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CHARTER.

WHEREAS, Certain persons, citizens of Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Missouri and Indiana, have formed a corporation to promote benevolence, morality, science and industry in said States and in the United States; therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:

SEC. 1. That R. L. Spalding, W. B. Dalton, J. J. O'Rourke, J. L. Hechmer, G. D. Deuser, L. H. Bell, T. J. Gilligan, D. H. Leonard, and W. Neh. Webb, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, created a body-politic, to be known by the name, style and title of the Supreme Council Catholic Knights of America, and by such name and title shall have perpetual succession, and be capable in law of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, and of purchasing, leasing, holding, granting and receiving in its corporate name such property, real, personal, and mixed, as is necessary for the conduct of its business and affairs, and of instituting Grand Councils and Subordinate Branches as it may see fit, under such laws, rules and regulations as the corporation may enact, not in conflict with the laws of this State and of the United States.

SEC. 2. The object of the corporation shall be to unite fraternally all acceptable Catholics, of every profession, business and occupation; to give all possible moral and material aid in its power to members of the organization, by holding instructive and scientific lectures, by encouraging each other in business, and by assisting each other to obtain employment; to establish and maintain a benefit fund from which a sum not to exceed two thousand dollars shall be paid at the death of each member to his family, or be disposed of as he may direct; but the death benefit shall be limited to the assessment per capita until such assessment reaches two thousand dollars or more; to establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members, and to establish and maintain a circulating library of useful and instructive books for the use of the members of the association.

SEC. 3. That the said Supreme Council shall have a common seal for the making and delivering of all legal acts and proceedings, the same to break or alter at pleasure.

SEC. 4. The said Supreme Council may provide for holding its annual meetings at such time and place as a majority of its voting members may select.

SEC. 5. The private property of members of the corporation shall be exempt from the corporate debts.

SEC. 6. The Supreme Council may provide for the election of such officers as it may deem necessary to transact the business of the corporation and to further its objects. who

shall hold office until their successors are duly elected, qualified and installed into office.

SEC. 7. The said Supreme Council shall have power to create, hold and disburse the funds named in the objects of the corporation for promoting benevolence and relieving the sick and distressed, under such regulations as it may deem necessary to adopt; and said fund shall be exempt from execution, and shall, under no circumstances, be liable to seizure or appropriation by any legal or equitable process for any debt or debts of any of its living or deceased members; and said funds shall be exempt from the laws, rules and regulations governing the Insurance Bureau of this State.

SEC. 8. The General Assembly reserves the right to amend and alter this charter.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 1, 1880.

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER.

An Act to Amend the Charter of the Supreme Council, Catholic Knights of America, Approved April 1, 1880, and to repeal the Act Amendatory thereof, approved March 26, 1888. (Chapter 709.)

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY:—

SEC. 1. That the Charter of the Supreme Council, Catholic Knights of America, approved April 1, 1880, be amended by striking out Section 2, of said act, and inserting in lieu thereof the following as Section 2, viz,

SEC. 2. The object of this corporation shall be to unite fraternally all acceptable Catholics of every profession, business and occupation; to give all possible moral and material aid in its power to members of the organization by holding instructive and scientific lectures, by encouraging each other in business, and by assisting each other to obtain employment; to establish and maintain a benefit fund, from which a sum not to exceed five thousand dollars shall be paid at the death of each member to his family, or be disposed of as he may direct, but the death benefit shall be limited to the assessment per capita until such assessment reaches five thousand dollars, or more; to establish and maintain a sinking fund and a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members and to establish and maintain a circulating library of useful and instructive books for the use of the members of the association.

SEC. 3. That the Act to amend the Charter of the Supreme Council, Catholic Knights of America, approved March 26, 1888, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved April 30, 1888.



Since the organization of the Catholic Knights of America in April, 1877, up to July 1st, 1895, \$6,118,413.33 has been paid to widows and orphans of deceased members.

The Sinking Fund of the Order now amounts to \$275,000.00.



CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SUPREME COUNCIL.

Name and Powers.

1. This body shall be known as the SUPREME COUNCIL CATHOLIC KNIGHTS OF AMERICA, with power to make its own Constitution, Laws and Rules of Discipline and General Laws for the government of the entire Order.
2. It shall be the body to which appeals shall be made on all matters of importance emanating from Subordinate Branches.

The Objects of the Order Shall Be :

3. To unite fraternally practical Catholics of every honorable profession, business or occupation, of good moral character and sound bodily health.
4. To institute State Councils and Subordinate Branches.
5. To give all possible, moral and material aid in its power to members of the Order, by holding instructive or scientific lectures, by encouraging each other in business and by assisting each other in obtaining employment.
6. To establish a Benefit Fund, from which on satisfactory evidence of the death of a beneficiary member of the Order, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars shall be paid as he may have directed in his Benefit Certificate; but the death benefit shall be limited to the assessment

per capita until each assessment reaches two thousand dollars or more.

7. To establish a fund for the relief of sick and distressed members, if the Branches shall deem it proper to do so, but the Supreme Council shall not be liable for any indebtedness created by such action on the part of the Subordinate Branches.

8. To establish and maintain a circulating library of useful and instructive books for the use of members of the Order.

Meetings.

9. This Council shall meet biennially on the second Tuesday in May, at 11 o'clock A. M., at such place as may have been selected by the majority of the representatives present at the Council next preceding.

Supreme Representatives.

10. This Council shall be composed of all representatives from State Councils wherever existing, and one representative from each Subordinate Branch of the Order existing in States, Districts or Territories where no State Council is organized in accordance with the provision of Paragraph 97.

Mileage and Per Diem.

11. The officers, Supreme Representative and members of Special Committees of the Supreme Council shall be the only persons entitled to mileage and per diem, which are fixed as follows: Mileage at the rate of five cents per mile each way, and per diem at the rate of two dollars and fifty cents.

12. None of the officers of this Council (whether officers only and not representatives) shall be

entitled to vote on any subject before this Council except the Supreme President, who shall be entitled to a casting vote in case of a tie.

13. All Past Supreme Presidents shall have the right at Supreme Councils to appear on the floor and take part in all debates, but as such shall not be entitled to a vote therein or to mileage and per diem, and the privilege of seats on the floor shall be accorded to Past Supreme Representatives.

Officers—Their Nomination and Election.

14. The officers of the Supreme Council shall be a Supreme Spiritual Director, Supreme President, Supreme Vice-President, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Medical Examiner, and three Supreme Trustees, all of whom shall be elected or appointed for the terms hereinafter specified, or until their successors are elected or appointed and qualified. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees shall not be eligible more than two successive terms to their respective offices.

15. The nomination and election of officers, (Supreme Spiritual Director and Supreme Medical Examiner excepted), shall be made on the afternoon of the last day of each biennial session. The officers so elected shall qualify (as elsewhere provided) and enter upon the discharge of their duties on the first day of July succeeding their election.

16. When there is more than one candidate for the same office it shall require a majority of all the votes cast to elect; and when there are more than two candidates for the same office, the one receiving the lowest number of votes on each ballot shall be dropped after the third bal-

lot until an election is had; PROVIDED, when there is but one candidate, the Supreme President shall declare him elected by consent.

17. During the nomination and election of officers no motion shall be entertained or debate permitted.

18. Any member who shall solicit the vote of any member of the Supreme Council for himself for office shall forfeit his eligibility to office for one term.

Revenue and Returns.

19. The revenue of the Supreme Council shall be:

For Subordinate Branch Charter.....	\$10 00
For Withdrawal Cards, in books, 10 each.	2 50
For Traveling Cards, each.....	10

For roll-book of membership and other books and blanks required by Branches, ten per cent. above cost price, postage, expressage, packing, etc.

Sinking Fund initiation fee of one dollar.

A per capita tax, whenever same shall be deemed necessary, sufficient to meet the lawful expenses of the Order.

Quorum.

20. Fifteen representatives shall constitute a quorum, but less than that number may adjourn to meet at a future specified time.

Supreme Spiritual Director—How Chosen.

21. The Supreme President, Supreme Vice President and Supreme Secretary shall invite a Bishop to act as Supreme Spiritual Director, who, upon acceptance, shall be the Supreme Spiritual Director for the term of two years.

His Duties.

22. The duties of the Supreme Spiritual Director shall be to open the session of the Supreme Council with prayer, and to decide all questions concerning the religious qualifications of applicants or members, which shall be referred to him by the Supreme President, as well as act as the advisor in all spiritual matters of the members of the Order. He shall at each biennial session of the Supreme Council be requested to deliver an address, touching the spiritual features of the Order and containing such advice as he may deem proper and necessary, and this address shall be printed for the use of the members and one copy shall be sent to each Branch.

The Supreme President—His Duties.

23. The Supreme President shall preside at all meetings of the Supreme Council and enforce all laws thereof during recess. He shall have the general supervision of this Order, with power to grant dispensations when the good of the Order may require it, except for the admission of persons to membership not qualified. And he shall select from the delegates to each biennial council whose seats are uncontested, seven delegates, who shall form the committee on laws, whose duty it shall be to meet in the city where the biennial conventions are to be held at least three days preceding the convening of each biennial council, and to consider all proposed amendments and report their action and recommendations to the Council.

He must fully, promptly and faithfully execute the laws of the Order, and upon his failure so to do, or for conduct unbecoming his official

trust, after due hearing, he shall be subject to removal from office, by the unanimous vote of the three Supreme Trustees, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer. It is made the duty of the Supreme Trustees to try all charges preferred against the Supreme President made by the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer both uniting therein, or by all the officers of any State Council, or by the co-operative action of seven or more Branches. Such charges must be in writing and specific, as to dates and circumstances, and be forwarded to the Senior Supreme Trustee. In the event of the removal of the Supreme President, and until the Supreme Vice-President furnishes bond, the Senior Supreme Trustee shall discharge all the duties pertaining to the office of the Supreme President.

In the event of the death of the Supreme President and Supreme Vice President, or of their inability or refusal to act, the Senior Supreme Trustee shall furnish a bond as now provided for the Supreme President, to be approved by the other Trustees, and he shall enter upon and discharge all the duties of the office until his successor is elected and qualified.

By Senior Trustee is meant the one longest in office. The vacancy thus created in the Board of Supreme Trustees shall be filled by the remaining Supreme Trustees and Supreme Secretary or a majority thereof.

Charges against Branches—His action thereon.

24. When charges are preferred against a Subordinate Branch for violation of the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of this Order, he shall furnish it with a copy of the same within

thirty days, and he shall, within sixty days, appoint a committee of three members of this Order, not members of the Branch under charges, to assemble at such time and place as he may determine; he shall notify the Branch against whom charges have been preferred, of the time and place of the meeting of said committee, or a majority thereof, to meet at the time and place named, and then and there to hear and reduce to writing all testimony offered by the accused and accuser; then the said testimony shall be signed by the witnesses so testifying and the committee, or a majority thereof, shall submit to the President a written report and opinion, and he shall report the same and his action thereon to the accused and the committee to which the matter was referred within sixty days after the action of the aforesaid committee, and to the next biennial meeting of the Supreme Council; and the President shall have full power and authority to carry out and enforce the penalties recommended in said report and opinions, provided it meet his approval, and he shall report the same and his action thereon to the next biennial meeting of this Supreme Council for its approval or rejection; then, if the proceedings of the committee and the action of the Supreme President be approved by the Supreme Council, the same shall be final. He shall order Branches to bring charges, under Paragraph 190 of the Subordinate Constitution, against a member whenever he thinks proper, and he shall appoint a member of another Branch to appear as counsel of the order to examine witnesses and introduce proof. The testimony taken, with the opinion of counsel, together with the action of the Branch,

shall be forwarded to the Supreme President, and if in his opinion the action of the Branch was wrong he shall reverse the verdict, and the Branch shall render such as he shall order it to do, subject to appeal to the next meeting of the Supreme Council.

He Shall Fill Vacancies.

25. He shall fill all vacancies occasioned by death or otherwise (with the concurrence of a majority of the Supreme Officers) until an election shall be held.

Sign Official Documents.

26. He shall sign all orders on the Supreme Treasurer drawn in accordance with the laws of this order. He shall examine and approve, before payment, all bills for supplies, etc., against the Order. He shall sign all Benefit Certificates issued by this Order. He shall sign all documents and papers that require his signature to properly authenticate them.

Called Meetings of the Supreme Council.

27. The Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Trustees, or a majority thereof with the concurrence of the Supreme President, may summon an extra session of the Supreme Council whenever, in their judgment, they may deem such extra session necessary, and the Supreme President shall call an extra session at such place as he may deem proper, whenever so requested by two-thirds of the Presidents of State Councils and a majority of the officers of the Branches in States where no State Council exists, which shall state the object of such extra session. And at any extra session of Supreme

Council, any amendment then proposed of the laws of the Supreme Council, addressed to the objects and purposes for which such extra session may have been called, may be acted upon by a two-thirds vote of the Supreme Representatives and Supreme Officers present at said extra session. The Supreme Secretary shall notify all of the Supreme Representatives of the time and place of said extra session. In case of vacancy in the office of Supreme Representative from any cause after the adjournment of the regular session of the Supreme Council, such vacancy shall be filled by a majority of the officers of the State Council, not including the Spiritual Director, and by a majority of the Branch officers, exclusive of the Spiritual Director, in States where no State Council exists. In case of any such vacancy and a call for an extra session, the Supreme Secretary shall at once notify all the State Officers and Branch Officers as aforesaid interested in filling said vacancy, of the time and place of holding said extra session, and the necessity of selecting a Supreme Delegate. Such Supreme Representative thus chosen shall hold office until the election of his successor to the next regular session of the Supreme Council.

Suspending of Branches.

28. He shall, when furnished by the Supreme Secretary with the number of Branches that have failed to pay an assessment, at once suspend the same.

Appointing Committees.

29. At the commencement of each biennial meeting he shall appoint a committee of three on Credentials. On the first day of each bien-

nial meeting he shall appoint the following Standing Committees, to-wit: Finance, Appeals and Grievances, Printing, Mileage and Per Diem, Laws, New Business, and they shall report before the close of each biennial session.

30. The Supreme President shall, at least three times during the interval between the meetings of the Supreme Council, and at any other time he deems necessary, cause to be examined by a competent expert, accompanied by the Supreme Trustees, the books, papers and vouchers of every officer of the Supreme Council. the accountant to be selected by the President and removed at his pleasure and without notice to any person whatever, except Supreme Trustees, sent to the officer whose book and papers are to be examined. Such officer or officers shall, on the President's order, turn over immediately for examination to the accountant and Trustees so designated all books, papers, accounts and vouchers belonging to the Supreme Council in his possession or under his control, and shall permit said accountant and Trustees to count or verify all moneys of said Council in his possession or under his control, and to inspect all bonds and securities for money of any kind belonging to said Council in his possession or under his control. During the time occupied by said examination said officer or officers shall transact the current business of his office under the supervision of said accountant and Trustees. Upon report of said accountant and Trustees being made the President shall, if it appear therefrom that any serious and material irregularities exist in the conduct of his office by any such officer, if said officer be a Trustee, immediately suspend or remove entirely from office

such delinquent Trustee and appoint some competent and trustworthy brother to fill such vacancy until the succeeding Council. If such officer so found delinquent be either its Secretary or Treasurer or both, the President and a majority of the Trustees shall by joint action remove such delinquent officer or officers and appoint his successor as hereinafter indicated. The expenses of such examination shall be paid out of any fund in the treasury applicable thereto, by an order drawn by the President and countersigned by the Secretary. PROVIDED, however, that the expenses of said examination shall in no case exceed \$10 per day for the accountant and his necessary expenses. In case any officer shall refuse to turn over his books, etc., for examination, or refuse to permit such accountant to account and verify the cash of this Council in his hands or under his control or to inspect the securities of the Council in his possession or under his control, the President shall immediately suspend or remove such officer and appoint his successor temporarily, and in such case or in case serious and material irregularities be discovered in any such office on examination the President shall immediately cause legal proceedings to be taken to obtain possession of all the books, papers, vouchers and accounts and all moneys and securities of this Order and Council held and controlled by such officer and also proceed against their officer's bond to make good to this Order and Council the amount and value of all moneys, securities and property of every kind belonging to this Council and Order and so converted and failed to be accounted for by said officer. The President shall fully report to the next meeting of said

Council all his acts in this matter and shall also cause each Subordinate Branch to be notified thereof by mail without delay.

Special Deputies.

He may appoint Special Deputies without pay whenever and wherever he thinks the good of the Order requires it, and he shall require of such deputy the endorsement of the pastor of his parish as to his qualifications for the position.

His Reports, Bond, Salary, Other Duties.

31. His correspondence with Subordinate Branches, when practicable, shall be conducted through the Secretary with the seal of the Supreme Council attached. He shall submit at the biennial meeting of the Supreme Council a full report of all his official acts during his term of office, and he shall perform such other duties as the laws, rules and usages of this Order require. He shall also give a good and sufficient bond for the faithful performance of his duties, in the sum of two thousand dollars, which amount may be increased or diminished by resolution of any biennial Council; said bond shall be approved by and deposited with the Supreme Trustees. During the vacation of the Supreme Council he shall be fully empowered to enforce obedience to the laws of the Council, and for such purpose he shall be empowered to suspend Branches or members. He shall receive, as Supreme President, the sum of one thousand dollars per year.

The Supreme Vice President—His Duties.

32. The Supreme Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the Supreme President,

and in case of death, resignation, disqualification, refusal or neglect of the Supreme President to discharge the duties of his office, he shall then perform all the duties incumbent upon the Supreme President until an election shall be held. Before entering upon the discharge of the duties of the Supreme President, he shall give a good and sufficient bond in sum as may be determined, for the faithful performance of his duties, which bond shall be approved by the Supreme Trustees. He shall examine and pass upon all Branch by-laws.

The Supreme Secretary—His Duties.

33. The Supreme Secretary shall keep a correct report of the proceedings of this Council. He shall read all communications, reports, petitions, etc., and attest all orders drawn on the Supreme Treasurer. He shall affix the seal of this Supreme Council to all documents when necessary. He shall prepare for publication a copy of the proceedings of this Supreme Council at its biennial meetings, with a complete statement of the condition of this Order.

What to Do Upon the Death of a Member.

34. The Supreme Secretary, as soon as he is notified of the death of a member of any Branch, shall at once transmit to the Recording Secretary of such Branch printed instructions, which shall contain a full explanation of what is required to be done by the beneficiary or legal representative of the deceased in order to draw the amount that may be due on account of such death. He shall, when correct proofs of death shall have been received of the death of a brother (who was in good standing and entitled

to the benefits of this Order), and when his account with the Supreme Treasurer shall show that there is a balance of \$2,000 or more to the credit of the Widows' and Orphan's Benefit Fund, and not drawn against, draw an order on the Supreme Treasurer for the amount due on said death and forward the same to the Recording Secretary of the Subordinate Branch of which the deceased brother was a member; on receipt of said order the Recording Secretary shall take up the Benefit Certificate of the deceased member, and shall at once transmit same to the Supreme Secretary for filing in the archives of his office.

Assessment Notice.

35. After drawing an order he shall ascertain the amount that will be left in the Supreme Treasury, and if less than two thousand dollars remain after payment of outstanding orders, he shall immediately give to the Recording Secretary of each Subordinate Branch a notice of assessment, together with a report of the deaths that have occurred subsequent to the last assessment.

36. Branches failing to pay assessments forty-five days after the date of the notice of such assessment, he shall notify the President and Recording Secretary of all Branches that have not paid an assessment of such omission, and fifty-five days after the date of each notice of an assessment, he shall report to the Supreme President the names of all Branches that have not paid such assessment, that it or they be suspended, and the Supreme President shall forthwith suspend such Branch or Branches. It shall be the duty of the Supreme Secretary to

notify the President and Recording Secretary of said suspension by registered letter.

Application for Membership.

37. On receipt of the original application and Supreme Medical Examiner's report, if favorable and not over sixty days old from the date of such examination, the Supreme Secretary shall enter the name, age, occupation and date of admission of members and such other facts as may be deemed necessary upon a register. He shall number and file the application for reference in his office and return to the Secretary of the Branch a certificate signed by the Supreme President and himself, under the seal of the Supreme Council, and made payable as the member may have directed in his application, and the Branch shall enter on record the number thereof. Provided, no benefit certificate shall be issued except as herein provided, unless satisfactory proof of the loss of the former is furnished the Supreme Secretary. When a second certificate is issued the first one shall be void.

Statements to be Furnished.

38. He shall furnish an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Order to the Secretary of each Subordinate Branch at the end of every six months, such statement to contain the balance from the last statement. He shall attest and forward to Subordinate Branches all receipts of the Supreme Treasurer for money paid into the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit and General Funds, if found correct.

Reports of Officers.

39. The Supreme Secretary shall, as soon as he receives the reports of the Supreme Officers,

send a copy of each to the officers and members of the Supreme Council at their post-office addresses.

The Official Organ.

40. He shall publish a paper or journal on or about the last of every month, and such paper is hereby constituted the official organ of the Order and he shall furnish for publication therein any facts or communications which, in his opinion, will best promote the interests of the Order. The Bulletin shall be under his editorial charge and he shall furnish one copy free to each Branch and receive subscriptions at the rate of fifty cents per year for one copy of the paper. He is empowered to enlarge the paper and insert advertisements, charging reasonable rates for the same. The money realized from subscriptions and advertisements shall first be applied to the expense of publishing the Bulletin and the surplus, if any, shall be placed to the credit of the General Fund.

Annual Directory.

41. He shall annually compile for the use of the Order a Directory, giving the number of Branch, where located, and the name and post-office address of the President and Recording Secretary of each Branch.

Duties at Supreme Council Meetings.

42. He shall prepare before the opening of each Supreme Council a list of Supreme Representatives to the Council, and he shall place upon such roll only Supreme Representatives who have their credentials properly made out on blanks furnished by the Supreme Council.

Papers from contestants, and credentials not properly made out, shall be referred by him to the Committee on Credentials. He shall give to each standing committee all papers that properly belong to said committee.

Miscellaneous Duties.

43. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Supreme Council. He shall keep a record of the names, number and date of the institution and location of all Subordinate Branches. He shall have charge of the seal, books, papers, and all records belonging to this Supreme Council. He shall deliver to the Supreme Council, or its proper officers, all property of this body and Order.

General Fund Account.

44. He shall keep a true and correct account between the Supreme Council and all Subordinate Branches. He shall present to this Supreme Council at each biennial meeting, a full and correct statement of the amount of money received and disbursed since the previous meeting thereof. He shall keep a separate account of all the general supplies bought for the use of the Order and Subordinate Branches, showing the original cost thereof and the profit, if any, accruing therefrom.

Accounts Against the Supreme Treasurer for Assessments.

45. He shall keep an account against the Supreme Treasurer, charging him with the amount that is due by each Branch upon each assessment and moneys due General Fund. He shall keep an account of the cash received on each assessment and General Fund, and embody a

statement of the account in his semi-annual and biennial reports to the Order and Supreme Council.

Roster of Membership-Supplies-Bond-Salary.

46. He shall keep a roster of membership of each Branch, to be increased or diminished on receipt of Branch statement at the end of each meeting. He will furnish each Branch with printed price list of stationery and other articles furnished by the Supreme Council, and will furnish none unless the order be accompanied by a receipted order from the Supreme Treasurer. Provided that copies of Supreme and Subordinate Constitutions be furnished local Branches free of charge, one for each member, and he shall at the end of each and every month make statements with and pay over all money in his hands belonging to this Supreme Council to the Supreme Treasurer. He shall perform such other duties as the laws and usages of this Order require. Before entering on the discharge of his duties he shall give a good and sufficient bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, which bond must be approved by the Supreme Trustees, and for his services he shall receive the sum of \$3,000 per annum and not exceeding \$500 for office expenses.

The Supreme Treasurer—His Duties—Bond—Salary.

47. The Supreme Treasurer shall receive from all Subordinate Branches all money for the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund, General Fund and Supreme initiation fees, except fees for the re-issuing of Benefit Certificates and such moneys as belong to the Bulletin department, and shall immediately forward to the Supreme Secretary a receipt thereof in the following form:

Office of Supreme Treasurer, C. K. of A....18—

Received this day from Branch No....., C.
K. of A.....Dollars.....Cents for
Assessment No.....and.....Dollars
for Supreme initiation fees, \$—General Fund.

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Attest:

Supreme Treasurer.
Supreme Secretary.

Provided the amount so received shall be the payment in full of assessment or assessments it may have been sent to cover and to ascertain such correctness he is authorized to call on the Supreme Secretary for the necessary information or upon the secretary of any Subordinate Branch, and in case a remittance is found incorrect, and such branch fails to make the correction within ten days he shall return the money to the Treasurer of the Branch and notify the Supreme Secretary of the same, and he shall not receipt for mouey on any subsequent assessment until the same is corrected, and when so satisfied shall then give receipt and notify the Supreme Secretary. He shall hold and keep secure all money received by him and pay all orders drawn on him in accordance with the laws of this Order, and for no other purpose shall any of said money be used.

48. No money shall be drawn from the treasury unless the signature of the Supreme Secretary be appended to the order, and the following shall be the form of the order on W. & O. Fund :

C. K. of A. W. and O. Fund.

Payable Warrant No. 189..
 I have approved Warrant for \$.....which is
 due and payable by the Supreme Council of the
 C. K. of A. to.....beneficiary.....of
Branch No.....C. K. of A.
Sup. Sec.

49. Death benefits shall be paid in New York exchange in full. He shall keep a correct account of all money received and paid by him; he shall have his accounts posted regularly and ready for settlement and exhibition to the trustees and financial expert whenever they may require it; and he shall make to this Supreme Council at its biennial meeting a full and correct report of the condition of the Supreme Treasury; he shall keep a roster of each Branch; he shall deliver to this Supreme Council or its proper officers, whenever called upon to do so, all moneys, papers, and all other property in his hands belonging to this Order; he shall forward to the Sinking Fund Commissioners at the close of every month the interest that may be paid, if any, on daily balances on the bank in which his deposits are kept.

50. The Supreme Treasurer shall keep an account with the bank wherein he deposits the funds of this Order, and he shall cause a balance of said account to be struck every Monday morning. The Supreme Treasurer shall send a statement of such balance, together with a certified statement of the balance on deposit in said bank, signed by the president or cashier of the bank, to the Supreme President and Supreme Secretary every Monday as aforesaid, and statements to be in form as follows, viz:

5118....

This is to certify that.....as Supreme Treasurer Catholic Knights of America, had to his credit in this bank at the close of business Saturday.....18....the sum of.....dollars.....President or Cashier,

52. Form to send Supreme President and Supreme Secretary:

C. K. of A.,.....18....

Dear Sir and Brother:

My books showed cash balance at close of business on Saturday.....18....of.....dollars.

Fraternally,

.....Sup. Treas., C. K. of A.

The Supreme President, Supreme Vice President and Supreme Treasurer shall designate such bank or banks in which the Supreme Treasurer shall deposit all the moneys of the Order, save such moneys as properly belong to the Sinking Fund.

That all such moneys shall be deposited daily by the Supreme Treasurer in such designated bank or banks to the credit of "The Supreme Council of the Catholic Knights of America," and to no other credit or account whatever, and said officers above named shall make with said depository the best arrangement possible to secure interest to the Order on such weekly or monthly balances as remain in said depository.

And said officers above named shall, in designating such depository or depositories, cause the deposits so kept with them to be insured or guaranteed in some sound and reliable insurance, guarantee or indemnity company, if the same is possible, in at least the sum of fifty thousand dollars, and any premiums paid there-

for be charged to and paid out of the General Fund, or by good sufficient security in at least such sum.

53. The Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer shall report monthly in the Bulletin a statement of accounts, which will show an exact transcript of their books at that date; that said statement shall show clearly and exactly the state of the W. and O. Benefit Fund, giving balance of cash in hand of Treasurer and the amount due on assessments and what if any drafts have been drawn against the moneys in the Treasurer's hands and which have not been presented for payment at that date, and upon failure of the Supreme Treasurer to forward to the Supreme President and Supreme Secretary such certified statements so signed by the bank president or cashier, it shall be the duty of the Supreme President to forthwith notify the Supreme Trustees of such failure and to call a meeting of the Board of Supreme Trustees at as early a date as practicable, said meeting to be held at the office of the Supreme Treasurer. Said board, when assembled, shall make a careful examination of the accounts of said Supreme Treasurer and shall ascertain the amount of funds then on deposit in bank to the credit of the Supreme Treasurer C. K. of A. Said board, when so assembled, shall afford said Treasurer opportunity to be heard, and proceed in said hearing and examination of said Treasurer's accounts, and if upon such examination they shall find that the Treasurer has been derelict in the discharge of his duties, and the welfare of the Order demands it, they shall report to the Supreme President, and if the Supreme President shall deem the charges well founded he shall

remove the said Supreme Treasurer from office, and upon such removal being declared said board shall forthwith proceed to elect a Supreme Treasurer, and the person so elected shall execute the bond required by law, and upon the execution of such bond shall be invested with all the powers and duties and subject to all the liabilities and responsibilities of said office, for and during the remainder of the term of the officer so removed, and be entitled to receive the salary thereof. Should said board at any time remove a Supreme Treasurer from office it shall be the duty of said board to promptly notify the bank or banks in which the funds of the Order are deposited of its actions in the premises; to take into custody all books, papers, furniture, fixtures, etc., belonging to said Supreme Treasurer's office, and to retain the same until a successor has been elected and qualified, to whom the same shall then be delivered. The board of Supreme Trustees shall keep a full and complete record of all its proceedings in the matter of removing a Supreme Treasurer and the election of a successor, and submit the same to the next succeeding Supreme Council. For the faithful performance of his duties, he shall before entering on the discharge of them give a good and sufficient bond of fifty thousand dollars, which bond must be approved by the Supreme Trustees; but the bond may be increased by action of the Supreme Council when in session, or by the President during a recess, whenever he is satisfied that this sum is not sufficient to cover the amount that may accumulate in the Supreme Treasury during the year. He shall furnish an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Order, to the Secretary of each

Subordinate Branch at the end of every six months; such statement to contain the balance from the last statement. He shall receive as Supreme Treasurer two thousand dollars per annum and not exceeding five hundred dollars for office expenses.

Supreme Trustees—How Elected.

54. At the Supreme Council held in Chicago in May, 1887, there were elected three Supreme Trustees to serve for the following terms: One Trustee for two years, one Trustee for four years, and one Trustee for six years, and at every biennial Supreme Council one Trustee shall be elected for the term of six years.

Vacancies.

55. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees caused by death, removal or resignation, shall be filled as vacancies in other Supreme offices until the next Supreme Council held after such vacancy occurs.

Salaries.

56. The Supreme Trustees shall each be paid a salary of \$200 per annum, and mileage and per diem for their services when actually engaged in the business of the order, and that no other allowance for expenses be made them.

Duties—Bond.

57. The Supreme Trustees shall have charge of the property of the Supreme Council. They shall approve the bonds of all Supreme officers who are required to give bond. They shall examine and investigate the books, papers and accounts of the Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary, and, if deemed necessary by

the Supreme President, to be accompanied by an expert appointed by the Supreme President at either the office of the Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer, or both. They shall be required to examine the said books, papers and accounts of said Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Secretary before each Council meets, and have reports of each investigation ready within one or two days after the opening of said Supreme Council, and make to the Supreme President a written report of their acts upon each examination of the books, &c., of the Supreme Secretary and Supreme Treasurer within a reasonable time thereafter. They are empowered to remove either or both of said officers by and with the consent of the Supreme President, if, in their judgment, he has been derelict in his duty and then the term of said officer terminates. They shall immediately thereafter institute suit in the corporate name of the Order for any money, papers or property of the Order in the hands of said officers, or for any dereliction of duty upon the part of said officers, and any damage sustained by the Order by reason of any failure to perform his duty. They shall be paid out of the treasury any expense incurred by them, their claim to be properly approved by the Supreme President and properly certified. They shall carry out the interest of this Supreme Council in all things, and from time to time report their transactions to the Supreme President. The Senior Trustee is empowered to call the Supreme Trustees together at any time he thinks it advisable for the good of the Order. They shall also discharge the duties as defined in section 23 of these laws. They shall each give a good and sufficient bond to this Supreme

Council in the sum of one thousand dollars for the faithful performance of their duties, which bond shall be approved by and be deposited with the Supreme President.

Supreme Medical Examiner—How Chosen—How Removed—Qualifications.

58. The Supreme Medical Examiner shall be appointed by any five of the Supreme officers viz: Supreme President, Supreme Vice President, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Treasurer and Supreme Trustees, elected at the close of each Council—the appointment to be made on the same day the officers elected are inaugurated.

The same number of Supreme officers shall have the power to remove the Supreme Medical Examiner and replace him by a new appointment whenever, in their judgment, the good of the order demands it.

The Supreme Medical Examiner shall be a graduate of a recognized medical college, a general practitioner of at least ten years practice, and he shall be a member of the Order.

Fees.

59. He shall receive fifty cents for each application examined by him whether accepted or rejected; the same shall be paid ~~by the applicant.~~ He shall receipt to Branch Treasurers for all money received from them.

~~The Supreme Medical Examiner's fees shall accompany each and every examination or he shall not act on same.~~

+ from the general fund
Duties.

60. The Supreme Medical Examiner shall receive and examine all examinations issued

filled up by local examiners, and approve or reject said examinations and indorse the results thereon, he shall retain and file in his office all rejected examinations, and notify the Branch of that fact, unless he should deem a new examination necessary for a clear understanding of the applicant's condition, in which case he shall remand the examination to the local examiner with suitable instructions. There shall be no appeal from the decision of the Supreme Medical Examiner. He shall keep a complete list of all examinations presented, accompanied by such description of the applicant as will enable him to identify such applicant should he present himself under any other name.

Shall Appoint Local Examiners.

61. The Supreme Medical Examiner shall appoint all local examiners according to provisions of Paragraph 106. They shall be subject to removal for cause by the Supreme Examiner.

Official Bonds—How Given.

62. All bonds required by this Constitution, by the Constitution of Subordinate Branches or the Laws of the Order shall be made payable to the said Order in its corporate capacity. "The Supreme Council of the Catholic Knights of America," and any recovery had on any such bonds shall be at once paid over to the Branch for whose benefit action was brought, less any cost or expense that the Order may have been put to.

The Supreme officers who are required to furnish security, shall furnish a good and sufficient bond from some sound security company,

subject to the approval of the Trustees; the bonds of the Trustees to be approved by the Supreme President.

Penalty for Failure to Give Bond.

63. Any officer failing or refusing to furnish bond as above provided shall be ipso facto deprived of his office, and the Supreme President shall make an appointment to the vacancy for the unexpired term, and the appointee shall furnish bond as required by the laws of the Order.

Solvency of Security Company—When Tested.

64. The proper officers whose duty it shall be to do so, shall inquire into the solvency and stability of the security company selected, at least every six months, and if it is not solvent and reliable they shall cause the bonded officers to secure bonds from some other company designated by them.

All bonded officers of the Supreme Council shall comply with the rules and regulations of the company that secures them; the Order shall pay all costs attending the furnishing of bonds as above provided.

Official Reports.

65. It shall be the duty of the Supreme President, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Secretary, Supreme Medical Examiner and Supreme Trustees to make a full report over their respective official signature of all their official acts during their terms of office, which reports shall be ready for distribution to the Supreme Representatives on the day before the meeting of the Supreme Council, in which shall be included the transac-

ions of their respective offices up to the time of closing said reports, which date shall be fixed by the Senior Supreme Trustee in office, and shall be as near as practicable to the date of the meeting of the Supreme Council. They shall file with the proper officers the original reports that may be required of them. They and all other officers shall also have with them at the regular meeting of the Supreme Council and on the first day thereof all their books, papers, receipts, and submit same to the proper officers or committees for examination and to be delivered to their successors in office.

Per Capita Tax—How Levied.

66. The Supreme President, Supreme Secretary and Supreme Trustees shall each year levy a per capita tax upon each member of the Order with which to pay the salaries of the salaried officers of this Council and clerical help, if it shall be necessary, also any other additional expenses of this Order. Each Branch shall collect from its members the assessment so made and within sixty days after said assessment shall be made, forward same to Supreme Treasurer.

Salaries of Officers—When Payable.

67. The salaries of the officers shall be paid monthly by the Supreme Treasurer upon the order of the Supreme President, attested by the Supreme Secretary.

Dispensation to Form Branches.

68. Whenever an application is made for a dispensation to form a Branch, the Supreme President must require the following conditions of the applicants: 1. A certificate of the pastor

that they possess the necessary religious qualifications. 2. No applicant shall be over the age of fifty. 3. Eight or more persons must make the application over their own signature. 4. The Supreme Secretary shall then order the applicants to submit themselves for examination to the duly elected Medical Examiner at the place of residence of the applicants, or if there be no such examiner, then to a physician selected for the purpose by the Supreme Medical Examiner, which said Medical Examiner or Special Examiner shall report to the Supreme Medical Examiner as laid down in Paragraph 135, Sup. Con., and the Supreme Secretary shall when he receives the report of the Supreme Medical Examiner, notify the Supreme President of its purport, whereupon, if the report of the Supreme Medical Examiner approves eight of the said applicants, then and in such case the Supreme President shall instruct the Supreme Secretary to inform the applicants that a dispensation will be granted them upon the receipt of the charter fee. If the Supreme Medical Examiner should reject some of said applicants so as to reduce the number below eight, then those who have been approved may, within sixty days after receiving notice of said rejection, send to the Supreme President, in the manner and form required, the names of a sufficient number of new applicants to make up the required eight. The fees of the Medical Examiner shall be paid in advance by all such applicants.

Standing Committees—Committee on Supplies.

69. The Supreme President, Supreme Vice President and Senior Supreme Trustee in office

shall constitute a committee on supplies. They shall contract for all printing and supplies needed. Supplies shall be contracted for or purchased only on written proposals, and contracts shall be signed by a majority of the committee. They shall present a written report to the Supreme Council at each biennial meeting.

Finance Committee.

70. There shall be a Finance Committee appointed by the Supreme President at the opening of the biennial session of the Council, with duties incident to said committee, while the Council is in session.

Committee on Laws.

71. There shall be a committee of seven on Laws, to be appointed by the Supreme President, as provided in section 23, whose duties shall be such as are usual to such committees, and such committee shall serve during the session of the Council.

Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

72. The duty of the Committee on Appeals and grievances shall be to examine all appeals and grievances that may arise in the Supreme Council, together with all appeals and grievances that may be taken from a Subordinate Branch to this Supreme Council, or between individual members thereof, that may be referred to them in accordance with the laws of the Order. They shall not receive new testimony, but shall base their decision upon the evidence furnished, and report to this body for approval or rejection. They shall make a written

report to this Supreme Council at each biennial meeting, before the close of the session.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

73. The committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall make up and present to this Supreme Council and have ready for use by the afternoon session of the last day of each biennial meeting, duplicate pay-rolls whereupon shall be recorded the name, the residence, number of miles traveled by the most direct route, and the number of days present noted on the roll-book of the officers and representatives entitled to mileage and per diem. They shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to them.

Committee on New Business.

74. All business that cannot be referred to appropriate committees shall be referred to the committee on New Business, and they shall report thereon.

Delinquent or Defunct Branches—When to be Suspended.

75. Any Subordinate Branch may be suspended or dissolved, and its charter or dispensation forfeited to the Supreme Council: 1. For neglecting or refusing to conform to the Constitution or Laws of this Supreme Council or the general laws and regulations of this Order. 2. For neglecting or refusing to make its returns, or for non-payment of the assessments on the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund within fifty-five days, and of the dues and per capita tax to the Supreme Council and of the per capita tax to the State Council; but the charter or dispensation shall not be forfeited in either of the

above cases until the Subordinate Branch shall have been notified of its offense by the Supreme Secretary, and a suitable opportunity given to answer the charges against it, which shall in no event exceed thirty days. Provided, however, that upon making explanations to the Supreme President, he may, in the exercise of a sound discretion, reinstate said Branch, and give notice to the Supreme Secretary of his action in the premises. 3. For neglecting to hold the regular stated meetings as provided by law for three months, unless prevented from doing so by some unforeseen circumstances. 4. By its membership so diminishing that less than a constitutional number shall be left.

Books, Papers, Etc., of Suspended Branches.

76. When a Subordinate Branch is suspended or dissolved, it shall be the duty of its last President, or if there is none, its senior officer, to deliver up the charter, books, funds and other property and effects to the Supreme President or his representative, and any officer or member having the custody of any part of said property or effects, and refusing to surrender the same shall be forever excluded from membership in this Order, even if his Branch is reinstated.

How Reinstated.

77. All funds and effects received by the Supreme Council from a dissolved Subordinate Branch shall be restored in the event of its being reinstated, which reinstatement may be done by a majority vote of the Supreme Council or by the Supreme President during recess.

Members of Defunct Branches—How Admitted in other Branches.

78. Members of any defunct Branch, except as provided in preceding paragraph, who were in good standing at the time of dissolution may be admitted into another Branch after having applied to and received from the Supreme Council a card, countersigned by the Supreme Secretary, with the seal of the Supreme Council attached. Such card, provided he pay all assessments called during the time, shall hold good for six months.

Penalty for Failing to Make Semi-Annual Reports and Statements.

79. Any Branch of this Order failing to complete and return to the Supreme Secretary and State Secretary its semi-annual reports up to and including the last meeting in the months of June and December of each year, in thirty days after each respective month, shall pay a fine of one dollar per month or fraction of a month after the allotted time.

Forms Ten and Twelve.

80. Any Branch of this Order failing to mail out and return to the Supreme Secretary and the Supreme Treasurer a complete statement on Forms 10 and 12, after each meeting, shall pay a fine of one dollar for each omission.

Fines—How Disposed Of.

81. All such fines as mentioned in Par. 79 and 80 shall be paid by the delinquent Branch and shall be remitted to the Supreme Treasurer who shall at once give notice to the Supreme Secretary of the receipt of said fines. The

Amount derived from said fines shall be placed in the General Fund. And any Branch failing to comply with any of these provisions shall be suspended by the Supreme President.

Assessment Rates.

82. Each and every member upon being admitted into a Branch, shall pay into the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund the following rates, half-rates or quarter-rates, and the same amounts upon each assessment thereafter while he is a member of the Order:

Between the ages of	{	18 and 25.....	\$0 70
		25 and 30.....	0 75
		30 and 35.....	0 80
		35 and 40.....	0 90
		40 and 45.....	1 00
		45 and 46.....	1 05
		46 and 47.....	1 10
		47 and 48.....	1 15
		48 and 49.....	1 20
	{	49 and 50.....	1 25

All members of the Order shall be graded under this assessment, according to their age when admitted to the Order. The schedule of assessment to take effect on the first assessment called after July 1, 1891. All such payments shall be known as the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund; the date of such payment shall be kept by the Financial Secretary, and the member credited with the same.

Members shall be liable for all assessments called after their initiation, and for all assessments called prior to the member's death, the date of the notice of assessment calls to determine the date of such liability for assessment.

Amendments.

83. This Constitution and these laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this Supreme Council by a vote of two-thirds of its members present; but all amendments must be presented in writing, signed by three or more members, and presented to the Supreme Secretary, who will forward them to the Supreme President thirty days previous to the biennial meeting of the Supreme Council.

Order of Business.

84. The presiding officer shall call the meeting to order by three raps of the gavel, when he shall, in absence of the Supreme Spiritual Director, open the meeting with prayer, to wit: an Our Father and a Hail Mary, and the following memento for our departed Brothers: May the souls of the faithful departed, and especially those of our deceased fellow-members rest in peace.

The business of the biennial meeting shall be taken up daily as follows:

1. Calling Roll of Officers.
2. Calling Roll of Representatives.
3. Reading Minutes.
4. Report of Committee on Credentials.
5. Report of Officers.

Reports of committees in the following order:

6. Supplies.
7. Finance.
8. Laws.
9. Appeals and Grievances.
10. Mileage and Per Diem.
11. Reports of Special Committees.
12. Unfinished Business.
13. New Business.

This order of business may be transposed at any time as occasion may require.

"Cushing's Manual" shall be the guide in debate when it does not conflict with the established laws of this Order.

85. All amendments to the Supreme and Subordinate Constitutions and General Laws adopted by the Supreme Council shall take effect on the first day of July following the meeting of the Supreme Council, or as soon thereafter as approved and promulgated.

86. The fiscal year of this Order shall end on the 25th day of April.

GENERAL LAWS.

Jurisdiction of Branches.

87. In places where more than one Branch is organized, they shall notify each other whenever they receive a petition for membership, in accordance with the following form, and all such applications for membership shall lie over two weeks from the date the application was read in the Branch, before any ballot shall be had thereon; PROVIDED, that in cities of over twenty thousand inhabitants, the Supreme President, the Supreme Vice President and Supreme Secretary may prescribe the jurisdiction of each Subordinate Branch within the limits of such city, and Subordinate Branches shall not be required to notify sister Branches in the same city when they receive petitions for membership, unless the petitioner resides outside of their prescribed jurisdiction, and then only the Branch or Branches in whose jurisdiction the applicant resides; and in case concurrent jurisdiction is given to two or more Branches over the same territory, then such Branches shall notify all sister Branches having concurrent jurisdiction of every application where the petitioner resides within the common territory.

88.

BRANCH No. }

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS OF AMERICA. }

To the President, Officers and Members of Branch No.

BROTHERS: At a regular meeting of this Branch, held this evening, Mr. filed a peti-

tion for membership. His age is . . . years, occupation . . . residence . . . The same was referred to the proper committee.

(SEAL.) Yours fraternally Rec. Sec

Ballot Among Signers to an Application for Charter.

89. It shall be a law of this Order for the Supreme President or his representative to require the signers of an application for a charter to ballot among themselves and decide whether or not they will associate with all the signers.

Resolutions to be in Writing.

90. All resolutions offered to the Supreme Council must be presented in writing.

Limitation of the Right to Speak.

91. No member of the Supreme Council shall speak on any motion more than once without permission from the Supreme Council.

Suspension of a Branch Failing to Suspend a Delinquent Member.

92. A Subordinate Branch that fails to suspend a member who fails to pay an assessment when due, and failing to immediately forward to the Supreme Treasurer the amount due from said member, shall stand suspended from all the benefits, rights and privileges of this Order until the same be paid, and, when paid, said Branch shall be reinstated; provided, that if a death occurs in said Branch during said suspension no death benefit shall be paid; provided, that should a deceased member be in good standing for said

death, and holding an unexpired card, he shall be exempt from the foregoing proviso.

Branches to have Seals.

93. All Subordinate Branches shall, within sixty days from the date of their organization procure a seal and furnish the Supreme Secretary with an impression thereof.

Branches to Control their Funds.

94. Branches shall have control of their Branch fund.

When Charters are Not to be Issued.

95. Charters shall not be issued to any Branch organizing in any city, town or locality where an epidemic is prevailing; nor shall it be lawful for any Branch to admit new members during the prevalence of an epidemic in their localities. The question of the prevalence of an epidemic or endemic shall be determined by the Supreme Medical Examiner who shall duly notify the Supreme President and Supreme Secretary.

State Councils—Where to be Organized.

96. State Councils shall be organized in each State and Territory in the Union and the District of Columbia in which two or more Subordinate Branches of the Order exist.

Erratum: "Paragraph 97," alluded to in section 10, should read "Paragraph 96."

How Composed.

97. State Councils shall be composed of their officers and the representatives from all Subordinate Branches existing within the State in which they are organized.

Their Officers.

98. The officers of each State Council shall be a State Spiritual Director, a State President, at least one State Vice President, a State Secretary and a State Treasurer, who shall be selected as State Councils shall provide by law.

Objects.

99. The objects for which State Councils are formed are to have general Supervision of the Order within the State, except as to the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund; to enforce the general laws of the Order, and to elect representatives and alternates to represent the entire Order in their State in the Supreme Council.

State Delegates.

100. Each Subordinate Branch of the Order, in which a first State Council is to be organized, shall at its first meeting elect one representative to the State Council, and when the number of members in said Branch exceed fifty, then one representative in addition thereto, and such representatives shall have each one vote in said State Council; and when the membership of the Branch they represent exceeds 100 then they shall have one vote each in addition for every fifty members after the first fifty.

Organization of First State Council.

101. The first State Council provided for herein shall be held when and where a majority of the delegates selected by the Branches shall agree upon in writing, and at the first meeting of said representatives they shall organize by electing officers as hereinbefore provided.

State Constitution.

102. Each State Council shall have power to make its own constitution and laws, and fix the basis of representation therein for all meetings after the first, provided that such constitution and laws do not conflict with the Supreme or Subordinate Constitution.

State Per Capita Tax.

103. Each State Council shall have power to assess a tax upon the members of the Order within its jurisdiction to defray the expenses of its meetings and any other expense or obligation incurred by it; and the Supreme President is hereby expressly empowered to suspend any Branch which fails or refuses to pay said per capita tax within sixty days from the date of call of said per capita tax by the State Council, and the Supreme Council shall in no event be liable for any debt or obligation contracted by it.

Election of Supreme Representatives.

104. Each State Council shall, at least two months before each meeting of the Supreme Council, elect by ballot its delegate or delegates, alternate or alternates, to the Supreme Council, (said delegates to be known as Supreme Representatives.) States and Territories with a membership of 500 or less shall be entitled to but one representative. Each State and Territory shall be entitled to one vote for every 50 members, or a fraction over 25 members, but every State and Territory shall be entitled to one vote at least.

Their Credentials.

105. Said representatives shall receive their credentials from the State Council and from the Branch where no State Council exists, and shall also present to the Supreme Council a full report of the membership of each Branch under the jurisdiction of their State Councils, properly attested, and the State Councils are expressly empowered to require Subordinate Branches to furnish said report.

Local Medical Examiner—How Elected—Qualifications.

106. In every city, town or village in which there exists more than one Branch, the President-elect of the oldest Branch shall call a meeting of the Presidents, Recording and Financial Secretaries and Trustees of all the Branches in said city, town or village on the last Monday of November of the year 1891, and he shall preside over said meeting which shall proceed to recommend the names of three reputable physicians, one of whom shall be selected by the Supreme Medical Examiner to be the Local Medical Examiner, except cities having a population of 100,000 or more, which may recommend twelve names, three from each section of the city, one of whom in each section shall be selected as the Local Examiner. In the appointment of Local Examiners, Catholic physicians and members of the Order are to be preferred; but on a question of capacity the appointment is not to be confined to such. The Medical Examiner so appointed shall be subject to the Supreme Medical Examiner. All Local Medical Examiners shall be required to be graduates of recognized medical colleges. **PROVIDED,** That when

the Medical Examiner so appointed shall be unable to speak the language of the applicant, the Medical Examiner may select a reputable and competent physician to make such examination for him. In any city, town or place, where there is but one Branch, the members of said Branch shall recommend three names from which the Local Examiner shall be appointed as provided herein above. The Local Medical Examiner shall be entitled to a fee of two dollars for each medical examination, to be paid by the Branch.

Benefit Certificate—How Issued.

107. Each Branch of this Order shall procure for each of its members a benefit certificate from the Supreme Council, to be issued by the Supreme Secretary, signed by the Supreme President and attested by the Supreme Secretary, to be countersigned by the President and Recording Secretary of the Branch. To this end the Secretary of each Branch shall forward to the Supreme Secretary the original application, making an exact copy thereof for the files of the Branch, taking care that the name or names of the person or persons to whom the benefit is to be paid, as directed by the member, shall appear on the application; on receipt of said original application a benefit certificate shall be issued as heretofore provided.

When Lost.

108. In case the original certificate of a member be lost, the said officers of the Branch shall obtain from the records of the Branch or from the member such information as is necessary to complete the record required for the issuing of

a benefit certificate in due form, which certificate shall be furnished on a payment of a fee of \$1.00 to accompany the affidavit and application for said new certificate.

Official Correspondence.

109. Official correspondence shall consist only of communications under seal of a Branch or by the Supreme officers.

Employes of Supreme Officers—Qualifications.

110. All assistants, deputies, clerks, bookkeepers or other employes in the service of the Supreme Officers of the Order must be members in good standing in the Order.

Penalty for Violation.

111. Any Supreme officer, employing persons not members of the Order, or permitting such persons to have access to the books and papers of the Catholic Knights of America, shall be removed from office by the Supreme President and the vacancy shall be filled as provided in the Constitution; provided, that these provisions shall not be applicable to the agent or representative of the Security Company which shall guarantee the bonds of the bonded officers; provided, that this provision does not relate to the special expert or any other accountant appointed by the Supreme President.

Mass for the Dead.

112. Every Branch of the Order shall have a Mass said annually for the repose of the souls of all the deceased members.

Remittances.

113. All remittances to the Supreme Officers shall be by money order, registered letter, certified check or exchange at par, and in no other manner shall remittances be made.

Organizers.

114. The Supreme President, Supreme Trustees and Supreme Secretary or a majority of said officers shall, within sixty days from their entry upon the discharge of their duties elect not less than two or more than six members of the Order in good standing, who shall be known as organizers of the Catholic Knights of America and whose duties shall be under Laws, Rules and Regulations to be adopted by said Supreme officers, to secure an increase of membership and advance the interest of the Order.

115. The said Supreme officers shall adopt Laws, Rules and Regulations to govern the duties of said organizers not in conflict with subsequent provisions herein.

116. The said organizers shall each receive an annual sum of three hundred dollars, payable monthly in the manner now provided for salaries of Supreme officers and in addition to said fixed payments such organizers shall be entitled to and receive the following fees: For each member secured through the efforts of said organizer between the ages of 18 and 30 years, both inclusive, the sum of \$1.00, between the ages of 31 and 40 years, both inclusive, the sum of seventy-five cents and between the ages of 41 and 50 years, both inclusive, the sum of fifty cents, said sum of three hundred dollars per annum and said fees as above stipulated, shall be in full payment for all services and ex-

penses, and no additional allowances shall be permitted.

117. The said Supreme officers, in the laws to be by them adopted, shall establish the territorial limits, within which said organizers shall exercise their functions, and each organizer shall be confined to said limits, provided that the said Supreme officers shall have the right to change said limits when in their judgment such change may be necessary.

118. The term of said organizers shall not exceed the date of the meeting of the next succeeding Supreme Council, and the said Supreme officers, or a majority thereof, shall have the right to remove any of said organizers when in their judgment they deem such removal necessary, and thereafter all right to compensation shall cease.

119. The said Supreme officers shall arrange and adopt fixed, certain and determinate laws to assure that any claim by said organizers for fees, as above stipulated, for members admitted, has been earned, so that no fees shall be allowed unless such admissions are due to the efforts and services of said organizers.

120. Said organizers shall forward to the Supreme Secretary on or before the 10th of each month a full return of all matters pertaining to their functions and said report shall be published in the Bulletin. Each organizer shall submit a semi-annual report, in the manner and subject to the Laws pertaining to the Supreme officers and each organizer shall submit to each Supreme Council a full report of the workings of his department during his term.

121. That each organizer shall be a resident of and a member of a Branch within the limits

of the district in which his services are to be rendered.

122. That the Laws, Rules and Regulations to be adopted by said Supreme officers for the government of said organizers prescribing their duties and obligations, shall be published in the Bulletin, and a copy thereof sent to each Branch of the order.

123. That the said Supreme officers shall render the services herein above specified without any extra compensation.

SINKING FUND.

124. The Supreme Treasurer shall set apart five per cent. of each assessment collected, as provided by the Constitution and Laws of the Order having reference to the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund, together with Supreme initiation fees, which percentage of assessment and fees shall be known and designated as the Sinking Fund.

125. The said Sinking Fund shall be under the exclusive charge, management and control of five commissioners, to be known as Sinking Fund Commissioners C. K. of A., as follows, to-wit: The Supreme President, the Supreme Secretary, and the three Supreme Trustees, whose power and duties are hereinafter defined.

126. The Supreme Treasurer, as soon as each assessment is received by him, shall immediately set apart five per cent, thereof for said Sinking Fund, together with said initiation fees, and shall deposit the amount to the credit of the Sinking Fund Commissioners of the C. K. of A., in such place of deposit as the S. F. C., C. K. of A. shall order, and immediately thereafter he shall notify the Supreme Secretary of such deposit and particulars connected therewith. He shall keep an account of the Sinking Fund, to be known as the Sinking Fund Account. He shall be liable on his bond, furnished under the provisions of Section 53, Supreme Constitution, for the full and faithful discharge of the duties hereby imposed.

127. The Sinking Fund Commissioners of the C. K. of A. shall act by and through a vote of not less than a majority of their number in all matters relative to the Sinking Fund. The Supreme Secretary shall keep a full, correct and accurate account of all their transactions relating to said fund and shall also keep a record of all the bonds and securities of said fund. They shall name and designate in writing a place of deposit wherein the Supreme Treasurer must deposit the amount as hereinbefore specified, which deposit must be made in the name of the Sinking Fund Commissioners of the Catholic Knights of America, and be subject to their order.

128. When the Sinking Fund shall amount to the sum of five thousand dollars, it shall be the duty of the Sinking Fund Commissioners to invest the said amount in good, substantial, interest-paying securities, all the accumulating interest from such investments to be by them deposited as soon as collected, and no commissioner shall be allowed any loan from such Sinking Fund or have any personal interest in such loan or loans.

129. The Sinking Fund Commissioners shall, under no circumstances, have any power or authority to draw or use any part or portion of the Sinking Fund for any other purpose than for investment as hereinbefore provided, except in the event of great calamity to the Order, when upon the unanimous vote of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, the said Sinking Fund or any portion thereof, may be applied to the purposes of the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund.

130. The Sinking Fund Commissioners shall be entitled to no compensation for their services as such Commissioners, and shall be liable on

their respective bonds as officers of the Supreme Council furnished under the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of said Council, for the faithful discharge of their duties as Sinking Fund Commissioners.

131. They shall furnish a full and complete account of all their transactions relating to the Sinking Fund at the periods and in the manner and form as now provided for officers by the Constitution and Laws of the Supreme Council.

132. No distribution of any interest derived from investments made by the Sinking Fund Commissioners shall be made at any earlier date than July 1, 1900, and at that date only the amount received as such interest during the fiscal year ending at the date named, and only members of ten years' standing shall be entitled to the benefits of such distribution.

133. The provisions hereinbefore specified in reference to the Sinking Fund, and matter pertaining thereto, shall go into operation and be in full force and effect from and after the first day of July, 1885.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

SUBORDINATE BRANCHES.

Powers and Privileges.

134. This Branch shall consist of not less than eight Beneficiary members, and it shall not be dissolved so long as seven Beneficiary members in good standing mutually agree to sustain it and shall be known as Branch No. — of Catholic Knights of America, possessing all the powers and privileges of a Subordinate Branch within the jurisdiction of the Supreme Council, under whose authority it exists by virtue of a charter duly granted, while acting in conformity with the laws, rules and usages of the Supreme Council.

Qualifications of Members.

135. No person shall be admitted to membership in this Branch unless he is a practical Catholic, and unless he furnish a certificate from his pastor that he is a practical Catholic. He must be of good moral character, abstain from excessive use of intoxicating liquors or narcotics and not be a member of any organization condemned by the Church.

136. It is especially understood that when the Church shall authoritatively condemn any

society, order or organization using an oath of secrecy or ritual, either or both, then all members of the order or organization shall at once sever their connection with that society, order or organization, or in default thereof they shall forfeit all their rights as members of this Order. He must be sound in bodily health, free from all infirmities or disease, between the ages of 18 and 50 years, and competent to earn a livelihood for himself and family. He must receive Holy Communion at least once a year, at Easter or thereabouts, under penalty of forfeiture of all benefits.

Penalty for Failure to Perform Easter Duties.

137. Each member must certify, in writing on his honor as a man and as a Catholic Knight, that he has performed his Easter duty, and said certificate must be deposited with the Recording Secretary within ten days after Trinity Sunday of each year. Upon the failure of any member to furnish this certificate, the Recording Secretary shall notify the Branch of said failure, and it shall be the duty of the Presiding Officer of the Branch to order charges to be preferred against the delinquent member, by the Recording Secretary.

Applications for Membership.

138. Each applicant for membership must sign the application, as furnished by the Supreme Council, state his age, occupation and residence, and must be recommended by two members of the Branch in good standing, neither of whom shall be placed on the Investigating Committee. When a doubt exists as to the age of an applicant, he shall furnish proof as to his

age from his baptismal record, or other competent evidence in the form of affidavits or certified copy of records.

Application—How Acted Upon.

139. The application shall be read to the Branch at a regular meeting thereof and entered upon the records. The President shall then appoint a committee of three members of the Branch to investigate the character of the candidate. If the report of the committee be not favorable, he shall be declared rejected; if it be favorable, the applicant shall be balloted for by the members of the Branch, when, if more than three black balls are cast, he shall be declared rejected and his application shall not be entertained by any Branch of the Order within six months from date of rejection. If no more than three black balls are cast, the presiding officer shall declare him eligible to membership.

Applicants to Be Examined.

140. The Secretary shall within seven days notify said applicant of the fact, and direct the applicant to the regularly appointed or acting Medical Examiner for the city, town or place, as the case may be, to be examined. Such medical examiner shall, upon the form prescribed by the Supreme Examiner, make a thorough examination of the applicant, and, without disclosing his opinion to the applicant, seal up the same, and transmit the same to the Supreme Medical Examiner, and if such Supreme Medical Examiner shall approve the same and recommend the applicant as a fair risk, then he shall transmit the same with his approval endorsed thereon to the Supreme Secretary.

Failure of Applicant to Be Examined—Penalty.

141. The Recording Secretary shall notify each applicant of the result of his application within seven days thereafter, and should the applicant fail to present himself to the Local Medical Examiner for examination within four weeks after being notified, unless prevented by sickness or some other unfavorable occurrence, he shall forfeit his proposition fee and election.

Benefit Certificate to Be Issued.

142. The Supreme Secretary shall upon the reception of the favorable report from the Supreme Medical Examiner and the original application from the Branch make out a certificate of membership, free of charge, signed by the Supreme President, and also by the Supreme Secretary, and transmit the same to the Subordinate Branch, to which the applicant desires admission; and at the next regular meeting of the Branch, at which the applicant must, unless unavoidably absent, be in attendance, he shall, upon paying into the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund the amount required by the Supreme Constitution and said applicant not having reached the age of fifty years, have delivered to him the said certificate duly countersigned by the Branch President and Secretary, at which time his name shall be entered upon the roll of the Branch and shall from and after that time be admitted to all the rights and benefits of the Order. The Recording Secretary shall immediately notify the Supreme Secretary of this fact, and if the candidate does not attend the Branch meeting within thirty days from the time of the receipt of benefit certificate by the Branch, he

shall forfeit all claim to membership, and the amount he has deposited and the certificate shall be returned to the Supreme Secretary.

Fee to Accompany Application.

143. Each application must be accompanied with the sum of three dollars and fifty cents to be apportioned as follows. Fifty cents for the Supreme Medical Examiner's fee, two dollars for Local Medical Examiner's fee, and one dollar for the Supreme Initiation fee; but when an applicant is declared ineligible, the said proposition fee shall be returned to him, save the Supreme and Local Medical Examiner's fee.

Meetings.

144. The stated meetings of the Branch shall be held weekly or semi-monthly, on the day chosen by the Branch, and if changed, the Recording Secretary of the Branch shall notify the Supreme Secretary forthwith of the change.

Quorum.

145. The Branch shall be opened at the time prescribed, if five (5) members in good standing are present, but not less than that number shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the general business of this Branch, unless otherwise dispensed with by the Supreme President.

Official Seal.

146. The Branch shall provide in sixty days after organizing, an official seal, with an appropriate design, which shall be affixed to all official documents and papers issued by and under authority of the Branch, an impression of which shall be deposited in the office of the Supreme

Secretary; State Councils shall also be required to procure seals under the same requirements as that governing Subordinate Branches.

Officers.

147. The officers of this Branch shall be: A Spiritual Director, selected by the Branch with the approbation of his ordinary, President and Vice President, Recording and Financial Secretaries, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-Arms, Sentinel and three Trustees, who shall be elected annually at the last stated meeting in December, except the Trustees, who shall be elected as specified in Paragraph 160.

Nomination and Election.

148. The nomination and election of officers shall take place at the meeting as specified above unless when a vacancy is to be filled or a Branch is to be instituted, in which case the nomination, election and installation shall take place immediately. All officers shall be chosen by ballot by a majority of the valid votes given, except when there is but one candidate for any office, when the election may be taken by consent. In case no candidate has such majority, the balloting shall continue until one of them obtains it; but the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be withdrawn or dropped at each unsuccessful ballot, and no vote shall be regarded as a part of the poll unless it be for a previously nominated candidate.

Tellers—Their Duties.

149. When an election is held for any officer or officers, the presiding officer shall act as judge and he shall appoint two members in good stand-

ing to act as tellers, who shall assist in conducting the election in a just and impartial manner. The Financial Secretary shall furnish the tellers with a list of all members in good standing who are entitled to vote. Each member voting shall hand his ticket to the tellers, giving his name and the tellers shall deposit it in the poll. In case there are two or more candidates for the same office, neither of whom have received the majority of all the votes polled, the balloting shall continue until one of the candidates receive such majority, subject to the provisions of Paragraph 148.

Installation of Officers.

150. Officers of the Branch legally elected, if qualified, shall be installed at the first stated meeting in the ensuing term. Any member who has been duly elected failing to present himself for installation, unless prevented by sickness or some other unfavorable occurrence, may have the office to which he was elected declared vacant by the presiding officer, and another election ordered forthwith to fill the vacancy; and no member shall be installed who is indebted to the Branch; nor shall any officer who has been installed retain his seat if he shall be in arrears to the amount of three month's dues.

Removals and Vacancies.

151. Any officer may be removed from his office for inattention to the duties of his station or conduct unbecoming his standing in the Order; and vacancies occurring by reason of death, resignation, removal or otherwise, shall be filled in the manner of the original selection to serve for the remainder of the term. The

officer so serving shall be entitled to the full honors of the term. Every officer against whom charges are preferred shall have a fair and impartial trial in accordance with the laws, rules and regulations of the Order; but he shall officiate until the charges have been settled, unless otherwise ordered by the Branch.

Duty of Officers—Spiritual Director.

152. The Spiritual Director shall have free access to all the meetings of the Branch and have the privilege to give such spiritual advice as in his judgment the good of the Branch may require.

President—His Duties.

153. The President shall preside at all meetings and enforce the laws, rules and usages of the Branch and those of the Supreme Council; decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Branch; act as judge of all elections, and declare the result to the Branch; he shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Branch; he shall sign all orders on the Treasurer for all moneys ordered to be paid by the Branch; he shall not be entitled to vote, except when electing officers, balloting for candidates, and when the members are equally divided on other questions; he shall call special meetings of the Branch upon the written request of seven members in good standing, and at the last stated meetings in June and December he shall appoint an Auditing Committee, consisting of three members in good standing whose duty it shall be to audit the books and examine the accounts of the Recording and Financial Secretaries, Treasurer and Trustees, and make

a written report at the next stated meeting of the Branch. He shall countersign all benefit certificates issued by the Order to members of his Branch. He shall perform such other duties devolving on his office as the laws, rules and usages of the Order enjoin.

Duties of Vice President.

154. The Vice President shall assist the President in preserving order and in conducting the business and ceremonies of the Branch, qualify himself to preside at the meetings in the absence of the President, and perform such other duties as are required by the laws, rules and regulations of the Branch. In case of the death, resignation or inability of the President to serve the Vice President shall fill his term. Branches of fifty or over may have two Vice Presidents.

Duties of Recording Secretary.

155. The Recording Secretary shall keep accurate reports of the proceedings of the Branch, which he shall record in a book provided for that purpose. When notified by the Treasurer of an amount having been paid to the Supreme Treasurer, he shall at once notify the Supreme Secretary of such fact, giving date of the remittance, amount of the general or Widows' and Orphans' Fund, amount of assessment, and number of members liable on it. He shall countersign all benefit certificates issued by the Order to members of the Branch; he shall make out and attest all orders on the Treasurer; he shall make out the semi-annual statement of the Branch for the Supreme Council, forward the same to the Secretary thereof, properly signed and attested with the seal of the Branch at

tached; he shall immediately notify the Secretary of the Supreme Council of the rejection of candidates, expulsion, suspension and reinstatement of members, giving the name of the member, the number of his benefit certificate, and his number in the Order. He shall notify the Supreme Secretary of all admissions to the Branch, whether on application or by card; if the latter, he shall give the number of the member in the Order as well as his name. He shall keep an accurate roll of the membership of the Branch, designating therein the numbers allotted to the respective members by the Supreme Secretary. He shall semi-annually report the number of members in good standing to the Supreme Secretary and his State Secretary; he shall conduct the correspondence and have charge of the seal and records of the Branch; he shall at the close of each meeting of the Branch report all changes in membership, remittances and transactions of the Branch to the Supreme Secretary; he shall notify all members who have been declared eligible to membership within seven days thereafter, and perform such other duties as the laws, rules and usages of the Order and Branch enjoin. At the expiration of his term of office he shall turn over to his successor in office the seal, books, papers and other documents that may be in his possession.

Duties of Financial Secretary.

156. The Financial Secretary shall keep a full and correct account between the Branch and its members, receive all moneys due the Branch at the Branch meeting, and pay the same to the Treasurer before the close of each meeting, taking his receipt therefor; he shall notify all

members in arrears to the amount of three months' dues, and when a member is in arrears to the amount of six months' dues he shall notify the Branch of the fact; he shall at the time of the election of officers furnish the President with a list of the members not in good standing and not entitled to vote; he shall receive from the Trustees their bonds with approved security, for the faithful performance of their duties; and at the end of each term, he shall furnish the Recording Secretary with a list of all the members and their standing in the Branch, and perform such other duties as the laws, rules and usages of the Order and Branch enjoin. At the expiration of his term of office he shall turn over to his successor in office all books, papers, etc., in his possession.

Duties of Treasurer.

157. The Treasurer shall receive from the Financial Secretary, before the close of each meeting, all moneys received by him for the Branch, and give his receipt therefor; he shall pay all orders drawn on him by the Recording Secretary and signed by the President; he shall keep a regular and correct account of all moneys received and paid by him. When an assessment is ordered, it shall be his duty to forward immediately to the Supreme Treasurer all moneys in his hands belonging to the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund that properly belongs to that assessment, together with the Supreme Initiation Fees, and all money belonging to the General Fund, and in making all remittances he shall enclose a statement in duplicate on the form prescribed by the Supreme officer. He shall immediately notify the Recording Secre-

tary of the Branch and also the Supreme Secretary of the date of such remittance, the amount and the number of assessments, and amount of the general fund, and the means by which it was sent. He shall keep a separate account of and not allow the Widows' and Orphna's Benefit Fund to be used for any other purpose. He shall have his accounts ready for settlement on the last stated meetings in June and December, and at the expiration of his term of office he shall deliver to his successor in office all moneys, books, papers, canceled checks and vouchers in his hands. Before entering upon the duties of office he shall give to the Trustees of the Branch his bond, with approved security for the faithful performance of his duty, for such an amount as the Branch may deem satisfactory.

Duties of Sergeant-at-Arms.

158. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall assist the President in preserving order at the meetings, present candidates for admission, and shall permit no member to leave the meetings unless by permission of the president. He shall have charge of all processions, have control of all property of the Branch when not in use, and take care of the same. He shall have power to cite members before the Branch for disorderly conduct, or anything that would bring disgrace on the Branch, or be a violation of the laws, rules and regulations of the Branch. He shall answer the roll of officers, and at the expiration of his term of office deliver to his successor all Branch property in his possession.

Duties of Sentinel.

159. The Sentinel shall have charge of the entrance to the Branch Hall, see that none but

members of the Order or candidates are admitted, unless directed by the President. He shall perform such duties as the laws, rules and usages of the Branch may enjoin.

Trustees—How Elected.

160. There shall be a Board of Trustees, consisting of three members in good standing, who shall be elected as follows: One for one year, one for two years and one for three years, and one shall be elected at each annual meeting thereafter, except in the formation of new Branches, when their terms shall expire in one, two and three years from the date of the first annual election—that is the last stated meeting in December.

Duties of the Trustees.

161. The Trustees shall have the general supervision of all the property of the Branch; they shall invest in such securities as the Branch may direct, such sums as it orders to be drawn from the Treasury for that purpose, and deposit the vouchers with the Recording Secretary; they shall have the custody of all securities of the Branch for money loaned or invested; they shall collect or realize all such sums when so directed by the Branch, and pay the money collected by them to the Financial Secretary; they shall at the last stated meeting at the close of every term report their transactions to the Branch, and make an inventory of all property; they shall receive from the Treasurer his bond with the approved security for the faithful performance of his duties. Before entering upon the duties of their office they shall each give bond, with approved security, for such sum as the

Branch may require for the faithful performance of their duties.

City or Town Visiting Committee.

162. In localities or cities having three or more Branches, they may elect a committee of three from each Branch to form a City or Town Committee, to be known as Social or Visiting Committee, to advance the social and business features of the organization.

Representative to the Supreme Council—When Elected.

163. The Representative to the Supreme Council in States where no State Council exists shall be elected three months previous to the meeting of the Supreme Council.

State Delegates—When Elected.

164. Delegates to State Councils shall be elected three months prior to the meeting of the Supreme Council, unless otherwise provided by the State Council.

Dues and Benefits.

165. The initiation fee of this Branch shall be as prescribed in the by-laws.

Each member of this Branch shall pay, as dues, to commence with date of his admission, such sum as the by-laws prescribe.

Any member who is in arrears for dues to the Branch for three months or for Supreme or State tax for sixty days, or when he fails to pay his assessments for which he is liable as herein-after provided, he shall be suspended. No monies shall be collected from such suspended mem-

ber or forwarded to the Supreme Treasurer for his account until said member is re-instated in his Branch.

Suspended Member—How Reinstated.

166. Each member of this Branch who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, applying to be reinstated, must pay the full amount for which he is in arrears for dues, all assessments and fines charged at date of suspension, and all debts on deaths that occurred on each assessment prior to his reinstatement, and shall also furnish the Branch an affidavit that he is in sound health and has had no ailment during his suspension. The said affidavit shall be forwarded to the Supreme Secretary, provided that he apply for reinstatement within thirty days after the date of suspension, and pay a fine of \$1.00, which fine shall be placed in the General Fund of the Order.

After the expiration of thirty, and within ninety days, any member who has been suspended shall have the right to apply for reinstatement and must pay the full amount, for which he is in arrears for dues, all assessments and fines due at date of suspension and all debts on deaths that occurred prior to reinstatement and shall furnish the Branch the Medical Examiners's certificate as prescribed for persons on original application.

May Apply as a New Member—When.

167. After the expiration of ninety days any member who has been suspended shall have the right to apply for admission as a new member on complying with all the regulations of the Order governing applications; but before his ap-

plication can be considered by the Branch, said applicant must produce a receipt from the proper officers of the Branch showing that he has paid his indebtedness due the Branch and the Supreme Council, up to and including the date of suspension, and he must also attach to his application his old Benefit Certificate, if in his possession, which shall be then cancelled by the Recording Secretary of the Branch, and forwarded to the Supreme Secretary, and the said member shall be assessed at his advanced age.

Benefits.

168. Two thousand dollars shall be the highest amount paid by the Order on the death of a member, until otherwise provided. This sum shall be paid on the death of a full-rate member, whenever one assessment amounts to or exceeds the sum of two thousand dollars, and until that time, a sum PER CAPITA equal to the whole, half or quarter of one assessment, according to the class above.

Proof of Death.

169. On the death of a brother the Recording Secretary shall immediately forward to the Supreme Secretary and Medical Examiner a notice of such death with proper proof of the same. Said notice must state the name and age, date of his initiation, date of death, the amount he has paid into the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund, and that he was in good standing and entitled to the quarter, half or whole of the benefit.

The proof of death shall be furnished at cost of beneficiary.

Assessments—When Called—When to be Read.

170. After paying said benefit, if the sum of two thousand dollars is in the Supreme Treasury, and not drawn against, no assessments will be made; but in case less than two thousand dollars remain in the Supreme Treasury, then the assessment previously ordered collected shall be called in by the Supreme Secretary, and a notice to assess the members, to provide for the next death shall be sent by mail to the Recording Secretaries of each Branch of the Order; and it is hereby made the duty of each Recording Secretary to read said notice at the next meeting of his Branch, which shall be the official call for the assessment, and each member shall pay the amount of his assessment at the second meeting thereafter, when the Branch meets semi-monthly, and at the fourth meeting thereafter, when the Branch meetings are held weekly; said Recording Secretary shall enter upon the minute book of said Branch, and also upon said notice the date when said notice was received by him, and the date when it was so read to the Branch, and shall file and carefully preserve among the records those of said notice and the production of such record of said Branch or of said original notice, or either of them, in any suit or controversy between any person claiming benefits against the Order, shall be held in all courts as *prima facie* evidence of the fact that such assessment call was read in such Branch as is therein or thereon stated.

Penalty for Failure to Pay Assessments.

171. Any Branch failing to send assessments to the Supreme Treasurer within fifty-five days from date of notice shall be suspended by the

Supreme President. Any member who shall fail to pay such assessment as aforesaid, shall be suspended from the Branch by the acting President; and any Branch allowing such delinquent to remain without suspending him, shall pay out of its general fund all assessments due from such member while he is permitted to remain in good standing.

Benefit Certificate—How Changed.

172. Every member, at his initiation into the Order, shall have a Benefit Certificate issued to him free of charge.

Each member may enter upon his application the name or names of the members of his family, or those to whom he desires the benefit paid, and they shall be entered in the Benefit Certificate according to said direction. A member may at any time, when in good standing, change his beneficiary upon complying with the requirements hereinafter provided, and upon surrender of his Benefit Certificate and payment of a fee of one dollar. Brothers desiring a change of beneficiary shall make application to the Branch for its consent to the change, which application shall be in writing, and read at a regular meeting of the Branch, and deferred for Branch action to the next regular meeting, when, if three-fourths of those present approve of the change as requested, the change shall be made by the Supreme Secretary upon the receipt of the Benefit Certificate and a fee of one dollar accompanied by a certified copy of the Branch action on said application; provided, that by the unanimous consent of the meeting at which the application for a change is first read, action may be had in said meeting.

Upon the Death of Beneficiaries Named.

173. In the event of the death of one or more of the beneficiaries selected by the member before the decease of such member, if he shall make no further disposition thereof, upon his death such benefit shall be paid in full to the surviving beneficiary or beneficiaries, each sharing *pro rata*, as provided in the Benefit Certificate. In the event of the death of all beneficiaries selected by the member, before the decease of such member, if he shall make no other or further disposition thereof, the benefit shall be paid to the heirs of the deceased member, and if no person or persons shall be entitled to receive such benefit by the laws of this Order, it shall revert to the Sinking Fund of the Catholic Knights of America.

Change of Rate.

174. A member paying full rates, who has no assessment charged against him, may give notice to the Branch at any time of his desire to change and pay only half or quarter rates, but no one can change from a half or quarter to a higher rate without the consent of the Branch, and not until he has been re-examined in the same manner as prescribed for original applicants, and he shall pay at the increased rate thereafter, an assessment for his age at the time he changes. Said application must be accompanied by the amount required for the new assessment. The member so changing shall surrender his Benefit Certificate and pay one dollar to the Secretary of his Branch, who shall forward the application (certifying thereon the date the old rate of assessment ends and the new one begins), Benefit Certificate and one dollar to the Supreme

Secretary, who shall issue a new Benefit Certificate to said member.

Loan in Case of Death.

175. Upon the death of a member in good standing, and upon the application of the beneficiaries, in necessitous circumstances, when the laws of the State where the Branch is located authorizes it, a loan, not to exceed one hundred dollars, may be made to said beneficiaries, to be repaid out of the amount of the benefit when paid by the Order.

Withdrawal Cards.

176. Any member in good standing shall have the right to withdraw from his Branch and secure a withdrawal card, provided, that at the time of the application for said card, and at the date of granting said card said member is in no manner indebted to the Order, or to the Branch, and that there are no charges pending against said member. A fee of fifty cents shall be paid for said withdrawal card.

Form of Card.

177. SUPREME COUNCIL
CATHOLIC KNIGHTS OF AMERICA.
WITHDRAWAL CARD.

This is to certify, That.....of.....
Branch No....., Catholic Knights of America,
of....., State of....., is in good
standing in this Branch, and has paid Assessment No..... to this Branch, together with all dues, fines and charges, and he is granted a Withdrawal Card, good for.....months from this date. It is further certified, That.....

was initiated into this Branch on the.....day of.....18....; that the first assessment he paid to the Order was No.....; that his number in the Order is No.....; that his Certificate No.....was issued.....18....; that he was initiated....feet....inches in height;.....pounds in weight;.....years of age; that his rate is \$...per assessment, and that he has paid into the W. and O. B. Fund \$....; by occupation a.....; resided at....., and that the Benefit named in his certificate is to be paid to....., as appears from the records of this Branch.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Branch this.....day of.....18....

.....President

.....Rec. Sec.

.....Supreme Secretary.

[SEAL.]

Limit of Card.

178. The Branch shall fix the time for which the card shall be good, provided it shall not exceed three months, and during this time, or until it is deposited, the Branch shall retain his name on the books, and he shall keep his dues and benefit assessments paid up, as if he had not received a withdrawal card. If, at the end of that time, he has not deposited his card in some Branch, his name shall be stricken from the books and his membership shall cease, subject to the provisions of this paragraph.

Card to be Presented—How.

179. A brother of this Order wishing to become a member of a Branch shall make a written application, and present his card from the

Branch of which he was last a member, and if the Branch is satisfied of the correctness of the card, the application shall be referred to a committee of three members, whose duty it shall be to inquire, and report to the Branch, as to the character and fitness of the applicant for membership; if their report be favorable he shall be admitted.

Expiration of Card.

180. At the expiration of the time for which the card was granted the brother not having deposited it with another Branch, he may deposit the card with the same Branch from which it was drawn.

Final Withdrawal Card.

181. Any member in good standing desiring to finally withdraw from the Order may have issued to him free of cost a final card signed by the Supreme President and Supreme Secretary, upon payment of all dues, fines and assessments charged against him, provided, however, he shall first surrender his Benefit Certificate and all rights thereunder.

Form of Final Card.

182. Any member desiring a final card as above will surrender his Benefit Certificate and all rights thereunder to the officers of the Branch, upon which the Recording Secretary and President of such Branch will certify the fact to the Supreme Secretary, who will issue the final card, which card shall be in form as follows:

183. SUPREME COUNCIL C. K. OF A.

This is to certify that.....is a member of
Branch No..C. K. of A., located at.....
 in the State of.....and that the Supreme Council
 of C. K. of A. has this day granted to him
 upon his application this final card. He having
 paid all dues, fines and assessments charged
 against him, and surrendered his Benefit Certificate
 and all rights thereunder, that his connection
 with the Order has this day terminated
 honorably.

Witness our hands this.....day of.....18..

.....Supreme President.

Attest.....

[SEAL.]

Supreme Secretary.

Final Card—Advantages.

184. Any member who has obtained a final withdrawal card and complied with all the requirements herein prescribed for obtaining the same, shall be allowed to become a member of any Branch of this Order by complying with all the requirements of Paragraph 135 of the Constitution of Subordinate Branches.

Traveling Cards—When Issued.

185. Any member in good standing wishing a traveling card from his Branch, shall on payment of twenty-five cents, be entitled to receive one for the space of sixty days, and if at the expiration of that time he desires another one, it shall be issued on the payment of the sum above specified.

Form of Traveling Card.

186. The following shall be the form of the traveling card which shall be furnished to the Branches by the Supreme Secretary at cost price.

187. CATHOLIC KNIGHTS OF AMERICA.

TRAVELING CARD—PLACE AND DATE.

This is to certify that Brother of Branch No., C. K. of A., is in good standing in this Branch and has paid assessment No. together with all dues and charges, and is granted this traveling card for sixty days from the date hereof. We request that the courtesies of Catholic Knighthood be extended to him.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Branch aforesaid.

.....President Branch No. . .

.....Secretary Branch No. . .

• [Branch Seal.]

Returns and Dues to the Supreme Council.

188. At the close of each term the Branch shall report to the Supreme Council the number, name and age of each member initiated, reinstated, received by card, suspended, withdrawn by card, deceased and rejected, total number of members, total amount of receipts, Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund, and the amount disbursed by the Branch, and the result of the election of officers, according to the form furnished by the Supreme Council, which report shall be properly attested by the President and Recording Secretary, with the seal of the Branch attached.

Disputes and Grievances.

189. Members of the Branch between whom may arise disputes, difficulties or grievances, may specify the same in writing to the President, who shall appoint a committee of reconciliation to consist of not less than three members in good standing, whose duty it shall be to

give a fair and impartial trial of the parties, hear proofs and witnesses, and report to the President their decision, who will communicate the same to the parties concerned; and should the dissatisfaction continue, then the whole matter shall be brought before the Branch and undergo a regular trial. Provided, however, if the dispute, difficulty or grievance cannot be substantiated, or that it shall be proved by the committee to be false or malicious, the member making such allegations shall be suspended in accordance with the laws, rules and usages of the Order, as a dangerous disturber of the peace and harmony of the Branch.

Form of Trial.

190. All charges or complaints made against members of the Branch must be reduced to writing and distinctly state the time and place of occurrence. One copy must be handed to the Recording Secretary, and one copy to the member complained of. The complaint shall be read at a stated meeting of the Branch, and the Recording Secretary shall notify the accused that the matter will be taken up for consideration at the next stated meeting of the Branch; then the charges shall again be read, and, if not withdrawn with a proper explanation, a committee of five members shall be appointed. It shall be the duty of the committee to whom a charge has been referred to examine carefully and impartially the witnesses and evidence; they shall give due notice of the time and place of trial, and a fair opportunity for them to be present. The accused and accuser shall each have as counsel a member of the Order in good standing, and one witness at a time shall be allowed to be

present. The committee shall keep a correct journal of its proceedings, reduce to writing the testimony taken, and have the witnesses sign it, and after having received all the evidence presented, shall reduce to writing their opinion as to the guilt or innocence of the accused; if guilty, they shall state what punishment the Branch shall inflict; they shall present the same to the Branch, together with a record of their proceedings and the testimony received, at as early a day thereafter as practicable, when, after deliberation and discussion, a ballot shall be taken, and if a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the report, it shall be recorded as the judgment of the Branch; but if the Branch refuse to adopt the report of the committee, the Branch shall impose such penalty as it may deem proper in the premises. The journal and testimony shall be read on the call of five members. Any member of this Order who shall testify in any trial or other proceedings connected therewith, shall promise before so testifying to tell on the occasion the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; and the refusal of any member of this Order to testify when called upon in its behalf or of the accused, shall render such member liable to suspension or expulsion, and any member of this Order so testifying falsely, and against whom it is established, shall be expelled from the Order by the Supreme President; provided, that this law is subject to the rules of evidence.

Mode of Appeals.

- 191. Any member considering that injustice has been done him by the decision of the Branch may, within one month after such decision, take

a written appeal to the Supreme Council if in session, or to the President during recess, stating his reason thereof. Immediately after taking the appeal he must notify his Branch of the fact. The Branch, within one month after receiving such notice, shall forward to the Supreme Council or the President a copy of all the minutes relating to the subject, together with the journal and testimony taken by the committee, certified by the President and the Recording Secretary, and the seal of the Branch attached. The member making the appeal must certify to the Supreme Council or President that he has notified his Branch of the appeal; should either party neglect these duties the appeal may be dismissed to the disadvantage of the Branch or brother.

Suspended Member—Restored—When.

192. Any member who has been indefinitely suspended by the Branch shall not be restored to membership in this or any other Branch without the permission of the Supreme Council; or in case it is not in session, by the President, except for the non-payment of dues and assessments.

Uniformed Rank—Commanderies—How Formed—Charter Fee.

193. Uniformed Commanderies of the Catholic Knights of America may be formed by fifteen or more members of this Order, in good standing, and shall have authority to pass by-laws for their government, not in conflict with the laws of this Order; dispensation therefor having first been granted by the Supreme President, attested by the Supreme Secretary, under

the seal of the Supreme Council. Such Commanderies shall pay a charter fee of ten dollars.

Suspension—When.

194. Any member of a Uniformed Commandery who shall become suspended or expelled, as the case may be, from his Subordinate Branch, shall thereby be suspended or expelled from his Commandery, and when reinstated in his Subordinate Branch shall be thereby entitled to be reinstated in his Commandery.

Annual Report.

195. Each Commandery of the Uniformed Rank shall furnish to the Supreme Secretary on the first day of January of each year an annual report, which report shall show the names and rank of their officers and membership, said report to be made on blanks furnished by the Supreme Secretary.

Official Delinquency—Penalty.

186. Any officer who shall decline, fail or refuse to carry out the laws, rules and regulations of the order, shall, on charges being preferred and sustained by the Branch, be deposed from his office and be ineligible to any office in the Order for the term of one year, dating from his deposition.

Amendments.

197. By-laws in conformity with this Constitution may be made, and from time to time amended and altered, by two members in good standing of the Branch submitting a written proposition, and having it read at two stated meetings previous to being acted upon, when,

two-thirds of the valid votes cast concurring, it shall be adopted, provided they do not contravene or conflict with the Laws or Constitution of the Supreme Council, or the Constitution of the Branch, or the principles of the Order; provided, also, they be submitted to and be approved by the Supreme Vice-President of the Supreme Council, and after the date of such approval all By-laws contravening or conflicting therewith shall be considered as repealed.

All By-laws submitted for approval shall be made, in duplicate, with President's and Secretary's name and Branch seal attached.

Order of Business.

198. The presiding officer shall call the meeting to order by three (3) raps of the gavel, when he shall open the meeting with prayer, to-wit: An Our Father, a Hail Mary and the invocation: "May the Souls of Our Deceased Brothers, through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace."

1. Opening prayer.
2. Calling roll of officers.
3. Calling roll of members.
4. Reading of the minutes.
5. Applications for membership.
6. Report of investigating committees.
7. Balloting for candidates.
8. Reception of new members.
9. Report of relief committee.
10. Communications, new bills, etc.
11. Reports of special committees.
12. Report of standing committees and officers.
13. Are there any brothers out of employment?
14. Unfinished business.

15. New business.
16. Remarks for the good of the Branch.
17. Collection of dues and assessments.
18. Close with the same prayers as at opening.

Social Members.

199. Social membership shall be open to the following classes:

1. Persons whose applications shall not have been approved by the Medical Examiner.
2. Persons who may not desire beneficiary membership, or who may not be able to pass the required medical examination, or who may be over the age fixed for said beneficiary membership.
3. Members who may wish to surrender their beneficiary membership, provided they shall be in good standing

Applicants for social membership must possess all the qualifications required for beneficiary membership as set forth in article 135 of this constitution, but they shall not be subject to a medical examination.

Social members shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of the Order, but they shall not be allowed to participate in the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund, nor shall they be eligible to any office.

Social members shall be exempt from assessments of the W. and O. Fund, Supreme and State Council per capita tax. Branches may regulate the initiation fee and dues of social members. Secretaries are not to report social members on form X.

4. All Branches of this Order may, if they see fit, organize or assist in establishing what shall be known as the Ladies' Auxiliary, to be composed only of the wives, daughters, sisters, mothers and widows of Knights, who may form themselves into a Social Branch under the protection of a Branch of the Order, elect their own officers, conduct their separate meetings and meet jointly with the Branch on occasions of a social nature.

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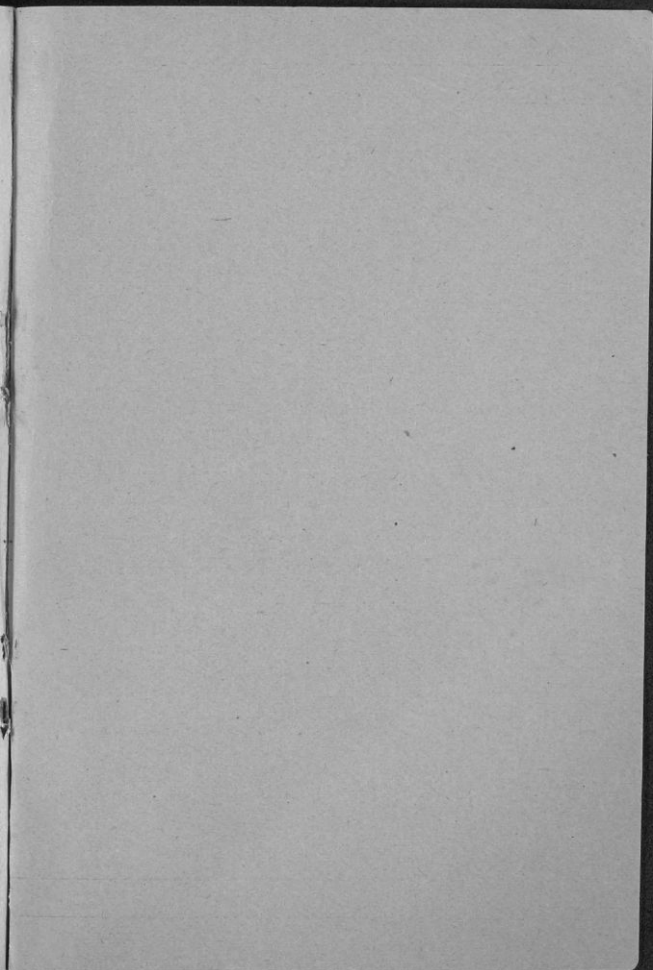
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