary, or by the Supreme Secretary, pending his reinstatement, shall be returned to him on demand; *provided* that an applicant for reinstatement under the provisions of Section *two hundred and four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order who has not been rejected by the Supreme Chief Ranger and who has not been rejected by the Medical Board and who for any cause whatsoever fails to be reinstated within *ninety* days from the date of his suspension, shall forfeit to The Supreme Court all moneys he may have paid on account thereof or in connection therewith; *provided* further that an applicant for reinstatement under the provisions of Section *two hundred and five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order who has not been rejected by the Supreme Chief Ranger and who has not been rejected by the Medical Board and who for any cause whatsoever fails to be reinstated within *ninety* days from the date of his application for reinstatement, shall forfeit to The Supreme Court all moneys he may have paid on account thereof or in connection therewith.

A SUSPENDED MEMBER CANNOT BE REINSTATED WHILE ILL OR DISABLED.

207. A member suspended for nonpayment of any accrued liability shall not under any circumstances be reinstated except as provided in Section *two hundred and four* or *two hundred and five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order and unless he is at the time of such reinstatement in good, sound mental and bodily health; and any Court recommending a suspended member for

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APPEALS.

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208. (1) The right of appeal shall be vested in every member of the Order and, in case of the death or disability of a member, the right of appeal shall be vested in his beneficiary or personal representative.

(2) The right of appeal shall also be vested in every Court; and an appeal shall lie against the action or decision of any Officer or of any Court, except the action or decision of The Supreme Court, whose action or decision shall be final and conclusive in all cases.

(3) Any aggrieved party failing to take an appeal from any action or decision in the manner and within the time laid down in the Constitution and Laws of the Order shall be bound by such action or decision, and shall have no further recourse, whether in law or equity, in respect of the subject-matter of such action or decision.

SEQUENCE OF APPEALS.

(A) DIRECT TO THE SUPREME COURT OR SUPREME OFFICERS.

209. (1) All appeals arising in any of the Courts in connection with the Mortuary Benefit and in connection with the Sick and Funeral Benefits and in all matters relating to the General Laws shall be direct from the Court Deputy to the Supreme Chief Ranger;

(2) From the Supreme Chief Ranger to the Executive Council ;

(3) From the Executive Council to The Supreme Court whose decisions shall be final on all questions.

(B) APPEALS THROUGH HIGH COURTS.

210. (1) Appeals from the action or decision of any of the Officers, or of the Arbitration Committee, of any Court shall be taken to the Court.

(2) From the Court to the Court Deputy ;

(3) From the Court Deputy to the High Chief Ranger or to the Supreme Chief Ranger, as the case may be ;

(4) From the High Chief Ranger to the High Standing Committee ;

(5) From the High Standing Committee to the High Court ;

(6) From the High Court to the Supreme Chief Ranger ;

(7) From the Supreme Chief Ranger to the Executive Council ;

(8) From the Executive Council to The Supreme Court.

TIME OF APPEALS.

211. (1) All appeals must be taken within *twenty* days from the date of the decision, except from the decision of a Court in session, in which case the appeal must be taken forthwith and before any other business is begun unless the party affected be not present, in which case an appeal may be taken within *twenty* days from the time due written notice of the decision is served upon the said party.

MODE OF APPEALS.

(2) The appellant must take the appeal in writing (except from the decision of the Chief Ranger to a Court, or from that of a Court to the Court Deputy if the Court Deputy be present at the time the appeal is taken from the Chief Ranger to the Court, or from that of a High Chief Ranger to a High Court in

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(3) Official copies of all the records and documents in regard to the decision or action against which the appeal is taken and all evidence relating to the subject, properly authenticated or verified by affidavit or statutory declaration, shall be forwarded to the higher authority within *twenty* days from date of appeal; and the case shall be determined on the evidence so submitted, unless additional evidence is required by the authority to whom the appeal is taken.

(4) All appeals must be decided or referred to the next higher authority within *twenty* days from the receipt of all the evidence in the case, except in the case of an appeal to a High Standing Committee or to the Executive Council which shall be decided at the next ensuing meeting thereof, and except to a High Court or to The Supreme Court, which shall be decided at the next succeeding session thereof.

(5) The parties interested shall be notified at once, in writing, whenever a decision or reference is made.

APPEALS OF COURTS NOT UNDER A HIGH COURT.

212. When a Court is under the immediate jurisdiction of The Supreme Court, all appeals shall be taken from the Court Deputy to the Supreme Chief Ranger, thence in the Order of sequence laid down in Section *two hundred and ten*, sub-sections *seven* and *eight*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; and all communications with The Supreme Court shall be made through the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Supreme Secretary.

MEMBERS HAVE NO RIGHT OF CIVIL ACTION UNTIL APPEALS ARE EXHAUSTED.

213. (1) No member of the Order, nor his beneficiary, nor his legal representative, nor other person in any way interested in any of his benefits, nor any one

deriving legal rights from him, shall be entitled to bring any civil action or other legal proceeding against The Supreme Court or against any other Court or branch of The Supreme Court until he shall have exhausted all the remedies provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, by appeals and otherwise; and any member of the Order who shall bring any civil action or other legal proceeding against The Supreme Court or against any other Court or any other branch of The Supreme Court before he shall have exhausted all remedies within the Order, by appeals and otherwise, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(2) All civil actions or other legal proceedings to be brought or instituted against The Supreme Court or against any other Court or branch of The Supreme Court shall be brought or instituted within *six* months after notice of the final action of The Supreme Court in the matter has been served in accordance with the provisions of Sections *forty-two, ninety-eight* and *one hundred and sixty-five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

MISCELLANEOUS.

DANGEROUS UNDERTAKINGS AND EXPERIMENTS.

214. (1) Any member of the Order who is about to engage in or undertake any experiment or employment which is of so dangerous a character as likely to imperil life or limb or health, may be interdicted from proceeding therewith by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by any of his Deputies, or by a High Chief Ranger or by any of his Deputies;

(2) Any member so interdicted disregarding such interdiction shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from all the Benefit Departments of the Order; and should any injury or illness result to him, directly or indirectly, from such undertaking or experiment, he shall not be entitled to receive any benefit whatsoever from The Supreme Court nor from any Court of the Order on account of any such injury or illness;

(3) And should his death be directly or indirectly caused by or due to such interdicted experiment or undertaking, his beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, shall not be entitled to receive and shall not be paid any portion of the Mortuary Benefit or other Benefits of the Order and all claims of his beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, upon all the Benefit Funds of the Order shall be *ipso facto* forfeited.

(4) The following or similar terms shall be used in interdicting a member :

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Take notice that you are hereby forbidden to engage in or to undertake

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Also take notice that if you continue the said proposed experiment or undertaking you will do so at your own risk, and should any injury or illness directly or indirectly result from, or your death be caused by or be due to, such experiment or undertaking you will not be entitled to receive any Benefit whatsoever from The Supreme Court nor from any Court in the Order, and in case of your death your beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives shall not be entitled to receive, nor shall they be paid, any portion of the Mortuary Benefit or other Benefits of The Supreme Court.

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(5) Any member who has been interdicted as in this section provided may appeal to the Executive Council, who, if satisfied that the proposed experiment or undertaking is not of a dangerous character, or is of a meritorious or humane character, may set such interdiction

aside; but in every such case the interdiction shall remain binding and in full force till set aside by the Executive Council.

EPIDEMIC.

215. Whenever any pestilence or epidemic disease is prevailing or shall be threatened in any district where a Court or Courts of the Order are established, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall immediately upon being notified thereof or in any manner acquiring knowledge thereof, suspend the initiation of new members into such Court or Courts during the continuance of such pestilence or epidemic. The territory to be proscribed and the period of proscription shall be determined by the Supreme Chief Ranger upon the advice of the Supreme Physician.

ACCIDENT TICKETS TO BE SECURED.

216. (1) Every Officer or Past Executive Officer or Representative or Delegate who intends to attend a session of The Supreme Court or of any High Court, if any part of the journey is to be by railway or by steamboat, shall, before starting, inform the Supreme Secretary of the day and the hour he intends to start upon his journey and the Supreme Secretary shall at the proper time procure an accident ticket for such members, and a like accident ticket shall be procured for the return journey; such accident tickets shall be made payable to The Supreme Court:

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

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FORESTERS' EXCURSIONS.

217. (1) Any member of the Order intending to join a "Foresters' Excursion" by rail (except street cars) or by steamboat, conducted under the auspices of any member or members, or of any Court or Encampment, of the Order, shall before starting on such excursion procure at his own expense an Accident Ticket for an amount at least equal to his Mortuary Benefit.

(2) Such Accident Ticket shall be in favor of The Supreme Court and must be mailed to the Supreme Secretary before starting on such excursion.

(3) Any member who fails to procure an Accident Ticket and duly mail it to the Supreme Secretary as provided in sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order; such suspension shall begin with the time he shall start upon such excursion and shall *ipso facto* end with his return therefrom; *provided* that if he has met with any accident, or has contracted any disease, during such excursion, he shall not be reinstated until he has fully recovered from the effects of such accident or disease, and then only with the consent of the Executive Council, who may at their discretion require such member to pass the Medical Board before reinstatement.

(4) Any member who has complied with the provisions of sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section and who is injured or contracts any disease, shall, if enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, be entitled to receive the Sick Benefits of the Order and also any sick benefits which may accrue from the Accident Ticket, less the expense of collecting same.

(5) In case of the death or of the total and permanent disability of a member who has complied with the provisions of sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section, The Supreme Court shall pay to the beneficiary or personal representative of the member, or to the member himself, as the case may be, all moneys realized from the accident ticket over and above the amount required to

pay the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit of, or the Mortuary Benefit held by, the member.

FORFEITING BENEFITS.

218. (1) Any member of the Order engaging in or participating in any unlawful or foolhardy undertaking, or being intemperate or guilty of immoral conduct, shall not be entitled to receive any benefits from, nor shall he be paid any benefits by, The Supreme Court or by any other Court of the Order for any injury or illness which may be directly or indirectly caused by or be due to such unlawful or foolhardy undertaking or to such intemperate or immoral conduct ;

(2) And should his death be caused by or be due directly or indirectly to such undertaking or to such intemperate or immoral conduct, all claims of whatever nature he or his beneficiaries might otherwise have had upon The Supreme Court or upon any other Court of the Order shall *ipso facto* lapse and become absolutely null and void, and his beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, shall not be entitled to receive and shall not be paid any benefit whatsoever by The Supreme Court or by any other Court of the Order.

RESIDING IN PROSCRIBED TERRITORY WITHOUT PERMIT.

(3) Any member of the Order residing for a period longer than *thirty* days in a territory proscribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order or by the Executive Council, without having obtained a permit to reside therein and without paying the rating prescribed by the Executive Council for members residing in such territory, in the event of death or disability while residing in such proscribed territory or of death or disability subsequent to such residence and caused directly or indirectly by residing in such proscribed territory, shall be entitled only to such proportion of the whole amount of any benefit of the Order payable under his Benefit Certificate, or provided in the Constitution and Laws of

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MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE.

219. Any beneficiary member entering the military or naval service of any country other than his own shall *ipso facto* forfeit the Mortuary Benefit held by him and all other Benefits of the Order, unless he shall have, previous to entering such military or naval service, obtained the permit of the Executive Council with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed.

WITHDRAWAL CARDS.

220. (1) A member may at any time demand his Withdrawal Card from the Court for the purpose of terminating his membership in the Order, and upon payment of the fee of *fifty* cents therefor he shall receive such card at once if no charges are preferred against him and if clear upon the books ; and upon the granting of the Card his membership in the Order and his further liabilities therein shall *ipso facto* terminate, as provided in Section *one hundred and sixty-two*, subsection *two* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) A member may also at any time demand his Withdrawal Card from the Court for the purpose of terminating his membership in the Court, and upon payment of the fee of *fifty* cents therefor and the payment in advance of *one* month's assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order, he shall receive his Card at once if no charges are preferred against him and if clear upon the books ; and upon the granting of the Card his membership in the Court shall cease, and thereafter he shall have the status of a Member-at-large until he joins another Court or forfeits his "good standing" in the Order.

(3) Supreme Cards, Form No. 30, shall be granted to members of defunct Courts, and also to every person

who is made a Member-at-large, as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order. Such Cards shall have the force and effect of a Withdrawal Card from a Court.

(4) If a member has not deposited his Withdrawal Card in some Court before the date to which he has paid his assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order, he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

LETTER OF CREDESCENCE.

(5) A Letter of Credence, Form 31, shall not be granted for a longer period than *one* year nor for less than *three* months; and before a member shall be entitled to receive a Letter of Credence he shall pay the fee of *fifty* cents therefor and shall also pay his assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order in advance for the time specified in the Letter of Credence.

CONSOLIDATING COURTS.

221. (1) Any *two* or *more* Courts desiring to consolidate may do so, if in their opinion consolidation is in the interests of the Order.

(2) Such consolidation shall be effected by each Court appointing a committee of *three* to arrange the terms therefor. The Joint Committee, if favorable to consolidation, shall recommend the adoption of the name and number of one of such Courts and shall so report to their respective Courts.

(3) If the Courts desiring to consolidate agree to the terms proposed and adopt the recommendations of the Joint Committee, the same shall be reported to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved by him he shall appoint a time and place for the consolidation to take place, and shall appoint an Instituting Officer to effect the consolidation.

(4) The Courts shall meet in convention at the place and time appointed and the Court giving up its name and number shall surrender to the Supreme Chief

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Ranger or other Instituting Officer its Charter or Dispensation, rituals and seal, and all its funds, books and property, taking his receipt therefor.

(5) The Instituting Officer shall then declare such Courts consolidated under the name and number of the Court not surrendering its Charter or Dispensation. He shall retain for transmission to the Supreme Secretary the Charter or Dispensation and seal of the Court surrendering the same; and shall deliver the funds, books and other property of such Court so surrendered to him to the consolidated Court taking the receipt of the Trustees therefor.

(6) The consolidated Court shall be liable for all the debts of the Courts so consolidated.

WEAK AND INACTIVE COURTS.

(7) The Supreme Chief Ranger, and High Chief Rangers within their respective jurisdictions, shall have power to send Deputies to weak Courts which have less than *thirty* members in "good standing" on their rolls, or to such inactive Courts as fail to initiate a candidate for a period of *three* months. Such Deputies shall have authority to initiate members in accordance with the provisions of sub-sections *one, two, three* and *four* of Section *one hundred* and *thirty* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(8) The initiation fee of all members initiated under the provisions of sub-section *seven* of this section shall belong to The Supreme Court or to the High Court, according as the work has been done by a Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger or by a Deputy of the High Chief Ranger.

GOOD STANDING.

(A) OF COURTS.

~~222~~. (1) A Court is in "good standing" only when it is working under an unforfeited or unreclaimed Dispensation duly issued by a High Court, or under an un-

forfeited or unreclaimed Charter duly issued by The Supreme Court, and is not at the time suspended, and has paid all demands of The Supreme Court and of the High Court in the manner and within the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and has also made at the proper time all required reports and remittances.

(B) OF MEMBERS.

(2) The term "good standing" in the Order, signifies :

(a) In the case of a Regular beneficiary member, that he has made due application for membership in the Order on Form No. 1 or on Form No. 2, as the case may be, and that he has undergone a medical examination by a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, and that his said medical examination has been accepted and passed by the Medical Board, and that he has been duly initiated into or otherwise admitted to the Order in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or has been duly reinstated in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and that he is not suspended or expelled from the Order, and that he has paid all assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order in the manner and within the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and that his Court is in "good standing" within the meaning of sub-section *one* of this section;

(b) In the case of a Temporary beneficiary member, that he has made due application for membership in the Order on Form No. 1 or on Form No. 2, as the case may be, and that he has undergone a medical examination by a Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, and has been recommended by him to the Court, or to the Instituting Officer, as the case may be, on Form No. 59, for Temporary beneficiary membership, and that such recommendation for Temporary beneficiary membership, Form No. 59, has been

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(c) In the case of a Social member, that he has made due application for membership in the Order, and that he has been initiated into the Order in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and is not suspended or expelled from the Order, and that he has paid all fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order required to be paid by Social members in the manner and within the time prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and that his Court is in "good standing" within the meaning of sub-section *one* of this section ;

(d) In the case of an Honorary member of a Companion Court, defined in Section *one*, sub-section *eleven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, that he has been duly elected to membership in a Companion Court, and that he is not suspended or expelled from his Subordinate Court or from such Companion Court, and that he has paid all dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order required to be paid by such Honorary member in the manner and within the time prescribed by the

Constitution and Laws of the Order, and that his Companion Court is in "good standing" within the meaning of sub-section *one* of this section.

(3) A member suspended or expelled from the Order for any cause whatsoever cannot become nor be in "good standing" until he is duly and regularly reinstated or is again admitted as a new member, as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(5) If a member is not in "good standing" he is not eligible to office, and if an Officer he forfeits his office. A member ceasing to be in "good standing" *ipso facto* forfeits all his rights and claims of whatsoever kind and nature upon The Supreme Court and upon any other Court or branch of The Supreme Court.

(6) Suspension from The Supreme Court, or from a High Court, or from a Subordinate Court, or from a Companion Court, shall *ipso facto* suspend from the Order; *provided* that in the case of Honorary members defined in Section *one*, sub-section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order suspension from a Companion Court shall not operate to suspend such member from The Supreme Court or from any other branch of The Supreme Court.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE RIGHT OF VISITATION.

223. (1) A Court may by a *three-fourths* vote refuse a seat in the Court to any obnoxious visitor, *provided* that such action shall not go into effect until the expiration of *forty-eight* hours after notice of such action has been given to the member concerned; *provided* further that a Court shall not deny the right of visitation to any member who visits the Court in an official capacity.

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF COURTS.

(2) The order of business of Courts shall be as laid down in the Rituals prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council.

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(3) No officer or member of a Court shall use the name of the Court in connection with any excursion, picnic, entertainment, enterprise or undertaking, without having first obtained the consent of the Court at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

OFFICIAL FORMS.

(4) The Official Forms prescribed by the Executive Council for use by the various Courts and branches of The Supreme Court shall be designated by numbers and names, as follows, viz. :

- Form No. 1. Application for Charter.
 " " 2. Application for Membership.
 " " 3. Medical Examination.
 " " 4. Health Certificate.
 " " 5. Smallpox Waiver.
 " " 6. Receipt for Charter Supplies.
 " " 7. Application for Commission as Court Physician.
 " " 8. First Monthly Report.
 " " 9. Ordinary Monthly Report.
 " " 10. July Report.
 " " 11. January Report.
 " " 12. Application for Increased Mortuary Benefit.
 " " 13. Application for Decreased Mortuary Benefit.
 " " 14. Application for Change of Beneficiary.
 " " 15. Application for Reinstatement.
 " " 16. Notice of Reinstatement.
 " " 17. Notice to Members of Meeting of Court.
 " " 18. Bonds.
 " " 19. Acknowledgment of Indebtedness.
 " 20 & 21. Special Auditing Committee's Report.
 " " 22. Permit.
 " " 23. D.S.C.R. Commission.
 " " 24. C.D.S.C.R. Commission.
 " " 25. Court Physician's Commission.

- Form No. 26. G.D.H.C.R. Commission.
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 " " 29. Member-at-Large Card.
 " " 30. Supreme Card.
 " " 31. Letter of Credence.
 " " 32. Withdrawal Card.
 " " 33. Instructions to Deputies and Officers.
 " " 34. Instructions to Medical Examiners.
 " " 35. Declaration of Loss or Destruction of
 Benefit Certificate.
 " " 36. Notice of Total and Permanent Disability.
 " " 37. Claim for Total and Permanent Disability
 Benefit.
 " " 38. Application for Annuity Benefit for Aged
 Foresters.
 " " 39. Application for Expectation of Life Benefit.
 " " 40. Proof of Total and Permanent Disability
 on account of Old Age.
 " " 41. Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit.
 " " 42. Application for Enrolment in Sick and
 Funeral Department.
 " " 43. First Monthly Report in Sick and Funeral
 Benefit Department.
 " " 44. Ordinary Monthly Report in Sick and
 Funeral Benefit Department.
 " " 45. January and July Report in Sick and
 Funeral Benefit Department.
 " " 46. Claim for Sick Benefits.
 " " 47. Requisition for Refund from The Supreme
 Court.
 " " 48. Semi-Annual Report to the High Court.
 " " 49. Court Credentials.
 " " 50. High Court Credentials.
 " " 51. Application for Charter for Juvenile Court.
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- Form No. 54. Notice of Meeting of Royal Foresters.
- " " 55. Letter of Credence of Royal Foresters.
- " " 56. Transfer Card of Royal Foresters.
- " " 57. Honorable Discharge of Royal Foresters.
- " " 58. Semi-Annual Report of Encampments of
 Royal Foresters.
- " " 59. Recommendation for Temporary Benefi-
 ciary Membership.

BENEFIT LAWS.

SICK AND FUNERAL BENEFITS.

224. (1) Every brother under *fifty-five* years of age who is a Regular beneficiary member of a Subordinate Court, residing in a Province, State or Country where the laws of the land permit Fraternal Benefit Societies to give such benefits, who is at the time in good, sound mental and physical health, may become enrolled, as hereinafter provided, in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court for the benefits given to members of that Department, which are *three* dollars per week for the first *two* weeks and *five* dollars per week thereafter for a further period of *ten* weeks, making *twelve* weeks' benefits in any one illness, and on death *fifty* dollars toward Funeral expenses; *provided* that a Temporary beneficiary member shall not be enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court.

(2) Whenever and so long as the Surplus Fund in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court shall exceed the sum of *fifty thousand* dollars, and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Medical Board, the Executive Council may, in their discretion, grant to a deserving brother suffering from a protracted illness an extra benefit of *three* dollars per week for any period not exceeding *twelve* additional weeks. The Executive Council shall be the sole judges of the propriety of any grant under the provisions of this sub-section and from their decision there shall be no appeal.

(3) A brother within the meaning of sub-section *one* of this section desiring to be enrolled in the Sick and

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Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court shall make an application for enrolment on Form No. 42, pay an Enrolment Fee of *one* dollar and a Registration Fee of *one* dollar, and undergo a medical examination by the Court Physician or other duly authorized examining Physician, and on such medical examination being accepted and passed by the Medical Board he shall be entitled to be enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department ; *provided* that when a brother has passed the Medical Board within *one* year prior to his making the said application for enrolment on Form No. 42 and is still in good, sound mental and physical health, he may, at the discretion of the Medical Board, without undergoing a medical examination, be enrolled in the said department upon certifying to his good health by a Health Certificate, Form No. 4, duly filled in and executed.

(4) As soon as a brother becomes enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department there shall be issued to him a Sick and Funeral Benefit Certificate in the form prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council, and he shall thereafter, on compliance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, be entitled to benefits if taken ill or disabled ; *provided* that the claim for Sick Benefits shall be made on the prescribed Form No. 46, and within the time set forth in Section *two hundred and twenty-eight* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(5) Each brother enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department shall, before the end of the month in which he became enrolled in said department, pay the monthly assessment for his age at the date of enrolment in accordance with the table of rates prescribed in Section *two hundred and twenty-five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

225. (1) The following shall be the monthly assessments in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court payable by each brother at the time specified in subsection *two* of this section.

SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY RATES.

Age.	Monthly rate of Assessment.	Age.	Monthly rate of Assessment.	Age.	Monthly rate of Assessment.
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23	43	36	50	49	70
24	43	37	51	50	75
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(2) The first monthly assessment shall be paid before the *first* day of the month following the date of enrolment; and *thirty-one* days before the *first* day of each and every month thereafter at least *one* monthly assessment shall be due and payable to the Financial Secretary of the member's Court, or to the Supreme Secretary if the member is an unattached member-at-large, and if not so paid such payments shall be in default, *provided* that each brother shall have *thirty* days' grace within which to make such payments, and upon failure to pay within said time the brother shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court.

BENEFITS IN SICKNESS.

226. (1) Any brother who is enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court and who from illness or injury is incapable of following or directing any profession, occupation, trade or employ-

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(2) No brother shall receive any benefits except attendance of the Court Physician and care of the Sick Committee and members of his own Court or of nurses, until he shall have been ill or disabled *one* full week; but when he shall have been ill *one* full week he shall then become entitled to Sick Benefits, including the *first* week. After the first week he shall be entitled to Sick Benefits so long as he remains on the Fund, subject to the provisions of Section *two hundred and twenty-four*, sub-sec-

tions *one, two* and *four*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order. A week shall consist of *seven* days.

(3) No brother shall be entitled to any Sick Benefits unless he shall have been duly attended by the Court Physician or by some other duly qualified Physician for the illness or disability on account of which the claim for Sick Benefits is made.

(4) No claim for Sick Benefits shall be payable until made on the prescribed Form No. 46, and until the same shall be duly approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

NOTICE OF ILLNESS.

227. (1) Whenever a brother who is enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court and who has become incapacitated or disabled through illness or injury, as provided in Section *two hundred and twenty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, he shall on the *first* day of such illness or injury notify the Court Physician, or cause the same to be done, and shall also send a written notice to the Chief Ranger or Recording Secretary or to one of the members of the Sick Committee of his own Court, or of the Court in whose jurisdiction he has been taken ill or injured, and a like notice to the Supreme Physician, stating as fully as possible the cause or causes of such illness or injury and the nature thereof.

(2) Any brother failing to give the notices prescribed in sub-section *one* of this section, shall not be entitled to Sick Benefits except from the date at which he does give such notices.

(3) Whenever a brother gives notice of his illness or injury and is placed on the Sick Benefit Fund, he shall not declare himself off the Fund until duly discharged by the Court Physician, or until the time limit provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order is reached; and if he should act in any manner tending to retard his recovery he shall forfeit his Sick Benefits for the balance of the time of such disability, and he may be further dealt with as the Court may determine.

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CLAIMS MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

228. (1) All claims for benefits for any illness or injury must be made on Form No. 46 and must be filed with the Supreme Secretary within *thirty* days from the time the claimant is discharged from the Fund; a brother failing to file his claim as aforesaid shall *ipso facto* forfeit all claims for any Sick Benefits to which he would otherwise have been entitled to by reason of such illness or injury.

(2) No claim shall be deemed to be valid unless the provisions of Section *two hundred and twenty-seven*, subsection *one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, as well as of all other sections thereof relating to the Sick and Funeral Benefit department, have been complied with.

(3) A brother who is on the Sick Benefit Fund shall pay all assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order at the time and within the manner provided in Sections *one hundred and twenty-seven*, *two hundred and forty-three* and *two hundred and forty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order the same as if he were not in the said Fund.

RETIRING FROM AND SUSPENSION FROM THE SICK AND FUNERAL BENEFIT DEPARTMENT.

229. (1) Any brother in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department may retire from that department at any time by giving notice to the Financial Secretary of his Court and to the Supreme Secretary, and, at the same time, paying up all demands in that department to the date of such notice.

(2) Any brother failing to pay any assessment in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department at the time laid down in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended in that department; and in the event of his reinstatement he shall not be entitled to Sick Benefits for any illness or disability during the time of his suspension.

(3) Any brother who has been suspended by the operation of sub-section *two* of this section, or who has voluntarily retired from the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, may within *ninety* days thereafter be reinstated in that department by signing the Application for Enrolment, Form No. 42, and by paying up all arrears, and by being recommended by the Medical Board and by being accepted by the Executive Council.

(4) If more than *ninety* days have elapsed since his suspension or retirement, he may, on the recommendation of the Medical Board and with the consent of the Executive Council, be reinstated in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, by signing the Application for Enrolment, Form No. 42, and furnishing a certificate of good health on Form No. 4 fully filled in and duly executed, and by paying all arrears at his former rating (or in lieu thereof, paying the Registration and Enrolment Fees required of new applicants) and by being re-rated at his age at the time of reinstatement; but if required by the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council he must again pass the Medical Board.

(5) Any brother becoming suspended from the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, or voluntarily retiring therefrom, or upon being placed on the Probationary List for Total and Permanent Disability, or upon receiving the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, or upon receiving the Old Age Disability Benefit or the Old Age Pension and Burial Benefit, or upon receiving the Expectation of Life Benefit, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all rights to and any further claims upon the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, and his liabilities in that department shall also *ipso facto* terminate in regard to any assessments, dues or taxes which may thereafter accrue or be ordered.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

230. (1) On the death of a brother in "good standing" in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, who was not on the Probationary List for Total and Permanent Disability, or who has not received the Total

and Permanent Disability Benefit, or the Old Age Disability Benefit, or the Old Age Pension and Burial Benefit, or the Expectation of Life Benefit, there shall, subject to the provisions of sub-section *two* of this section, be paid to his widow, or to his beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives, or to such other person or persons, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine, the sum of *fifty* dollars towards defraying his funeral expenses.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section *one* of this Section, a Court may advance the Funeral Benefit of a deceased brother, in which case, on the Court certifying it has paid under the authority of this sub-section the funeral expenses of the deceased brother, The Supreme Court shall repay to the Court its advances, not exceeding the sum of *fifty* dollars; the balance, if any, shall be paid as provided in sub-section *one* of this section.

(3) In case the deceased brother has so requested, or at the express desire of the family or relatives, a deceased brother may be buried with the rites of the Order; *provided* that if the death of the brother was caused by his own immorality or misconduct the burial rites of the Order may be denied at the option of the Court.

(4) A Court may provide in its by-laws that on the death of the wife or husband of a member in "good standing" in the Court there shall be donated out of the General Fund of such Court any sum not exceeding *twenty-five* dollars towards defraying the funeral expenses.

(5) A Court may also provide in its by-laws that on the death of a child of a member in "good standing" in the Court, provided such child was at the time of death residing with the member, there shall be donated out of the General Fund of such Court any sum not exceeding *fifteen* dollars towards defraying the funeral expenses.

THE EXPECTATION OF LIFE BENEFIT.

231. The Expectation of Life Benefit shall be payable to such members only as were enrolled in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department on or before the *thirty-first* day of August, A. D. 1895, and such benefit shall be according to the sum for which the member shall be enrolled in that Department at the date of his reaching his Expectation of Life as per the table in Section *two hundred and thirty-two* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) Each member enrolled in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department shall pay semi-annually, *thirty-one* days before the first day of June and *thirty-one* days before the first day of December, in each year, *one* extra Mortuary assessment, or such payments shall be in default, *provided* that members shall have *thirty* days grace within which to make such payments.

(3) Any member who is enrolled in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department failing to pay the required extra assessments within the time provided in sub-section *two* of this section shall *ipso facto* forfeit his "good standing" in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department.

(4) Each member of the Order in "good standing" on the date named in sub-section *one* of this section who was at that date enrolled in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department, shall continue to enjoy the rights and privileges acquired under the Constitution and Laws of the Order as they existed prior to their amendment by The Supreme Court in August, A. D. 1895, so long only as he remains continuously in "good standing" in said department and in the Order.

(5) No member of the Order shall be eligible to be enrolled or reinstated in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department after the *thirty-first* day of August, A. D. 1895.

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232. (1) Members in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department shall have the Expectation of Life Benefit

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paid in full to themselves within *thirty* days after filing satisfactory proof, on Form No. 39, of having completed their Expectation of Life, according to the following table:

EXPECTATION TABLE.

Age at Initiation.	Expectation of Life	Full Benefit payable at the Age of	Age at Initiation	Expectation of Life.	Full Benefit payable at the Age of
Years	Years	Years.	Years	Years	Years.
18	45	63	37	31	68
19	44	63	38	30	68
20	43	63	39	29	68
21	42	63	40	29	69
22	41	63	41	28	69
23	41	64	42	27	69
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26	39	65	45	25	70
27	38	65	46	24	70
28	37	65	47	24	71
29	36	65	48	23	71
30	36	66	49	22	71
31	35	66	50	21	71
32	35	67	51	21	72
33	34	67	52	20	72
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(2) On the payment of the Expectation of Life Benefit to a brother, all claims or interest of such brother or of his beneficiaries or personal representatives upon the Benefit Funds of The Supreme Court to the extent of the amount so paid shall thereby cease and determine and become absolutely null and void.

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shall be payable in the Expectation of Life, before the *thirty* days benefit shall be paid. The member shall be deemed to have reached his age at the time of his reaching the age specified in Section two of the Benefit Laws and Laws of

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THE MORTUARY BENEFIT.

233. (1) Except as provided in Sections *two hundred and eighteen, two hundred and forty-two, two hundred and fifty-seven and two hundred and fifty-eight* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the Mortuary Benefit payable on the death of a beneficiary member who was in "good standing" at the time of his death shall be *five hundred dollars, one thousand dollars, two thousand dollars, three thousand dollars, four thousand dollars, or five thousand dollars*, according to the sum for which he shall have been registered at the time of his death, less any sum or sums which may have been previously paid on account of his Benefit Certificate, as provided in Sections *four, two hundred and thirty-two and two hundred and fifty-seven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) The equivalent values of benefits in different currencies shall be according to the following schedule:

Dollars.	Pounds Sterling.	Francs.	Kroners.
500 =	100	2,500	1,815
1,000 =	200	5,000	3,630
2,000 =	400	10,000	7,260
3,000 =	600	15,000	10,890
4,000 =	800	20,000	14,520
5,000 =	1,000	25,000	18,150

PROOF OF CLAIM MUST BE FILED.

234. (1) On the death of a beneficiary member who was in "good standing" at the time of his death, the "Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit," on Form 41 as prescribed by the Executive Council, shall be filed with the Supreme Secretary, together with the necessary papers of the Probate Court if the beneficiary be a minor, and any other papers or documents that may be required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

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(2) Within *thirty* days from the final acceptance and approval of such Proof of Claim the member's Mortuary Benefit shall be paid, subject to the provisions of Sections *two hundred and eighteen, two hundred and forty-two, two hundred and fifty, two hundred and fifty-one, two hundred and fifty-two and two hundred and fifty-eight* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, to the beneficiary or beneficiaries who shall have been duly designated by the deceased member in his Benefit Certificate, or in default of such designation to his personal representatives.

CLAIMS MAY LAPSE.

235. (1) If the required Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit on Form No. 41, furnished by the Executive Council, is not filed within *twelve calendar* months from the time of the death of a beneficiary member, all claims whatsoever which the beneficiary or beneficiaries, heir or heirs, or personal representative or representatives might have had against The Supreme Court in respect of such deceased member, shall lapse and become absolutely null and void.

(2) If The Supreme Court refuse to pay a claim and the beneficiary or beneficiaries or personal representative or representatives of the deceased fail to take action or legal proceedings to establish the claim within the time provided in Section *two hundred and thirteen* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, then the claim shall lapse and become absolutely null and void.

236. (1) Each member of the Order in "good standing" on the 31st day of December, A.D. 1898, so long as he remains continuously in "good standing" in the Order, shall continue to pay the monthly assessments as laid down in the Constitution and Laws of the Order prior to their amendment by The Supreme Court in August and September, A.D. 1898.

(2) If a member becomes suspended and is not reinstated within *ninety* days as provided in Section *two*

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Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
18	\$.38	\$.76	\$1.52	\$2.28	\$3.04	\$3.80
19	.39	.78	1.56	2.34	3.12	3.90
20	.40	.80	1.60	2.40	3.20	4.00
21	.41	.82	1.64	2.46	3.28	4.10
22	.42	.84	1.68	2.52	3.36	4.20
23	.43	.86	1.72	2.58	3.44	4.30
24	.45	.90	1.80	2.70	3.60	4.50
25	.47	.94	1.88	2.82	3.76	4.70
26	.49	.98	1.96	2.94	3.92	4.90
27	.51	1.02	2.04	3.06	4.08	5.10
28	.53	1.06	2.12	3.18	4.24	5.30
29	.55	1.10	2.20	3.30	4.40	5.50
30	.57	1.14	2.28	3.42	4.56	5.70
31	.59	1.18	2.36	3.54	4.72	5.90
32	.61	1.22	2.44	3.66	4.88	6.10
33	.63	1.26	2.52	3.78	5.04	6.30
34	.66	1.32	2.64	3.96	5.28	6.60
35	.69	1.38	2.76	4.14	5.52	6.90
36	.72	1.44	2.88	4.32	5.76	7.20
37	.75	1.50	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.50
38	.78	1.56	3.12	4.63	6.24	7.80
39	.81	1.62	3.24	4.85	6.48	8.10
40	.84	1.68	3.36	5.04	6.72	8.40
41	.88	1.76	3.52	5.28	7.04	8.80
42	.92	1.84	3.68	5.52	7.36	9.20
43	.96	1.92	3.84	5.76	7.68	9.60
44	1.00	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00
45	1.04	2.08	4.16	6.24	8.32	10.40
46	1.09	2.18	4.36	6.54	8.72	10.90
47	1.16	2.32	4.64	6.96	9.28	11.60
48	1.25	2.50	5.00	7.50	10.00	12.50
49	1.35	2.70	5.40	8.10	10.80	13.50
50	1.45	2.90	5.80	8.70	11.60	14.50
51	1.55	3.10	6.20	9.30	12.40	15.50
52	1.65	3.30	6.60	9.90	13.20	16.50
53	1.80	3.60	7.20	10.80	14.40	18.00
54	1.95	3.90	7.80	11.70	15.60	19.50

and he shall pay the same rate of monthly assessment thereafter so long as he remains continuously in "good standing" in the Order and is in the Ordinary Class.

(3) For additional Mortuary Benefits after initiation he shall pay assessments according to his age at the time such additional benefits are granted.

(4) The assessments provided in sub-section *two* of this section may be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually in advance.

THE HAZARDOUS CLASS AND RATES.

238. (1) The Hazardous Class shall consist of all those who are engaged in or follow any of the under-mentioned occupations or callings, viz.: Officers and crew and other employees of ocean or inland steamers, railway trainmen and other employees on passenger trains, engineers and firemen of freight trains, yard masters, yardmen, stone cutters, members of fire brigades in cities or in large towns, shovellers in elevators, grinders of edged tools, pilots, quarrymen, master miners who go only occasionally under ground, raftsmen, river-drivers, oyster dredgers, inshore fishermen in sailing vessels, slaters, telegraph line-men, telephone line-men and electric line-men.

(2) Also all persons who are deaf, or who have lost one eye, or one arm, or one leg, or who have a defective arm or leg.

(3) Subject to the provisions of sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section and of Section *two hundred and fifty-five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the monthly rate of assessment which each beneficiary member in the Hazardous Class shall pay, according to his age at the date of registration, or reinstatement as provided in Sections *two hundred and five* and *two hundred and thirty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and at the time specified in Sections *one hundred and twenty-seven*, sub-section *one*, *two hundred and forty-three*, sub-section *one*, and *two hundred and forty-four*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be as follows, viz :

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Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
18	\$.45	\$.90	\$1.80	\$ 2.70	\$ 3.60	4.50
19	.46	.92	1.84	2.76	3.68	4.60
20	.47	.94	1.88	2.82	3.76	4.70
21	.48	.96	1.92	2.88	3.84	4.80
22	.49	.98	1.96	2.94	3.92	4.90
23	.50	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
24	.52	1.04	2.08	3.12	4.16	5.20
25	.54	1.08	2.16	3.24	4.32	5.40
26	.56	1.12	2.24	3.36	4.48	5.60
27	.58	1.16	2.32	3.48	4.64	5.80
28	.60	1.20	2.40	3.60	4.80	6.00
29	.62	1.24	2.48	3.72	4.96	6.20
30	.65	1.30	2.60	3.90	5.20	6.50
31	.68	1.36	2.72	4.08	5.44	6.80
32	.71	1.42	2.84	4.26	5.68	7.10
33	.74	1.48	2.96	4.44	5.92	7.40
34	.77	1.54	3.08	4.62	6.16	7.70
35	.80	1.60	3.20	4.80	6.40	8.00
36	.83	1.66	3.32	4.98	6.54	8.30
37	.86	1.72	3.44	5.16	6.88	8.60
38	.89	1.78	3.56	5.34	7.12	8.90
39	.92	1.84	3.68	5.52	7.36	9.20
40	.95	1.90	3.80	5.70	7.60	9.50
41	1.00	2.00	4.00	6.00	8.00	10.00
42	1.05	2.10	4.20	6.30	8.40	10.50
43	1.10	2.20	4.40	6.60	8.80	11.00
44	1.15	2.30	4.60	6.90	9.20	11.50
45	1.20	2.40	4.80	7.20	9.60	12.00
46	1.27	2.54	5.08	7.62	10.16	12.70
47	1.37	2.74	5.48	8.22	10.96	13.70
48	1.47	2.94	5.88	8.82	11.76	14.70
49	1.57	3.14	6.28	9.42	12.56	15.70
50	1.67	3.34	6.68	10.02	13.36	16.70
51	1.77	3.54	7.08	10.62	14.16	17.70
52	1.90	3.80	7.60	11.40	15.20	19.00
53	2.05	4.10	8.20	12.30	16.40	20.50
54	2.25	4.50	9.00	13.50	18.00	22.50

and he shall pay the same rate of monthly assessment thereafter so long as he remains continuously in "good standing" and is in the Hazardous Class.

(4) The assessments provided in sub-section *three* of this section may be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually in advance.

THE EXTRA HAZARDOUS CLASS AND RATES.

239. (1) The Extra Hazardous Class shall consist of all officers and crew and other employees on sailing vessels, all persons engaged in blasting, and in gold, silver or iron mining and in surface mining, all divers, glass blowers, manufacturers of fireworks, brakemen and conductors of freight trains, switchmen, buzz, hand, circular and gang sawyers; also all persons who are deaf, or who have lost one eye, or one arm, or one leg, or who have a defective arm or leg, and are engaged in or follow any of the occupations or callings included in Section *two hundred and thirty-eight*, sub-section *one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section *one* of this section and of Section *two hundred and fifty-five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the monthly rate of assessment which each beneficiary member in the Extra Hazardous Class shall pay, according to his age at the date of registration, or reinstatement as provided in Sections *two hundred and five* and *two hundred and thirty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and at the time specified in Sections *one hundred and twenty-seven*, sub-section *one*, *two hundred and forty-three*, sub-section *one*, and *two hundred and forty-four*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be as follows, viz.:

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Age	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$3,000	\$4,000	\$5,000
18	\$.60	\$1.20	\$2.40	3.60	\$4.80	\$6.00
19	.61	1.22	2.44	3.66	4.88	6.10
20	.62	1.24	2.48	3.72	4.96	6.20
21	.63	1.26	2.52	3.78	5.04	6.30
22	.64	1.28	2.56	3.84	5.12	6.40
23	.65	1.30	2.60	3.90	5.20	6.50
24	.67	1.34	2.68	4.02	5.36	6.70
25	.69	1.38	2.76	4.14	5.52	6.90
26	.71	1.42	2.84	4.26	5.68	7.10
27	.73	1.46	2.92	4.38	5.84	7.30
28	.75	1.50	3.00	4.50	6.00	7.50
29	.77	1.54	3.08	4.62	6.16	7.70
30	.80	1.60	3.20	4.80	6.40	8.00
31	.83	1.66	3.32	4.98	6.64	8.30
32	.86	1.72	3.44	5.16	6.88	8.60
33	.89	1.78	3.56	5.34	7.12	8.90
34	.92	1.84	3.68	5.52	7.36	9.20
35	.95	1.90	3.80	5.70	7.60	9.50
36	.98	1.96	3.92	5.88	7.84	9.80
37	1.01	2.02	4.04	6.06	8.08	10.10
38	1.04	2.08	4.16	6.24	8.32	10.40
39	1.07	2.14	4.28	6.42	8.56	10.70
40	1.10	2.20	4.40	6.60	8.80	11.00
41	1.15	2.30	4.60	6.90	9.20	11.50
42	1.20	2.40	4.80	7.20	9.60	12.00
43	1.25	2.50	5.00	7.50	10.00	12.50
44	1.30	2.60	5.20	7.80	10.40	13.00
45	1.35	2.70	5.40	8.10	10.80	13.50
46	1.45	2.90	5.80	8.70	11.60	14.50
47	1.55	3.10	6.20	9.30	12.40	15.50
48	1.65	3.30	6.60	9.90	13.20	16.50
49	1.75	3.50	7.00	10.50	14.00	17.50
50	1.90	3.80	7.60	11.40	15.20	19.00
51	2.05	4.10	8.20	12.30	16.40	20.50
52	2.25	4.50	9.00	13.50	18.00	22.50
53	2.45	4.90	9.80	14.70	19.60	24.50
54	2.75	5.50	11.00	16.50	22.00	27.50

and he shall pay the same rate of monthly assessment thereafter so long as he remains continuously in "good standing" and is in the Extra Hazardous Class.

(3) The assessments provided in sub-section *two* of this section may be paid quarterly, semi-annually or annually in advance.

240. (1) No applicant in the Extra Hazardous Class shall be initiated after he has passed his *fiftieth* birthday.

(2) An applicant in the Ordinary Class, or in the Hazardous Class, who has passed his *fifty-fifth* birthday may be admitted to beneficiary membership, as provided in Section *one hundred and twenty-four*, sub-sections *three* and *five* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

AGE.

241. A member shall be deemed to be *eighteen* years of age until he is *nineteen* years old, and *nineteen* years of age until he is *twenty* years old, and so on for each year during life.

CHANGE OF OCCUPATION.

242. (1) If any member in the Ordinary Class, or in the Hazardous Class, shall change his occupation to any one of the occupations classed as Hazardous or Extra Hazardous, as the case may be, his rating shall *ipso facto* change to the rating for such Class, and he must forthwith give notice to the Supreme Secretary of such change, whereupon the Supreme Secretary shall, on the books of The Supreme Court, increase his rating from the Ordinary Class or Hazardous Class, as the case may be, to the corresponding rate in the Hazardous Class or Extra Hazardous Class.

(2) Any member changing his occupation to one of the occupations classed as Hazardous or Extra Hazardous, as the case may be, and failing to give notice of such change to the Supreme Secretary and failing to pay the increased rate of monthly assessment, in the event of disability or death while engaged in such Hazardous or Extra Hazardous occu-

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ation, or disability or death subsequent to being engaged in such Hazardous or Extra Hazardous occupation and caused directly or indirectly by having been engaged in such Hazardous or Extra Hazardous occupation, shall be entitled only to such proportion of the whole amount of any Benefit of the Order payable under his Benefit Certificate or provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, as the rate of monthly mortuary assessment he was paying at the time the cause of the disability or death arose bears to the rate of monthly mortuary assessment he should have been paying as provided in sub-section *one* of this section.

(3) Any member of the Hazardous Class or Extra Hazardous Class changing his occupation to the Ordinary Class or Hazardous Class shall be entitled to have his rate of assessment decreased to the corresponding rate in the Ordinary Class or Hazardous Class, as the case may be. Such decrease of rating shall begin from the date at which the notice of such change of occupation shall be received by the Supreme Secretary.

(4) Any member in the Ordinary Class, or in the Hazardous Class, or in the Extra Hazardous Class, changing his occupation to any of those mentioned in Section *one hundred and thirty-four*, sub-sections *one* and *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall *ipso facto* forfeit all his rights as a beneficiary member and shall become and be a Social member as provided in Section *one hundred and thirty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and he shall not thereafter be entitled to any of the monetary or other material benefits of the Order.

TIME OF PAYMENT OF ASSESSMENTS.

243. (1) *Thirty-one* days before the *first* day of each and every month, each member shall pay in cash to the Financial Secretary of his Court, or to the Supreme Secretary if the member is an unattached member-at-large, a sum sufficient to cover for such month all assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the

Order required under the Constitution and Laws of the Order to be paid by such member, or such payments shall be in default, *provided* that each member shall have *thirty days' grace* within which to make such payments, and upon failure to pay within the said time the member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order; *provided* also that a member may pay in advance for as many months as he likes; *provided* further, that the foregoing provisions of this sub-section as to time of payment shall not apply to the initial or first assessment, court dues, fees, taxes or other demands of the Order, which must be paid on or before the last day of the month in which a member is initiated or otherwise admitted or is reinstated or the member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order on the *first day* of the month succeeding initiation or admission or reinstatement.

(2) If a Court is indebted to a member and such indebtedness has been duly acknowledged by the Court, and such member requests his Court in writing to pay his assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order as they fall due, such request shall be entered upon the records of the Court by the Recording Secretary, showing the amount of such indebtedness; and an Acknowledgment of Indebtedness on Form No. 19, signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed shall be given to the member.

(3) Thereupon the Financial Secretary shall place to the credit of the member in his books the amount of such indebtedness, and he shall thereafter from time to time transmit to the Supreme Secretary or the High Secretary, as the case may be, out of the General Fund of the Court, the assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order as they arise or fall due, so long as the funds to the credit of the member shall permit this to be done subject to the provisions of sub-section *four* of this section.

(4) So long as the funds placed to the credit of the member as provided in sub-section *three* of this section,

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shall permit of the payment in full of all his liabilities to The Supreme Court, High Court, Subordinate Court or Companion Court, as the case may be, falling due in any one month, such member, subject to the provisos in this sub-section contained and subject to the provisions of sub-section *seven* of this section, shall not be suspended; *provided* always, if the provisions of sub-sections *two* and *three* of this section have not been fully complied with, the member concerned shall *ipso facto* stand suspended as provided in Section *two hundred* and *forty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order if the Court shall fail to pay his assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order, notwithstanding that the Court may at the time be indebted to such member; and *provided* further, if the Court ceases for any cause whatsoever to be in "good standing," then the member concerned must pay to the Supreme Secretary his assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order as they fall due, notwithstanding the Court may still be indebted to him, otherwise he shall stand suspended as provided in Section *two hundred* and *forty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(5) If the provisions of sub-sections *two* and *three* of this section have been fully complied with, and the Financial Secretary shall fail to pay the assessments, dues, fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order for such member as provided in sub-section *four* of this section, such Financial Secretary shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order, and if the Court has been a party to such failure of duty on the part of the Financial Secretary its Charter may be suspended by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(6) Any payments made by the Financial Secretary under the provisions of this section shall be a set off to the indebtedness of the Court to the member concerned.

(7) Whenever the Court has paid its indebtedness to a member, or the balance due is insufficient to pay in full any accruing liability, the member concerned must

pay to the Financial Secretary, on or before the last day of the month, the amount required to pay in full all demands of the Order and of his Court for the ensuing month, or he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

PENALTY FOR NON-PAYMENT.

244. Subject to the provisions of Section *two hundred and forty-three* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, whenever a beneficiary member has not on the last day of each and every month to his credit in the Court treasury in cash actually paid to the Financial Secretary by himself or by some one else for him, as provided in Sections *one hundred and twenty-seven*, sub-section *one*, and *two hundred and forty-three*, sub-section *one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, the amount of at least one assessment on account of the Mortuary Benefit, and one assessment on account of the other Benefits held by him, together with Court dues and all fees, taxes, fines and other demands of the Order payable by him for the ensuing month, he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended and shall so continue until he has been duly and regularly reinstated.

MONTHLY REMITTANCES.

245. (1) On the *first* week day of each and every month the Financial Secretary shall receive from the Treasurer and shall immediately transmit to the Supreme Secretary, the funds sufficient to cover the following items :

- (a) The amount of one monthly mortuary assessment, together with all the assessments which have been paid in advance for the Mortuary Benefit Fund, for each beneficiary member of the Court then in "good-standing";
- (b) All arrears due on each reinstated member;
- (c) The amount of the Certificate of Membership Fee for each member initiated since last report;
- (d) The amount of the Registration Fee for each Beneficiary member initiated since last report; and the

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Registration Fees of such reinstated members as were reinstated after the expiration of *ninety* days from the date of their suspension and who elected to pay Registration Fees instead of the arrears;

(e) For each beneficiary member in "good standing" in the Court on the *first* day of each and every month, the "Extension of the Order Tax" of *five* cents for each of those holding *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit, *ten* cents for each of those holding *one thousand* dollars, *fifteen* cents for each of those holding *two thousand* dollars, *twenty* cents for each of those holding *three thousand* dollars, *twenty-five* cents for each of those holding *four thousand* dollars and *thirty* cents for each of those holding *five thousand* dollars, of Mortuary Benefit, which shall be paid out of the General Fund of the Court; *provided* always that whenever a member secures the initiation or admission of a new applicant for beneficiary membership, the Court shall for the balance of the then current calendar year be relieved from the payment of the Extension of the Order Tax in respect of such member;

(f) And the amount of the monthly assessments for those members enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department; and the amount of the Enrolment Fees and Registration Fees for those members reported enrolled in that department during the preceding month.

(g) In June and December of each year the amount of one extra mortuary assessment for each member enrolled in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department, and who has paid as provided in Section *two hundred* and *thirty-one* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) All remittances must be sent by Post Office Money Order, or by Express Money Order, or by Bank Draft; *provided* that if any remittance be by Bank Draft it shall be at the risk of the Court.

(3) All Post Office or Express Money Orders or Bank Drafts shall be made payable to the order of the bank in which the deposits of The Supreme Court are made

for the time being, and must be payable at par at the Head Office of The Supreme Court.

(4) Upon the receipt of such remittance the Supreme Secretary shall forthwith send a proper receipt therefor to the Recording Secretary of the Court.

(5) And in January and July of each year the Financial Secretary shall send to the High Secretary of the jurisdiction the Semi-Annual Report to the High Court, Form No. 48, together with the amount of the High Court Dues which may be due to the High Court, as provided in Sections *ninety-six* and *two hundred and forty-six*, sub-section *four*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

MONTHLY REPORTS.

246. (1) On the *first* week day of each month, except in January and July in each year, the Financial Secretary shall make out the Ordinary Monthly Report in duplicate, on Form No. 9, giving names and ages and full Post Office address of all who have been admitted to membership since last report; the names of those who have been reinstated since last report; names and ages of those who have died, or have been suspended, or have been expelled, or who have withdrawn, from the Court or Order, since the last report; names of those paying in advance since the last report and amounts so paid in advance; and such other information as is required by the terms of Form No. 9, which report shall be verified and attested by the Treasurer.

ANNUAL AND SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS.

(2) On the *first* week day of July the Financial Secretary shall make his report to the Supreme Secretary, in duplicate, on the July Report, Form No. 10, and on the *first* week day of January he shall make his report to the Supreme Secretary, in duplicate, on the January Report, Form No. 11, instead of on Form No. 9, which reports shall be verified and attested by the Treasurer.

(3) The Recording Secretary shall on the *first* week day of January and of July in each year prepare, in duplicate,

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(4) At the first meeting in each month the Financial Secretary shall lay before the Court the duplicate of his Ordinary Monthly Report or July Report or January Report, as the case may be, and after it is verified by the Special Auditing Committee and approved by the Court, it shall be placed on file with the Recording Secretary; the Financial Secretary shall also, in July and January, lay before the Court the duplicate of the Semi-Annual Report to the High Court, which, after being verified, shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.

(5) Should any report be found to be defective or erroneous it shall be perfected or corrected, and the Recording Secretary shall at once notify the Supreme Secretary or the High Secretary, as the case may be, of such defect or error, and the same shall be forthwith corrected.

(6) The Financial Secretary of every new Court shall make his first report after the institution of the Court on the First Monthly Report, Form No. 8; such report shall be for the month immediately succeeding the institution of the Court; a duplicate of such report shall be filed with the Recording Secretary.

PENALTY FOR COURTS FAILING TO REMIT.

247. Any Court not forwarding at the beginning of each month, the proper report and the remittance as required by Sections *two hundred and forty-five* and *two hundred and forty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order and continuing in such default till the *third* day of the month may be suspended by the Supreme

Chief Ranger; but if not so suspended, and it continues to be in default until the end of the month, then it shall *ipso facto* stand suspended on the *first* day of the succeeding month.

REINSTATEMENT OF COURTS SUSPENDED FOR NON-REPORT OR FOR NON-REMITTANCE.

248. Any Court suspended for non-report or non-remittance, as provided in Section *two hundred and forty-seven* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, may be reinstated any time within *ninety* days from the date of suspension by sending the proper reports and by paying the amount for which the Court became suspended, and by paying any further demands which would in the meantime have accrued had the Court not been suspended, and by each member seeking reinstatement presenting a certificate of good health on Form No. 4, or passing the Medical Board if required by the Executive Council or by the Supreme Chief Ranger; but if the Court is not reinstated within *ninety* days, then each member must pass the Medical Board at the expense of the Court and must also be approved by the Executive Council, and the reinstatement of members shall be subject to the provisions of Sections *two hundred and five* and *two hundred and thirty-six* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

BENEFIT CERTIFICATES.

249. (1) Each person at the time of applying for beneficiary membership shall state in the Application for Charter, Form No. 1, or the Application for Membership, Form No. 2, the amount of Mortuary Benefit he desires to take and give the name and relationship to himself of his beneficiary, and a Benefit Certificate for the sum designated shall be issued to him; *provided* that if the amount of Mortuary Benefit granted to the applicant by the Medical Board be for a reduced amount, then the Benefit Certificate shall only be for the sum granted

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by the Medical Board, and such person shall be repaid by The Supreme Court any Registration Fee he may have paid in excess of the amount required for the Mortuary Benefit granted by the Medical Board.

(2) The member shall not be privileged thereafter to change the amount of his Mortuary Benefit except as provided in Sections *two hundred and fifty-three* and *two hundred and fifty-four* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(3) A member upon becoming aware of the loss or destruction of his Benefit Certificate shall file with his Court the Declaration of Loss or Destruction of Benefit Certificate, Form No. 35, duly filled in and properly executed and pay a fee of *fifty* cents; on receipt of such Declaration the Court shall verify the statements therein and, if found correct, shall certify to the same by the signatures of the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, and shall forward the Declaration thus verified, together with the Fee, to the Supreme Secretary; on receipt of such Declaration he shall lay it before the Supreme Chief Ranger and if approved by him the member shall be entitled to have a duplicate Benefit Certificate issued to him; *provided* that if the Benefit Certificate be in the possession of some person who refuses to deliver it up to the member, such member shall serve notice on such person that he is applying, or about to apply, to the Supreme Secretary for a duplicate Benefit Certificate, and unless such person immediately takes legal steps to prevent such issue, the Supreme Secretary may issue to the member a duplicate Benefit Certificate.

(4) The member shall transmit to the Supreme Secretary a copy of the notice served upon the person having possession of his Benefit Certificate, together with satisfactory evidence of such service.

(5) Whenever a duplicate Benefit Certificate is issued, the original or former Benefit Certificate shall *ipso facto* become null and void.

FORM OF BENEFIT CERTIFICATE.

250. (1) Each Benefit Certificate shall be in the form prescribed by The Supreme Court or by the Executive Council and shall bear the signatures of the Supreme Chief Ranger and the Supreme Secretary (or *fac-similes* thereof) with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed.

(2) On delivery to the member of his Benefit Certificate, it shall be signed by the member and his signature shall be duly witnessed by the Chief Ranger and the Recording Secretary of the member's Court with the seal of the Court affixed; or his signature may be witnessed by any member of the Executive Council, or by any High Chief Ranger or High Secretary.

(3) If a member moves away from the location of his Court before the delivery of his Benefit Certificate it may be sent to the Court, or to the Executive Officer of The Supreme Court, or to the member of the High Standing Committee, most convenient to the member concerned with a request, over the signatures of the Chief Ranger and the Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, to properly witness the signature of the member to such Benefit Certificate and to deliver the same to him. Upon the receipt of such request, the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary, or the member of the High Standing Committee, or the member of the Executive Council, as the case may be, shall properly witness the signature of the member and deliver to him the Benefit Certificate.

(4) In case a Benefit Certificate has not been issued to a member prior to his death, the Executive Council shall pay the benefit to the beneficiary named in the Application for Charter, or in the Application for Membership, as the case may be, signed by the deceased member; but if he shall have made application for change of beneficiaries in conformity with the provisions of Section *four*, sub-section *five*, and Section *two hundred and fifty-one* sub-section *one*, sub-divisions (a), (b), (d) and (e), of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, then the benefit shall be paid to such last desig-

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CHANGING BENEFICIARIES.

251. (1) Subject to the provisions of Section *four*, sub-section *five*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order and subject to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member has a fixed place of abode, a member may at any time while in "good standing," except as hereinafter provided, change his beneficiary or beneficiaries in the following manner:

(a) By filing with his Court his application for change of beneficiary on Form No. 14, duly filled in and properly executed, setting forth fully and clearly the changes he desires to make;

(b) By paying to the Financial Secretary a fee of *fifty* cents for the changing of the Benefit Certificate;

(c) By surrendering to the Court his Benefit Certificate;

(d) By furnishing evidence to the satisfaction of the Supreme Chief Ranger that he, and not the beneficiary or beneficiaries, has paid the assessments on account of such Benefit Certificate;

(e) Whereupon the Court shall cause such application, duly certified to by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, to be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary, together with the member's Benefit Certificate;

(f) On receipt of the said Benefit Certificate together with the Application for Change of Beneficiary, Form No. 14, as in this section provided, if approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, the Supreme Secretary shall incorporate in the Benefit Certificate the changes desired, subject to the provisions of

Section *four*, sub-section *five*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order; *provided* always that, if the assessments of a member have been and are being paid by the beneficiary or beneficiaries, the beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not be changed without the written consent of such beneficiary or beneficiaries.

(2) The Financial Secretary shall transmit to the Supreme Secretary with his next monthly report following the application for change of beneficiary the fee for the changing of the Benefit Certificate.

DEATH OF BENEFICIARIES.

252. (1) Subject to the provisions of sub-section *three* of this Section, in the event of the death of one or more of the beneficiaries designated by a member, if he shall have made no other or further designation of a beneficiary or legal disposition of such benefit, upon his death the benefit shall be paid, subject to the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member had a fixed place of abode at the time of his death, in full to the surviving beneficiaries.

(2) Subject to the provisions of sub-section *three* of this section, in the event of the death of all the beneficiaries designated by a member, if he shall have made no other or further designation of a beneficiary or legal disposition of such benefit the benefit shall be paid in accordance with the laws of the Province, State or Country in which the member had a fixed place of abode at the time of his death.

(3) In the event of a beneficiary who is paying the assessments of a member predeceasing the member, such beneficiary's interest in the Mortuary Benefit shall on the death of the member if in "good standing" be paid to the appointee, legatee or, in default of appointment by will or otherwise, to the personal representative of such beneficiary.

INCREASING MORTUARY BENEFIT.

253. (1) A member desiring to increase his Mortuary Benefit shall file his Application for Increased Mortuary

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Benefit, Form No. 12, with his Court and deposit with the Financial Secretary thereof the fee of *fifty* cents for changing the Benefit Certificate together with the Registration fee of *one* dollar for each additional *thousand* dollars of Mortuary Benefit applied for; he must also pay the Medical Examination Fee for the additional amount of Mortuary Benefit applied for according to the schedule in Section *one hundred and twenty-six*, sub-section *six*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) If the applicant be in good, sound mental and bodily health the Court shall cause its recommendation of such application and attested by the signatures of the said application and attested by the signatures of the Chief Ranger and the Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, and the application so attested shall be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary; the old Benefit Certificate shall also be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary for cancellation, *provided* that Benefit Certificates issued prior to the *first* day of May, A.D. 1896 need not be transmitted to the Supreme Secretary.

(3) The Supreme Secretary upon receipt of the Application for Increased Mortuary Benefit, Form No. 12, duly endorsed by the Court as required in sub-section *two* of this section, shall lay the same before the Supreme Chief Ranger and if it be approved by him, the Supreme Secretary shall duly enter the change in the register and forthwith forward to the Court for the member a new Benefit Certificate for the whole amount of his Mortuary Benefit if his former Benefit Certificate was issued subsequent to the first day of May, A.D. 1896, and for the increased amount of Mortuary Benefit if his former Benefit Certificate was issued prior to the first day of May, A.D. 1896.

(4) If the Application for Increased Mortuary Benefit, Form No. 12, be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary within *thirty* days from the applicant's last medical examination it shall be accompanied by a certificate of good health of the Applicant on Form No. 4 fully filled

in and duly executed; and the increase may be granted by the Supreme Chief Ranger on the recommendation of the Medical Board.

(5) If, however, the Supreme Chief Ranger refuse to grant the increase upon the said Health Certificate, or if the application be made after the expiration of *thirty* days from the date of the applicant's last medical examination, the increase shall be granted only after the applicant has again passed the Medical Board.

(6) Members who apply for increased Mortuary Benefit shall pay on the increased Mortuary Benefit the rate provided for their actual ages at the date such increased Benefit is granted; and members shall begin to pay assessments on the increased Mortuary Benefit for the month following the month in which such increased Mortuary Benefit was granted.

(7) The Financial Secretary shall transmit to the Supreme Secretary with his next monthly report and remittance all Registration fees and fees for changing Benefit Certificates received by him since last report.

DECREASING MORTUARY BENEFIT.

254. (1) A member holding more than *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit and desiring to reduce the same to a lower amount shall file his Application for Decreased Mortuary Benefit, Form No. 13, with his Court, together with his Benefit Certificate; this application, duly executed, and the Benefit Certificate shall be transmitted by the Recording Secretary to the Supreme Secretary who shall on receipt thereof issue to such member a new Benefit Certificate for the lower amount designated and cancel the old Benefit Certificate.

(2) The member at the time of making his application for decreased Mortuary Benefit shall pay to the Financial Secretary the fee of *fifty* cents for changing his Benefit Certificate, which fee shall be transmitted with the next monthly report and remittance to the Supreme Secretary.

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(3) The rate of assessment for the decreased amount of Mortuary Benefit shall take effect on the *first* day of the month following the month in which the Application for Decreased Mortuary Benefit and the old Benefit Certificate were received by the Supreme Secretary.

(4) Such member shall pay all assessments on the full amount of his Mortuary Benefit before decrease, including the assessments for the month in which his Application for Decreased Mortuary Benefit and the old Benefit Certificate were received by the Supreme Secretary.

EXTRA ASSESSMENTS.

255. (1) Whenever and so often as the available benefit funds in the Mortuary Benefit Department, or in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department, of The Supreme Court shall become reduced to less than the total amount of benefit claims duly passed by the Executive Council in the respective departments within the then preceeding *sixty* days, the Executive Council shall order an extra assessment, which shall be paid by each beneficiary member into his own Court within *thirty* days from the date of the call, and the Courts shall forthwith transmit the same to the Supreme Secretary; *provided* that unattached Members-at-large shall pay direct to the Supreme Secretary; *provided* also, that the Executive Council shall have power at any time, and from time to time, in the manner provided in this section, to order such extra assessments as may be necessary to fulfill the requirements of any Act of the Parliament of Canada which may at any time hereafter be in force.

(2) Any member failing to pay into his Court, or to the Supreme Secretary, as the case may be, as provided in sub-section *one* of this section, any extra assessment ordered by the Executive Council, within *thirty* days from the date of the Supreme Secretary's call shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(3) Courts failing to transmit extra assessments within

forty days from the date of the Supreme Secretary's call shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

(4) Every Beneficiary member in "good standing" in the Order under *seventy* years of age, except those on the Total and Permanent Disability list, shall, whenever and so often as an extra assessment is ordered, pay the rate of assessment for his actual age and the Class in which he may be registered at the date the call is made by the Supreme Secretary.

(5) Every Beneficiary member between the ages of *fifty-five* and *sixty-nine* years, both inclusive, except those on the Total and Permanent Disability list, shall pay on each extra assessment which may be ordered, according to his age at the date of the call and the Class in which he may be registered, the rate per \$1,000 of Mortuary Benefit held by the member, set forth in the following schedule :

SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR EXTRA ASSESSMENTS FOR EACH \$1,000 OF MORTUARY BENEFIT HELD.

Age.	Rates for the Ordinary Class.	Rates for the Hazardous Class.	Rates for the Extra Hazardous Class.
57	\$4.30	\$5.00	\$6.00
56	4.70	5.50	6.60
57	5.10	6.00	7.20
58	5.50	6.50	7.80
59	6.30	7.30	8.40
60	7.20	8.20	9.20
61	8.00	9.00	10.00
62	8.80	9.80	10.80
63	9.60	10.60	11.60
64	10.40	11.40	12.40
65	11.20	12.20	13.20
66	12.00	13.00	14.00
67	13.00	14.00	15.00
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(6) A call for extra assessments for the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund shall be paid by those members only who are enrolled in the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department of The Supreme Court, and each one shall pay the rate of assessment set out in Section *two hundred and twenty-five*, sub-section *one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, for his actual age at the time the call is made by the Supreme Secretary.

(7) Immediately upon receipt of the funds realized by an extra assessment, the Executive Council shall forthwith pay any claim or claims which may then be due and unpaid and the balance, if any, shall be added to the Surplus Fund.

BENEFIT FOR AGED FORESTERS.

RELIEVED FROM FURTHER PAYMENTS.

256. (1) Subject to the provisions of Sections *one hundred and thirty-two*, *two hundred and five*, *two hundred and twenty-two*, sub-sections *two* and *three*, and *two hundred and thirty-six*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, each member on reaching the full age of *seventy* years shall *ipso facto* become an Honorary member and shall be relieved from any further payments of any assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of the Order, except for the Sick and Funeral Benefit Department if enrolled therein, and except as provided in sub-section *three* of this section.

WHO ARE ENTITLED TO ANNUITY BENEFITS.

(2) Each Beneficiary member of the Order initiated prior to the *first* day of May, A.D. 1896, if he shall remain continuously in "good standing" thereafter and if he resides in a Province, State or Country where the laws of the land permit Fraternal Benefit Societies to give such benefits, shall, on reaching the full age of *seventy* years, and on making claim therefor on Form No. 38, be entitled to have paid to him then, and thereafter annually, *one-tenth* of the amount of Mortuary Benefit held by him

prior to the said *first* day of May, A.D. 1896 and on which he shall have paid assessments during the *fifteen consecutive* years immediately preceding the date of his reaching the full age of *seventy* years, less any sum he may have received on account of the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, until the whole amount of his Mortuary Benefit shall have been paid; *provided* that if the member die before reaching the age of *seventy-nine* years the unpaid balance of Mortuary Benefit shall be paid to his beneficiary or beneficiaries, or personal representative or representatives.

(3) A member enrolled in the Expectation of Life Benefit Department prior to September 1st, A.D. 1895, who will reach his Expectation of Life after he is *seventy* years old, shall, on reaching the age of *seventy*, be entitled to the rank and benefit provided for in sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section, except that he must pay on account of the Expectation of Life Benefit the *two* extra assessments each year, as provided in Section *two hundred and thirty-one* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, until he reaches his Expectation of Life.

(4) When he reaches his Expectation of Life, he shall receive his Expectation of Life Benefit, as provided in Section *two hundred and thirty-two* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, less any sum or sums which may have been previously paid on account of his Benefit Certificate; *provided* that if he die after reaching the age of *seventy*, and before reaching his Expectation of Life, the unpaid balance of the benefit shall be paid to his beneficiary or personal representative.

TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY BENEFIT.

257. (1) Subject to the provisions of this section and of Sections *four*, sub-sections *five* and *six*, *two hundred and eighteen*, *two hundred and twenty-two*, *two hundred and forty-two* and *two hundred and fifty-nine*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, every member who

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DISABILITY ON ACCOUNT OF ACCIDENT OR DISEASE.

(2) The Total and Permanent Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease shall consist of *one-half* of the amount of the member's Mortuary Benefit remaining unpaid at the date such member is adjudged to be totally and permanently disabled, together with exemption from further taxation of any kind in the Order, except as provided in sub-sections *twelve* and *sixteen* of this section.

NOTICE MUST BE FILED.

(3) Whenever a member becomes totally and permanently disabled, through accident or disease, he may by himself, or if personally incapable, by some one in his behalf, file notice of such disability with his Court upon Form No. 36, which notice shall contain the following particulars:

- (a) The occupation of the claimant;
- (b) The nature of the disability;
- (c) The cause of the disability;
- (d) The date of the disability;
- (e) That the disability is of such a nature as to render

the claimant forever totally unable to follow or direct any employment, labor, trade, occupation, business or profession.

(f) And he shall give such other and further information as may be required by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

(4) Upon the receipt of such notice the Court shall verify the statements therein and, if found correct, shall certify to the same by the signatures of the Chief Ranger

and the Recording Secretary with the seal of the Court affixed, and shall forward the notice thus verified to the Supreme Secretary.

(5) The Supreme Secretary upon receipt of such notice shall lay it before the Secretary of the Medical Board, who shall make full enquiry into the nature and cause of the disability, and if satisfied that the disability is total and permanent, and that it was not the result of the voluntary act, or of intemperance, or of any immoral or unlawful conduct, or of a violation of the laws of the country, on the part of the claimant, he shall so report to the Supreme Chief Ranger, whereupon the Supreme Chief Ranger, if satisfied that the disability is total and permanent within the meaning of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall instruct the Supreme Secretary to place the claimant on the Probationary List for Total and Permanent Disability.

EFFECT OF BEING PLACED ON PROBATIONARY LIST.

(6) From and after the date of the placing of the claimant on the Probationary List, as provided in subsection *five* of this section, he shall cease to pay any assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of his Court or of the High Court or of The Supreme Court, for a period of *six* months, unless sooner restored by the Supreme Chief Ranger to his former status in the Order; at the expiration of the said *six* months from the date of being placed on the Probationary list for Total and Permanent Disability, the member shall *ipso facto* return to his former status in the Order, unless he is adjudged to be still totally and permanently disabled, as in this section provided.

CLAIMS MUST BE FILED.

(7) If the disability continue for *six* months after being placed on the Probationary List, then the member who is disabled, or some one in his behalf, may file with the Supreme Secretary his Claim for the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit, on Form No. 37, which shall

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be submitted to the Secretary of the Medical Board, who shall make, or cause to be made, due enquiry into the case and shall report the facts, accompanied with his recommendation, to the Supreme Chief Ranger; if the Supreme Chief Ranger is satisfied that the member is totally and permanently disabled he shall forthwith order the payment of the claim.

(8) If, however, the Supreme Chief Ranger should not be satisfied that the member is totally and permanently disabled, he may restore such member forthwith to his former status in the Order; or the Supreme Chief Ranger may appoint a board of *three* Physicians, members of the Order if possible, none of whom shall be the family Physician of the claimant, to examine into the facts of the case and the cause of and permanency of the disability and to report thereon to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(9) If the said board of *three* Physicians be appointed and they report that the disability is not total and permanent, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall forthwith restore the member to his former status in the Order.

(10) If the said board of Physicians shall report the claimant to be totally and permanently disabled within the meaning of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, such report shall be submitted by the Supreme Chief Ranger to the Executive Council, and if approved by them, such member shall thereupon become entitled to the benefit; but if their report be not approved by the Executive Council, the Supreme Chief Ranger shall forthwith restore such member to his former status in the Order.

(11) Or if the member fail to file or cause to be filed with the Supreme Secretary, within *thirty* days after the end of the *six* months' probation, his Claim for the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit on Form No. 37, he shall on the expiration of the said period of *thirty* days *ipso facto* return to his former status in the Order.

(12) Whenever a member who was on the Probationary list is restored or returned to his former status in the Order, as provided in sub-sections *six, eight, nine, ten and eleven* of this section, he shall again become liable for all assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of his Court and of the Order, beginning for the month following the month in which he was so restored or returned to his former status in the Order, and upon his failure to pay in the manner and within the time provided in Sections *one hundred and twenty-seven and two hundred and forty-three*, sub-section *one*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, he shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order; *provided* that the initial or *first* assessment after restoration or return to former status in the Order must be paid on or before the *last* day of the month in which the member is so restored or returned to his former status or the member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order on the *first* day of the month succeeding his restoration or return to his former status in the Order.

PAYMENT OF THE BENEFIT.

(13) Whenever a member shall become entitled, under the provisions of this section, to the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease it shall be paid to the member himself or to the wife or husband, as the case may be, or to the beneficiary of the member, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine; *provided* always that, if the disability be due to the insanity of the member, the benefit may be paid to the wife or husband, as the case may be, or to the beneficiary, or to the Committee or Conservator of the Estate or other parties duly authorized by law to act in such cases, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine; *provided* further that, if the member die after the benefit is payable under the provisions of this section, but before payment is made, it shall be paid to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of the member.

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(14) Upon the payment of the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease the person to whom payment is made shall endorse and receipt for such payment upon the Benefit Certificate of the member; such endorsement shall be witnessed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of the member's Court or by some other competent witnesses.

(15) Whenever the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit of a member on account of accident or disease is paid, such member shall thereafter pay no assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines or other demands of his Court or of the Order, and he shall become and be an Honorary member, and the Court shall be exempt from furnishing such member free medical attendance and from the attendance of the Sick Committee and watchers.

RESTORING TO FORMER STATUS.

(16) *Provided* always that, if a member who has been paid the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease ceases to be totally disabled, he shall from the date such disability ceases *ipso facto* be restored to his former status in the Order, and shall pay assessments, fees, dues, taxes, fines and other demands of his Court and of the Order, at his former rate of assessment, on the whole amount of his Benefit Certificate, as if he had not been paid the benefit. The Secretary of the Medical Board shall be the judge of the fact, as well as of the date, when a member ceases to be totally disabled; and whenever he is satisfied that a member has ceased to be totally disabled he shall so report to the Supreme Chief Ranger, who shall forthwith restore such member to his former status in the Order.

DISABILITY ON ACCOUNT OF OLD AGE.

(17) The Total and Permanent Disability Benefit on account of old age shall be either the "Old Age Disability Benefit" set forth in sub-section *nineteen* of this section, or the "Old Age Pension and Burial Benefit" set forth in sub-section *twenty*, subdivisions (a) and (b),

of this section; *provided* always, that no member shall be entitled to make claim for the total and permanent disability benefit on account of old age, nor can the benefit be paid, until the member claiming the benefit shall have reached the full age of *seventy* years or more.

(18) Whenever a member is under the provisions of this section adjudged by the Executive Council to be totally and permanently disabled on account of old age he shall be entitled to receive, at his own option, either the "Old Age Disability Benefit" or the "Old Age Pension and Burial Benefit."

(19) The "Old Age Disability Benefit" shall consist of the payment to the member himself of *one-tenth* of the amount of his Mortuary Benefit remaining unpaid at the date that the member is adjudged to be totally and permanently disabled on account of old age, and there shall be paid to him on the expiration of each year thereafter a like sum until the whole remaining amount of his Mortuary Benefit shall have been paid; *provided* that if the member becomes insane or otherwise mentally incapacitated the benefit may be paid to the wife or husband, as the case may be, or to the Committee or Conservator of the estate or other parties duly authorized by law to act in such cases, or to the beneficiary or to the parties caring and providing for the member, as the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council may determine; and *provided* always that, if the member die before all the said instalments shall have been paid, the balance remaining unpaid at his death shall be paid to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives.

(20) (a) The "Old Age Pension" shall consist of the payment to the member himself of the amount set forth in the schedule in this sub-section, according to the age of such member at the date that he shall be adjudged to be totally and permanently disabled on account of old age and according to the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by such member, viz :

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70	\$ 44	\$100	\$212			
71	47	106	224	\$ 323		
72	49	112	236	341	\$ 435	\$ 546
73	52	118	250	361	459	577
74	56	126	266	383	486	610
75	59	133	282	406	515	647
76	63	142	300	431	546	687
77	67	151	320	458	580	729
78	71	161	341	489	617	775
79	76	172	364	521	657	826
80	82	184	390	556	701	881
81	87	197	417	595	748	940
82	94	212	448	637	800	1,006
83	101	228	482	683	857	1,076
84	109	245	519	736	919	1,155
85	117	265	560	792	989	1,243
86	127	287	607	855	1,065	1,338
87	138	312	659	926	1,150	1,445
88	152	342	722	1,006	1,246	1,565
89	168	378	798	1,102	1,354	1,701
90	185	416	879	1,218	1,482	1,863
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The first of such payments shall become due and be payable immediately after the member shall have been duly adjudged by the Executive Council to be totally and permanently disabled on account of old age, and a like sum shall be paid to him on the expiration of each year thereafter during the disability of such member.

(b) The "Burial Benefit" shall consist of *one hundred dollars*, which shall be payable to the personal representatives of the member, or to such other party or parties as may be determined by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, on proof, on the Form prescribed by the Executive Council, of the death of the member and of his due and proper burial.

(21) Whenever a member becomes totally and per-

manently disabled on account of old age, such member may file with the Supreme Secretary on Form No. 40, proof of his total and permanent disability on account of old age; such proof shall include the following particulars, viz:

(a) The age of the member and location of the court to which he belongs;

(b) The cause of the disability and all the circumstances connected therewith;

(c) The occupation of the member;

(d) The amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by such member;

(e) A declaration by the member stating which form of the benefit he desires.

(22) Whenever the Supreme Secretary shall receive the proof of the total and permanent disability of a member on account of old age on Form No. 40, he shall lay the same before the Executive Council at its next meeting, and if they are satisfied that the said member is totally and permanently disabled from following or directing any employment, labor, trade, occupation, business or profession, they shall instruct the Supreme Chief Ranger to "pass the claim," whereupon such member shall become entitled to the benefit.

(23) Whenever a member elects to take the "Old Age Pension and Burial Benefit" he shall deliver his Mortuary Benefit Certificate to the Supreme Secretary for cancellation, and he shall, on being adjudged totally and permanently disabled on account of old age, forthwith be entitled to receive from the Supreme Secretary instead thereof the Old Age Pension and Burial Benefit Certificate, and the liabilities, of whatsoever kind and nature, of The Supreme Court to the beneficiaries, heirs and personal representatives of such member, or to any of them, shall *ipso facto* cease and determine and become and be absolutely null and void.

(24) If a member of the Order who has been adjudged totally and permanently disabled on account of old age, shall at any time thereafter cease to be so totally and

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DISABILITY CLAIMS SHALL NOT BE SOLD NOR ASSIGNED.

(26) A member of the Order who has been adjudged totally and permanently disabled from any cause whatsoever shall not sell nor assign to another his Total and Permanent Disability Benefit nor his Old Age Benefit nor his Old Age Pension and Burial Benefit nor any moneys arising thereunder; and any such sale or assignment shall be absolutely null and void.

MISREPRESENTATION OR FRAUD.

(27) If any member of the Order shall by misrepresenting his age, or by misstatement of any material fact, or otherwise fraudulently, procure himself to be adjudged totally and permanently disabled, such member shall on conviction *ipso facto* be restored to his status in the Order at the date of filing with the Supreme Secretary the proof of his total and permanent disability; and the trial of all such cases shall be before the Executive Council.

(25) No member who shall have received the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit on account of accident or disease, or any portion thereof, shall be entitled to the Total and Permanent Disability Benefit on account of old age.

PAYABLE OUT OF THE GENERAL FUND.

(28) The Total and Permanent Disability Benefits shall be paid out of the surplus of the General Fund after providing for the management expenses; *provided* always that, if there be no such surplus available, such Total and Permanent Disability Benefits shall be paid out of the Mortuary Benefit Fund.

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258. (1) Except as provided in sub-sections *two* and *three* of this section, the contracts for Benefits undertaken by The Supreme Court do not include assurance against self-destruction or suicide, whether the member be sane or insane.

(2) Any member of the Order who commits suicide shall *ipso facto* void all his Benefit Certificates and *ipso facto* forfeit all benefits whatsoever, which his beneficiary or beneficiaries, heir or heirs, or personal representative or representatives, would otherwise have been entitled, under the Constitution and Laws of the branch, to receive from The Supreme Court or from any branch of The Supreme Court; *provided* always that the Executive Council shall pay to the beneficiary or beneficiaries, heir or heirs, or personal representative or representatives of the deceased, as the case may be, the amount provided in sub-section *three* of this section, such amount being dependent on the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by the member at the time of his death and on the length of time he shall have been continuously in "good standing" in the Order immediately preceding the date of his suicide; *provided* always that, if the deceased member had at any time increased his Mortuary Benefit, the amount payable on such increased Mortuary Benefit shall depend on the length of time he shall have held the said increased Mortuary Benefit and on the length of time he shall have been continuously in "good standing" in the Order.

(3) (a) If a member commit suicide within *three* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-thirtieth* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

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(c) If a member commit suicide after *five* years and under *seven* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-fifteenth* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(d) If a member commit suicide after *seven* years and under *nine* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-twelfth* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(e) If a member commit suicide after *nine* years and under *twelve* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-tenth* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(f) If a member commit suicide after *twelve* years and under *fifteen* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-eighth* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(g) If a member commit suicide after *fifteen* years and under *eighteen* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-sixth* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(h) If a member commit suicide after *eighteen* years:

and under *twenty-one* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-fifth* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(i) If a member commit suicide after *twenty-one* years and under *twenty-four* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-fourth* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(j) If a member commit suicide after *twenty-four* years and under *twenty-seven* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-third* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(k) If a member commit suicide after *twenty-seven* years and under *thirty* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *one-half* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(l) If a member commit suicide after *thirty* years and under *thirty-three* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *two-thirds* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit held by him and remaining unpaid at the date of his suicide.

(m) If a member commit suicide after *thirty-three* years from the date of his last initiation or last reinstatement in the Order, the amount payable to his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives shall be *three-fourths* of the amount of the Mortuary Benefit

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(4) If, however, it be established to the satisfaction of the Executive Council that the deceased member at the time of his self-destruction or suicide was insane, having in his lifetime been adjudged by legal authority to be insane, and if it be established to the satisfaction of the Executive Council that the insanity was not due to nor caused by the intemperance, immorality, evil habits or misconduct of the deceased, then the Executive Council, in addition to the benefits provided in subsections *two* and *three* of this section, may donate to the widow, or such of the children, or dependants, or beneficiaries of the deceased, as they may think proper, a sum not exceeding in the aggregate the amount which would have been due as Mortuary Benefit on the death of the member if he had not committed suicide. The Executive Council shall be the sole judges of the propriety of making any donation whatsoever and to whom the donation shall be made; their decision in all such cases shall be final.

(5) If a member attempts to commit suicide such member shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order; provided that if it be established to the satisfaction of the Supreme Chief Ranger or the Executive Council that the member had been adjudged by legal authority to be insane at the time he attempted to commit suicide, the Supreme Chief Ranger may remove the suspension.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RESIDING IN PROSCRIBED TERRITORY.

259. (1) No beneficiary member shall reside in the West Indies, nor in North America south of the *thirty-eighth* parallel of North latitude, nor in any other portion thereof, nor in any other place or country which shall have been proscribed by the Executive Council, for a longer period than *thirty* days without a special Permit from the Supreme Chief Ranger, countersigned

by the Supreme Secretary with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed, and without paying such additional rate of assessments as may be determined by the Executive Council, except in localities where Courts have been organized under the provisions of Section *forty-nine*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) If a beneficiary member resides in any proscribed territory for a longer period than *thirty* days without the Permit and without paying the additional rate provided in sub-section *one* of this section, in the event of death or disability while residing in such territory or death or disability subsequent to such residence and caused directly or indirectly by residing in such territory, he, or his beneficiaries, heirs, or personal representatives, as the case may be, shall be entitled to such proportion only of the whole amount of any Benefit of the Order payable under his Benefit Certificate or provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, as the rate of monthly Mortuary assessment he was paying at the time of the disability or death, or at the time the cause of the disability or death arose, as the case may be, bears to the rate of monthly Mortuary assessment he should have been paying.

(3) Whenever the Order is established, or is about to be established, in a country where in the judgment of the Executive Council the mortality rate is higher than in Canada and the United States, the Executive Council shall prescribe such rates to be paid by the members in such country or countries as may seem just and equitable.

REMOVING FROM ONE COUNTRY TO ANOTHER.

(4) Any beneficiary member of the Order removing from one country to another and residing therein for a longer period than *twelve* months, shall, from and after the expiration of the first *twelve* months, *ipso facto* be required to pay and shall pay in the currency of such country, the rates of assessments, dues, fees,

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Taxes and fines, prescribed for such country by the Constitution and Laws of the Order or by the Executive Council; and in like manner any benefit that may accrue and become due to such member, or to his beneficiaries, or heirs, or personal representatives, shall be paid in the currency of such country or its equivalent in value, according to the schedule provided in Section *two hundred and thirty-three*, sub-section *two*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(5) The Supreme Chief Ranger may in his discretion, at any time, temporarily suspend wholly or in part the operations of the provisions of this section.

BENEFIT CERTIFICATES OR CLAIMS FOR BENEFITS NOT TO BE SOLD NOR ASSIGNED.

260. No Benefit Certificate, nor Benefit, nor Claim for Benefit, shall be sold or assigned to another, nor shall any member attempt to sell or assign his Benefit Certificate, Benefit, or Claim for Benefit, nor shall the beneficiary or beneficiaries be changed except in the manner provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order; nor shall a beneficiary, during the lifetime of a member, sell or assign his or her interest in the member's Mortuary Benefit or any portion thereof.

BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS A FIRST LIEN.

261. The Benefit assessments, Extension of the Order Tax, and High Court Dues, shall be a first lien upon all the funds of the Court; and any Officer delaying, neglecting or failing to transmit the same to The Supreme Court, or to the High Court, as the case may be, in the manner and within the time provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, may be summarily suspended by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council; and any Court permitting the diversion or appropriation to other uses or purposes by any of its officers or members, of the moneys paid by the members for the said assessments, taxes and dues, shall *ipso facto* stand suspended, and its Dispensation

or Charter may be revoked by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council.

SPECIAL RATING.

262. All members of the Order in "good standing" on the *first* day of January, A.D. 1880, who have not since forfeited their standing, shall, in all assessments for the amount of Benefits held by them on the *first* day of January, A.D. 1880, be rated at their actual age, or as at *thirty* years of age.

FOR MANAGEMENT EXPENSES.

263. (1) As much of the General Fund of The Supreme Court, defined in Section *forty* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, as may be required, shall be used by The Supreme Court or the Executive Council or the Supreme Chief Ranger for management expenses.

(2) The Surplus of the General Fund, after providing for the management expenses and the payment of the Total and Permanent Disability Benefits shall be paid *pro-rata* into the Mortuary Benefit Fund and the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund, as may be determined from time to time by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court in accordance with the provisions of Section *fifty-five*, sub-section *seven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(3) All expenses directly connected with the Sick and Funeral Benefit Fund shall be paid out of such Fund.

DEATH OF MEMBERS.

264. (1) Immediately upon the death of a beneficiary member in "good standing" due Proof of Claim for the Mortuary Benefit on Form No. 41, fully filled in and properly executed, must be sent to the Supreme Secretary by the Court.

(2) Upon the receipt of said proof, the same shall be laid before the Supreme Chief Ranger and if he has no doubt as to the validity of the claim, a cheque or draft for the payment of the amount to which the benefici-

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(3) Such cheque or draft shall be sent to the Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, or other Officer of the Court of which the deceased was a member, or to such other person as the Supreme Chief Ranger may determine, to be delivered by him in the presence of the Chief Ranger, or Recording Secretary, or Financial Secretary, or other officers or members of the Order, or other competent witnesses, to the person or persons legally entitled to receive the same, on the legal surrender of the Benefit Certificate of the deceased; *provided* that, if the Benefit Certificate cannot be surrendered by reason of its loss or destruction, or if its non-production be explained to the satisfaction of the Supreme Chief Ranger, the cheque or draft may be delivered, at the discretion of the Supreme Chief Ranger or Executive Council, on the execution by the parties concerned of a proper release of all claims against The Supreme Court.

(4) Should a Recording Secretary, or any other Officer or member of the Order, deliver any cheque or draft to any person, after having received notice by letter or by telegram not to deliver the same, he shall be personally liable, in addition to any other penalties prescribed in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, to the face value of such cheque or draft together with the costs, if any, occasioned by reason of such delivery.

(5) If the Supreme Chief Ranger has any doubt as to the validity of a claim for Mortuary Benefit he may reject it; or he may require such other and further evidence as may seem to him necessary, and if still in doubt as to the validity of the claim he may then reject it; or he may submit the claim to the Executive Council who may reject it, or who may order it to be paid; or the Supreme Chief Ranger, or the Executive

Council, may reserve any claim for the consideration of The Supreme Court.

(6) Whenever a claim for Mortuary Benefit is rejected, notice thereof shall be sent by the Supreme Secretary to the Court of which the deceased was last a member and also to the beneficiaries of the member if their address be known to him.

265. (1) Upon the death of a member in "good standing" in a Court, the Court Deputy, or the Chief Ranger, or in their absence, the Vice-Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary, shall call a special meeting of the Court, at which meeting the Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit of the deceased member shall be presented to the Court for investigation; *provided* that if the Court Deputy or other officers of the Court refuse or neglect to call such special meeting, the beneficiaries of the deceased member may appeal direct to the Supreme Chief Ranger.

(2) The Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit shall be made by the Officers of the Court on Form No. 41 as prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council.

(3) Upon the presentation of a Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit to the Court, the members present shall satisfy themselves that the facts, as therein set forth, are correct and true, by an examination of the books of the Financial Secretary and other records of the Court, and by taking other necessary testimony; after which the Presiding Officer shall put the following question: "Shall the Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit just read be certified to as correct and true?" and the *yeas* and *nays* shall be taken and the vote duly entered upon the records of the Court, showing how each member voted, whether *yea* or *nay*; and the number of votes *for* and *against* shall be entered in the Proof of Claim.

(4) If the deceased has been drowned or otherwise died away from home, the Officers of the Court are required to see that all possible steps are taken for iden-

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(5) Any Court permitting a Proof of Claim for Mortuary Benefit to be certified knowing that any of the facts set forth in the Proof of Claim are incorrect or untrue, shall *ipso facto* forfeit its Charter and the members voting to certify such claim shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Order.

AMENDMENTS.

266. (1) Subject to the provisions of an Act of the Parliament of Canada (being 59 Vic. C. 51), the foregoing Laws Governing Courts, shall not be altered nor amended, nor shall any part of them be repealed, except at a regularly convened session of The Supreme Court upon a proposition therefor duly submitted in writing or in print, when, by unanimous consent, it may be immediately considered and if it is supported by *two-thirds* of the votes cast it shall be declared carried, and shall immediately go into effect, unless otherwise provided in the proposition to amend; *provided* that any proposition to alter, amend, or repeal submitted at the opening of a session of The Supreme Court by the Supreme Chief Ranger, or by the Executive Council, shall be considered before the close of the session.

LAWS GOVERNING ENCAMPMENTS OF ROYAL FORESTERS.

COMPOSITION.

267. (1) The Royal Foresters shall be composed of the Officers and members of The Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters, and of the Officers and members of the Encampments which may be established by The Supreme Court and duly chartered as provided in Section *three* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) The Executive Council of The Supreme Court shall have the management and control of the Royal Foresters during the interim of the sessions of The Supreme Court and shall be *ex-officio* Officers and members of every Encampment.

(3) The Supreme Chief Ranger shall have the title, in connection with the Royal Foresters, of the Illustrious Supreme Commander, and shall be the Commander-in-Chief of all the Royal Foresters.

(4) The Illustrious Supreme Commander may, from time to time, create such rank in the Royal Foresters as he may deem expedient; and he may form the Encampments into such Companies, Battalions or Regiments, Brigades, Divisions and Grand Encampments, as may appear to him advisable; and he may appoint and commission such Officers thereto as he may see fit.

(5) Except in the case of Officers of Encampments who shall be elected as provided in the Laws Governing Encampments of Royal Foresters, and except as provided in Section *two hundred and sixty-nine*, subsection *six*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, all Officers in the Royal Foresters shall be commissioned by the Illustrious Supreme Commander, which commis-

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sions shall continue in force during the official term of the Illustrious Supreme Commander unless sooner revoked by him; the Illustrious Supreme Commander may revoke the commission of any officer at any time.

CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROYAL FORESTERS.

268. (1) The Encampments of Royal Foresters may be organized into Companies, Battalions or Regiments, Brigades, Divisions and Grand Encampments.

(2) A Company shall consist of not less than twenty nor more than one hundred members. An Encampment, when large enough to so admit, may be divided into two or more Companies.

(3) Two or more Companies shall constitute a Battalion or Regiment. Two or more Battalions or Regiments shall constitute a Brigade. Two or more Brigades shall constitute a Division. Two or more Divisions shall constitute a Grand Encampment.

DRILL AND TACTICS.

(4) The Drill and Tactics of the Royal Foresters shall be as prescribed from time to time by the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

RANK AND TITLE OF OFFICERS OF ROYAL FORESTERS.

269. (1) THE ILLUSTRIOUS SUPREME COMMANDER, shall be *ex-officio* Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Foresters.

(2) GENERAL OFFICERS, comprising:

(a) A Lieutenant-General in command of a Grand Encampment.

(b) A Lieutenant-General on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(c) A Major-General in command of a Division.

(d) A Major-General on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(e) A Brigadier-General commanding a Brigade.

(f) A Brigadier-General on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(3) The staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander shall be composed of the other members of the Executive Council, and such other Officers as he may from time to time appoint.

(4) GENERAL STAFF OFFICERS shall be composed of Officers on the staff of Lieutenant-Generals commanding Grand Encampments, and Major-Generals commanding Divisions, and Brigadier-Generals commanding Brigades, as follows :

A GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

(a) The Staff of a Lieutenant-General commanding a Grand Encampment shall include an Adjutant-General, with the rank of Major-General; an assistant Adjutant-General, a Surgeon-General, an Inspector-General, a Quartermaster-General, a Commissary-General, an Equipment-General, a Judge-Advocate-General and an Orator-General, each with the rank of Brigadier-General; a Standard Bearer, and not exceeding eight Aides-de-Camp, each with the rank of Colonel.

A DIVISION.

(b) The Staff of a Major-General commanding a Division shall include an Adjutant-General, with the rank of Brigadier-General; an Assistant Adjutant-General, a Surgeon-General, an Inspector-General, a Quartermaster-General, a Commissary-General, an Equipment-General, a Judge-Advocate-General and an Orator-General, each with the rank of Colonel; a Standard Bearer, and not exceeding seven Aides-de-Camp, each with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

A BRIGADE.

(c) The Staff of a Brigadier-General commanding a Brigade shall include an Adjutant-General, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel; an Assistant Adjutant-General, an Assistant Surgeon-General, an Assistant Inspector-General, an Assistant Quartermaster-General, an Assistant Equipment-General, an Assistant

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Judge-Advocate-General, an Assistant Orator-General, each with the rank of Major; a Standard Bearer, and not exceeding six Aides-de-Camp, each with the rank of Captain.

(5) FIELD OFFICERS shall comprise Colonels, Lieutenant-Colonels and Majors of Regiments or Battalions.

(6) REGIMENTAL OR BATTALION STAFF OFFICERS, comprising Officers on the staff of Colonels commanding Regiments, as follows:

A REGIMENT OR BATTALION

(a) The Staff of a Colonel commanding a Regiment shall include a Lieutenant-Colonel and two Majors; an Adjutant and a Surgeon each with the rank of Major; a Quartermaster, a Commissary, an Assistant Surgeon and an Orator, each with the rank of Captain, (who shall be appointed by the Regimental Commander, and upon approval by the Brigadier-General shall be commissioned by the Illustrious Supreme Commander).

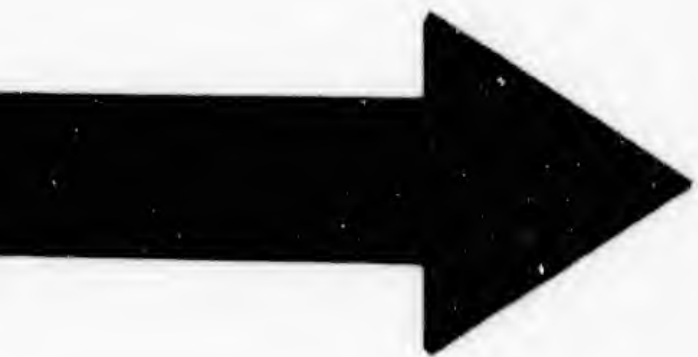
(b) The Non-Commissioned Staff, shall include a Sergeant-Major, a Quartermaster-Sergeant, a Standard-Bearer and a Sergeant-Trumpeter, (who shall be appointed by the Regimental Commander.)

A COMPANY.

(7) LINE OFFICERS, comprising Captains, 1st Lieutenants and 2nd Lieutenants commanding Companies, (who shall be elected by the members of the Company, and on the recommendation of the Regimental Commander to the Brigadier-General, and of the Brigadier-General to the Illustrious Supreme Commander, shall be commissioned by him); and Non-Commissioned Officers, Color-Sergeant, 1st Sergeant, 2nd Sergeant and two Corporals, (who shall be appointed by the Captain).

(8) All Royal Foresters not included in the foregoing designations shall constitute the Rank and File.





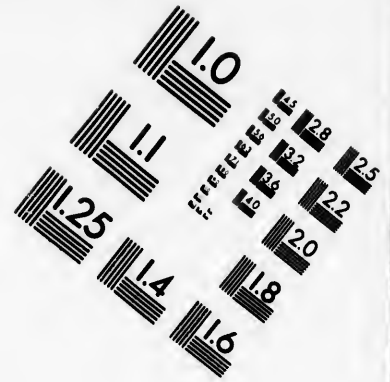
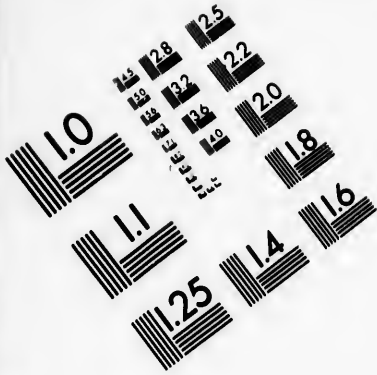
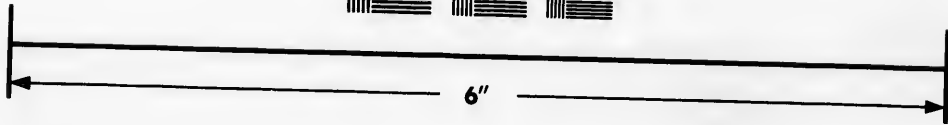
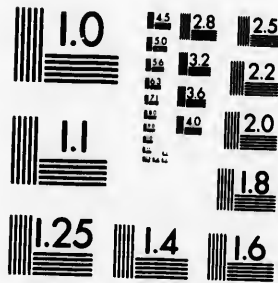


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RANK AND PRECEDENCE IN THE ROYAL FORESTERS.

270. (1) The rank and precedence of Officers in the Royal Foresters shall be as follows, viz. :

1. The Illustrious Supreme Commander.

COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

2. Lieutenant-Generals commanding Grand Encampments.

3. Lieutenant-General on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

4. Major-Generals commanding Divisions.

5. Major-Generals on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

6. Major-Generals on the staff of Lieutenant-Generals.

7. Brigadier-Generals commanding Brigades.

8. Brigadier-Generals on the staff of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

9. Brigadier-Generals on the staff of Lieutenant-Generals.

10. Brigadier-Generals on the staff of Major-Generals commanding Divisions.

11. Colonels commanding Regiments.

12. Colonels on staffs, according to grade.

13. Lieutenant-Colonels, second in command of Regiments.

14. Lieutenant-Colonels on staffs, according to grade.

15. Majors commanding Battalions.

16. Majors on staffs, according to grade.

17. Captains commanding Companies.

18. Captains on staffs, according to grade.

19. 1st Lieutenants, second in command of Companies.

20. Lieutenants on staffs.

21. 2nd Lieutenants, third in command of Companies.

NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

(Regimental or Battalion Staffs.)

22. Sergeant-Majors.

23. Quartermaster-Sergeants.

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COMPANY STAFFS.

26. Color-Sergeants.
27. 1st Sergeants.
28. 2nd Sergeants.
29. 1st Corporals.
30. 2nd Corporals.

(2) The rank and precedence of Staff Officers on the various staffs shall be as indicated by the order in which their ranks and titles are named in this section and in Section *two hundred and sixty-nine* of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(3) Officers of the same rank shall take precedence according to the seniority of commission.

PRECEDENCE OF ESTABLISHMENTS.

(4) Grand Encampments, Divisions, Brigades, Regiments or Battalions and Companies, respectively, shall take precedence according to seniority of organization.

UNIFORMS.

271. (1) Uniforms for Royal Foresters shall consist of Coat, Buttons, Trowsers, Chapeau, Fatigue Cap, Gloves, Sword-Belt, Sword, and Rank Insignia; and Shoulder Straps, Shoulder Knots or Epaulets, Baldric, and Despatch-Box or Grade Sash, Belt Sash, Sword-Knots, Aiguillets, or Leggings, according to rank.

(2) The uniforms and equipments shall be as defined in the Catalogue of Uniforms and Equipments, published by authority of the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(3) All uniforms for the members of an Encampment shall be procured through the Encampment.

ENCAMPMENTS.

272. (1) Upon the petition of twenty or more members of the Order in "good standing," The Supreme

Court, or the Executive Council, or the Illustrious Supreme Commander, may grant a Charter for an Encampment of Royal Foresters.

(2) Encampments of Royal Foresters shall be instituted by the Illustrious Supreme Commander or by such Illustrious Deputy Supreme Commanders as he may appoint from time to time.

(3) Encampments shall at all times be governed by the Constitution and Laws of the Order, and they shall use only the Ritual and Forms prescribed from time to time by the Executive Council or by The Supreme Court.

NAME AND NUMBER.

(4) Each Encampment shall have a name and number, as "_____ Encampment, No. _____, Royal Foresters, located at _____."

(5) An Encampment shall not take the name of another Encampment; the *number* shall be assigned by the Supreme Secretary.

CHARTER FEE.

273. (1) The Charter fee for an Encampment of Royal Foresters shall be *one hundred* dollars which shall be paid by the Charter Applicants.

(2) Each Charter Applicant must be a member in "good standing" in some Court; and the Application for Charter for an Encampment of Royal Foresters must be signed by each Applicant and the Charter fee must be paid before the Encampment is instituted.

OBTAINING MEMBERSHIP.

274. (1) Any member of the Order in "good standing" may petition an Encampment of Royal Foresters for membership therein.

(2) Petitions for membership shall be made on Form No. 53.

(3) Petitions for membership may be made at any Convocation of an Encampment and shall be signed by the petitioner, and shall state his age, residence and:

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occupation, and name and number of the Court of which he is a member. A petition must be endorsed by two Sir Knights of the Encampment and shall be entered upon the archives and shall be referred to a committee of *three* Sir Knights for investigation, whose duty it shall be to report on the qualifications of the petitioner at the same or at a subsequent Convocation.

(4) If the Committee of Investigation report unanimously in favor of the petitioner, he shall be balloted for with ball ballots and if no black ball appears against him he shall be declared elected; but if one or more black balls appear he shall be declared rejected; or if one or more of the Committee report adversely to the petitioner, he shall be declared rejected without ballot. In all balloting the ballot-box shall be examined by the Illustrious Lieutenant-Commander and the Illustrious Commander and the result of the ballot shall be declared by the Illustrious Commander.

(5) Petitioners, after being elected, may be exalted to the degree at once or at any regular or special Convocation thereafter.

(6) Petitions for membership must be accompanied with the initiation fee.

(7) All petitioners who fail to present themselves for exaltation within *three* months after being elected, shall forfeit all fees paid by them.

(8) Application for admission upon Letters of Credence or upon an Honorable Discharge shall be accompanied by the fee of *fifty* cents.

(9) Suspended members may be reinstated upon payment of *one* year's dues and all fines and assessments which have accrued during the time of suspension, not exceeding *one* year, and passing the same ballot in the manner provided in sub-section *four* of this section.

INITIATION FEES AND DUES.

275. (1) Each Encampment shall fix its own Initiation fee; *provided* that it shall not be less than *two* dollars.

(2) The dues shall be fixed at a rate sufficient to pay

the current expenses of the Encampment and no more ; dues shall be payable quarterly in advance.

(3) Members *six* months in arrears for dues and failing to pay the same forthwith after being notified of the fact by the Illustrious Archivist shall *ipso facto* stand suspended from the Encampment.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

276. The Order of Business in an Encampment shall be as follows :

1. Opening Ceremonies.
2. Calling the Roll of Illustrious Officers.
3. Reading, Correction and Confirmation of the Archives.
4. Receiving and Considering the Excuses of Absences.
5. Reception and Disposal of Petitions for Membership.
6. Reports of Investigating Committees
7. Balloting for and Exaltation of Petitioners.
8. Reception of Communications.
9. Reports of Committees, General and Special.
10. Bills and Accounts.
11. Unfinished or Deferred Business.
12. General Business.
13. Election of Illustrious Officers.
14. Installation of Illustrious Officers. } In January.
15. Entertainment Exercises.
16. Closing Ceremonies.

OFFICERS AND ELECTIONS.

277. (1) The Officers of an Encampment shall be as follows :

- Illustrious Commander.
- Illustrious Past Commander.
- Illustrious Lieutenant Commander.
- Illustrious Orator.
- Illustrious Chancellor.
- Illustrious Archivist.

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Illustrious Marshal.
 Illustrious Organist.
 Illustrious Captain of the Guard.
 Two Illustrious Standard Bearers.
 Two Illustrious Sword Bearers.
 Illustrious Inner Guard.
 Illustrious Outer Guard.

(2) The nomination, election and installation of Officers shall take place annually at the January Convocation.

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

(4) The Elections shall be by written ballots which, after being counted and the result declared, shall be duly sealed up and placed in the hands of the Illustrious Commander.

(5) Immediately after the final adjournment the Illustrious Commander shall destroy all ballots.

(6) All Officers elect must be clear on the books at the time of installation.

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

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

278. (1) The duties of the Officers of an Encampment shall be the same as of Officers of Courts as defined in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, so far as the duties therein laid down can be made to apply.

(2) The Illustrious Archivist shall in addition make out all notices that may be required for regular or special Convocations or for other purposes; he shall countersign all orders drawn on the Illustrious Chancel-

lor, and keep a record of the same. He shall collect all moneys due the Encampment, and pay the same to the Illustrious Chancellor and charge the same to him, and shall keep an account of all the Financial transactions of the Encampment.

(3) On the *first* week day in *January* and of *July* in each year, the Illustrious Archivist shall make out and transmit to the Illustrious Supreme Commander a report on Form No. 42, showing the names of all members who have been admitted by initiation or by affiliation, or who have been reinstated, and the names of all members who have been suspended or expelled, or who have withdrawn or have died, during the preceding semi-annual term; and the names of all members who are in "good standing" in the Encampment on the last day of the semi-annual term.

(4) The Illustrious Chancellor shall pay out the funds of the Encampment only upon orders signed by the Illustrious Commander and the Illustrious Archivist.

(5) The Illustrious Marshal shall report to the Encampment all members who are absent from drill, or from any regular or special Convocation of the Encampment.

FINANCE COMMITTEE AND TRUSTEES.

279. (1) The Finance Committee shall consist of three members, who shall be elected at each annual election of Illustrious Officers.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to audit all accounts which may be referred to them and make due report to the Encampment. They shall also audit the accounts and books of the officers of the Encampment at least once during each term, and oftener if required by the Encampment so to do; they shall make a written report of all their audits to the Encampment.

(3) The Illustrious Commander, Illustrious Past Commander, Illustrious Lieutenant Commander, Illustrious Orator and Illustrious Marshal shall be the Trustees of the Encampment.

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BONDS.

280. (1) The Illustrious Chancellor and the Illustrious Archivist shall each give a bond in the sum of *two* hundred dollars or such larger sum as the Encampment may from time to time order.

(2) All bonds shall be the bonds of some Guarantee Company duly approved by the Encampment, or private bonds with two good sureties approved by the Encampment, as the Encampment may determine.

(3) All bonds shall be in favor of the Trustees of the Encampment, who shall, when occasion requires, enforce the covenants in such bonds contained.

(4) All bonds shall be filed with and kept by the Illustrious Commander.

SALARIES.

281. The salaries of the Officers of an Encampment shall be fixed before the election of Officers takes place at each annual Convocation. *Provided* that, in case it is decided by a *two-thirds* vote at any regular Convocation to create a salary for any Officer who may have been previously elected and which had not been previously fixed it shall be lawful to pay such compensation to such Officer, for the unexpired term of his office.

CONVOICATIONS AND DRILLS.

282. (1) The regular Convocations of an Encampment shall be held quarterly, in January, April, July and October, or oftener, as the Encampment may from time to time provide in its By-laws.

(2) The regular Convocations of an Encampment shall meet at such hour and place as shall be fixed by the Encampment in its By-laws.

(3) The regular drills of an Encampment shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by the Illustrious Commander.

(4) The Illustrious Commander is empowered to order special drills at any time he may deem it to be in the interests of the Encampment.

(5) Special Convocations may be ordered by the Encampment or may be called by the Illustrious Commander, and the Illustrious Archivist shall give every member of the Encampment *twenty-four* hours notice in writing of each special Convocation.

ATTENDANCE AT DRILLS AND CONVOCATIONS.

283. (1) Any Illustrious Officer of an Encampment who absents himself from drill or from any Convocation without sufficient excuse shall be fined *twenty-five* cents for each offence, or such other sum as may be fixed by the Encampment in its By-laws.

(2) Any other Sir Knight of an Encampment who shall fail to attend any Convocation or drill without a sufficient excuse shall be fined *twenty-five* cents, or such other sum as may be fixed by the Encampment in its By-laws.

(3) Any Officer or Sir Knight failing to pay any fine in this section provided within *three* months shall stand suspended from the Encampment.

(4) In all cases absentees must either present their excuse in person or by letter at the next regular Convocation after absence, or the fine shall be imposed.

(5) It shall require a majority of all the Sir Knights present voting in the affirmative to excuse any Officer or Sir Knight for non-attendance at drill or regular or special Convocation.

(6) In the event of the absence of any elective Officer for *three* successive regular Convocations, the office of such officer shall be declared vacant and the vacancy forthwith filled, unless a reasonable excuse is given and accepted by the Encampment for such absence.

DEPARTMENT.

284. (1) Any Sir Knight of an Encampment who shall divulge to any petitioner for membership the name of a Sir Knight who reported unfavorably upon his petition or otherwise opposed such petitioner becoming a member of the Encampment, shall upon conviction thereof stand expelled from the Encampment.

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(2) Any Sir Knight who shall make use of profane, vulgar or indecent language in the Convocations of an Encampment or at drills shall for the first offence be reprimanded by the Illustrious Commander, for the second offence he shall be fined *one* dollar, and for the third offence he shall stand suspended from the Encampment.

(3) Any Sir Knight who shall refuse to obey the commands of the Commanding Officer or Drill Instructor, or who shall leave the ranks either at drill or parade, shall be fined or reprimanded as the Encampment may determine.

(4) Any Sir Knight who shall be guilty of any immoral practice or conduct unbecoming a member of an Encampment shall, upon conviction thereof, stand expelled from the Encampment.

(5) Should any Sir Knight appropriate any of the funds of an Encampment to his own use, he shall on conviction stand expelled from the Encampment.

(6) Should a Sir Knight of an Encampment make any accusation whatever to the Illustrious Commander or Sir Knights thereof which shall prove to be unfounded and malicious, he shall be suspended or expelled as the Encampment may determine.

(7) An Encampment shall have power to cite and compel the attendance of members at any trial or other proceeding; and any member neglecting or refusing to obey such citation shall be reprimanded, fined or suspended as the Encampment may determine.

WITHDRAWALS.

235. (1) Any Sir Knight settling his account on the books of the Encampment may apply for Letters of Credence or an Honorable Discharge and pay the fee therefor, and thereupon the same shall be forthwith granted, unless charges against the applicant are duly filed.

(2) The fee for Letter of Credence shall be *fifty* cents, payable at the time of applying therefor:

(3) The fee for Honorable Discharge shall be *one dollar*, payable at the time of applying therefor.

RETIRED LIST.

286. (1) Any Sir Knight in "good standing" in an Encampment, who for good reasons being no longer able to take active part in the drills, etc., at his request may, by a majority of all members present at any regular Convocation and voting, be transferred to the Retired List; *provided*, however, that nothing contained in this section shall be construed as debarring such member from taking part with the Encampment in public parades, funeral exercises, etc.

(2) Any Sir Knight who has been placed on the Retired List shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of active members. He shall be exempt from drill duty and not subject to fines for non-attendance at drills.

FUNERALS.

287. (1) On the death of a Sir Knight of an Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Illustrious Archivist to notify all the members to appear in full uniform at the Encampment to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased Sir Knight by taking part in the funeral exercises, and by escorting the remains to their last resting-place.

ATTENDANCE AT FUNERALS.

(2) Every Sir Knight within *five* miles shall attend the funeral of a Sir Knight; if a Sir Knight fails to attend, without a satisfactory excuse, he shall pay into the General Fund of the Encampment the sum of *five* dollars.

SEQUENCE OF APPEALS.

288. (1) All appeals arising in any Encampment of Royal Foresters shall be from the Encampment direct to the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

(2) All appeals from the actions or decisions of any of the Officers of an Encampment shall be to the Encampment, thence to the Illustrious Supreme Commander.

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- (3) From the Illustrious Supreme Commander to the Executive Council.
- (4) From the Executive Council to The Supreme Court, whose decision shall be final and conclusive in all cases.

BY-LAWS.

- 289.** (1) An Encampment may make By-laws for itself, or it may amend its By-laws by a *two-thirds* vote of the members present at a regular Convocation, after the proposed By-laws or amendments have been submitted in writing and entered upon the minutes of a previous regular Convocation; such By-laws shall not contravene in anywise the Constitution and Laws of the Order, or the ritual, rules and usages of the Order.
- (2) All By-laws or amendments thereto, before becoming law must have the approval of the Illustrious Supreme Commander duly endorsed thereon.

AMENDMENTS.

- 290.** (1) The foregoing Laws governing Encampments of Royal Foresters shall not be altered nor amended nor annulled, except at a regular session of The Supreme Court, upon a proposition therefor duly submitted in writing or in print, when, by unanimous consent, it may be immediately considered, and if it is supported by *two-thirds* of the votes cast shall be declared carried and shall immediately go into effect unless otherwise provided in the proposition to amend; *provided* that any proposition to alter, amend or repeal submitted by the Supreme Chief Ranger or by the Executive Council, at the opening of the session, shall be considered and acted upon before the close of the session.
- (2) If unanimous consent be not obtained for immediate consideration, then the proposition must be entered upon the journal and lie over until the next regular session of The Supreme Court, when it may be called up by any Officer or member, and if supported by a *two-thirds* vote, shall be declared adopted and at once go into effect unless otherwise provided in the proposition to amend.

LAWS GOVERNING JUVENILE COURTS.

NAME, NUMBER, ORGANIZATION, ETC.

291. (1) Each Court of Juvenile Foresters shall have assigned to it, immediately after organization, a name and number, by which name and number it shall be registered on the rolls of the High Court in whose jurisdiction it is located and on the rolls of The Supreme Court, and which name and number can only be changed by consent of the Executive Council. The name and number of each Court shall also be set forth in its By-laws.

(2) A Court of Juvenile Foresters shall consist of not less than *ten* regular members between the ages of *twelve* and *eighteen* years, a Superintendent, and the Honorary members who have been duly admitted and chosen in accordance with the provisions of the Laws governing Juvenile Courts. *Five* regular members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Court.

(3) While obedient to the provisions of the Laws governing Juvenile Courts and to the Constitution and Laws of the Order so far as they relate to Juvenile Courts, each Court of Juvenile Foresters shall be entitled to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges granted by its Charter and by the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

THE OBLIGATION.

292. The following shall be the obligation of a Juvenile Forester:

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I also promise to obey the Laws governing Juvenile Courts; to be kind to all members of the Order, and do all that I can to advance the prosperity of the Juvenile Foresters.

I also promise not to use any profane words; to abstain from the use of tobacco in every form; also to abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

Lastly, I promise to obey my parents in all things, as well as the Officers of the Court of which I may be a member in the discharge of their duties in the Order.

MEMBERSHIP.

293. (1) *Eligibility.*—Any one between *twelve* and *eighteen* years of age may be admitted to membership in a Court of Juvenile Foresters. The consent of parents or guardians shall in all cases, if possible, be obtained.

(2) The name, age and residence of a candidate for membership shall be presented in writing by the proposer, and shall be referred to the Committee on Propositions, and if approved by the Committee, the candidate may be elected by a majority vote of the members present.

(3) *Withdrawal Card.*—Any member wishing to transfer his membership from one Court to another shall, if clear on the books, be entitled to a Withdrawal Card, signed by the Superintendent, the Worthy Commander, and the Recording Secretary; such card shall admit the holder to full membership in any other Juvenile Court in the world, subject to the provisions of sub-sections *one* and *two* of this section.

(4) *Honorary Members.*—Any member of the Independent Order of Foresters on being duly proposed and elected in the manner provided in sub-section *two* of this section, may become an Honorary member of a

Juvenile Court, and such member shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Court, except to vote on applications for membership and the election of Officers other than members of the Executive Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

294. (1) *Superintendent.*—The Officer instituting a Court of Juvenile Foresters shall recommend to the Supreme Superintendent a suitable person, who must be a member in "good standing" of some Court of the Order, to be commissioned as Superintendent of the Court; the Superintendent so commissioned shall hold office until the next following *thirtieth* day of June, or until a successor has been duly commissioned.

(2) *Superintendent's Duties.*—It shall be the duty of the Superintendent to have the direct control and government of the Court, to see that order is maintained, and that the highest interests of the Court and of Juvenile Forestry are promoted. He shall appoint all Committees not otherwise provided for, shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Committee on Propositions, and shall at the end of each half-year send a full report to the Supreme Superintendent of Juvenile Courts.

(3) *Executive Committee.*—At the institution of a Court of Juvenile Foresters, the Organizing Officer shall appoint an Executive Committee, consisting of the Superintendent and *four* members of Courts of the Order who shall be Honorary members of the Juvenile Court, to co-operate with the Superintendent in the management of the business of the Juvenile Court. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall be elected annually at the *first* regular meeting in the month of July, in which election both regular and honorary members shall be entitled to vote.

FEEES AND DUES, ETC.

295. (1) The Charter Fee for a Court of Juvenile Foresters shall be *ten* dollars.

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(2) *Admission Fee.*—The fee for membership in a Court of Juvenile Foresters shall be not less than *twenty-five* cents, to be paid at or before initiation; but a Court may by By-law fix the fee at a higher sum.

(3) *Dues.*—The dues payable by Juvenile members shall not be less than *five* cents per month; but may be such higher sum as the Court shall by By-law determine.

(4) *Honorary Members.*—Honorary members shall contribute not less than *fifty* cents per annum to the funds of the Juvenile Court, payable semi-annually in advance.

(5) *Subscriptions* in support of the work of a Juvenile Court may be received from persons who are not members of a Juvenile Court.

OFFICERS, ELECTIONS, TERMS, ETC.

296. (1) *Officers.*—The Officers of a Court of Juvenile Foresters shall be, Worthy Commander, Vice-Commander, Past Commander, Orator, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Organist, Senior Conductor, Junior Conductor, Senior Guard and Junior Guard.

(2) *Duties.*—The duties of each of these Officers shall be as indicated in the Installation ceremony.

(3) *Terms and Elections.*—The regular terms shall commence with the *first* meeting in January and July. The Officers shall be elected by majority vote at and installed at the first regular meeting in each term.

(4) *Absence.*—If any officer shall be absent from the Court for *three* successive meetings without giving at the expiration of that time a valid excuse, the office may be declared vacant by the Superintendent.

STANDING COMMITTEE.

297. (1) The Superintendent, Worthy Commander, Vice-Commander, with *two* other members, appointed on the *first* night of each term by the Superintendent shall be a Committee on Propositions. Their duty shall be to

see that the parents' consent is in every case, if possible, obtained; and to reject the applications of any candidates who, by reason of their known immorality or insubordination, might exert a bad influence on the members of the Court.

(9) The Executive Committee shall constitute a Finance Committee, whose duty it shall be to attend to all financial matters of the Court.

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES.

298. (1) *Offences.*—It shall be the duty of any member knowing that another has violated the Obligation or has been guilty of an offence against the Laws of Juvenile Forestry to immediately report the same to the Superintendent, who, with the Executive Committee, shall take such action in the matter as in their judgment the best interests of the Court and the individual demand.

(2) *Penalties.*—Any member found guilty of a violation of the Obligation or Laws of Juvenile Forestry, shall be subject to reprimand, suspension or expulsion. No member shall be expelled but by vote of the Executive Committee.

PRIVILEGES OF JUVENILE COURTS.

299. (1) *By-Laws.*—A Juvenile Court may adopt By-laws to facilitate and regulate the transaction of its business, *provided* they do not conflict with the Constitution and Laws of the Order. All By-laws must be submitted to and approved of by the Supreme Chief Ranger before going into effect.

(2) *Benefits.*—A Juvenile Court may by By-law, duly approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger, provide for a system of benefits to be paid to members during illness or at death, and for the creation of a fund or funds from which such benefits shall be paid.

(3) *Physician.*—If a Juvenile Court establishes a system of benefits, the By-laws regulating them shall provide for the appointment and remuneration of a Physician to examine candidates and attend sick members.

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(4) *Drill.*—A Juvenile Court may, by a duly approved By-law, adopt a tactical drill or other form of physical culture in connection with its meetings, or otherwise, subject to the approval of the Supreme Superintendent.

AMENDMENTS.

300. These Laws Governing Juvenile Courts shall be altered or amended only by The Supreme Court at a regular session thereof, a *two-thirds* vote concurring.

BY-LAWS OF JUVENILE COURTS.

NAME.

301. (1) This Juvenile Court shall be hailed and entitled Juvenile Court No..... located at

MEETINGS.

(2) The regular meetings of this Court shall be held on.....commencing at..... o'clock. Special meetings may be called by the Superintendent, but no business shall be transacted other than that mentioned in the call.

MEMBERSHIP.

(3) The member proposing a candidate, or the Recording Secretary, shall notify the candidate of acceptance or rejection by the Court, as the case may be.

FEEES AND DUES.

- (4) The fee for Initiation shall be.....
- (5) Every member to whom a Withdrawal Card is granted shall pay the Financial Secretary for the same the sum of,cents before it is granted.
- (6) The dues shall be,cents per month, and shall be payable at the *first* regular meeting in each month.
- (7) Any member refusing or neglecting to pay dues for a period of *six* months shall be liable to suspension.

AMENDMENTS.

(8) These By-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the active members present at a regular meeting, *provided* such alterations or amendments have the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger.

[NOTE.—The foregoing By-laws, or so much of the provisions therein contained, as shall be duly adopted, shall come into force only after the Juvenile Court has duly adopted the same, and the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger has been duly endorsed thereon.]

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HIGH COURT BY-LAWS.

- 302.** (1) The Regular sessions of this High Court shall be held.....
- (2) Special sessions may be held as provided in Section *sixty-two*, sub-section *three*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

HIGH COURT DEGREE.

303. All members of the Order, whether Beneficiary, Social or Honorary members of Courts under the jurisdiction, if in "good standing," shall be eligible for the High Court Degree. Delegates and all other applicants for the degree must present credentials duly signed by the Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary of their Court. All Delegates and other members raised to this degree may receive a certificate showing High Court membership, on payment of a fee of..... Credentials issued by a Court not clear on the books shall *ipso facto* be invalid.

MEMBERSHIP.

304. All others than Delegates receiving the High Court degree shall be Honorary members of the High Court and shall be entitled to sit in the High Court, but shall not be entitled to take part in the debates, nor shall they have the right to vote on any question, nor to hold any office in the High Court.

REPRESENTATION.

305. (1) Delegates shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Sections *eighty-eight* and *one hundred* and *twelve*, sub-section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order. Credentials must be transmitted by the Recording Secretary of the Court to the High Secretary immediately after the election of the

HIGH COURT BY-LAWS.

Delegates, or by the Instituting Officer as provided in Section *one hundred and twelve*, sub-section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

(2) The basis of representation shall be as follows: Each Court with _____ members or less shall be entitled to *one* Delegate, and *one* additional Delegate for each additional _____ members or major fraction thereof. The Delegate or Delegates present from each Court shall be entitled to cast the full vote of their Court.

HIGH COURT DUES.

306. (1) The Dues payable to this High Court by each court under the jurisdiction of this High Court shall be at the rate of _____ per year for each Beneficiary member in "good standing" upon its roll, which shall be payable in advance, *one-half* in January, and *one-half* in July, and shall be transmitted by each Financial Secretary with the Semi-Annual Returns to the High Secretary before the *third* day in each of the months named.

(2) If any special requirement of the High Court should render it necessary, the Dues may be increased, or a Special Tax from each Court may be ordered by the High Court.

SUPPLIES.

307. All supplies used by Courts under [the jurisdiction of this High Court shall be purchased from the High Court, through the High Secretary, as provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

308. (1) All notices of motion, or proposals for amendment of the Constitution and Laws of the Order or the By-Laws of this High Court, must be transmitted to the High Secretary not later than _____ previous to the session of the High Court at which it is intended to submit such proposals for consideration, otherwise such proposals shall not be presented to the High

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Court. Any Court, Officer of this High Court, or Delegate thereto, may give notice of motion.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, any such notice of motion signed by *two* Active members of the High Court present and submitted at the opening of the session, may, by unanimous consent, be laid before the High Court for consideration.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

309. The Order of Business shall be as set forth in the High Court Ritual prescribed by the Executive Council.

ADDRESSING THE COURT.

310. Any Officer, Past Executive Officer or Delegate, desirous of addressing the High Court, shall, on being recognized by the Presiding Officer, give his or her name, and the name and number of the Court of which he or she is a member.

AMENDMENTS.

311. These By-Laws shall not be altered, nor amended, nor repealed, except by the High Court at a regular session thereof, or at a special session called for that purpose, a *two-thirds* vote concurring; *provided* that no By-law nor any amendment in existing By-laws shall take effect until approved by the Supreme Chief Ranger in writing with the Seal of The Supreme Court affixed.

[NOTE.—The foregoing By-Laws, or so much of the provisions therein contained, as shall be duly adopted, shall come into force only after the High Court has duly adopted the same, and the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger has been duly endorsed thereon with the seal of The Supreme Court affixed.]

BY-LAWS OF SUBORDINATE COURTS AND COMPANION COURTS.

NAME AND LOCATION.

312. (1) This Court shall be hailed and entitled Court No. of the Independent Order of Foresters.

(2) This Court shall be located at _____ and before a change of location shall take place, a motion must be made in writing at a regular meeting and, if at the next regular meeting *two-thirds* of the members present approve of the same, it shall be declared carried. The same shall then be submitted to the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, or if not under a High Court, to the Supreme Chief Ranger, and if approved the change shall take place.

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

TIME OF MEETING.

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

SPECIAL MEETINGS, HOW CALLED.

(2) The Supreme Chief Ranger, the High Chief Ranger of the jurisdiction, the District Deputy High Chief Ranger, the Court Deputy, the Chief Ranger, or, in his absence the Vice-Chief Ranger and Recording Secretary jointly, may call special meetings at any time,

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by giving every member *twenty-four* hours notice, in which notice shall be specified the purpose for which the special meeting is called.

314. (1) The Initiation Fee in this Court shall be *dollar.*

(2) The monthly Court Dues in this Court for each Beneficiary member holding *five hundred* dollars of Mortuary Benefit shall be *cents*; for each one holding *one thousand* dollars *cents*; for each one holding *two thousand* dollars *cents*; for each one holding *three thousand* dollars *cents*; for each one holding *four thousand* dollars *cents*; and for each one holding *five thousand* dollars of Mortuary Benefit *cents.*

(3) The monthly Court Dues in this Court for each Social member shall be *cents*; (*For a Companion Court*) and the monthly Court Dues in this Companion Court for each Honorary member defined in Section *one*, sub-section *eleven*, of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, shall be *cents.*

SALARIES.

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

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

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

(4) The Court Physician shall, in addition to the fees for examinations provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order, receive a salary of *dollar* per year for each member in "good standing" in this Court, exclusive of members-at-large who may be attached to this Court, which salary shall be paid to him out of the General Fund of this Court at the end of each quarter.

FUNERAL BENEFITS.

316. (1) On the death of the wife or husband, as the case may be, of a member in "good standing,"

there shall be donated out of the General Fund of this Court the sum of _____ dollars towards defraying the funeral expenses.

(2) On the death of a child of a member in "good standing," provided such child is at the time of its death residing with the member, and is under _____ years of age, there shall be donated out of the General Fund of this Court the sum of _____ dollars towards defraying the funeral expenses.

ADDITIONAL BY-LAWS.

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

(2) All By-laws, or amendments to the same, before going into effect must have the approval of the Supreme Chief Ranger duly endorsed thereon.

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RULES OF ORDER.

For the Government of The Supreme Court
and of all Its Branches.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF PRESIDING OFFICERS.

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

RULE 2.—The presiding Officer shall appoint all Committees, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution and Laws of the Order or otherwise ordered by the Court.

RULE 3.—Any member may excuse himself from serving on a Committee, if at the time of his appointment he is a member of another Committee.

RULE 4.—The first person named on a Committee shall be Chairman of the Committee.

RULE 5.—Any member who shall misbehave himself in the meeting of the Court, or shall disturb the order and harmony thereof, by abusive, disorderly or profane language, or shall refuse obedience to the Presiding Officer, may be fined by the Presiding Officer in any sum not exceeding *five* dollars, and shall be excluded from the Court-room for the meeting, and afterwards may be dealt with at the pleasure of the Court.

RULE 6.—Before putting a question, the Presiding Officer shall ask: "Is the Court ready for the question?" If no member rise to speak, he shall rise and put the question; and after he rises to put the question, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

RULE 7.—When the Presiding Officer is addressing the Court or putting a question, he shall not be interrupted.

DECORUM IN DEBATE.

RULE 8.—No member shall interrupt another while speaking except to call him to order, or for the purpose of explanation.

RULE 9.—If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if in order, he may proceed.

RULE 10.—Each member when speaking, shall stand and respectfully address the Chair, shall confine himself to the question under debate and shall avoid all personalities and indecorous language.

RULE 11.—If two or more members rise to speak at the same time, the Presiding Officer shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

RULE 12.—A member shall not speak longer than *five minutes*, nor more than once on the same question until all who wish to speak have had an opportunity to do so, nor more than twice without the permission of the Presiding Officer or of the Court.

DIVISION OF QUESTION.

RULE 13.—Any member may call for a division of the question when the sense will so admit, and upon such request the division shall be made.

QUESTIONS NOT DEBATABLE.

RULE 14.—A question is not before the Court nor subject to debate until it has been duly moved and seconded and stated from the Chair, and it shall be reduced to writing at the request of the Presiding Officer.

RULE 15.—Motions to lay on the table, to adjourn simply, for the previous question, to take from the table, or to reconsider an undebatable question, are not debatable.

PRIVILEGED MOTIONS.

RULE 16.—When a question is before the Court, no motion shall be in order, except, to adjourn, for the pre-

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vious question, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to divide, to refer, to recommit, to lay on the table, or, to amend.

THE PREVIOUS QUESTION.

RULE 17.—On motion, a majority of the Court may order the previous question, which shall be put in this form: "The previous question has been duly moved and seconded, shall the main question be now put?" and if decided in the affirmative it shall preclude all further amendments and debate; and the motion and amendments then pending (if any) shall be immediately put from the Chair in the usual order.

RECONSIDERATION.

RULE 18.—A motion which is debatable, having been carried in the affirmative or negative, shall not be subject to reconsideration unless such action shall take place at the same or the next regular meeting, and unless the motion is made and seconded by members who voted in the majority. A motion to reconsider, once decided in the negative, cannot again be renewed.

VOTING.

RULE 19.—Every member present is entitled to vote must vote unless excused by vote of the Court.

INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT.

RULE 20.—When a question is indefinitely postponed, it shall not be again acted on during the meeting or session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN.

RULE 21.—A motion to adjourn is always in order, except while another member has the floor, or except when no action or motion has intervened since the last motion to adjourn was made. If the motion is simply to adjourn it is not debatable. If the motion is to adjourn to a given time it is debatable.

MISCELLANEOUS.

RULE 22.—Every member shall have the right to call for the reading of any motion, resolution, paper or document which may be pertinent to the question pending at the time.

RULE 23.—In voting upon any appropriations the largest sum shall be voted for first, and if not carried by the requisite majority the next lower amount shall be voted for, and so on until an agreement is reached.

RULE 24.—In fixing a time the earliest date given shall be voted for first, and if not carried by the requisite majority, the next date in point of time shall be voted for, and so on until an agreement is reached.

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CODE OF PROCEDURE.

319. The following, or similar forms, shall be the Code of procedure observed in trials :

(1) CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS.

To Court No. 18
Order of Foresters— Independent
The undersigned, a member of Court
No. does hereby charge of
Court No. with conduct unbecoming
a Forester ; and the grounds of this charge are more particularly set forth in the following specifications, to-wit:
Specification First—That the above named member in violation of the Constitution and Laws of the Order, did on or about the day
of 18 (*here state the specification*)
Fraternally submitted,
(Signed)

(2) NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED.

M (Date) 18
;—Enclosed with this notice
find a copy of the charge and specifications preferred
against you by of Court
No. The same was referred to the Arbitration Committee, consisting of [*give names.*] You are now, therefore, hereby notified that the said Arbitration Committee will meet [*give time and place*], to try the case and you should be present and defend yourself.

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Members of Arbitration Committee.

(3) NOTICE TO THE ACCUSER.

M (Date) 18
;—You are hereby notified that the
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Arbitration Committee will meet [*give time and place*],
to try the charge preferred by yourself against
of Court No. , and you are hereby
notified to be present and sustain the said charge.

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Members of Arbitration Committee.

(4) NOTICE TO WITNESSES TO ATTEND.

M. In the matter of the charge and specifications preferred by of Court No. , against of Court No. , the Arbitration Committee will meet [*give time and place*] to try the case, and you are hereby summoned to be present as a witness and give testimony.

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Members of Arbitration Committee.

(5) NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To Court No. [*or other Tribunal*],
Independent Order of Foresters:

The undersigned hereby appeals to the in the matter of from the decision of the . The appeal is taken on the [*state grounds of appeal.*]

Fraternally,
(Signed)

(FORM OF AFFIRMATION.)

[*Place yourself in the attitude of obligation.*]

To be administered by Chairman of Arbitration Committee.

You do sincerely declare upon your honor as a Forester, that the testimony you shall give in the matter of charge preferred by against now pending, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. This you do solemnly affirm.

RANK AND PRECEDENCE OF OFFICERS.

320. The Officers of the Order shall rank and have precedence as follows, viz :

1. Supreme Chief Ranger.
2. The Past Supreme Chief Ranger who is a member of the Executive Council.
3. Past Supreme Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
4. Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger.
5. Supreme Secretary.
6. Supreme Treasurer.
7. Supreme Physician.
8. Supreme Counsellor.
9. Past Supreme Executive Officers, other than P.S. C. Rangers, according to grade and seniority.
10. High Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
11. Junior Past High Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
12. Past High Chief Rangers, according to seniority.
13. High Vice-Chief Rangers, " "
14. High Secretaries, " "
15. High Treasurers, " "
16. High Physicians, " "
17. High Counsellors, " "
18. Past High Standing Committees, other than P.H. C. Rangers, according to grade and seniority.
19. Supreme Auditors.
20. Supreme Orator.
21. Supreme Journal Secretary.
22. Supreme Superintendent of Juvenile Courts.
23. Supreme Organist.
24. Supreme Senior Woodward.
25. Supreme Junior Woodward.
26. Supreme Marshal.
27. Supreme Conductor.
28. Supreme Messenger.

ABBREVIATIONS.

321. The following abbreviations may be used in any Official or other document required to be used in connection with the Order, viz.:

I.O.F.	for The Independent Order of Foresters.
S.C.R.	" Supreme Chief Ranger.
P.S.C.R.	" Past Supreme Chief Ranger.
J.P.S.C.R.	" Junior Past Supreme Chief Ranger.
S.V.C.R.	" Supreme Vice-Chief Ranger.
S.S.	" Supreme Secretary.
S.T.	" Supreme Treasurer.
S.Phy.	" Supreme Physician.
S.C.	" Supreme Counsellor.
S.A.	" Supreme Auditor.
S.O.	" Supreme Orator.
S.J.S.	" Supreme Journal Secretary.
S.S. of J.C.	" Supreme Superintendent of Juvenile Courts.
S. Org.	" Supreme Organist.
S.S.W.	" Supreme Senior Woodward.
S.J.W.	" Supreme Junior Woodward.
S.M.	" Supreme Marshal.
S. Cond.	" Supreme Conductor.
S. Mess.	" Supreme Messenger.
S.S.B.	" Supreme Senior Beadle.
S.J.B.	" Supreme Junior Beadle.
S.St.B.	" Supreme Standard Bearer.
S.Sw.B.	" Supreme Sword Bearer.
S.Rep.	" Supreme Representative.
D.S.C.R.	" Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.
C.D.S.C.R.	" Court Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger.
H.C.R.	" High Chief Ranger.
P.H.C.R.	" Past High Chief Ranger.
J.P.H.C.R.	" Junior Past High Chief Ranger.
H.V.C.R.	" High Vice-Chief Ranger.

H.S.	for High Secretary.
H.T.	" High Treasurer.
H.Phy.	" High Physician.
H.C.	" High Counsellor.
H.O.	" High Orator.
H.J.S.	" High Journal Secretary.
H. Org.	" High Organist.
H.S.W.	" High Senior Woodward.
H.J.W.	" High Junior Woodward.
H.M.	" High Marshal.
H. Cond.	" High Conductor.
H. Mess.	" High Messenger.
H.S.B.	" High Senior Beadle.
H.J.B.	" High Junior Beadle.
H.A.	" High Auditor.
H. Del.	" High Delegate.
G.D.H.C.R.	" General Deputy of the High Chief Ranger.
D.D.H.C.R.	" District Deputy of the High Chief Ranger.
C.D.H.C.R.	" Court Deputy of the High Chief Ranger.
Phy.	" Physician.
C.R.	" Chief Ranger.
P.C.R.	" Past Chief Ranger.
V.C.R.	" Vice-Chief Ranger.
R.S.	" Recording Secretary.
F.S.	" Financial Secretary.
T.	" Treasurer.
O.	" Orator.
S. of J. C.	" Superintendent of Juvenile Court.
Org.	" Organist.
S.W.	" Senior Woodward.
J.W.	" Junior Woodward.
S.B.	" Senior Beadle.
J.B.	" Junior Beadle.
Bro.	" Brother.
Comp.	" Companion.
L.B.C.	" Liberty, Benevolence and Concord.

