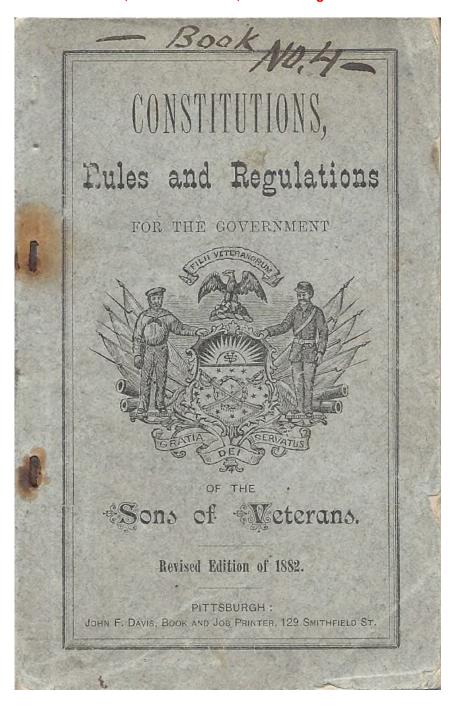
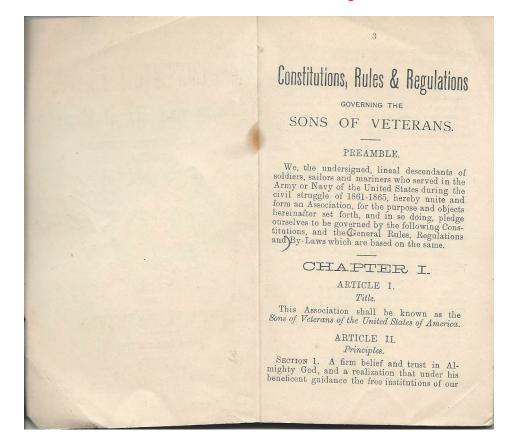
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Land—consecrated by the services and blood of our Fathers—have been preserved, and the integrity and life of the nation maintained.

SEC. 2. True allegiance to the Government of the United States of America, based upon a respect for and devotion and fidelity to its Constitution and Laws, manifested by the discountenancing of anything that may tend to weaken Loyalty, incite to insurrection, Treason or Rebellion, or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our National Union.

ARTICLE III.

Objects.

SEC. 1. To keep green the memories of our Fathers, and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.

of the Union.
SEC. 2. To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic in the caring for their helpless and disabled Veterans; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day.
SEC. 3. To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order.
SEC. 4. To inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty and justice to all.

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ARTICLE IV.

Organization.

The several constituted bodies of the Association shall be as follows: First-of subordinate

organizations, known as Camps; each Camp to have an appropriate name and number, providing, however, that no two Camps in the same Division shall be allowed to use the same name and number.

Second—of State organizations, known as Divisions; providing, however, that the State sub divisions; providing, however, that the State sub division of the parent Division of the Order as now established, with head-quarters at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, shall be allowed to stand, and shall not hereafter be in any way or degree interfered with or changed, except at the request and with the consent of the said Division; also, that as the Order as already established in the State of New York has some local features about it that could not for the present be considered as free to continue the same, and their system shall not be broken in on or dealt with except at their request and with their consent.

Third—of Five Grand Divisions as the same are hereinafter defined and bounded.

Fourth—of the Commandery in Chief.

ARTICLE V.

Eligibility to Membership.

SEC. I. First Class. The sons, not less than eighteen years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, who served in the Union Army or Navy during the Civil War of 1861 1865, shall be eligible to membership in the First Class: also, upon attaining the prescribed age, the eldest lineal male descendants of deceased members of the First Class, and if there are no descendants, male or

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female, then the male heirs of such deceased member in the collateral branches of their families in the order of genealogical succession according to the rules of descent.

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SEC. 2. Second Class. The eldest sons of living members of the First Class not less than eighteen years of age shall be eligible to membership in the Second Class, and upon the death of a member of the First Class, through whom eligibility is derived, a member of the Second Class shall become a member of the First Class.

SEC. 3. Third Class. The eldest sons of living members of the Second Class not less than eighten years of age, shall be eligible to membership in the Third Class, and upon the death or advancement to the First Class, of a member of the Second Class, through whom eligibility is derived, a member of the Third Class shall become a member of the Second Class. a member of the Second Class.

a member of the Second Class.

SEC. 4. While membership at a less age than eighteen years is not to be sought after or solicited, still in the event of the expressed wish of their parents or desired membership in the Fife and Drum Corps, or other special circumstances that may fully warrant it, persons may still be admitted at the full age of fourteen years, providing that such admission shall only be construed as partial membership, and the person shall be borne on the roll as a Cadet Recruit on probation; as such he shall be liable for and pay the usual muster fee and one half the prescribed dues of his Camp. He shall be entitled to wear the uniform and Regulation Badge of the pay the usual muster real and one and the state of the seribed dues of his Camp. He shall be entitled to wear the uniform and Regulation Badge of the Order, and to participate in its parades and all public ceremonies, but he shall not, until he reaches the prescribed age of eighteen years, and

be found duly and fully worthy in all respects be entitled to admission to the closed meetings of the Camp, or to receive the semi-annual password and countersign, or any instruction in the secret and unwritten work of the Order, and any attempt made by him to obtain the same improperly, shall render him a proper subject for discipline. While the foregoing shall not apply to members already mustered and instructed, all Grand Division, Division and Camp officers, and all officers of the Inspector General's Department will make it their special duty to see that the conditions of this section are not abused.

CHAPTER II. CAMP CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Formation.

Sec. 1. A Camp may be formed by the authority of a Division Commander acting by direction of the Grand Division Commander, or by the Commander in Chief, or Grand Division Commander, (where no Division organization exists) on application made in due form, of not less than ten persons eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans; and no Camp shall be recognized by the Sons of Veterans unless acting under a legal and unforfeited charter.

Sec. 2. No charter shall be surrendered by any Camp so long as ten members thereof demand its continuance; nor unless a proposition to surrender the charter shall have been made at a stated meeting at least four weeks before the time of action, and due notice given to every member of the Camp in writing.

Sec. 3. The rank of Camps shall be determined by the date of the charter under which they are acting.

they are acting.

ARTICLE II.

Admission to Membership.

SEC. I. Every application for admission to membership, shall be in writing, and shall, in detail, upon the blanks furnished by Commandery headquarters, giving the applicant's age,

birthplace, residence and occupation; his father's rank, the company, regiment or ship to which his father belonged, and to what Post of the Grand Army of the Republic his father belongs (if a member), or did belong.

SEC. 2. The application shall be presented at a stated meeting, and be recommended by a member of the Camp, who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility. It shall then be referred to a committee of three, of which number the member recommending shall not be one, for investigation and report.

nivestigation and report.

Sec. 3. The committee shall make careful investigation of the facts set forth in the application, and shall recommend his election or rejection, at a meeting subsequent to their appointment, by endorsement upon their application. Provided, however, that the Commander in Chief, Grand Division or Division Commander may grant a dispensation in writing to a Camp, to waive in any particular case, the rule prohibiting an investigating committee from reporting upon an application on the evening of their appointment. appointment

SEC. 4. After the reading of the report, the Commanding Officer shall give an opportunity to any brother having objections to the election of the applicant, to state the same, after which a ballot with ball ballots shall be had. If, on a count of the balls deposited, it appears that not count of the balls deposited, it appears that not more than twenty are cast, and two or more of them are black, the candidate shall be declared rejected; but if more than twenty are cast, an additional black ball for every additional twenty shall be necessary to reject. If a less number of black balls than above provided be cast, the

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candidate shall be declared elected, and no reconsideration of a ballot shall be had after the Commanding Officer has announced the result thereof. But should the result of a ballot be unfavorable, and the Commanding Officer suspect any mistake, he may at his discretion, before declaring the vote, order a second ballot, the result of which shall be final.

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SEC. 5. If an applicant be rejected, his admission fee shall be returned, and he shall be forever after ineligible for admission to any other Camp of the Sons of Veterans, without the consent, by a three-fourths vote, of the Camp rejecting him, and not again eligible in the one in which he was rejected, until six months after such rejection. A second application shall be made in the same form and subject to the same conditions as the first.

Sec. 6. The name of a rejected applicant shall

SEC. 6. The name of a rejected applicant shall be forwarded to Division, Grand Division and Commandery headquarters, through the proper channel.

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SEC. 7. Each applicant upon his election shall be at once notified thereof in writing and on presenting himself for membership shall be properly mustered. But unless he present himself for muster within three months from the date of such notice, his election shall be void, and all moneys which may have been required by the Camp to accompany the application shall be forfeited to the Camp treasury. The Division Commander may, however, grant a dispensation in any particular case, to a Camp, to muster a candidate, even though he has not presented himself for muster within three months after notice of election. notice of election.

SEC. 8. A member elect shall pay before his enlistment and muster, an admission fee of not less than two dollars, one-half of which shall accompany the application, the balance to be payable on muster. Upon muster in, he shall subscribe to a copy of this Constitution, Rules and Regulations and the By-Laws of the Camp. Sec. 9. The Commander in Chief, or a Division or Grand Division Commander may, at pleasure, receive and muster in an applicant for membership, or detail a brother for that purpose, provided the person so received and mustered in, resides outside the proper territorial limits of any Camp. any Camp.

ARTICLE III.

Admissions of Brothers from other Camps.

Sec. 1. A brother having a valid transfer card may be admitted to any Camp, or re-admitted to the Camp which granted the transfer card by a three-fourths vote after his name has been proposed, referred and reported upon as in the case of an applicant for membership, or he may be a chester member of a new Camp.

be a charter member of a new Camp.
SEC. 2. Each Camp may establish such admission fees to be paid by brothers joining by transfer as they may think proper, not exceeding the amount required for recruits.

ARTICLE IV.

Leaves of Absence, Transfers and Discharges.

SEC. 1. Any brother applying to his Camp, either in person or by letter for a leave of absence, shall be granted the same by the Commanding Officer, attested by the Orderly Sergeant

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under seal, and good for a specified time, not exceeding six months, commending him to the good offices of all brothers of the Order, providing he has faithfully discharged all duties enjoined upon him, and has paid in advance all dues for the time specified in the leave of absence.

Any Camp giving relief to a needy worthy visiting brother, shall endorse the amount upon his leave of absence, and shall also, at once, notify the Camp of which he is a member.

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Sec. 2. Any brother against whom no charges exist, and who has paid all dues, shall, on written application to the Commanding Officer of his Camp, at a stated meeting of the Camp, receive a transfer card, duly signed by the Commanding Officer, attested by the Orderly Sergeant, and under seal. Upon the presentation of this card to any Camp within one year from the date of its issue, he may be admitted by a three-fourth vote of the Camp; in the meantime he shall remain for purposes of discipline only under the jurisdiction of the Camp granting the transfer. If at the expiration of one year, he has not been admitted to any Camp, the transfer card shall be void, and the holder shall be considered as honorably discharged from the Order.

Sec. 3. Any brother in good standing, on

honorably discharged from the Order.

Sec. 3. Any brother in good standing, on written application to the Commanding Officer of his Camp, at a stated meeting of the same, shall receive at some subsequent meeting an honorable discharge, duly signed by the Commanding Officer whenever in his judgment the interests of the Camp demand it, and not under seal; providing, that at the time of such application there are no pecuniary charges against him on account of the Camp. A brother the written request of not less than six members may be chosen to preside, by a majority of the mean spread to the meeting suggested. Special meetings may be convened by the Commanding Officer whenever in his judgment the interests of the Camp demand it, and not heavy the written request of not less than six members may be chosen to preside, by a majority of the mean spread to the meeting suggested.

the same manner as an applicant for original membership, but upon his election he may be admitted without being mustered in upon his taking anew the obligation of membership.

SEC. 4. Members of disbanded Camps who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, shall receive from their Division Commander, attested by the Division adjutant, and under seal, transfer cards which shall have full force.

ARTICLE V.

SEC. 1. Stated meetings of each Camp shall be held at least semi-monthly, and in case the business of the Camp demands it, they shall be held weekly. The Camp shall be promptly opened at the time specified, providing a quorum of members in good standing, are present. In case the Captain is absent, the next officer in rank shall assume command, and if the Captain, First and Second Lieutenants are all absent, the Senior Past Camp Commander present shall First and Second Lieutenants are all absent, the Senior Past Camp Commander present shall assume command and take the chair. In case no Past Commander is present, any member may be chosen to preside, by a majority of the mem-

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be convened by the Commanding Officer whenever in his judgment the interests of the Camp demand it, and on the written request of not less than six members he deall aroundly issue a call for the same

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SEC. 4. After the business of any stated or special meeting has been transacted, and the Camp closed, it shall not be re-opened except by general consent; but if any member has left the Camp room, it shall, under no circumstances, be re-opened, although the desire to do so may be unanimous.

SEC. 5. No appropriation of money, or the property of the Camp shall be made at any

special meeting.

SEC. 6. Seven members qualified to transact business shall constitute a quorum at any stated or special meeting.

ARTICLE VI.

Officers, &c.

SEC. 1. The officers and staff of each Camp shall consist of a Captain, First Lieutenant, Second Lieutenant, Chaplain, Surgeon, Orderly Sergeant, Quartermaster Sergeant, one or more color Sergeants, Ordnance Sergeant, Sergeant of the Guard, Corporal of the Guard, and three

the Guard, Corporal of the Guard, and three Corporals as clerks.

SEC. 2. After the first election, and there being no good cause to the contrary, the various offices of the Camp shall be filled by promotion, and according to seniority and previous service in the Camp, but this rule shall not prevent any member of the Camp in good standing from being eligible to any office in the same.

The nominations for these offices shall be open for at least one stated meeting prior to the time for election, also on the night of election, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice. The election of officers shall take place at the first stated meetings in December and June, and the newly elected officers shall be installed at the first stated meetings in January and July following the election.

Sec. 2. Vacancies in the list of elective

SEC. 2. Vacancies in the list of elective officers may be filled at any stated meeting, notice being given of the purposed election at least one stated meeting prior to the election.

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SEC. 3: The Captain of the Camp shall, on his accession to the office, appoint the different Sergeants, the Corporal of the Guard, four Orderlies, a Camp and Picket Guard; also, on recommendation, three Camp Clerks.

SEC. 4. The Camp Clerks shall be appointed on the recommendation of the Orderly Sergeant, Quartermaster Sergeant and the Camp Council, and they shall aid and assist the same in the performance of their respective duties.

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of Officers and Staff.

and according to seniority and previous service in the Camp, but this rule shall not prevent any member of the Camp in good standing from being eligible to any office in the same.

ARTICLE VII.

Nomination and Election of Officers, &c.

Sec. 1. The Captain shall preside at all meetings of the Camp, and shall preserve order and decorum therein. He shall enforce a strict and all orders from proper anthority. He shall excide all questions of order without debate, while the highest to the Camp. It all committees not otherwise provided for, sign

all legal orders, or requisitions made on the Quartermaster Sergeant, or Camp Council for appropriations of money or any property of the Camp, and perform all other duties pertaining to his office.

At all elections the Commanding Officer of the Camp shall act as judge, and he shall appoint as tellers, two members who are not candidates, to

assist him.

SEC. 2. The First and Second Lieutenants shall assist the Captain in preserving order, and decorum in the Camp, and shall perform such duties as are required of them by these By-Laws, the Ritual of the Order and other competent

The inner entrance, or door to the Camp shall under the orders of the Captain, be in the special charge of the First Lieutenant.

SEC. 3. The Captain shall assist in conducting the ceremonies prescribed by the Order, and work of the Order, he shall officiate at the opening and closing of the Camp, and perform such other duties as are required of them.

such other duties as are required of them.

Sec. 4. The Orderly Sergeant shall keep an accurate record of all the proceedings of the Camp, which shall be read in full at the succeeding meeting, and having, if necessary, been corrected, duly approved. He shall attest, with or without the seal of the Camp, as custom or usage may require, all notices, orders, requisitions and other documents and papers of the Camp, shall notify all candidates of their election, and shall make out for the Camp Commander all reports, returns, and other papers required of him. ports, returns, and other papers required of him.

At elections, he shall cause to be written on a slip of paper the names of all nominees for the

various offices, and the members will erase the

Tarious offices, and the members will erase and all these for whom they do not wish to vote.

SEC. 5. The Orderly Sergeant shall keep in tools properly prepared—First, the Constitution, By Laws and Rules of Order of the Camp, the same to be subscribed to by every candidate on his becoming a member. Second, a Descriptive Book, containing the full name, age, residence, late of application, acceptance and muster of each member, the facts upon which his right to membership is based, giving in concise form, a brief, but complete history of the case. Third, a journal of the proceedings of the Camp, after the same shall have been corrected and approved. Fifth, a Copy Letter Book, in which shall be entered all orders and circulars of the Camp Commander. Fifth, a Copy Letter Book, in which shall be entered all the correspondence sent out from the Camp. Sixth, an Indorsement and Memorandum Book. Seventh, a Black Book, in which shall be recorded the names of all rejected candidates and all dishonorably discharged members, giving in each instance the date and a concise history of the case. The Orderly Sergeant shall perform all such other duties as pertain to his office, and on his retirement from the same, shall perform all such other duties as pertain to his office, and on his retirement from the same, shall perform all such other duties as pertain to his office, and on his retirement from the same, shall perform all such other duties as pertain to his office, and on his retirement from the same, the sail of the Camp, and all books, paper, blanks and other property of the Camp in his possession.

Sec. 6. The Quartermaster Sergeant shall had such of the funds of the Camp in his possession.

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shall fill all requisitions drawn by the Orderly Sergeant and approved by the Camp Commander; shall keep the accounts between the Camp and its members; shall collect all monies due the Camp, giving in all cases receipts therefor; shall notify all members in arrears; shall furnish the Orderly Sergeant with the receipts prior to the close of each meeting; and at the next stated meeting after the close of each month render to the Camp Council a detailed account of the principal transactions of the month, and the money balance in his hands. He shall perform all such other duties as pertain to his office, and on his retirement from the same shall promptly and without delay, turn over and deliver to his successor, who shall receipt for the same, all the funds, books, paper and other property of the Camp in his possession.

Sec. 7. The Orderly Sergeant and Quarter-

SEC. 7. The Orderly Sergeant and Quartermaster Sergeant shall be provided with all the necessary books, stationery and blanks to enable them to carry on the business of the Camp, and properly perform their duties, and to aid them in the performance of the same, shall each be allowed an assistant with the rank of Corporal, to be known as Camp Clarks. to be known as Camp Clerks.

SEC. 8. The Senior Color Sergeant of the Camp shall, under the directions of the Quartermaster Sergeant, have charge of, and be responsible for the preservation and safe keeping of the several flags and colors of the Camp.

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SEG. 9. The Ordnance Sergeant shall, under the direction of the Quartermaster Sergeant, have charge of, and be responsible for the preservation and safe keeping of all ordnance and ordnance stores of the Camp.

Louis, and in such manner as to leave two maining over at each each each election.

SEG. 2. All vacancies in the Camp Council shall be filled in the manner and form prescribed Section 2 of Article VII of this Chapter.

SEG. 3. The Camp Council shall be charged with the general care and supervision of the

SEC. 10. The Principal Musician shall, under the direction of the Quartermaster Sergeant, be repossible for the preservation and safe keeping of the fifes, drums, bugles, and other property of the Corps. SEC. 11.

SEC. 11. The Sergeant of the Guard, the Corporal of the Guard, the Orderlies, and the Corporal of the Guard shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual, or the orders of the Camp Commander.

SEC. 12. No officer, or member of the Staff the Camp shall, under any circumstances, allow any of its property to be loaned, or used for any purposes not in the interests of the Order, and when so done, he shall take proper secupts for the safe keeping and prompt return, a good order, of the property from some respongood order, of the property from some responsible party.

ARTICLE IX.

Camp Council.

SEC. 1. There shall be a Camp Council, consting of three members. The same shall be ally nominated and elected in the manner and firm prescribed by Section 1 of Article VII of this Chapter, and at the same time. The first ember shall be elected for eighteen months; the second for twelve months, and the third for months. After that, one member every six onths. After that, one member every six onths, and in such manner as to leave two maining over at each each election.

funds and investments of the Camp, and shall be responsible for and look after all its material and welfare. It shall be their duty to devise be responsible for and look after all its material and welfare. It shall be their duty to devise and recommend measures for preserving and increasing the funds of the Camp; to make its investments, leases and other contracts; secure a place of meeting; settle and dispose of all disputed accounts between the Quartermaster Sergeant and members of the Camp; examine and pass upon all accounts and bills incurred by any officer or committee of the Camp; examine the books, vouchers, and other papers of the different officers, during the last month of their term of office; receive from and receipt to the Quartermaster Sergeant monthly for all surplus money in his hands not required for immediate expenditures of the Camp; providing, however, always, that they are responsible to the Camp for a careful and faithful carrying out of their duties, and that they shall be held to a strict accountability for the proper performance of the same in all their details. The Camp Council shall keep a record of their proceedings, and at the order of a feet. same in all their details. The camp council shall keep a record of their proceedings, and at the end of each six months, shall render a full and complete report in writing, showing their transactions and the financial condition of the

SEC. 4. The Camp Council shall be furnished NEC. 4. The Camp Council shall be furnished with all the necessary books, stationery, and blanks to enable them to properly perform their duties, and to aid them in the performance of the same, shall be allowed an assistant, with the rank of Corporal, to be known as the Council Clark.

Clerk.
SEC. 5. The senior member of the Camp
Council shall rank as Captain; the next member as First Lieutenant, and the junior member

SEC. 1 All officers and members of the Staff
the Camp, who, without special permission

Second Lieutenant, and as such they shall be borne upon the roll

ARTICLE X.

Books, Blanks, &c.

The Camp books, blanks and stationery shall all be of convenient and appropriate form and

The books shall all be properly marked, and ach shall contain a suitable index.; The date the receipt of all letters, orders, circulars, orders and other papers received by the mp shall be endorsed or stamped on the same. They shall be duly numbered and bound, or they shall be duly numbered and bound, or they shall be duly numbered and bound, or they shall be duly numbered and bound. reserved in appropriate files.

ARTICLE XI

Rank and Command.

The rank of the Officers and Staff of the Camp all be as follows—First, Captain. Second, Third, Second Lieutenant. Third, Second Lieutenant. Fifth, Surgeon. Sixth, Seventh, Quartermaster Eighth, Color Sergeant. Night courth, Chaplain. Fifth, Surgeon. Sixth, Seventh, Quartermaster geant. Eighth, Color Sergeant. Ninth, dinance Sergeant. Tenth, Surgeon of the ard. Eleventh, Principal Musician. Twelfth, proral of the Guard. Thirteenth, Corporals cording to the date of their appointment.

ARTICLE XIL

Fines.

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from the Camp Commander to the contra, shall fail to answer at roll call, and shall have no legal excuse therefor, shall be fined twenty-five cents for each offense.

SEC. 2. Any member of a standing or special committee who shall accept an appointment to serve, and shall then neglect any of the duties of his appointment, and have no legal excuse therefor, shall be fined fifty cents for each offense.

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SEC. 3. Any officer, honorary member or member of the Camp who shall fail to turn out with the Camp on Memorial Day shall be fined one dollar for each offense.

SEC. 4. Any officer, honorary member or member of the Camp failing to attend the funeral of a member after being duly notified, shall be fined fifty cents for each offense.

SEC. 5. In case the Camp Commander shall fail to enforce any of the above, or other fines

fail to enforce any of the above, or other fines imposed, he shall himself be fined tifty cents for

Sec 2. This committee shall serve for the sing six months, and during that time shall charged with especial powers, and, at any and at their option, to examine and report the condition of the books, vouchers, papers, all accounts and other documents of the amp Council, or any officer of the Camp, or many Staff, and they shall carefully and fully from this duty at least once during the life of committee, and shall report the results to the amp at a stated meeting of the same. Camp at a stated meeting of the same.

ARTICLE XIV.

Visiting Committee.

SEC. 4. Any officer, honorary member or member of the Camp failing to attend the funeral of a member after being duly notified, shall be fined fifty cents for each offense.

SEC. 5. In case the Camp Commander shall fail to enforce any of the above, or other fines imposed, he shall himself be fined fifty cents for each offense.

SEC. 6. A legal excuse shall be—First, sick ness of the officer or member. Second, serious sickness of his family. Third, unavoidable absence from the city.

ARTICLE XIII.

Special Committee of Supervision.

SEC. 1. At the last stated meeting in December and June, the retiring Camp Commander shall appoint a special committee of supervision to consist of five members, the same to be when practicable, selected from the Past Camp Commanders, and the Past members of the Camp romptly and faithfully to the duty.

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ARTICLE XV.

Grand Army of the Republic.

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There shall be a standing committee on Grand Army of the Republic, consisting of not less than three or more than five members. It shall be their especial duty to carefully cultivate and promote the feeling of harmony and good will which now exists between the two Orders, and to attend to all business between them. The committee shall be appointed by the in-coming Camp Commander, at the first stated meeting in January and July, and they shall serve for six months from date of appointment, and at the close of their term, shall report in writing.

ARTICLE XVI.

Special Committees.

The Camp Commander shall appoint all special The Camp Commander shall appoint all special committees. The person first named on list shall act as chairman, until another is chosen by the committee. No member shall be appointed to serve on any special committee unless present at the time of appointment, or, if absent, has previously given his assent to be so appointed.

previously given his assent to be so appointed.

The Chairman shall promptly call his committee together, and they shall, without undue delay, transact their business and report in writing, signed by a majority of the members. Any member appointed on a committee, shall be excused from serving, if at the time of his appointment he is a member of two other committees. No committee shall be finally discharged until all the debts legally contracted by it, are settled and paid.

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ARTICLE XVII.

Side Arms for Officers and Staff of Camp.

The Camp may, when deemed expedient, proside arms of appropriate pattern, together
the necessary belts and sword knots, the
to be worn by the different officers and
of the Camp during their term of office,
in camp or on parade. The Camp shall
provide itself with the necessary number of sets and other ordnance and ordnance stores
siste to the proper conducting of its business;
all of the above named property shall be
the more immediate control of the OrdSergeant, who shall see that it is carefully looked after and preserved.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Each Camp shall establish and maintain a able Fife and Drum Corps; also, one or more elements, the same, if practicable, to be recruited among its own membership.

ARTICLE XIX. Camp Surgeon.

The Surgeon of the Camp shall wear, during sterm of service, and for the first year of his one, providing he serves that long, the der strap of Second Lieutenant. After that, in case he continues to serve, he shall be tiled to add one bar, the same as that of First stream, to each end of his shoulder strap. Surgeon should preferredly be a medical and if so, and providing he shall serve the faithfully for two years, and shall give

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worthy and needy members of the Order such gratuitous medical advice and treatment as his location and circumstance will admit of, he shall on his retirement from office, be entitled to the rank of Captain, and as such shall be borne upon the roll. If he shall perform the services above the roll. If he shall perform the services above stated for but one year, he shall only be entitled to wear the rank of First Lieutenant. The Surgeon of the Camp shall, at the close of each six months, submit a full report in writing.

ARTICLE XX.

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Any Orderly or Quartermaster Sergeant who shall without any compensation whatsoever, fill his office and serve the Camp promptly and faithfully in all things, for four consecutive full terms of six months each, and shall have exhibited a full measure of energy and ability in the discharge of all his duties, shall, as a reward have bestowed upon him by the proper officers, the rank of Captain, and as such shall be borne upon the roll.

ARTICLE XXI.

Religion and Politics.

The Order being strictly non-sectarian and non-political, the introduction or discussion of sectarian or political topics within the Camp is strictly prohibited, under penalty of a fine suspension or expulsion from the Order.

ARTICLE XXII.

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ARTICLE XXIII.

Secrecy.

Order shall be unimportant, and only of the character as to carefully and fully protect order and its members from impositions.

SEC. 2. Any member who shall make the or any part thereof public, or shall make the or any part thereof public, or shall the then names of members causing the means and cause of such rejection, or shall any other way divulge any of the private are of the Order, shall, on due conviction, be anorably discharged.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Relief Fund.

A Relief Fund for the assistance of needy tiers, sailors and marines, and the widows orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and the widows orphans of deceased soldiers, sailors and the shall be established by each Camp, and donations to this fund shall be held sacred me such purposes.

ARTICLE XXV.

By Laws.

Applications for Office.

No officer or past officer of the Order, shall under any circumstances, affix his official signature to any recommendation or application for a political position or of a political character.

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ARTICLE XXVI.

Conclusion.

We, who subscribe to this Constitution, hereby we, who subscribe to this constitution, hereby certify that we do so in honesty and good faith; that in so doing we are not actuated by any mercenary motives; that we will steadily adhere to and sustain its principles, and will in word and spirit faithfully carry out its objects.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. The Commanding Officer having taken chair, shall direct that the Camp be called order in the prescribed manner, and shall mand the officers and members to take their spective stations. At the sound of the gavel the shall be general silence in the Camp.
- 2 The Sergeant of the Guard, assisted if by direction of the Commanding Officer, the requisite examination, and report
- 3. When satisfied that all present are select to remain, the Camp shall be opened in the Ritual.
- 4 The roll of Officers and Staff shall be and absentees noted.
- 5. The minutes of the last stated and personnel meetings shall be read, corrected if
- Absence of Officers and Staff heard and
- Does any brother know of a sick brother a brother's family in distress?
- Report of the Visiting Committee.
- Report of Investigating Committees and loting for candidates.
- Muster of candidates who have been

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Applications for membership shall be taken up and referred to committees for investigation.

12. Collection of Dues.

13. Report of committees generally.

Communications, notices, orders, &c., 14. shall be read.

15. Unfinished business appearing on the minutes shall be taken up in order.

16. New business may be introduced.

17. Receipts of the Evening.

18. Has any brother anything to offer for the good of the Order?

19. Close in due form.

The Commanding Officer shall have authority to transpose the foregoing Order of Business, providing, that no member objects to the same; but in case objections are made, it shall require a majority vote to allow the chair to make the proposed change.

CHAPTER III.

DIVISION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

Sec 1. Whenever three Camps exist in any sional Division, the same may be organized = a Division.

Each Division under the direction of Grand Division to which it is attached, and Commandery in chief shall be governed by a commander to the commander of the comm

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

The membership of the Division ampment shall be made up as follows;

First—its own elective officers.

Scond—all Past Division Commanders who served for a full term of one year, or have been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have to the end of the term, so long as they main in good standing in their respective

and all Past Camp Commanders who have and for a full term of six months, or having elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served and of the term so long as they remain in good standing in their respective Camps.

Fourth—Representatives elected by ballot by the several Camps of the Division, in the ratio of one for every one hundred members in good standing, and an additional Representative for a final fraction of more than one-half of that number; providing, that each Camp in the Division, whatever its number, shall be entitled to elect at least one Representative.

Sec. 2. The Representatives to the several

to elect at least one Representative.

SEC. 2. The Representatives to the several Camps to the Division Encampment, and an equal number of Alternates shall be nominated and chosen at the same time and in the same manner and form provided for in the election of Camp officers, at the first stated meeting of the Camps in December, as is defined under Section 1, Article VII of Constitution for the government of Subordinate Camps, and they shall serve during the year, commencing on the first day of January following.

SEC. 3. All members of the Division En-

day of January following.

SEC. 3. All members of the Division Encampment, including their Alternates, shall be furnished with credentials under seal of their respective Camps, signed by the Camp Commander and Orderly Sergeant, and immediately after the election, a list of those entitled to seats in the Division Encampment, including all Alternates, shall, under seal, be forwarded from each Camp to the Adjutant of the Division, the same to be duly signed by the Camp Commander and Orderly Sergeant.

SEC. 4. Any vacancies that may occur in the duly elected representation of the several Camp to the Division Encampment, shall be filled it manner and form prescribed under Section 2 Article VII, of the Constitution for the government of Subordinate Camps.

ment of Subordinate Camps.

5. The number of Representatives to each Camp is entitled, shall be determinthe Semi-annual Report last preceding See election

ARTICLE III.

Meetings.

Division Encampment between January and July first, of each year.

2. At the said meeting, provision shall and for the said meeting, provision shall the stated yearly meetings of the ling year; and a day, (between the above dates,) place and hour designated. Due of said meeting shall be sent to each at least four weeks prior to the time

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ARTICLE IV. Division Officers.

Division Officers.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Division Encampment shall consist of a Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Chaplain, Surgeon, Adjutant, Quartermaster, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Mustering Officer, Ordnance Officer and a Division Council, consisting of the first five named officers and six members by election.

SEC. 2. The Chaplain and Surgeon shall have the rank of Major. The six elected members of the Division Council, as is hereinafter stated, and the Adjutant, Quartermaster, Inspector, Judge Advocate, Mustering Officer and Ordnance Officer shall rank as First Lieutenants.

ARTICLE V.

Eligibility of Officers.

After the first election, and there being no good cause to the contra, the various offices of the Division Encampment shall be filled by promotion according to seniority and previous service in the Encampment. But this rule shall not prevent any member of the Division Encampment in good standing in his Camp from being eligible to any office in the Division organization. organization.

ARTICLE VI.

their respective duties immediately after adjournment of the meeting at which they chosen, and they shall hold office until successors are duly installed.

3. Any vacancies which may occur in elective offices of the Division Encampment be filled by the Division Council for the wired term, and in the meanwhile, the next in rank shall, under the direction of the anding Officer assume the vacant chair and the during of the office. perform the duties of the office.

== 4. The Colonel shall, on his accession 4. The Colonel shall, on his accession office, appoint the Adjutant, Quartermassector, Judge Advocate, Mustering Officer, and as many Aides or ants, with the rank of First Lieutenant, may deem necessary, not exceeding one from each Camp in the Division. He have power to detail from the members Division Encampment, or from the several of the Division, any officers or Past officers. of the Division, any officers or Past offi-equired for any special service or duty and with the business of the Division, and and, on recommendation, appoint all the cary clerical assistance required by the ag named officers or the Division Council proper performance of their duties.

Election of Officers, &c.

Sec. 1. The Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel Major, Chaplain and Surgeon shall be choser by ballot, at the yearly stated meeting of the Division Encampment, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

5. The clerical force so appointed, shall mellows: for the Adjutant as Sergeant for the Quartermaster as Quartermaster at providing the follows: for the Adjutant as Sergeant for the Quartermaster as Quartermaster and for the Inspector, Judge Advo-Division Encampment, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

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ARTICLE VII. Duties of Officers.

The Colonel shall preside at all meetings of the Division Encampment and the Division Council. He shall enforce a strict obedience to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Encampment, and shall perform such other duties as are incumbent on officers of like

position. SEC. 2. The Lieutenant Colonel and Major shall assist the Colonel in the performance of his duties, and in his absence or disability shall

nis duties, and if his absence of disability shalfill his office, according to seniority.

Sec. 3. The other officers of the Division shall, under the orders and direction of the Commanding Officer, perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices, and such other details of the control of the control of the duties of the control of the cont duties as circumstances may require of them.

ARTICLE VIII.

Rank and Command.

The rank of the officers and Staff of th Division Encampment shall be as follows First—Colonel; Second—Lieutenant Colonel Third—Major; Fourth—Chaplain; Fifth—Surgeon; Sixth—Captains of the Division Councia according to date of election or number an issue of commission: Seventh—Adjutant Eighth—Quartermaster; Ninth—Inspector Tenth—Judge Advocate; Eleventh—Musterin Officer; Twelfth—Ordnance Officer; Thirteenth—Aides, according to date of appoinment, or if appointed at the same date, according to issue and number of commission. Four teenth—Sergeant Major; Fifteenth—Quarter master Sergeant; Sixteenth, Color Sergeant

ding to date of appointment; Seven—First Sergeant; Eighteenth, Sergeants date of appointment.

ARTICLE IX.

Division Council.

1. The elective members of the Division and shall be chosen at the stated yearly of the Division, and a majority of all the states and the states at the states are all enter upon their duties immediately the adjournment of the meeting at which their successors are duly installed. The three members shall be elected for two the second three for one year; after that, the members each year, and in such a manner three remaining over at each annual the three senior elective members of The elective members of the Division

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control and supervision of the funds of the Division Encampment, and shall be responsible to and look after all its material interests. They shall devise and recommend such measures as will enable the Encampment to meet all its necessary expenditures, and shall examine and pass upon all accounts and bills incurred by any and all officers and committees of the Encampment. They shall examine all the books vouchers and other papers of all the different officers of the Encampment, and shall audit all their accounts. They shall keep a full and detailed record of all their proceedings, and shall present a complete report to the Division Encampment, at each stated yearly meeting of the same, and at such other times as the Commanding Officer of the Division may direct.

SEC. 2. The Division Council shall have on stated meeting each year: the same to be helf one day prior to, and at the same place as that of the stated yearly meeting of the Division Encampment. Special meetings of the Division Council may be convened by the Commandin Officer of the Division at such times and place within the Division limits as he may direct providing, that due notice of the same shall, if the died of the meeting, and the notice shall set forth if the meeting, and the notice shall set forth if due form the emergency, and the business to be transacted. SEC. 2. The Division Council shall have on transacted.

ARTICLE XI.

Committees.

The Committee on Credentials shall to the Committee on Credentials snail of five members; they shall be appointed commanding Officer at the stated yearly ing of the Division, as is provided for in the Business. They shall serve for the ing year, and the Adjutant or Sergeant chall act as their Secretary.

shall act as their Secretary.

2. At the yearly stated meeting of the con Encampment, the Colonel shall, on his ion to the office, appoint such other standmittees, if any, as he may deem necessary, at the same time, or during his term of be shall appoint such other special committees he may require for any particular service.

3. The said committee shall consist of

3. The said committee shall consist of than three or more than five members, and commanding Officer shall fill vacancies = == same, as occasion may require.

4. The person first named on the list as chairman of any standting or special itee until another is chosen by the tree, and no committee shall be finally used until all the debts legally control by it are settled and paid.

ARTICLE XII.

By-Laws.

SEC. 3. Three members of the Division Coursell and Division Coursell and Division Commander, and not the same, at which business is to be transacted the same, at which business is to be transacted the same and Regulations of the Order. Incampments may adopt By-Laws

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Opening of the Encampment in due form.
- 2. Roll call of Officers.
- 3. Report of the Committee on Credentials
- 4. Roll call of members.
- Reports of officers, commencing with that of the Division Commander.
- 6. Appointment of committees consisting of five members each, as follows:
 First—Committee on Credentials for the

following year.

Second—Committees on Reports of officers.

Third—Committees on Constitution for Subordinate Camps, By-Laws and Ritual, &c.

- Reception and reference of communica-tions from Subordinate Camps, to be called according to seniority.
- Reception and reference of communica-tions from individuals.
 - 9. Reports of Committees.
- 10. Unfinished business appearing on the minutes, to be taken up in order
 - 11. New business may be introduced.
 - 12. Election and Installation of officers.

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- At the second and each succeeding session, the minutes of the preceding session below the read immediately after the opening session. This shall also be done before the exercises at the last session.
- 14. This Order of Business may be suspended This Order of Business may be suspended any time, for a definite purpose, by a three-time vote of the Encampment, to be taken to the the total debate. The action of the Division ampment on the reports of committees on stitution for Subordinate Camps, &c., shall mited to recommendations and requests to abmitted in due form to the Grand Division the Commandary in chief. and the Commandery in chief.

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CHAPTER IV.

Grand Division Constitution.

ARTICLE I.

Objects.

Objects.

The several Grand Divisions as subsidiary parts and portions of the Commandery in chief, shall only possess and exercise such powers as may be from time to time delegated to them, and they shall mainly act as organizations for social purposes, and as a ready means of communication between the Commandery and the lower branches of the Order.

ARTICLE II.

Construction.

The different Grand Divisions shall be made up and continued as follows: The first will be composed of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. The second of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia. The third of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Kentucky, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota. The fourth of California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Wyoming, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Arizonia and New Mexico. The Fifth of North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas.

ARTICLE III.

Membership.

SEC. 1. The membership of each Grand Divmon organization shall be as follows

First—its own elective officers. Second—of its Past Commanders who have served for a full term of one year, or having been elected fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end the term, so long as they remain in good anding in their respective Camps. Third—all its Past Division Commanders who have all its Past Division Commanders who have yet for a full term of one year, or have been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have yet to the end of the term so long as they ain in good standing in their respective ps. Fourth—of one Representative at the from each Division of the Grand Division.

The presentatives elected by each Division the ratio of one for every two hundred fifty members in good standing, and an all though the presentative for a final fraction of the presentative for a one-half that number, providing, that each the Representative at large, be entitled to at least one Representative.

Sec. 2. The Representatives of the several Decisions to the Grand Division to which they attached with an equal number of alternates,

be elected by ballot, at the stated annual

ings of the same, and they shall serve for one commencing with the first day of January moseding their election.

San 3. All members of the Grand Division, and ding their alternates, shall be furnished

with credentials, under the seal of their respec-tive Divisions, signed by the Division Comman-der and Adjutant; and immediately after the election, a list of those entitled to seats in the Grand Division, including alternates, shall, under seal, be forwarded from each Division to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Grand Division, duly signed by the Division Com-mander and Adjutant. SEC, 4. The number of Representatives to

SEC. 4. The number of Representatives to which each Division is entitled, shall be determined by the semi-annual report last preceding

the election.

ARTICLE IV.

Meetings.

SEC. 1. There shall be an annual meeting of each Grand Division between July first and

each Grand Division between July first and January first of each year.

SEC. 2. At said meeting provision shall be made for the stated yearly meeting of the succeeding year, and a day, between the above named dates, place and hour shall be designated. Due notice of said meeting shall be sent to each Division, at least six weeks prior to the time named for the same.

named for the same.

SEC. 3. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Commanding Officer, by and with the advice and consent of the Grand Division Council, providing, that no business except that named and specified in the order for each special meeting shall be transacted thereat, and no changes or alterations affecting the general interests or welfare of the Grand Division or Order shall be made at any special meeting.

SEC. 4. Due notice of a proposed special

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esting shall, under seal and duly signed, be to each member of the Grand Division at est four weeks prior to the time named for estate, and the notice shall set forth clearly and detail the emergency and the specified busi-

ARTICLE V.

Grand Division Officers.

The list of Grand Division officers shall be male up as follows, and they shall take rank wordingly :

mander, with the rank of Major General. Lientenant Commander, with the rank of Brigadier General.

Lieutenant Commander, with the rank of

of Staff, with the rank of Colonel.

Lieutenant Colonel.

stant Quartermaster General, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

stant Inspector General, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Advocate, with the rank of Lieutenant

Mustering Officer, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Lieutenant Colonel.

Colonel mance Officer, with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

and a Grand Division Council, consisting of the we have named officers and three members by

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election from each Division comprising the Grand Division.

ARTICLE VI.

Eligibility of Officers.

All members of the Order in good standing in their respective Camps, shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Division organization to which their Camp is attached.

ARTICLE VII.

Election of Officers.

SEC. 1. The commander, Lieutenant Commander, Vice Lieutenant Commander and Chief of Staff shall be chosen by ballot, at the stated yearly meeting, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice.

SEC. 2. The officers thus elected shall enter upon their respective duties immediately after the adjournment of the meeting at which they were chosen, and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed.

their successors are duly installed.

SEC. 3. Any vacancies which may occur in the elective office of the Grand Division may be filled by the Grand Division Council for the unexpired term, and in the meanwhile, the next officer in rank shall, under the direction of the Commanding Officer assume the vacant chair and perform the duties of the office.

SEC. 4. The Commander shall, on his accession to office, appoint the Assistant Adjutant General, Assistant Quartermaster General, Assistant Inspector General, Judge Advocate. Chief Mustering Officer, Chaplain, Medical

Tector, Ordnance Officer, and as many Aidestamp as he may deem necessary, not exceed however, four for each Division. Two of Aides-de-Camp so appointed, shall rank as tior, the remaining two as Captain, and they all take rank according to date of appointed, or if appointed at the same time, according mer and issue of commission.

Sec. 5. The Commander shall also have to detail from the Commanding Officers Past officers required for any special service that connected with the business of the same, he shall, on recommendation, appoint a

he shall, on recommendation, appoint a least all the non-commissioned staff and clerical necessary to enable the officers of the least and Staff to properly perform all their

ARTICLE VIII.

Duties of Officers.

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550. 1. The Commander shall preside at all
eings of the Grand Division and the Grand
ion Council. He shall enforce a strict
elience to the Constitution and By-Laws of
Grand Division, and shall perform such
duties as are incumbent upon officers of be position.

The Lieutenant Commander and Vice enant Commander shall assist the Com-der in the performance of his duties, and in absence or disability shall fill his office,

eding to seniority. shall, under the orders and direction of the manding Officer, perform the duties per-ing to their respective offices, and such other as circumstances require of them.

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ARTICLE IX.

Grand Division Council.

SEC. 1. The elective members of the Grand Division Council shall rank as Lieutenant Col-onel. They shall be chosen at the stated yearly meeting of the Grand Division, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a

SEC. 2. They shall enter upon their duties immediately after the adjournment of the meeting at which they were chosen, and they shall hold office until their successors are duly installed.

shall hold office until their states and stated yearly meeting of the Grand Division at each stated yearly meeting of the same, and at such other times as the Command ing Officer of the Grand Division in the performance of his duties. They shall be charged with the general care, control and supervision of the tunds of the Grand Division, and shall be responsible to and look after all its materia interests. They shall devise and recommensuch measures as will enable the Grand Division to meet all its necessary expenditures, and shall examine and pass upon all accounts and bill incurred by any and all officers and committee of the same. They shall be appointed by commanding Officer at the stated yearly undetailed record of all their proceedings, and shall audiall their accounts. They shall keep a full and detailed record of all their proceedings, and shall present a complete report to the Grand Division, as is provided the Order of Business. They shall serve a full and detailed for the purpose, shall act as their same, and at such other times as the Commanding Officer of the Grand Division detailed for the purpose, shall act as their same, and at such other times as the Commanding Officer of the Same, at which business is to be out the same, at which ing Officer may direct.

stated meeting each year; the same to be one day prior to, and at the same place as of the stated yearly meeting of the Grand Division. Special meetings of the Grand Division in Special meetings of the Grand Division Division limits as he may direct; iding, that due notice of the same shall, in form, be sent to each member of the Council ast three weeks prior to the time named for meeting, and the notice shall set forth in form the emergency, and the business to be form the emergency, and the business to be

5. Seven members of the Grand Division cil shall constitute a quorum at any meet-of the same, at which business is to be

eted.

6. Vacancies as they occur shall be filled that it made by the Commanding Officer of Grand Division.

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Grand Division, the Commander shall, on his accession to the office, appoint such other standing committees, if any, as he may deem necessary, and, at the same time, or during his term office, he shall appoint such other special committees as he may require for any particular service.

CHAPTER V.

commandery in Chief Constitution.

mittees as he may require for any particular service.

SEC. 3. The said committees shall, as far amay be practicable, be so selected as to allow the each Division equal representation.

SEC. 4. The person first named on the liss shall act as chairman of any standing or special committee until another is chosen by the committee, and no committee shall be finally discharged until all the debts legally contracted by it are settled and paid.

SEC. 5. Vacancies which may occur in the membership of any standing or special committee shall be filled by the Commanding Officer mittees shall be filled by the Commanding Officer as same. The Commendery shall, through the same and give all detailed instructions and guidance of all concerned, and make it its especial duty to see that in approval of the Commander in Chief, and no inconsistent with this Constitution and the general rules and regulations of the Order.

ARTICLE II.

Membership.

The membership of the Commandery in Chief

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be made up as follows:

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cond—of all Past Commanders of the
andery who have served for a full term of
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have served to the end of the term, so long
y remain in good standing in their respect-

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Third-of all Past Commanders of the several Grand Divisions who have served for a full term of one year, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of the term, so long as they remain in good standing in their respective Camps. Fourth—of all Past Commanders of the sev-

rourth—of all Past Commanders of the sereral Divisions who have served for a full term of one year, or having been elected to fill a vacancy shall have served to the end of the term, so long as they remain in good standing in their respective Camps.

Fifth-of one Representative at large from each Grand Division, and one Representative at large

from each Division of the Order.
Sixth—of Representatives elected by the several Divisions in the ratio of one for every one thousand members in good standing and a additional Representative for a final fraction o more than one-half of that number; providing

more than one-half of that number; providing that each Division, whatever its number, shall in addition to the Representative at large be entitled to elect at least one Representative.

SEC. 2. The Representatives at large from the several Grand Divisions to the Commandery in chief, with an equal number of alternates, shall be elected by ballot at the stated yearly meetings of the same, and they shall serve for one year, commencing with the first day of Januar succeeding their election.

SEC. 3. The Representatives from the several Divisions to the Commandery in chief, with a equal number of alternates, shall be elected by ballot at the stated yearly meetings of the same

ballot at the stated yearly meetings of the same and they shall serve for one year, commencing with the first day of July succeeding their election.

All members of the Commandery in 580. 4. All members of the Commandery in fincluding their alternates, shall be fursed with credentials, under seal and duly med by the proper Division or Grand Division fors, and immediately after the elections, a of those entitled to seats in the Commandery, uding all alternates, shall, under seal and a signed as above stated, be forwarded to the state (General). atant General.

520.5: The number of Representatives to the each Division is entitled in the Com-dery in chief shall be determined by the annual report last preceding the election.

ARTICLE III.

Meetings.

2 1. There shall be an annual meeting of Commandery in chief between July first and carry first of each year.

2. At said meeting provision shall be for the stated yearly meeting of the sucing year, and the same shall be held at the time and in the same locality as that of the division, with which the Commandery elect to meet; providing, that it shall not expected or required to meet within the limits Fourth Grand Division more often than in fifteen years, or within the limits of the Grand Division more often than once in twy years, and in the event that any contadisease or epidemic shall prevail in any ty or section of the country selected for the ting at or about the time named for the the Commander in Chief shall at once call eating of the Council, and a new place, and 2. At said meeting provision shall be

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if necessary, a new time, if practicable between the foregoing named dates, be selected.

Sec. 3. Due notice of the stated yearly meeting shall be sent to each Division and Grand Division headquarters and to each member of the Commandery, at least six weeks prior to the time named for the same, and due notice of any change in the time named for said meeting shall be promptly made public.

Sec. 4. Special meetings may be convened by order of the Commander in chief, by and with the consent of the Council in chief; providing, that no business except that named and specified in the order for such special meetings shall be transacted thereat, and no changes of alterations affecting the general interests or welfare of the Commandery or Order shall be made at any special meeting.

Due notice of a proposed special meeting shall under seal, and duly signed, be sent to each member of the Commandery at least six weeks prior to the time named for same, and the notice shall set forth clearly and in detail, the emergency and the specified business to be transacted

ARTICLE IV.

Officers of the Commandery in Chief.

The list of officers of the Commandery in chie shall be made up as follows, and they shall tak rank accordingly: Commander in Chief, with the rank of Lieutenan

General.

Lieutenant Commander in Chief, with the ran amajority of all

Mef of Staff, with the rank of Brigadier General. jutant General, with the rank of Colonel.

retermaster General, with the rank of Colonel.

sector General, with the rank of Colonel.

ge Advocate General, with the rank of

ge Advocate General, with the rank of Mustering Officer, with the rank of

aplain in Chief, with the rank of Colonel.

geon General, with the rank of Colonel.

of Ordnance Officer, with the rank of

Colonel,

a Council in Chief, consisting of the first named officers and ten members by election members to be selected from each Grand

ARTICLE V

Eligibility of Officers.

All members of the Order in good standing in respective Camps shall be eligible to any the in the Commandery in chief.

ARTICLE VI

Election of Officers.

mander in Chief, Vice Lieutenant Com-tander in Chief and Chief of Staff shall be been by ballot at the stated yearly meeting, a majority of all the votes cast shall be

of Major General.

Vice Lieutenant Commander in Chief, with the rank of Brigadier General.

Sec. 2. The officers thus elected shall enter their respective duties immediately after rank of Brigadier General.

were chosen, and they shall hold office until their

successors are duly installed.
SEC. 3. Any vacancies which may occur in the elective offices of the Commandery may be filled by the Council in chief for the unexpired term, and in the meanwhile, the next officer in rank shall, under the direction of the Commanding Officer, assume the vacant chair and perform

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SEC. 4. The Commander in chief shall, on his accession to the office, appoint the Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, Inspector Gen-eral, Judge Advocate General, Chief Mustering Officer, Chaplain in chief, Surgeon General, Chief Ordnance Officer, and as many Aides-decamp as he may deem necessary, not exceeding however, two for each Grand Division, and four for each Division in the Order. The Aides-de-Camp so appointed, shall for the Grand Division rank as Colonel; for the Divisions as Lieutenan Colonel, and they shall take rank according to date of appointment, or if appointed at the same date, according to number and issue of commis-

SEC. 5. The Commander in chief shall also SEC. 5. The Commander in their shall also have power to detail from the Order any officers or Past officers required for any special service or duty connected with the business of the same and he shall, on recommendation, detail or appoint all the non-commissioned staff and clerical force necessary to enable the officers of the Council in chief and Commandery Staff to properly perform all their duties.

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sition.

SEC. 2. The Lieutenant Commander in chief d Vice Lieutenant Commander in chief shall sist the Commander in chief in the performance of his duties, and in his absence or disabity shall fill his office, according to seniority.

SEC. 3. The other officers of the Commandery sec. 5. The other oncers of the commandery all, under the orders and direction of the ammanding Officer, perform the duties perning to their respective offices, and such other ties as circumstances require of them.

ARTICLE VIII.

Council in Chief.

Sec. 1. The elective members of the Council chief shall rark as Colonel; they shall be sen at the stated yearly meeting of the mandery, and a majority of all the votes at shall be necessary for a choice.

Sec. 2. They shall enter upon their duties mediately after the adjournment of the meetat which they were chosen, and they shall office until their successors are duly in-

al force necessary to enable the officers of the ouncil in chief and Commandery Staff to roperly perform all their duties.

ARTICLE VII.

Duties of Officers.

Sec. 1. The Commander in chief shall preside and superson of the funds of the Commandery in chief, shall be responsible to and look after all its

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material interests. They shall devise and recommend such measures as will enable the Commandery to meet all its necessary expenditures, and shall examine and pass upon all accounts and bills incurred by any and all officers and committees of the same. They shall examine all the books, vouchers and other papers of all the different officers of the Commandery, and shall audit all their accounts. They shall keep a full and detailed record of all their proceedings, and shall present a complete report to the Commandery in chief at each stated yearly meeting of the same, and at such other times as the Commanding Officer may direct.

SEC. 4. The Council in chief shall have one stated meeting each year; the same to be held two days prior to, and at the same place as that of the stated yearly meeting of the Commandery. Special meetings of the Council in chief may be be convened by the Commanding Officer at such times and places as he may direct; providing that due notice of the same shall, in due form be sent to each member of the Council at least four weeks prior to the time named for the meeting, and the notice shall set forth in due form the emergency, and the business to be transacted.

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SEC. 5. Five members of the Council in calls shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the same, at which business is to be transacted.

SEC. 6. Vacancies as they occur shall be fille by detail made by the Commander in chief.

ARTICLE IX.

Committees.

Commandery in chief shall consist of not less ommandery in chief shall consist of not less han five or over ten members; the same shall appointed by the Commanding Officer at the lated yearly meeting of the Commandery, and members shall, as far as may be practicable, selected in equal proportions from each rand Division. They shall serve for the llowing year, and the Adjutant General, or an ficer of the Commandery staff detailed for the largest, shall act as their Secretary.

SEC. 2. The several committees on reports of Ecers, on Constitutions, By-Laws, General Bules and Regulations, Ritual and other books ceremony of the Order, and on unwritten ork, shall each consist of not less than five or Ter ten members. They shall be appointed by Commanding Officer, as stated in Section 1 this Article, and as far as may be practicable, due regard shall be had for the equal reprenation of each Grand Division on each mmittee.

SEC. 3. At the stated yearly meeting of the mmandery the Commanding Officer shall, on accession to the office, appoint such other ading committees, if any, as he may deem essary, and at the same time, or during his m of office, he shall appoint such other special mittees as he may require for any particular. mittees as he may require for any particular

SEC. 4. The said committees shall, as far as may be practicable, be so selected as to allow to the Grand Division equal representation.

SEC. 5. The person first named on the list all act as chairman of any standing or special mittee until another is chosen by the committee and no committee shall be fively disconnected. SEC. 1. The Committee on Credentials for the stee, and no committee shall be finally dis-

charged until all the debts legally contracted by it are settled and paid.

SEC. 6. Vacancies which may occur in the membership of any standing or special committee shall be filled by the Commander in

ARTICLE X.

Alterations, Additions and Amendments.

No alteration, additions and Amendments.

No alteration, addition or amendment shall be made to the different forms of Constitutions adopted, the General Rules and Regulations of the Order, and the established Ritual of the Sons of Veterans, except that the proposed change be submitted in writing, at a stated yearly meeting of the Commandery, signed by at least ten members, two of whom, if practicable, shall be from each Grand Division—when the proper officers shall have the provision printed, and shall furnish to each Grand Division at least twenty copies, and to each Division at least twenty copies, who shall, in turn, furnish each Camp with at least two copies. The proposition then being approved by the cencurrent votes of at least three-fourths of the members present, and voting at the next stated meeting of the Commandery it shall be considered a part of the said Constitutions, General Rules and Regulations or Ritual, as the case may be, annulling and repealing all such parts as conflict with it; providing, that until the stated yearly meeting in 1883, the Commander in chief, by and with the advice and consent of the Council in chief, shall have power and be allowed to suspend in

part or in the whole, the action of any provision of the foregoing Constitutions, also, the General Bules and Regulations of the Order, that, owing the recent establishment of the Order, cannot his clear judgment and experience, possibly properly carried out.

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CHAPTER VI.

General Rules and Regulations.

ARTICLE I.

Charters.

SEC. 1. All Camp charters shall be signed by the Division Commander, and countersigned, under seal, by the Adjutant of the Division within which the applicants reside. The same shall then, in due form and under seal, be approved and published by the Grand Division Commander to which the Division is attached. The application for a charter shall be signed by at least ten persons eligible to membership in the Sons of Veterans, as provided in Chapter II, Article 1, and shall be accompanied by a charter fee of not less than ten or over fifteen dollars, as may be provided for by the By-Laws of the Division in which it is proposed to establish the said Camp.

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SEC. 2. On receipt of an application for a charter, the Division Commander shall promptly and without any delay, proceed to examine into the qualifications of the applicants, and if satisfied of their full eligibility, and that it is for the interests of the Sons of Veterans to form such Camp, he shall so recommend to the Grand Division Commander, and on approval by him, shall, either in person or by the Mustering Officer, or some officer of the Division staff, proceed to admit the applicants into the Order,

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install the duly elected officers and staff of the Camp for the remainder of the term, and complete the organization of the Camp.

SEC. 3. Camp charters may be surrendered roluntarily, when less than ten members desire be continuation of the Camp, as is provided for Chapter II, Article 1. In case of the surrender or forfeiture of a charter, all the property of the Division or the Order, including all books of coord, Order Rituals and Camp papers shall be mediately turned over to the Division Adjunat, and subject to the disposition of the Grand Division Encampment.

SEC. 4. Charters of Camps may be suspended annulled by the Grand Division Commander with the advice and consent of the Grand Division Council.

SEC. 5. Charters of Divisions and Grand Divisions shall be signed by the Commander in hief and countersigned, under seal, by the adjutant General, and the same shall be duly used on the permanent organization thereof

The charter fee of a Division shall be not less an fifteen or over twenty-five dollars. That a Grand Division, not less than twenty-five over fifty dollars, as may be provided for by By-Laws of the Commandery in chief.

SEC. 6. The Commandery in chief, at its ted yearly meeting, or the Commander in the second of the Council chief, may at any time revoke the charter of Division or Grand Division which for three arters of a year has failed to forward its rests or dues, and may remand such department a provisional condition.

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ARTICLE II.

Returns and Reports.

SEC. 1. The Commanding Officer of each Campshall make semi-annual returns to the Adjutant of the Division on the first days of January and July. He shall also at the same time forward the names of all members of his Camp in good standing who have held the position of Commander in chief, Commander of Grand Division or Division, and Camp Commander, providing, that in each case the person named shall have served and filled the office named for a full term as is duly specified, or having been elected to fill a vacancy shall have served to the end of the term. At the same time he shall forward a list of the names of all recruits, and all required details concerning them, who have been mustered during the last six months; also, the names of all rejected applicants for the same period; the name of a person dropped from the rolls or dishonorably discharged, shall be forwarded at

once.
SEC. 2. The Adjutant of each Division shall, on the receipt of returns, note the date of reception thereon, and shall turn over the Camp Surgeon's and Quartermaster Sergeant's returns to the Division Surgeon and Division Quartermaster respectively. He shall, within twenty days after the commencement of the semi-annual term, and for the information of the Division Commander, consolidate the semi-annual returns of the several Orderly Sergeants, and shall prepare a copy of such consolidated returns, in full, to be forwarded by the Commanding Officer to the Grand Division Commander on or before the twentieth day of the semi-annual term.

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This report shall also contain a list of the names, 5. of all recruits mustered, all rejected applicants, and all Past Commanders in chief, Past Grand division, Commanders, Past Division Command—and Past Camp Commanders, as are defined—Section 1 of this Article, and are reported as good standing in their respective Camps. The shall also make such supplemental reports as any be required by Grand Division and Comnadery headquarters.

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Sec. 3. The Assistant Adjutant General of the Grand Division shall, on the receipt of the turns, note the date of reception thereon, and all turn over to the Assistant Quartermaster meral and the Medical Director the returns alonging to their respective offices. He shall within thirty days after the commencement of semi-annual term, and for the information of armanual returns of the Division Adjutants, at shall prepare a copy of such consolidated turns, to be forwarded by the Commanding ficer of the Grand Division to the Commander chief on or before the last days of January July. The Assistant Adjutant Generals of and Divisions shall also make such supplemental reports as may be required by Commandery headquarters.

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shall present a copy of such consolidated returned to the stated yearly meeting of the Commander in chief

SEC. 5. The Quartermaster Sergeant of each camp shall, through its Camp Commander, make a semi-annual return to the Division Quartermaster, on the first days of January and July.

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Division Commander.

SEC. 7. The semi-annual returns from Division Quartermasters shall, within thirty days from the commencement of the semi-annual term, and for the information of the respective Gran Division Commanders be consolidated by the Assistant Quartermaster Generals of each Gran Division, in the general manner and form prescribed for the returns from Assistant Adjutatemental Generals, and they shall prepare copies of the turns to be forwarded to the Adjutant General of the Commandery in chief, with other returns the same to be done on or before the last days a Langary and July of each term.

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SEC. 8. The Surgeon of each Camp shal through the Camp Commander, make a semannual return to the Division Surgeon of thumber of members sick, and the amount expended for said members; also, a list of brother if any, who have died during the semi-annuaterm, with their full names, residence and proffice address at time of death, with other details. He shall also add the name of their faths

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or ancestor on which the membership was based, giving letter of company, number of regiment, and name of State, and in all cases such complete details as will enable a full and itemized record of each case, to be preserved.

SEC. 9. The semi-annual medical returns from each Camp shall be consolidated by the Division Surgeons, in the general manner and form prescribed for the returns of Division Adjutants and Quartermasters, for the information of the Division Commanders, and a copy of the consolidated returns shall be forwarded to the Assistant Adjutant General of the Grand Division to which the Division is attached; with their returns.

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SEC. 10. The semi-annual medical returns rom Division Surgeons shall be consolidated by the Medical Directors of the several Grand Divisions, in the general manner and form rescribed for the returns of Assistant Adjutant tenerals and Assistant Quartermaster Generals, the information of the Grand Division mmanders, and a copy of the consolidated teneral of the Commandery in chief; with the returns.

SEC. 11. The semi-annual returns of Grand Division Medical Directors shall be consolidated by the Surgeon General, in the general manner and form prescribed for those of the Adjutant-neral and Quartermaster General, for the formation of the Commander in chief, and he all present a copy of such consolidated returns the stated yearly meeting of the Commandery chief.

SEC. I2. The Adjutant General shall under

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the directions of the Commander in chief, carefully establish and maintain suitable forms, and shall provide all necessary blanks for making all of the foregoing reports and returns, the samblanks, to prevent confusion, to be clearly designated by name and number printed thereon.

ARTICLE III.

Dues and Revenue.

SEC. 1. The Commandery in chief shall as its stated yearly meeting, assess a per capita tar on each Grand Division, of not exceeding twenty-five cents on each and every member is good standing; the said tax shall be payable it two installments of equal parts, and the same shall be forwarded by the Grand Division Commanders to the Quartermaster General, on the before the last day of January and July.

The amount of the semi-annual tax due from each Grand Division shall be based upon an ascertained from the last semi-annual returns of the several Grand Divisions.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Division shall, at it stated yearly meeting, assess a per capita tax or each Division within its jurisdiction, of no exceeding fifty cents on each and every member in good standing; this tax shall include the Commandery in chief tax, and it shall be payable in two installments of equal parts; the same to be forwarded by the Division Commanders to the Assistant Quartermaster Generals of their respective Grand Divisions, on or before the twentieth day of January and July. The amount of the semi-annual tax due from each Division shall be based upon and ascertaine.

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m the last semi-annual returns of the several visions.

SEC. 3. Each Division Encampment shall, at stated yearly meeting, assess a per capita tax each Camp within its jurisdiction of not reeding one dollar on each and every member good standing; this tax shall include the and Division and Commandery in chief tax, d it shall be payable in two installments of the parts, and the same shall be forwarded by Camp Commanders to the Quartermasters of air respective Divisions, on the first days of mary and July.

SEC. 4. Each Camp shall cause to be paid to the Camp fund by each and every member, h sums as dues as the Camp shall determine on providing, that in no case the same shall less than twenty-five cents per month for h and every member, and the Camp per ita tax shall in the manner heretofore stated, drawn from the said fund.

ARTICLE IV.

Arrearages.

SEC. 1. Any Grand Division in arrears for orts or dues, shall be deprived of all repretation in the Commandery until the same are warded.

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shall not be allowed any representation in

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the Division Encampment to which it is attached until the same are forwarded.

SEC. 4. Any member of a Camp who is three months in arrears in the payment of his dues, shall be given written notice of the deficiency in his account, and the penalties attached to

Any member of a Camp who is six SEC. 5. Any member of a Camp who is six months in arrears in the payment of his dues shall be prohibited from voting; shall be ineligible to any office in the Sons of Veterans, and shall be reported "Suspended" in the semi-annual report to Division headquarters, until such dues are paid. While so suspended, the Camp shall not be subject to the per capita on such member, and he shall not be counted in the representation of the Camp in the Division Encampment nor of the Camp in the Division Encampment nor of the Division, in the Grand Division, or the of the Division, in the Grand Division, or the Commandery in chief; providing, however, that when a brother is unable, by reason of sickness or misfortune, to pay his dues, they may be remitted to him, on due investigation and favorable report by the Camp Council, or a special committee appointed for the purpose, and a three-fourths vote of the members present and voting at a stated meeting of the Camp; but by this remission of dues the Camp shall not become liable for the payment of his per capita tax, nor shall he be counted in the representation to the Division Encampment, that of the Grand Division or the Commandery in chief. sion or the Commandery in chief

SEC. 6. Any member of a Camp who is one year in arrears in the payment of his dues, shall be dropped from the roll, and re-instated only by the Camp which dropped him, by a three-fourths vote by ballot of all the members present

with voting, at a stated meeting of the Camp, on payment of a sum to be prescribed by a ree-fourths vote of the members present and ling, at a stated meeting of the Camp; the sum to be not less than the amount charged muster fee-and if elected, he shall bligated.

Sec. 7. The provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 this Article shall not apply to Division, Grand vision or Commandery offices, and Sections 5 4 6 to any brother in the military or naval vice of the United States, and on dury at a stance from the Camp of which he is a member.

ARTICLE V. Inspection.

Sec. 1. There shall be a thorough and com-te inspection of each Camp of the Order at at once in six months. To this end the mander in chief shall, through the several mander in chief shall, through the several and Division and Division Commanders cause in Division to be divided into as many substances as circumstances may demand; and in the standard provided for, shall cause to be alled or appointed, with the rank of First tenant, an Assistant Inspector for each Division. These officers shall, on the recomdation of the several Division Commanders, statled or appointed by the Commanders of their respective Grand Divisions, and they had office during the term for which their sion Commander shall have been elected. If the manner the Commander of each Grand Sion shall detail or appoint, with the rank Major, an Assistant Inspector General for

each Division of his command, and the Commander in chief shall detail or appoint with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, an Assistant Inspector General for each Grand Division of the Order.

SEC. 2. The Inspector General of the Commandery in chief shall prescribe the form of blanks to be used for the inspection of Camps. Divisions and Grand Divisions, and he shall. Divisions and Grand Divisions, and he shall, with approval of the Commander in chief, issue such instructions in detail as he may deem necessary for the proper performance of the duty. He shall prepare an abstract of all the reports received from Division or Grand Division headquarters, and shall present the same with a report to the Commandery in chief.

SEC. 3. All the books, papers, accounts, rec-SEC. 3. All the books, papers, accounts, records and proceedings pertaining to the Sons of Veterans shall be open for examination at all times to all the duly designated officers of the Inspector General's Department, and they shall make it their special duty to see that the same are correctly kept; that all details are properly attended to; that all orders are properly understood and obeyed, and that in all respects the written and unwritten work of the Order is written and unwritten work of the Order is uniformly and properly carried out in each locality under their care.

SEC. 4. All Inspectors are reminded that their visits to the different branches of the Order and especially to subordinate Camps are in no sense visits of a social character, but on the contra, for duty, and they are earnestly enjoined to faithfully and fully perform all of their duties in all respects.

ARTICLE VI.

Discipline.

SEC. 1. The offences cognizable by the Sons

Veterans shall be:
First—Disloyalty to the United States of
merica, or any other violation of any pledge
even at the time of muster, or the violation of

aven at the time of mister, of the violation of my obligation given at the time of assuming my office in the Order.

Second—Disobedience of the Constitution, Fulaws, Rules and Regulations, or other wful orders of the Sons of Veterans, coming

om the proper authority.
Third—The commission of a scandalous crime gainst the laws of the land.

Fourth—Conduct unbecoming a member in is relation to the Order.

Fifth-Conduct prejudicial to good order and

Sec. 2. The penalties shall be either:
First—Dishonorable discharge from the Order.
Second—Degradation from office.
Third—Suspension from membership for a

cified period.

Fourth—Fine.
Fifth—Reprimand, at the discretion of the bort, subject to the review of the proper officer.
Sec. 3. All accusations shall be made in the most of charges and specifications, and the same all be tried by courts martial. Courts martial be ordered by the Commanders of Divisions, and the same all being the commander in chief and Divisions or by the Commander in chief the trial of alleged offenders in their respect-jurisdictions. Members of Division En-mpments and officers of Division staffs shall ally be tried by Courts convened by order of the

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Grand Division Commander to which they are attached, or by orders issued direct from the Commander in chief. Members of the Commandery in chief and officers of the Commandery staff shall only be tried by Courts convened by order of the Commander in chief.

Sec. 4. Courts martial shall be governed in SEC. 4. Courts marrial snari be governed in their mode of proceeding and rules of evidence, by the Revised United States Army Regulations, established military usage, and such orders as may be issued by the Commandery in chief; provided, however, that in the wilful absence of the accused after due notice of the time and place of trial, has been given to him, or left at his of trial has been given to him, or left at his usual place of abode, the Court may proceed in all respects as if he were present and had pleaded

SEC. 5. All members of the Sons of Veterans when summoned, shall attend as witnesses before any Court martial, and their testimony shall be taken on their honor, as brothers. The evidence of persons not members of the Order shall be taken under oath, when not inconsistent with the laws of the place where the Court is held. Where such extra judicial oaths are forbidden by law, the evidence of witnesses not members of the Sons of Veterans may be received at the discretion of the Court, on their honor as men, and the fact that they have not been duly sworn shall be considered by the Court in deciding upon their creditibilty.

Sec. 6. No sentence of a Court martial shall be carried into execution until the whole pro-ceedings shall have been laid before the officer ordering the same, or his successor in office, for his confirmation or disapproval and orders in the

ase, and no sentence of dishonorable discharge m the Sons of Veterans, except by a Court artial convened by order of the Commander in ief, until after the whole proceedings shall have

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SEC. 7. When charges are preferred against my brother holding office, the Division or Grand Livision Commanders, or the Commander in lief in their respective jurisdictions may sussend the accused from office. During the spension of a Camp, Division or Grand Division Commander their places shall be filled by enext officer in rank and command.

SEC. 8. In case the accused is charged with

SEC. 8. In case the accused is charged with a offense under paragraph 3, Section 1 of this article, the record of his conviction by a court competent jurisdiction shall be prima facial tidence of his guilt of the offense of which he so charged.

ARTICLE VII.

Bonds.

SEC. 1. Every Quartermaster Sergeant shall see bonds in a sum to be named by his Camp, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge his duties.

Sec. 2. Every Division Quartermaster shall the bonds in a sum to be named by the Division concil, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful

sharge of his trust.

Sec. 3. The Assistant Adjutant General and
Assistant Quartermaster General of each
rand Division shall give bonds in a sum to be
med by their Grand Division Council, with

sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of

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SEC. 4. The Adjutant General and Quartermaster General shall also give bonds in a sum to be named by the Council in chief, with sufficient sureties, for the faithful discharge of their

SEC. 5. The bonds of the above named officers shall be approved and held by their respective Commanding Officers, as trustees for their several commands.

ARTICLE VIII.

Compensation.

The Adjutant General, Quartermaster General, Assistant Adjutant Generals, Assistant Quarter-master Generals, Division Adjutants and Quar-termasters may, for a prompt, careful and faithful performance of all their respective duties, be al-lowed such moderate and reasonable compensation as may from time to time be determined upon by their respective organizations.

ARTICLE IX.

Uniform for Officers and Members.

SEC. 1. The uniform for camp and parade shall be a dark blue flannel single breasted sack coat, of medium length, with falling collar, four large size S. V. buttons down the front, and two small size S. V. buttons on the under seam of each sleeve. A dark blue flannel single breasted vest, with or without collar, and with five or six, as may be desired small size S. V. butters. as may be desired, small size S. V. buttons down the front. Dark blue flannel pants, and fatigue cap similar to G. A. R. pattern, with gold cord,

embroidered wreath in front, containing in silver embroidery the letters S. V. in old English characters, and the number of the Camp. The top of cap shall contain a device according to a sign furnished, the same to be known as the little of the same to be known as the sixty of the same to be known as the same to be known Division Badge.

The coat and vest shall be made with eyelet loles, so that the buttons can be changed, and the garments used for ordinary purposes.

SEC. 2. Whenever the officers of the Com-andery in chief or those of any Grand Division Division shall so desire, and as members of bivision shall so desire, and as members of their respective organizations shall, as a body, in due form, so elect, they may in lieu of the bregoing described cap, wear a cap of the same shape and proportions, with a black silk velvet and, gold cord and gold embroidered wreath in cont, containing in silver embroidery the letters s. V. in old English characters, and omitting the number of their Camp. In the centre of top of ap shall be placed in cloth, their Division badge eiged with a thread of gold embroidery, not over the sixteenth of an inch wide, and the centre of ap shall contain in silver embroidery the letters of their containing silver embroidery the letters of the containing silver embroidery the me sixteenth of an inch wide, and the centre of the phall contain in silver embroidery the letters U.S. in old English characters, or in lieu thereof, miniature representation in gold of the Corps adge, of their father or ancestor, the same not be exceed one half of an inch in size. All Past Division Commanders, Past Grand Division Commanders and Past Commanders in chief, shall, if they so desire, be entitled to wear the above named cap in lieu of the regulation cap membership, but this privilege shall not the members of the Order.

SEC. 3. Whenever the officers of the Commandery in chief, or those of any Grand Division

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shall so desire, and as members of their respective organizations, shall as a body, in due form elect, they shall be entitled, as a ready means recognition, to wear attached to and covering the outer seam of their pants, a strip of gold lace one-fourth of an inch wide. This privilege shalalso extend to all Past Grand Division Commanders, and all Past Commanders in chief, but not to other members of the Order.

Insignas of Rank.

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Sec. 1. The insignas of actual rank in the several bodies of the Order to be worn by officers during their period of service, as such, and for no longer, shall, in substance, be those of the United States service, from 1861 to 1865, to witters are not strape of blue cloth or velvet, same shade as the National color, seven-eighths of an inch wide by three and three-fourths long bordered by one row of gold embroidery one-fourth of an inch wide. The outside measurements of the strap shall be one and three-eighths of an inch wide by four inches long.

Second—For all Division officers, shoulder straps of black silk velvet seven-eighths of an inch wide by three and one-half inches long bordered by two rows of gold embroidery, each row to be one-eighth and one-sixteenth of an inch wide. The outside measurements of strapshall be one and five eights of an inch wide by four and one-fourth of an inch long.

Third—For all Grand Division officers and all officers of the Commandery in chief, shoulder straps of black silk velvet seven-eighths of an

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inch wide by three and three-fourths of an inch long, bordered by three rows of gold embroidery, each row to be a full one-eighth of an inch wide. The outside measurements of strap shall be one and three-fourths of an inch wide by four and ave-eighths of an inch long.

Fourth-The insignas upon the straps shall

For General four silver embroidered stars of the same size, and of five points placed equidistant from each other.

For Lieutenant General three silver embroidred stars of the same size, one star to be placed in the middle of strap and one on each side equi-distant between the centre and inner edge of the embroidery at the ends of the strap.

For Major General two silver embroidered stars of the same size.

For Bricadier General one silver embroidered

For Brigadier General one silver embroidered star, the centre of the same to be equi-distant from the inner edge of the embroidery at the

For Colonel silver embroidered eagle, two inches between the tips of the wings, having in right talon an olive branch, and in the left a

bundle of arrows; an escutcheon on the breast, as represented in the Arms of the United States. For Lieutenant Colonel a silver embroidered leaf at each end of strap, each leaf to extend seven-eighths of an inch from the end border of

For Major a gold embroidered leaf at each end of strap; each leaf to extend seven-eighths of an inch from the end border of the strap. For Captain two gold embroidered bars, each

one-fourth of an inch wide, placed parallel to

the ends of the strap, the distance betwen then and from the border to be one-fourth of an inch

For First Lieutenant same as Captain, omitting one bar from each end of strap.

For Second Lieutenant vacant field.

For Camp Chaplain and Camp Surgeon same as for Second Lieutenant.

SEC. 2. Whenever the officers of the Commandery in chief, or those of any of the several Grand Divisions shall so desire, and as member of their respective organizations shall, as a body so elect, they may in lieu of the foregoing described shoulder strap, made of correct proportions, and in due form, containing the various insignas of actual rank, or in lieu of either, they may duly elect to wear, without any additions, the insignas of their actual rank attached to either the shoulder or collar of their uniform coat; providing, that in any event, the system is uniform and in all respects identical and the same throughout each branch of the Order availing themselves of the above defined latitude, and that under no circumstances shall any officer be SEC. 2. Whenever the officers of the Comthat under no circumstances shall any officer be that under no circumstances shall any officer be allowed to assume and continue the duties of any position of honor and responsibility in the Order, unless he shall show his right to the office, by wearing the insigna of his actual rank. A failure to do this, after a reasonable time to equip himself, shall be deemed ample grounds to question his authority, or to respect and obey him as his office would properly demand.

Sec. 3. The officers of the several Divisions

SEC. 3. The officers of the several Divisions of the Order shall also be allowed to avail themselves of the latitude granted in the above Section, as to the mode of wearing the various

msignia of actual rank and office in the Order; roviding, that the system throughout each Division, including and extending to each Camp the Division shall be identical and the same. The wearing of any insignia of actual rank and fice, attached to breast of coat, is in all cases

rictly prohibited. SEC. 4. The rank of the non-commissioned Sec. 4. The rank of the non-commissioned aff of the Order shall be marked by chevrons a both sleeevs of coat, above the elbow. For the non-commissioned staff of Camps, the chevrons shall be made of blue silk or blue silk mbroidery, same shade as the National color. For the non-commissioned staff of Divisions, of lack silk or black silk embroidery. For the nonmmissioned staff of Grand Divisions and the commandery in chief, of gold lace or gold emodery. All chevrons shall be one-half of an ech wide, points down, and as follows:

For Sergeant Major three bars and an arc.

For Quartermaster Sergeant three bars and a

For Color Sergeant three bars and two crossed

For Ordnance Sergeant three bars and a star. For Orderly Sergeant three bars and a lozenge. For all other Sergeants three bars.

For Principal Musician three bars and a bugle.

For Corporals two bars.
Sec. 5. In lieu of the foregoing described evrons, the Commander in chief and the manaders of the several Grand Divisions, with the advice and consent of their reetive Councils, allow a miniature chevron, the prescribed colors and materials, to be ern—the same to be so arranged as to be neatly

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and conveniently attached to and removed from the sleeves of coat. In a like manner, the Commanders of Divisions, with the advice and consent of their Councils, may allow miniature chevrons to be worn, providing, that the same system shall be adopted, and extend to their whole command, including each Camp in the

ARTICLE XI.

Insignia of Past and Brevet Rank.

SEC. 1. The Past officers of the Order, and those holding Past or Brevet rank higher than their actual rank, shall wear conspicuously upon their actual rank, shall wear conspicuously upon the left breast of coat, a miniature strap indicat-ing the same. For all officers holding Bast or Brevet rank derived from Camp service, this strap shall be of enamel or silk velvet, three-eighths of an inch wide by one and one-half inches long. The strap shall be bordered with one row of gold or gold embroidery, one-sixteenth and one-thirty-second of an inch wide: the outside measurement of the strap shall be one and eleven-sixteenths of an inch long by nine-

and eleven-sixteenths of an inch long by nine-sixteenths of an inch wide.

SEC. 2. For all officers holding Past or Brevet rank derived from service in Division organiza-tions, the strap shall be bordered with two rows of gold or gold embroidery, each row to be one-sixteenth of an inch wide, leaving the outside measurements of same one and three-fourths of an inch long by five-eighths of an inch wide.

SEC. 3. For all officers holding Past or Brevet rank derived from service in the Commandery in chief or any Grand Division, the strap shall be of the same materials as those previously

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named, five-sixteenths of an inch wide by one and nine-sixteenths of an inch long, bordered by three rows of gold or gold embroidery, each row to be one-sixteenth of an inch wide, leaving the outside measurements of strap one and fifteen-sixteenths of an inch long by eleven-sixteenths of an inch wide.

SEC. 4. The insignia upon the straps shall be those named and defined under Section 1 of the previous Article.

SEC. 5. When the strap is made of velvet and gold embroidery, the insignia of rank shall also be embroidered thereon. The color of the strap for subordinate Camps shall be of blue, same shade as National color. That of all other branches of the Order black; providing that the wearer may at his option, assume the color of that arm of the service to which his parent or ancestor belonged.

ARTICLE XII.

Badges, &c.

SEC. 1. All members of the Order when in camp or parade, or on other duty, shall wear conspicuously on the left breast of coat the regulation badge of the Order, with the pre-scribed red, white and blue ribbon attached.

Sec. 2. All Camp officers, the officers of the several Divisions, Grand Divisions and the Commandery in chief, during the period for which they may hold office, and for no longer shall wear attached to their regulation badge the prescribed ribbon of their respective bodies, omitting for the time being, the red, white and blue ribbon of general membership. All Past

Grand Division Commanders, all Past. Commanders in chief, and all officers holding Brevet rank above that of Colonel shall, during life, be entitled to wear attached to their regulation badge, a red corded silk ribbon, of the prescribed width, and of the same shade as the National

As an additional mark of honor and high standing in the Order, all Past officers of the same holding Brevet rank above that of Captain, shall be entitled to wear conspicuously upon the left breast of coat, the prescribed regu-lation cross of the Order, and all Past officers lation cross of the Order, and all Past officers holding Brevet rank above that of Colonel shall be entitled to wear the regulation star of the Order. The said cross and star, may, according to option, be made of gold or fine gold plate, properly ornamented with enamel.

SEC. 4. All Past Camp, Past Division and Past Grand Division Commanders, also, all Past

Commanders in chief who shall have served for a full term, as is heretofore defined, or having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of the term, may, as a means of recognition, and with the prescribed ribbon of their respective branches attached, wear the established iron cross of the Order, but under no circumstances, shall this honor extend to any other officers or Past officers.

SEC. 5. All officers and members of the Order are expected and required to wear upon the centre of the top of their regulation cap in cloth, the prescribed design known as their Division hadge or mark. They may, if they so desire, wear upon the centre of the same, a miniature representation in gold of the Corps

badge of their father or ancestor, not exceeding one-half of an inch in size.

SEC. 6. As Divsions are permanently organized, the Commander in chief shall, with the advice and approval of the Council in chief, extile and decompany approximate the particular design. settle and determine upon the particular design, color of cloth, and exact size and shape of each Division cap, mark or badge, and he will publish the same in general orders, for the information of all concerned.

SEC. 7. As a ready means of recognition, when not on duty, all brothers are earnestly enjoined to constantly wear in coat or vest button hole, the prescribed red, white and blue silk bar button hole decoration of general membership. In lieu thereof, honorary members may wear, in the same manner and form, the same decoration made of red silk, same shade as the National

ARTICLE XIII.

Service Stripes and Honorary Membership.

All members of the Order who have served faithfully for three years, may wear as a mark of distinction, a service stripe upon both sleeves of the coat, below the elbow, consisting of a diagonal half chevron of red silk, same shade as the National color, one eighth and one-sixteenth of an inch wide, extending from seam to seam, the front or lower end commencing at the inner seam of the sleeve, two and one-half to three inches above the bottom of the sleeve, and terminating on the outer seam of the sleeve, at a point seven and one-half to nine inches above the lower end of sleeve; also, in a like

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manner, an additional half chevron, not exceeding six in all, above and parallel to the first, for every subsequent three years of faithful service in the Order; the distance between each chevron to be one-eighth of an inch.

SEC. 2. On acquiring six service stripes, as above stated, the member shall, providing that he is in good standing, and with no charges

he is in good standing, and with no charges against him, become and be constituted an honorary member of the Order, and as such shall be borne upon the roll of his Camp.

SEC. 3. In lieu of the above named service stripes, the Commander in chief, with the advice and consent of the Council in chief, may devise and establish a miniature form of service stripes, so arranged and made as to be neathy and establish and in the control of the council in chief.

and establish a miniature form of service stripes, so arranged and made as to be neatly and easily attached to or detached from the sleeves of coat.

SEC. 4. After a faithful period of service in the Order, amounting to over twenty-five years, the Camp of which he is a member may, at a stated meeting, and on the favorable report of a special committee appointed for the purpose, by a unanimous vote, exempt an honorary member from the further payment of dues, and allow him to continue to enjoy all the privileges of membership.

ARTICLE XIV.

Brevet Ranks, &c.

SEC. 1. The Commandery in chief and the several Grand Divisions, also, each Division Encampment, as is hereinafter stated, shall be vested with full power and authority to confer upon officers, Past officers and members of the Order who, by special adherence and devotion to the principles and objects of the Order, the

exercise of particular discretion and vigilance in the discharge of their duties, and for long and faithful service in the Order, merit some special reward, such Brevet rank as may be determined by the favorable report of a committee appointed by the favorable report of a committee appointed for the purpose, and the three-fourths vote of the members of the body conferring the honor, present and voting, at a stated yearly meeting of the same; providing, however, that no officer or Past officer of the Order shall be eligible to and receive increased rank by Brevet over and above one grade higher than the highest actual rank he may hold or may have held and done duty therein—and that no member of the Order not an officer or Past officer shall ever be eligible to receive rank by Brevet above the grade of Captain, and then only when some extraordinary circumstances may arise that would clearly and and fully warrant the bestowal.

SEC 2. The power to confer Brevet ranks shall for officers and Past officers of the Commandery and for officers and Past officers of the several Grand Divisions be vested solely in the Commandery in chief. For officers and Past officers of Divisions and members of the Order with the Grand Division to which they may belong, and for all Past Camp Commanders with the Division Encampment to which their Camp the Division Encampment to which their Camp is attached. No Past Camp Commander shall be eligible to receive rank by Brevet above that

SEC. 3. A Past Camp, Division or Grand Division Commander, or a Past Commander in chief, who shall have served faithfully and well for a full term, as is heretofore specified, or hav-ing been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have

served to the end of the term, shall, in the natural order of things, there being no good earse to the contra, be fairly entitled to be raised one grade, and no more, by Brevet above the actual rank of the office held by him, but in all other cases special services or circumstances must exist to warrant the conferring any and all Brevet appointments.

Sec. 4. Whereas, the Sons of Veterans recog nise and acknowledge the kindly sympathy and support which they have received from certain members of the Grand Army of the Republic. and being desirous of showing their high appre-ciation of the same, therefore, the Commander in chief and the Commanders of the several in chief and the Commanders of the several Grand Divisions, with the advice and consent of their respective Councils, are hereby authorized and empowered to confer upon members of the Grand Army of the Republic such honorary rank, by Brevet, in the Sons of Veterans as may be determined by the favorable report of a committee appointed for the purpose, and a three-fourths vote of the Council; providing, however, that in the case of Brevets hereafter bestowed, such rank, by Brevet, shall only raise the recipient one grade above that of the highest old Army or G. A. R. rank that he may hold or old Army or G. A. R. rank that he may hold or may have held; and in the event that the recipient has never held office, he shall, in no case, be eligible to a higher rank than that of Major by Brevet.

SEC. 5. Honorary life membership in the Sons of Veterans shall not be construed as rendering any member of the Grand Army of the Republic liable to the payment of dues, or as entitling him to any vote or other rights and

privileges not accorded to other members, and the membership shall carry with it the full right to wear the insignia, miniature rank badge and button hole decoration of the Order, in the prescribed manner and form.

SEC. 6. Honorary life membership in the Sons Teterans with appropriate rank, by brevet, may by the Commander in chief only, and in the manner and form defined in Section 4 of this Article, and under such special circumstances as will fully warrant the extension of the honor, be bestowed upon officers of the United States Army, Navy and Marine corps; also, upon the officers of any foreign government; in a like form, distinguished gentlemen in civil life, noted for their loyalty and devotion to the principles upon which the Order is founded, and being consistent sustainers of its prime objects as duly set forth, may also be admitted to honorary life membership; providing, however, that such membership of gentlemen from civil life shall not carry with it any rank, and that in no event, in any Division at any one time shall such membership Division, at any one time, shall such membership be allowed to exceed in south of be allowed to exceed in number the ratio of one to each one hundred and one active members of the Order in good standing therein.

SEC. 7. Honorary members, as are provided for in the preceding section of this Article, shall not have any vote, and shall not be liable to the payment of any dues or fees; they shall be entitled to and allowed to wear the insignia and button hole decoration of the Order, in the manner and form heretofore provided for.

SEC. 8. The Commanders of the different branches of the Order, having power and authority to confer Brevet ranks, as is heretofore

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defined and limited, shall issue under seal and in due form, suitable commissions or diplomas to all persons Breveted or made life members by their several organizations, and shall forward the same, securely packed, to their post office

ARTICLE XV. Flags and Colors.

Flags and Colors.

Sec. 1. Each duly constituted body of the Order shall have two silken flags of the full regulation size of 1861-1865, to wit; six feet six inches fly and six feet deep on the staff; also, two small colors of silk, as is hereinafter defined.

Sec. 2. Subordinate Camps—the first or National color of stars and stripes, with the name and number of the Camp, the name of the Order, and the location of the Camp, on the stripes, in an appropriate manner, in gold letters. The second or Camp color, of blue, with the Arms of the Order in the centre of flag, and, appropriately arranged around the same, the name and number of the Camp, the name of the Order and the location of Camp, in gold letters. The reverse of the Camp color shall contain the Arms of the State in which the Camp is located, and the same wording, in gold letters, as the obverse.

The fringe of the flags shall be of silk or gold bullion, and the cords and tassels of silk or silk and gold mixed. Both flags shall be provided with jointed staffs, gilt eagles, substantial belts and good oil cloth covers. The two small or Camp colors shall also be of blue, with silk or gold bullion fringe, and poles of convenient length, properly ornamented. In the centre of each color shall appear the number of the Camp, and

below the number the name of the Order and the location of the Camp. These colors shall also be provided with suitable oil cloth covers.

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SEC. 3. Division Encampments—the first or National color, of stars and stripes, with the words—Division (giving the full name of State) Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, on the stripes, in gold letters, in an appropriate manner. The second or Encampment color of red, same shade as the National color, with the Coat of Arms of the Order in the centre of the flag, the—Division (giving the full name of the State) above the centre piece, and the words, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, below the same, all in gold letters. The reverse of the Encampment flag shall contain the Arms of the State of which the Division is composed, in the centre, with the Division is composed, in the centre, with the same words in the same manner as the obverse. same words in the same manner as the obverse. The fringe of the flags shall be of silk or gold bullion, and the cords and tassels of silk or silk and gold mixed. Both flags shall be provided with jointed staffs, gilt eagles, substantial belts and good oil cloth covers.

The two small or Encampment colors shall also be of red, same shade as the National color, with silk or gold bullion fringe, and staffs, of convenient length, properly ornamented. In the centre of each flag shall appear the crest and motto of the Order, above the centre piece, the words the words, ——Division (giving the full name of State), and below the same the words, Sons of Veterans of the United States of America. Both flags shall be provided with suitable oil cloth covers.

SEC. 4. Grand Divisions-the first or National

color of stars and stripes, with the words—Grand Division Sons of Veterans of the United States of America, on the stripes, in gold letters, in an appropriate manner.

in an appropriate manner.

The second or Grand Division color of whitewith the Coat of Arms of the Order in the centre of flag, the words, — Grand Division Sons of Veterans, above the centre piece, and the words, of the United States of America, below the same, all in gold letters. The reverse of the Grand Division flag shall contain the Arms of the United States, with the same words in the same manner as the obverse. The fringe of the flags shall be of gold bullion, and the cords and tassels of gold. Both flags shall be provided with first class jointed staffs, fine gilt eagles, substantial belts and good oil cloth covers.

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The two small or Grand Division colors shall also be of white, with gold bullion fringe, and staffs of convenient length, properly ornamented. In the centre of each flag shall appear the crest and motto of the Order; above the centre piece the words, — Grand Division Sons of Veterans, and the words, of the United States of America, below the same, all in gold letters Both flags shall be provided with suitable oil cloth covers.

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SEC. 5. Commandery in chief—the first or
National color of stars and stripes, with the
words, Commandery in Chief Sons of Veterans
of the United States of America: on the stripes
in an appropriate manner, in gold letters.

The second or Commandery color of red, white
and blue; the red portion of the flag to be
attached to the staff, and when so mounted each
part to show in equal proportions. In the centre
of the flag shall appear the Coat of Arms of the

Order; above the same, in gold letters, the words, Commandery in chief Sons of Veterans; and below the Coat of Arms, the words, of the United States of America. The reverse of the flag shall contain the Coat of Arms of the United States in the centre, with the same words, in the same manner as the obverse. The fringe of the flags shall be of gold bullion, and the tassels and cords of gold. Both flass shall be provided with first class jointed staffs, fine gilt eagles, substantial belts and oil cloth covers.

The two small or Commandery colors shall also be of red, white and blue, with gold bullion fringe, and staffs of convenient length, properly ornamented. In the centre of each flag shall appear the crest and motto of the Order above the centre piece, the words, Commandery in chief Sons of Veterans, and below the same the words.

Sons of Veterans, and below the same the words, of the United States of America. Both flags shall be provided with suitable oil cloth covers.

Sec. 6. When so desired, appropriate silk streamers may be attached to all of the full size (six and one-half, by six feet) flags of the Order, the same to represent an enlarged design of the respective ribbons worn by the officers of the different branches, attached to their regulation badge, and used during their period of service as badge, and used during their period of service as

officers.

SEC. 7. The Commandery, Grand Division, Divison, and Camp flags and colors shall be dis-played at all stated or special meetings of their respective bodies, and on parade; according to established custom and usage.

SEC. 8. As a mark of distinction, Davis L Camp, No. 1, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as

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the parent charter Camp of the Order, shall, in addition to its other flags, be entitled to have and use a flag of yellow silk, of the same size, (viz: six and one-half, by six feet,) and made up and trimmed in the same general manner as its the silk Corn of the silk of the silk control of the silk of the silk control of the silk of the silk control of the silk of blue silk Camp color.

ARTICLE XVI.

Coat of Arms.

The following instructions for painting the Coat of Arms of the Order shall be strictly adhered to.

Shield—the field is white; two sabres crossed, points up, in proper colors, ensigned by a wreath of laurels, green; on a chief azure (heraldic blue cobalt); the rising Sun, gold; in the disc the monogram S. V. in vermilion; on the white field arrange thirteen stars of five points, as in the cut; in vermilion; the cut, in vermilion.

Supporters—on the right a soldier in the fatigue uniform (without arms) of 1861-1965, viz: dark blue blouse; light blue pants; Zouave cap; cross and waist belts of brown leather; on the buckle the letters U. S. On the left a sailor—navy blue shirt and pants; black silk neck tie and regulation cap. and regulation cap.

Crest-an eagle (American) on rocks in proper colors.

The scrolls containing the mottos are white, shaded at the ends with crimson lake; letters black; the ornaments bordering the shield and under the same, of gold; the flags, naval and military, with cannon and muskets, all in their proper places and colors.

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ARTICLE XVII.

The seals of the Commandery in chief the several Grand Divisions and Divisions of the Order shall consist of the full Coat of Arms of the Order, surrounded, for the Commandery, with the words, Commandery in chief Sons of Veterans United States of America. For the Grand Divisions, with the words, —Grand Division Sons of Veterans, United States of America, and for the several Divisions of the Order with the words, —Division Sons of Veterans, United States of America.

The Camp seals shall consist of the crest of the Coat of Arms, surrounded by thirteen stars, and under the roll shall appear, in Roman numerals, the year of the organization of the Order, (to wit, 1881). The whole shall be surrounded with the words, —Camp, No. —Sons of Veterans—and the location, town or city and State shall be added to the same.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Furnishing of Badges, &c.

The different insignia and the Regulation Badge of the Order—also, the various regulation ribbons to be worn attached to the same; the electrotype cuts of the regulation badge and Coat of Arms of the Order; the regulation button hole decorations, and all other kindred supplies, will, on requisition duly made, and on payment of the cost price, be promptly furnished by the Commandery to Grand Division and Division headquarters. It is expected and required that all Division headquarters shall keep

such a quantity of supplies on hand as to enable them at all times to promptly fill all Camp

ARTICLE XIX.

Disbursements.

SEC. 1. The disbursements from the treasury of the Commandery in chief or from the treasuries of the several Grand Divisions shall only be in behalf of the objects of the Sons of Veterans, or its incidental expenses, and to promote and forward its interests and welfare.

SEC. 2. Disbursements shall only be made by SEC. 2. Disbursements shall only be made by direction of the Commandery in chief, the several Grand Divisions, or by their respective Councils; providing that during the intervals of the meetings of the different Councils, the Commander in chief or the Commanders of the several Grand Divisions, may order disbursements to meet the usual and current expenses of their respective bodies. All requisitions for money must be drawn by the Adjutant Generals or the several Assistant Adjutant Generals, and the same must be approved by the Commander in chief or by the Grand Division Commanders, for their respective bodies.

ARTICLE XX.

Password and Countersign.

The Commander in Chief shall settle upon, and by means of a cipher, distribute the semi-annual password and countersign. He shall so regulate the sending out of the same, that they will, through the several Grand Division head-quarters, reach the headquarters of each Division

by the first day of June and December of each year. The several Division Commanders will in turn see, that by cipher, the new password and countersign reaches each Camp on or before the night set for the installation of the newly elected officers, and that the same are duly promulgated on that occasion. The Commander in chief shall change the password and countersign whenever, in his opinion, the interests of the Order demand it. The password shall, in all cases, be the name of an officer or an individual; the countersign that of a battle or a place.

ARTICLE XXI.

Rituals, &c.

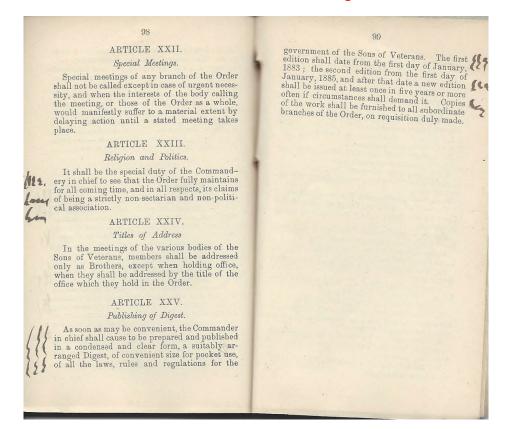
Rituals, &c.

The general use of the Rituals for Camp service is prohibited, the same being only intended for the information of the officers and staff of the Camp, and to enable them to become familiar with and commit to memory all of their respective parts; to this end, no Camp shall be allowed over two Rituals, and the Commanding Officer shall make it his especial duty to see that each and all of his subordinates are fully instructed as to their different duties and parts, giving a careful attention to all details.

The secret work of the Order shall all be wholly unwritten, and shall only be communicated by word of mouth. The Commanding officer of each Camp shall see each member of his command, of the prescribed age, is made fully familiar with the same, in all respects.

The cards of the Order for Camp service shall contain the opening prayer and hymn, the closing prayer and doxology.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

COMMANDERY IN CHIEF.

- Opening of the Commandery in due form.
 Roll call of officers.
 Report of Committee on Credentials.
 Roll call of members.
 Reports of officers, commencing with that
- of the Commander in chief.
 6. Appointment of committees, as follows:
 First—Committee on Credentials for the fol-
- lowing year.
 Second—Committees on Reports of officers.
 Third—Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for the Commandery in chief and Grand
- Divisions. Fourth—Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for Division Encampments.
 Fifth—Committee on Constitution and By-Laws for Subordinate Camps.
 Sixth—Committee on General Rules and
- Sixth—Committee on Ritual and other books of Ceremony of the Order.
 Eighth—Committee on Unwritten Work.
 7. Reception and reference of communications from Grand Division Encampments, to be
- called according to number.

 8. Reception and reference of communications from Division Encampments, to be called
- according to seniority.

 9. Reception and reference of communications from individuals.

10. Reports of Committees.

11. Unfinished business appearing on the minutes, to be taken up in order.

12. New business may be introduced.

13. Election and installation of officers.

14. At the second and each succeeding session, the minutes of the preceding session shall be read immediately after the opening ceremomonies; this shall also be done before the closing exercises at the last session.

15. This Order of Business may be suspended at any time for a definite purpose, by a three-fourths vote of the Commandery, to be taken without debate. The same may be duly altered, added to or amended upon proposition made in writing, and by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, at a stated yearly meeting of the Commandery.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

GRAND DIVISIONS.

The Order of Business for the several Grand Divisions shall be the same as that of the Commandery in chief, but the said bodies shall limit their action on the reports of the last six named committees on the list, to recommendations and requests, to be submitted in due form to the Commandery in chief for its consideration and disposition, at its stated yearly meeting. 103

RULES OF ORDER

For the Commandery in Chief and all Subordinate Branches of the Sons of Veterans.

Commanding Officer.

1. The Commaning Officer shall state every question properly presented to the meeting, and shall pronounce the decision of the same on all subjects. Before putting a question to a vote he shall ask. Is the ——ready for the question? If no member shall rise to speak, the Commanding Officer shall rise and put the question, and after he has arisen, no member shall be permitted to speak upon it.

2. The Commanding Officer may speak to points of order in preference to other members rising for that purpose. If two or more members of the——rise to speak at the same time, the Commanding Officer shall decide which member is entitled to the floor.

3. The Commanding Officer shall, if he so elects, decide all questions of order without debate, subject, however, to an appeal to the meeting by any member, when the question shall be, Shall the decision of the chair stand as the judgment of the—— This question shall be put to the meeting by the next officer in rank and command.

4. No question shall be put by the Commanding Officer that has not been duly seconded and stated, and if any two members demand it, the Commanding Officer shall require the question to be reduced to writing and presented in that form. 1. The Commaning Officer shall state every

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5. When the decision of any vote is doubted, the Commanding Officer shall direct the proper officer to count the vote in the affirmative and negative, and report the result to him.

Members.

Members.

6. Each member desiring to speak, shall arise and respectfully address the Commanding Officer. He shall strictly confine his remarks to the question under debate, and shall carefully avoid all personalities, and all indecorous or sarcastic language.

7. Any improper conduct, the use of any abusive, disorderly or profane language, the disobedience of the orders of the Commanding Officer, or any misbehaviour of any member in the meeting shall render him liable to be tried by court martial, and to a punishment for his

by court martial, and to a punishment for his misconduct.

misconduct.

8. A member speaking shall not be interrupted except to call him to order, or for the
purpose of explanation.

9. If a member while speaking is called to
order, he shall, if so directed by the Commanding
Officer total his carterior.

order, he shall, if so directed by the Commanding Officer, take his seat until the question is decided, when if permitted, he may proceed again.

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

11. A motion may be withdrawn by the mover and seconder before a vote is had thereon, and if withdrawn, no record of it shall be made on the minutes

on the minutes.

12. A division of a question containing two or more distinct propositions, may be demanded by any member.

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- 13. The name of a member making a motion or offering any business, shall be entered on the minutes.
- 14. All members present are entitled to one vote, and all members entitled to vote shall vote on all questions, unless excused by a vote of the meeting, to be taken without debate
- 15. No member shall speak for longer than ten minutes on any subject or question, and no member shall speak more than once on any subject or question until all who desire to speak shall have had an opportunity to do so, and then only by permission of the Commanding Officer, and for not longer than five minutes.
- 16. When a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the objectionable words shall, if required, be reduced to writing.

Debates.

- 17. When a question is before the meeting, the only motions in order shall be—First, to adjourn; second, to lay on the table; third, the previous question; fourth, to postpone indefinitely; fifth, to postpone for a definite period; sixth, to postpone; seventh, to refer; eighth, to amend; all of which motions shall have precedence in the order named, and the first three to be decided without debate.
- 18. When the previous question is moved and seconded, it shall preclude all other motions and debate, and it shall be put in this form, Shall the main question now be put; if decided in the affirmative, the vote shall at once be taken without debate, and in the same manner as if the previous question had not been ordered.

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Motions, &c.

19. A motion to adjourn is alway in order, except—First, while a member is speaking; second, while a vote is being taken; third, when action, while a vote is being taken; third, when to adjourn was the last preceding motion. A motion to adjourn cannot be amended, but when made to adjourn to a given time or place, it is open to amendment and debate.

20 But two amendments can be pending at one time.

21. The reading of any paper relative to the subject under consideration, shall always be in

22. When a question has been postponed indefinitely, it shall not again be acted upon at the same meeting.

23. A motion to reconsider shall be in order 23. A motion to reconsider shall be in order at any time during the same session of any branch of the Order, but the same must be made by those voting in the majority, or those voting in the negative in the case of equal division. A motion made to reconsider once made and negatived, shall not be renewed at the same session, or during the same stated or special meeting.

When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first on the largest sum or number, or the longest or latest time proposed, or in the order of nomination, if to be filled in with the name of a person.

25. The yeas and nays may be required and entered upon the minutes, at the call of any three members, and each member present shall be required to place his vote on record, unless excused in due form.

26. All reports and resolutions shall be submitted in writing, and when from a commttee, they shall be signed by a majority of the same.

27. When a majority report is followed by a report from the minority of the committee, the former shall lay upon the table until the latter is presented, after which, on motion, either may be considered.

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28. When a report has been read it shall be considered propeply before the meeting without any motion to accept.

29. When a report is submitted with a resolution attached, action shall be had on the resolution only, unless the report be considered improper or incomplete, when it may be recommitted. When no resolution accompanies the report, such report may be altered or amended.

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No report or resolution properly before the meeting shall be withdrawn without its permission, the same to be given or refused without

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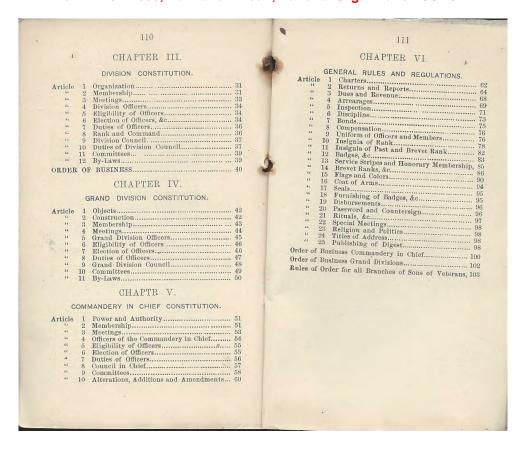
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31. Cushing's Manual shall govern all cases of order not embodied in the foregoing rules, and it is hereby especially provided, that these Rules of Order shall not be altered, added to, or amended, except upon proposition submitted in writing, and by a three-fourths vote of those present and voting, at a stated yearly meeting of the Commandery in chief.

109 INDEX PREAMBLE,.... Page 15, Article VIII, Section 1, the words "these By-Laws" should read "and By-Laws."
Page 16, Section 2, the words "these By-Laws" should read "this Constitution."
Page 16, Section 3, the word "Captain" should read "Chiplain."
Page 25, Article XVIII. add the words "Fife and Drum Corps" to the head of same.
Page 26, Article XXI. the words "rank of first Lieutenant" should read "rank Badge of First Lieutenant."
Page 26, Article XX, add the words "Orderly and Quartermaster Sergeauts" to the head of same.
Page 32, Article II, Section 2, first line, the word "to" should read "of"
Page 33, Article III, Section 2, second line, the words "meetings" should read "meeting."
Page 43, Article III, Section 2, the word "January" should read "July."
Page 46, Article VII, Section 1, add the letter "C" to first line.
Page 47, Section 5, second line, the word "Commander" should be "Commandery."
Page 53, Article IV, last three lines shall read, "and fifteen members by election, three members to be selected from each Grand Division."
Page 63, Article I, Section 3, the word "order" should read "orders." ERRATA. CHAPTER I. CHAPTER II. CAMP CONSTITUTION. Article 1 4 Leaves of Absence, Table
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9 Camp Council.
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24 Relief Fund...
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26 Conclusion... one each Grand Division."
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Page 71, Article 6, Section 4, the last two words of Section should read, "not guilty." ORDER OF BUSINESS.....

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