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—of—
COURT LAKE SHORE
No. 107
FORESTERS OF AMERICA



OF FREDA, MICHIGAN

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PREAMBLE

This Court Lake Shore of Frodo-Bearss 1911, No. 1071, Foresters of America working under the authority of the Grand Court of Michigan, is founded on the broad principles of benevolence established to provide relief and aid to sickness and distress, and to inspire its members with the glowing influence of proper recognition of the stern duties and responsibilities of life.

OBJECT.

The object of this court shall be to unite fraternally all white males of good moral character and sound bodily health, between the ages of 18 and fifty years.

ARTICLE I.—Meetings.

The court meetings shall be held the second, third and fourth Monday of each month, unless unforeseen circumstances should prevent same, which in this case Chief Ranger shall select a meeting night which shall suit the conditions.

Special Meetings.

Sec. 1. Special meetings shall be called by the Chief Ranger at his discretion, or on a written request of seven Executive members, notice of which and of the object of the meeting shall be given to all members, if practical.

Sec. 2. The hours of meeting shall be at 7:00 o'clock P. M., throughout the year.

Sec. 3. At a stated meeting of the Court, seven Executive members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, one of them to preside in all the cases. No business shall be transacted at a special meeting of the Court unless a quorum is present.

ARTICLE II.

Sec. 1. Every candidate before being initiated shall pay his initiation fee, which shall be as follows: Five Dollars and FIFTY Cents (\$5 50-100,) from sixteen to thirty years of age, Seven Dollars and FIFTY Cents (\$7 50-100,) from thirty to forty years of age, and Ten Dollars (\$10.00,) from forty to FIFTY years of age.

Sec. 2. A member owing one month's dues shall be declared delinquent, and if taken sick cannot claim benefits by paying up his dues. If a member owes six month's dues he shall be suspended and shall not be entitled to benefits until Three months after he is re-instated.

Sec. 3. A member who is five months in arrears for dues shall be notified by the Financial Secretary, if not paid at the end of six months shall be a sary, if not paid at the end of six months shall be suspended. Such member of the order who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, fines or assessments, or by arbitration committee findings, applying to be reinstated shall pay the full amount in arrears for dues, all assessments and fines charged at date of suspension. He shall also furnish from the physician a certificate as to his physical condition. If great for more than three miles from his court he shall furnish a medical certificate that will satisfy his Court.

Sec. 4. When a member owes six month's dues, the Secretary shall give the name or names to the Chief Hanger, and the Chief Hanger shall read the name or names in open Court, and declare such members suspended, and the names shall be put on the minutes of that meeting.

Sec. 5. Every beneficial member of this Court shall pay into the general fund at the commencement of each quarter the sum of Three Dollars (\$3.00.)

Sec. 6. Should a member send his dues through

the mail and such money be delayed so that the brother becomes delinquent, the Court shall have the power to receive the brother's money and declare him financial.

ARTICLE III.

Sec. 1. A worthy brother who has been six months a contributing member of this Court, if in good standing, shall be declared a benefit member. If such benefit member shall be disabled by sickness, or by injury, from pursuing his daily business or occupation, he shall be entitled to receive (except for the first six days,) nine dollars (\$9.00) per week for the first six months, and Five Dollars and FIFTY Cents (5 50-100) per week for six months and if sick for thirty days he shall be paid from the first day he was taken sick.

Sec. 2. Should a worthy brother be taken sick and shall resume his usual work, and should he take sick again with the same disease within one week he shall receive his sick pay from his first sickness, except for the number of days which he worked.

Sec. 3. All members claiming sick benefits must report to the Financial Secretary, Chief Hanger or Sub Chief Hanger within six days after taken sick, or will receive sick pay only from the time reported, and before such benefits can be allowed a certificate from the attending physician must be filed with the secretary and one each month thereafter for six months, should such sickness continue. If the report is not satisfied with this report he has the power to send in one, or any other physician and may be covered by him or their report.

Sec. 4. The Funds of this Court shall be known as the General Fund, and all fines, dues and assessments shall be placed in this fund.

Sec. 4. Any member residing in a village, city or town where there is no Court of the P. of A., on being taken sick and applying for benefits, the same must be accompanied with the signature and seal of a Notary Public, as well as the physician's certificate, and in case the charges of a Notary should be too high, the payment of same to be considered by the Court for payment.

ARTICLE IV.

Sec. 1. If any member divulges the name of a brother who shall think proper to speak or vote against a candidate for initiation or make public any business which should be confined to the Court, he shall be fined, suspended, or expelled on charges duly preferred at the pleasure of the Court.

Sec. 2. When the application of a candidate for initiation has been rejected by ballot the same shall be returned to him and information of the same not be given to any person unless he be in good standing, and any member known to have given such information to any person except to a properly qualified member, shall, on proof thereof, be dealt with according to the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 3. When the application of a candidate for initiation has been rejected by ballot, no member shall inform the candidate of such rejection or hold any communication with him on the subject without making himself liable to the foregoing penalties, unless he be specially instructed to do so by the Chief Stanger.

Sec. 4. When a person has been proposed for membership the fact that such proposition has been made shall not be mentioned by any brother to any person whatever, except he be a brother, until a decision shall have been had on the proposition and then unless the decision be favorable.

Sec. 5. Any member wilfully or knowingly dis-

ting any of the above sections of this article shall be suspended from all rights and benefits and shall not be permitted to vote or debate in the Court for three months. It shall be the duty of the Chief Stanger to read the foregoing five rules at the re-jection of a candidate.

Sec. 6. Any member being guilty of habitual drunkenness or infamous offenses against the laws of the land shall be expelled.

Sec. 7. No member when upon the sick list shall be allowed to frequent gambling houses, nor houses of ill-repute, nor saloons, nor get intoxicated. Any member guilty of the above conduct shall forfeit all claims on the Court.

Sec. 8. No member, when upon the sick list, shall be allowed to be out after seven o'clock at night or before eight o'clock in the morning from the Thirtieth of September, to the Thirtieth of March, or after nine o'clock at night or before six o'clock in the morning, from the Thirtieth of March to the Thirtieth of September, without the consent of the Court or the attending physician and the violation thereof shall be suspended from all benefits for a period of three calendar months.

Sec. 9. Any brother known to attend Court under the influence of liquor shall not be allowed to attend the meeting.

ARTICLE V.

FINANCES.

All disbursements are governed by the General Laws.

ARTICLE VI.

Sec. 1. In case of sickness, if a brother is actually in need of an attendant, the Chief Stanger will employ a person to attend the sick brother at a cost not to exceed one dollar per day, of 24 hours,

For Two Calendar Months, but in case of a contiguous session the Court shall pay two dollars more for Two Calendar Months.

ARTICLE VII.

The Chief Ranger shall state every question coming before the Court, and immediately before calling upon the Court to vote on said question he shall ask: "Is the Court ready for the question?" Should no brother rise to speak he shall rise to take the vote of the Court and after he has risen no member shall speak upon it unless by his permission.

Rule 1.

No motion shall be put to the Court unless regularly moved and seconded. After a motion has been made the Chief Ranger shall ask: "What is the pleasure of the Court?" nor shall the question be open for consideration until so asked and then no other motion shall be received unless it be the motion to adjourn; second, to lay on the table; third to put the previous question; fourth, to postpone; fifth, in order; sixth, to amend; and these several motions, if made, shall have precedence in the order above stated, and the first three to be decided without debate.

Rule 2.

Any mover of a motion with the consent of the secondary may withdraw said motion at any time previously to the Court voting thereon.

Rule 3.

No special motion shall be offered in Court except in writing.

Rule 4.

The motion for the previous question shall only be put by the Chief Ranger when made by four

brothers, and shall always be stated in these words: "Shall the main question be now put" and such question shall forthwith be decided without debate by a vote of a majority of the brothers present, and voting, and if carried in the affirmative shall cut off all further amendments to motion all further debate.

Rule 5.

Any brother may require the division of the question when the same will admit of it.

Rule 6.

The vote and says shall be taken and recorded on the roll of any brother duly recorded.

Rule 7.

After any question except that of indefinite postponement, may have been decided, any brother having voted in the majority, may at the same or next meeting, move for a reconsideration thereof, but no discussion on the main question shall be allowed on such motion.

Rule 8.

Every brother of the Court shall have the privilege of speaking twice on any subject or question, but not oftener unless by permission of the Chief Ranger.

Rule 9.

Any brother speaking on any question, making a motion, seconding the same or in anywise addressing the Court, shall rise in his place and respectfully address the Chief Ranger confining himself to the question and avoiding all personalities, and should move that one brother rise to speak at the same time the Chief Ranger shall determine which is entitled to the floor.

Rule 11.

The Chief Ranger or any brother may call a brother to order while speaking, and in such a case the debate will forthwith be suspended, and the brother so called to order shall not proceed until the point of order thus raised be determined, nor speak upon such point of order unless it be to make necessary explanation or to appeal from the decision of the chair.

Rule 12.

In all cases when a brother may appeal from any decision of the chair he shall use the words following and none other, unless it be for necessary explanation: "Worthy Chief Ranger, I respectfully appeal from the decision of the chair to the Court." The Court shall thereupon proceed faithfully to consider and shall vote upon the question, "Will the Court sustain the decision of the chair?"

Rule 13.

Any brother who has been called to order for immoderations of language or improper conduct shall apologize to the Court, or to any approved party if required so to do by the Chief Ranger, and shall not speak again on the pending question, except to explain or apologize, unless specially permitted to do so by the Chief Ranger.

Rule 14.

Rule 14 must be governed by the ritual.

Rule 15.

No brother shall retire during a meeting of the Court without asking and obtaining the permission of the Chief Ranger.

Rule 16.

No brother shall be allowed to disturb a speaker

either by coughing, spitting, whispering, or walking about the Court, or in any other manner, and any brother so doing shall be liable to a reprimand from the Chief Ranger, and should the case be an approved one, the brother so doing may be denied further participation in the pending question at the option of the Chief Ranger.

Rule 17.

A motion to suspend any of these rules or order for the remainder of a meeting may at any time be carried by an unanimous vote, or if so many as two brothers call upon the Court to sustain it by a vote of not less than Two-Thirds of the brothers present and voting thereupon, but no motion to suspend any rule or order for a longer time shall at any time be put to vote.

Rule 18.

If a motion to adjourn be carried, the Court shall always close in due form.

Corrected and approved by the R. C. of the Grand Court of Michigan F. of A.

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