

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS

AND

RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

GRAND GROVE OF THE U. A. O. D.

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Also Regulations for the government of State Grand Groves and  
Constitution for the Government of Subordinate Groves under  
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# CONSTITUTION.

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## ARTICLE I.

### TITLE AND POWERS.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known by the name, style and title of the "Grand Grove of the United Ancient Order of Druids of the United States of America," and possesses original and exclusive jurisdiction, and is the source of all true and legitimate authority in Druidism over all the States, Districts or Territories, comprising the Federal Government of the United States of America ; also, over all Groves or Druidical bodies, outside the Territory of the United States, working under charters issued by this Grand body.

§ 2. All State Grand Groves, which are now, or may hereafter be established, shall assemble under its warrant, and derive their authority from it. With it is placed the power to enact such laws and regulations, *and to grant such dispensations*, as shall, in its opinion, be for the benefit of the Order in general. It is the ultimate tribunal to which all matters of general importance to State Grand and Subordinate Groves, and all cases of controversy or appeal are to be referred, these latter cases under the regulations provided in article XIII of the by-laws ; and its decisions are final and conclusive.

§ 3. To it belongs the power to regulate and control the work of the Order, and the several degrees belonging thereto, to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which concern Druidism under its jurisdiction. It exercises immediate control over all States, Districts and Territories, where no Grand Grove has been established ; and all Grand Groves are especially prohibited from chartering or exercising authority over any Grove outside the limits of the State, District or Territory, whose name they bear, unless it be by special authority from this Grand body.

§ 4. It possesses the power to originate the means of its own support, and retains the exclusive jurisdiction over the issue and sale of traveling and clearance cards, diplomas, books of the work of the order, blanks for charters, and the publication of its own proceedings.

§ 5. It possesses legislative, executive and judicial powers. The legislative power shall be vested solely in the Grand Representatives ; provided, nevertheless, that in case of a tie vote (except in a vote by States, or by ayes and nays, and the election of Grand Officers) the M. N. G. A., although he be no Representative, shall have the casting vote. If he is a Representative, he shall in a vote by States, by ayes and nays, and in the election of officers, be

entitled to his personal vote. Executive and judicial powers may be delegated to such of its officers, members or brothers as the Grand Grove may from time to time determine.

## ARTICLE II.

### MEMBERSHIP IN AND ADMISSION TO GRAND GROVE U. S.

SECTION 1. The Grand Grove U. S. shall consist of its officers and the representatives from State Grand Groves.

§ 2. Each State Grand Grove shall be entitled to two Representatives, and for every additional five hundred members there may be in the State over the first one thousand, shall be entitled to an additional Representative.

§ 3. Grand Representatives must be Past Arches in good standing in some Subordinate Grove under the jurisdiction of the Grand Grove they are to represent, and they shall be elected by these bodies, unless it be to fill a vacancy, for the term of two years, in such a manner that the terms of office of the Representatives of one State expire at different sessions of the Grand Grove U. S.

§ 4. No member shall represent more than one Grand Grove at the same time, and no Representative shall, in any case, be entitled to more than one vote.

§ 5. Past Most Noble Grand Arches in good standing in the Order shall be entitled to seats in this Grand Grove and privileged to speak on any question, but shall not be entitled to vote.

§ 6. Past Arches in good standing shall be admitted to visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative.

## ARTICLE III.

### SESSIONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Grove shall meet in annual session on the second Tuesday, in August of each year, unless another time has been fixed on at the preceding annual session. It may also meet on its own adjournment, or on the special call of the Most Noble Grand Arch. Two months' notice shall be given of all special sessions, and no business shall be transacted in any special session, except such as has been stated in the call. No appropriations of moneys shall be made at any other than the annual session; provided, nevertheless, that all contracts made, or debts incurred by this Grand Grove at its annual session, may be ordered to be paid at any adjourned or special session.

§ 2. The meetings of this Grand Grove shall be held annually at the place, chosen by ballot, at the preceding annual session.

## ARTICLE IV.

### NOMINATIONS, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of this Grand Grove shall be the Most Noble Grand Arch, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Arch, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

§ 2. The appointed officers shall consist of the Worthy Grand Herald, Worthy Grand Sentinel, and Worthy District Deputy Grand Arches, who shall be appointed by the Most Noble Grand Arch, and confirmed by the Grand Grove.

§ 3. The nominations for officers shall be made biennially, on the first day of the session, beginning 1878. Qualified for appointment as officers or for nominations to the elective offices shall be any Past Arch in good standing in some Subordinate Grove.

§ 4. The election of officers of the Grand Grove United States shall be held on the second day of the session, at 12 o'clock noon, and the officers chosen separately by ballot, by a majority of the Representatives present. In case no candidate has such a majority, the balloting shall be continued, until one of them obtain it, but the name of the candidate, having the lowest number of votes, shall be withdrawn at each succeeding ballot.

§ 5. The installation of the officers shall take place biennially at the close of the session.

## ARTICLE V.

### RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The M. N. G. A. shall preside at all meetings of the Grand Grove preserve order and enforce its laws. He shall give the casting vote whenever the Grand Grove is equally divided, but shall not vote directly on any question; provided, however, that in case he is a Representative he shall have his direct personal vote, in a vote by States, by ayes and noes, or in the election of officers, but then, in those cases, shall not have the casting vote. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for or ordered. When the payment of any sum has been allowed by the Grand Grove he shall sign the warrant on the Grand Treasurer. During the recess of the Grand Grove, he shall have the general superintending of the interests of the Order, and report to the next stated meeting thereafter his acts and doings in relation thereto. He shall have the prerogative, either in person or by deputy, to make Druids at sight, and to confer the three degrees on them to enable them to become the founders of a Grove at any place where there is no Grove existing working in the same language; provided such place is not within the jurisdiction of a State Grand Grove. During the recess of the Grand Grove the M. N. G. A. jointly with the D. G. A. and the Grand Secretary shall have power to grant dispensations for the opening of State Grand Groves, Druidic Circles and Chapters, and if approved by this Grand Grove at its next regular session, charters shall be issued to such Groves, Circles or Chapters, respectively.

§ 2. The Deputy Grand Arch shall assist the M. N. G. A. by his advice and support, and preside during the absence of the latter. He shall, in case of death, resignation, disqualification or refusal to serve of the M. N. G. A., perform and fulfill all and singular the duties of that officer until the next regular session of the Grand Grove, when an election for M. N. G. A. shall be held.

§ 3. The Grand Secretary shall keep a just and true record of the proceedings of the Grand Grove in a book provided for that pur-

pose ; summon the members to attend the special meetings ; keep the account between this Grand Grove and the several State Grand and Subordinate Groves under its immediate jurisdiction, and Chapters and Circles. He shall read all reports, petitions and communications, make out all warrants on the Grand Treasurer, write all letters and communications, and conduct generally, under the direction of the Grand Grove or the M. N. G. A., all correspondence.

He shall have charge of all effects and saleable goods, keep a correct and true inventory of the same, manage the sale of and forward the goods sold to the respective State Grand or Subordinate Groves or Chapters, collect all moneys due for the sale of such goods, as well as the fee for charters, the percentage, or from any source or cause whatsoever, and keep a correct account of all moneys received and paid over to the Grand Treasurer. He shall also procure and superintend, immediately after the close of the annual session, the printing of the Journal of Proceedings, and shall send as soon as possible copies thereof, in the English and German languages, to all State Grand and Subordinate Groves under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Grove, and shall generally transact all business of this Grand Grove. He shall pay over, at least every three months, all moneys by him received, to the Grand Treasurer, taking the receipt of the latter for the same ; and shall also lay before the Grand Grove, at each annual session, a summary of the reports of the several State Grand and Subordinate bodies of the Order, also a detailed statement and history of all occurrences throughout this jurisdiction during the past Druidical year, and shall have his accounts brought up to the 31st day of July of each year, duly balanced. For the faithful performance of his duties he shall enter into a sufficient bond, with two sureties, to be approved by this Grand Grove or the M. N. G. A., in such sum or sums as the Grand Grove upon the advice of the Finance Committee, may from time to time stipulate.

§ 4. The Grand Treasurer shall receive from the Grand Secretary, all moneys belonging to the Grand Grove, and pay all warrants drawn on him, signed by the M. N. G. A., and attested by the Grand Secretary. He shall lay before the Grand Grove, at each annual session, a full and true statement of his account. He shall enter into bonds with such sureties as the Grand Grove may approve, and upon such sum or sums as the same may fix upon.

§ 5. The elective officers of this Grand Grove shall be entitled to speak on all questions, but shall not be entitled to vote unless they be Representatives at the same time.

§ 6. All elective officers shall be entitled to receive for every session of the Grand Grove, that they are in attendance, mileage of five cents per mile each way traveled by the shortest practicable route.

§ 7. The Grand Herald shall proclaim the opening and closing of all meetings of the Grand Grove, and examine and introduce the Representatives and visitors.

§ 8. The Grand Sentinel shall prove every brother before admitting him, and allow no one to depart without the consent of the M. N. G. A.

§ 9. The District Deputy Grand Arches shall be the organs of the M. N. G. A. with the subordinates in their respective districts,

they shall see that the work of the Order is performed uniformly, collect from the Groves in their districts all returns and moneys due to the Grand Grove, and forward the same immediately to the Grand Secretary; install the officers of the Groves under their charge; decide all questions of law, that may be submitted to them by Groves, or members thereof, under their charge, and report semi-annually to the M. N. G. A. of their proceedings. They shall forthwith report to the M. N. G. A. all cases of violation on the part of subordinate Groves of the constitution or by-laws of the Grand Grove, or of disobedience to its lawful commands.

## ARTICLE VI.

### REMOVAL AND EXPULSION OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AND VACANCIES.

SECTION 1. Any Grand Officer may be removed from office, and any officer or member of the Grand Grove may be expelled from this body, for conduct unworthy his standing in the order, or for inattention to the duties of his office, upon charges duly preferred and proven, after an opportunity shall have been given the accused for his defense, and two-thirds of the votes of the Representatives present are necessary for a removal or expulsion.

§ 2. In case of the death, resignation, disqualification or removal of the M. N. G. A., the duties of his office shall be performed by the D. G. A. until the next stated meeting of the Grand Grove, when an election shall be held to fill the vacancy. And in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of any elective or appointed officer, during the recess of the Grand Grove, the M. N. G. A. shall appoint some qualified brother to perform the duties until the next annual session, when such vacancy shall be filled by the Grand Grove, and the officers so elected or appointed shall serve the residue of the term of the former incumbent of such office.

## ARTICLE VII.

### STANDING COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed by the M. N. G. A., with the consent of the Grand Grove, at the annual sessions, the following committees, each to consist of three members, viz.:

Committee on Elections and Returns.

Committee on Finance.

Committee on Correspondence.

Committee on Grievances or Appeals.

Committee on Laws.

Committee on the State of the Order.

Committee on Foreign Relations.

§ 2. The duty of the Committee on Elections and Returns shall be to examine and report to the Grand Grove, without delay, on the regularity of the returns of State Grand and Subordinate Groves, Chapters and Circles.

§ 3. The duty of the Committee on Finance shall be to examine and report on all accounts and claims against the Grand Grove previous to their being passed, examine the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and to suggest such measures and of finance as they may deem expedient.

§ 4. The Committee of Correspondence shall examine and report on all communications to and correspondence of the Grand Grove and suggest any measure in the nature of the business of their appointment.

§ 5. The duty of the Committee on Appeals shall be to hear all grievances or appeals from State Grand, or subordinate Groves, Chapters or Circles, or from members of the same, referred to it by the respective State Grand Groves, and report thereon such action to the Grand Grove as they may deem appropriate, necessary or just.

§ 6. The duty of the Committee on Laws, shall be to examine and report on the Constitution and By-laws of State Grand and subordinate Groves, Chapters and Circles, or such other matters as may be referred to them from time to time.

§ 7. The duty of the Committee on the State of the Order, shall be to examine and report on such matters relative to the state of the Order as may be directed to them by the Grand Grove, and to suggest such plans and measures as they may deem expedient for the good and welfare of the Order generally.

§ 8. The Committee on Foreign Relations shall receive, audit and arrange all accounts and communications between this Grand Grove and the Board of Management of the Order of Druids of any foreign country.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The revenue of this Grand Grove shall be derived as follows:

From Charter fees, Capitation Tax, and from such sums or profits as may be realized from the sale of Cards, Diplomas, Certificates, blanks for Charters and Ritual Books, the sale of which is reserved to this Grand Grove exclusively.

## ARTICLE IX.

### CHARTERS FOR AND INSTITUTION OF STATE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE GROVES, CHAPTERS AND DRUIDIC CIRCLES.

SECTION 1. On the written application of three or more Subordinate Groves of any State having nine Past Arches, accompanied by the charter fee, praying for a charter to establish a State Grand Grove (provided there is no Grand Grove established already in such State) or on the written application of five brothers at a place where there is no Grove existing, or of eleven or more brothers for a charter to open a Grove where there is one or more Groves already established, or of five or more members of the Crimson Degree for a charter to open a Supreme Arch Chapter; or of ten or more brothers of the Order for a charter to open a Druidic Circle; the Grand Grove may grant the same, provided the places where such Subordinate Groves are to be opened are not situated within a State, District or

Territory where a State Grand Grove is already existing. And such State Grand or Subordinate Grove or Chapter or Circle shall receive the charter accompanied, free of extra charge but the charter fee, with one set of the necessary lectures and charges.

§ 2. State Grand Groves shall be instituted by the M. N. G. A. or a P. N. G. A., and Chapters, Groves or Circles under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Grove by the M. N. G. A. or his D. D. G. A., or by a P. A. duly qualified and deputized. The necessary expenses, if any, of either of said officers, shall be borne by the State Grand or subordinate body, so opened, respectively.

## ARTICLE X.

### DISTRICTS.

SECTION 1. The M. N. G. A., with the consent of the Grand Grove, shall, as occasion may require, arrange the subordinate bodies into convenient districts, for the more advantageous administration and superintendence of the same.

## ARTICLE XI.

### AGE, AND FEE FOR INITIATION.

SECTION 1. No person shall be proposed for or admitted to membership in the Order unless he has attained the age of twenty-one years, nor for a less sum than five dollars.

## ARTICLE XII.

### RETURNS OF STATE GRAND AND SUBORDINATE GROVES, CHAPTERS AND CIRCLES.

SECTION 1. Each State Grand Grove shall prepare and forward at least, by the first day in July of every year, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Grove, United States, a full and correct return, commencing with the first day of May of the preceding, and ending with the thirtieth day of April of the current year, of the condition and state of each of its subordinates, containing their names, numbers, location, revenue, number of Past Arches and contributing members, working language and time of meeting, also the number of initiations, rejections, admittances and withdrawals by cards, suspensions, expulsions and reinstatements; also the number of brothers relieved and buried, and the amount paid for relief of brothers and widowed families; also for the education and support of orphans, and for burying the deceased brothers or wives of brothers, together with the number of degrees conferred. Said report further to contain the names of the Grand Officers elected for the ensuing year, the names of the P. N. G. A.'s, the time and place of the next annual session of the respective Grand Grove, and the names of brothers expelled.

§ 2. At the end of each term all Groves under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Grove, and all Circles and Chapters shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a report of the names of those initiated, admitted by card, rejected, withdrawn by card, suspended or

expelled, with the cause thereof, reinstated and deceased, together with the number of degrees granted or conferred, the whole number of membership, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due to the Grand Grove, and shall further report up to the 30th day of April, annually, a full statement of the number of brothers and widowed families relieved, and brothers buried, with the amount applied for each of these purposes, designating the amount paid for education of orphans. Subordinate Groves in addition to send a full list of members, by names, ranked according to degrees taken.

### ARTICLE XIII.

#### DRUIDIC YEAR AND FISCAL YEAR OF THE GRAND GROVE.

SECTION 1. The Druidic year shall commence with the 1st day of May and end with the 30 day of April, annually.

§ 2. The fiscal year of the Grand Grove shall commence on the 1st day of August of each year and end with the 31st day of July of the succeeding year.

### ARTICLE XIV.

#### BY-LAWS.

By-laws, in conformity with this Constitution, may be made which shall not be altered or amended, unless such amendment be made at a stated meeting, and be assented to by two-thirds of the votes cast.

### ARTICLE XV.

#### AMENDMENTS.

Any alteration or amendment to this Constitution must be offered to this Grand Grove in writing at a stated meeting thereof, and, if seconded, it shall be entered on the minutes, and at the next stated meeting thereafter, such amendments may be considered and if agreed to by two-thirds of the Representatives present, shall become parts of this Constitution.

# BY-LAWS.

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## ARTICLE I.

The Grand Grove of the United States shall be opened in accordance with Article III of the Constitution, at 9 A. M., and on its own adjournment at such hours as may be fixed upon.

## ARTICLE II.

Provided there should appear no quorum within thirty minutes after the time specified, the M. N. G. A., or presiding officer, may then adjourn the meeting, naming the hour of the next meeting.

## ARTICLE III.

A quorum shall consist of nine Grand Representatives from three different States.

## ARTICLE IV.

In the absence of the M. N. G. A., or D. G. A., the chair may be taken *pro tem.* by a Representative chosen by a majority of the members present.

## ARTICLE V.

Certificates for Grand Representatives shall be under the seal of the respective Grand Groves, and made out in the following manner:

*To the Grand Grove of the U. A. O. D. of the United States:*

This is to certify that Brother A. has been duly elected a Representative from the Grand Grove of to the Grand Grove of the United States, for the term of year, from the second Tuesday in August 18.

Witness our hands and the seal of the Grand Grove, at the city of this day of 18.

[L. s.]

, N. G. A.  
, Gr. Sec'y.

## ARTICLE VI.

All correspondence between the various Groves and this Grand Grove, or its officers, may be conducted in the English or German languages, except such as may be required to be laid before the Grand Grove, which shall be in the English language.

## ARTICLE VII.

A State Grand Grove in arrears for dues to this Grand Grove more than one year, or whose annual report is not in the hands of the Grand Secretary of this body one week before the annual session, shall not be entitled to representation in this body.

## ARTICLE VIII.

The Grand Secretary shall, besides his other duties, lay before the Grand Grove, at the beginning of each day of the session, a brief summary of the proceedings of the previous day, and shall also have an index of the most important matter and acts printed in the Journal of Proceedings of each year.

## ARTICLE IX.

The Grand Secretary shall receive as compensation for his services a salary of \$800 per annum until otherwise stipulated by the Grand Grove.

## ARTICLE X.

The bond of the Grand Secretary and of the Grand Treasurer shall be the sum of \$1,000 each.

## ARTICLE XI.

The M. N. G. A. and Grand Secretary shall cause their annual reports to be printed, prior to the annual session.

## ARTICLE XII.

The Grand Grove United States, may receive appeals from subordinate Groves, and from Representatives to State Grand Groves, against the decision of their respective Groves; provided, they have given due notice thereof, and submitted a copy of their appeal to the latter. It may also receive appeals from individual members of subordinate Groves under its own jurisdiction and Chapters, and Circles, upon due notice thereof given, and copy of appeal submitted to their Grove, Chapter or Circle.

## ARTICLE XIII.

SECTION 1. The price of Charters shall be as follows:	
Charter fee for State Grand Groves . . . . .	\$30 00
“ “ subordinate Groves under immediate jurisdiction . . . . .	20 00
“ “ Chapters . . . . .	15 00
“ “ Druidical Circles . . . . .	20 00

§ 2. The Capitation Tax shall be fixed at such rate as the Grand Grove (upon recommendation of its Finance Committee) at each Session may decide.

§ 3. The price of salable goods is fixed as follows :

	To State Gr. Groves.	To Sub. Groves.
Blank charter, each .....	\$1 00	..
Working and Gr. Grove charge books.....	1 00	\$1 00
Blank reports for subordinates.....	5	..
Diplomas.....	50	50
Traveling and clearance cards.....	10	25
P. A. degree books.....	20	25
Extra copies printed journals.....	25	25

ARTICLE XIV.

The distribution of the Journals of Proceedings shall be made by the Grand Secretary at the following rate or proportion :

One copy for every twenty members, or fraction over ten, of a Grove or Chapter, in the language in which the Grove or Chapter is working ; also one copy in English to every Grove working in the German language ; also one copy for every twenty Past Arches for the use of the Grand Grove of every State, agreeable to the language of the mother Groves of the Past Arches in English or German ; also one copy in English to each Representative.

ARTICLE XV.

Amendments to these by-laws must be proposed in writing at a regular session, and may be considered and acted upon at the same session, but not on the day they were offered, and if approved of by a two-third majority of votes of the Representatives present, they shall forthwith go into effect.

# RULES OF ORDER.

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The M. N. G. A. having taken the chair, Officers and Representatives their seats, and a quorum present, the Grand Grove shall be open for the transaction of business.

## I. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Certificates of Representatives reported by the Grand Secretary shall be referred to a Special Committee on Credentials.
2. Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Minutes of the last annual and the special sessions shall be read and, if no objections, shall stand approved.
4. Reports of the several officers shall be read and referred to a Special Committee, for disposal of or distribution of the several matters or recommendations.
5. Appointment of Standing Committees.
6. Petitions and grievances read and referred.
7. Other communications read and disposed of.
8. New business.
9. Reports of Standing Committees by seniority.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business may be received at any time, when no committee is ready to report, or no other business is before the Grand Grove.
12. The order of business may be dispensed with by a majority vote of the Grand Grove, or at the discretion of the M. N. G. A., if not objected to by any member.

## II. THE CHAIR.

1. Before putting a question, the M. N. G. A. shall ask: "Is the Grand Grove ready for the question?" Should no member rise to speak, and a majority of the Grove are ready for the question, he shall rise and put it; and after he shall have risen, no member shall speak upon it.
2. He shall announce the decision of the Grove on all subjects.
3. When the decision of the M. N. G. A. has been appealed from, the question shall be: "Will the Grand Grove sustain the decision of the chair?" and shall be decided without debate.
4. All committees shall be appointed by the chair, unless otherwise ordered.
5. Should two members rise to speak at the same time, the chair shall decide which is entitled to the floor.

## III. DEBATE.

1. Every member, when he speaks or offers a motion, shall rise and respectfully address the M. N. G. A., and while speaking he shall confine himself to the question, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language, as well as all reflections on the Grand Grove or either of the members.

2. No member shall interrupt or disturb another while speaking, unless to call him to order for words spoken.

3. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question until all the members wishing to speak have had an opportunity to do so.

4. If a member while speaking is called to order, he shall, at the request of the chair, take his seat until the question of order is determined, when, if permitted, he may again proceed.

5. No motion or resolution shall be subject to debate until it shall have been duly seconded, and stated by the presiding officer; and shall be reduced to writing at the request of any member.

6. When a question is before the Grand Grove, no motion shall be in order except to adjourn, the previous question, to lie on the table, to postpone indefinitely, to postpone for a certain time, to call for a division of the question, to refer or to amend; and shall have precedence in the order herein designated.

7. After any question, except one of indefinite postponement, has been decided, any member who voted in the majority may, at the same session, move a reconsideration thereof, and if a majority of Representatives present vote therefor, the reconsideration shall be carried.

8. On a call of three Representatives from two States, a majority of the Grand Grove may demand the previous question, which shall always be put in this form, "Shall the main question be now put?" and, until decided, shall preclude all amendments and all further debate.

9. When the reading of any communication, resolution, or other matter is called for, and the same is objected to by a member, it shall be determined by a majority vote of the Grand Grove without debate.

10. When any petition, memorial or communication is presented, a brief statement of its contents shall be made by the introducer or the chair; and, after it has been read, a brief notice of the purport thereof shall be entered upon the journal.

11. The M. N. G. A. or any member, doubting the decision of a question, may call for a division of the Grand Grove.

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

13. When a blank is to be filled, the question shall be taken first upon the highest sum or number and on the longest time proposed.

14. The vote by States may be called on any question if required by any three Representatives from two different States. In the vote by States, each State shall have one vote, the majority of the votes of the Representatives of a State govern the vote of such State, if the votes of its Representatives are equally divided, the vote of such State shall be considered a non-vote, and not be counted.

15. When one-fifth of the members present are in favor of taking a question by yeas and noes, they shall be ordered and recorded.

16. Every member present shall vote on all questions before the Grand Grove, unless personally interested or excused by a vote of the Grand Grove.

17. In matters of general interest and great concernment, the Grand Grove may go into a committee of the whole. Upon a motion to that effect the M. N. G. A. shall put the question, that the Grand Grove do now resolve itself into a committee of the whole for the purpose of taking into consideration such or such matter (naming the subject). If decided in the affirmative, he announces that the Grand Grove is now resolved into a committee of the whole and leaves the chair, taking a seat among the members; the chairman may either be named by the M. N. G. A. or called by a majority of the members.

18. In committee of the whole no previous question can be called for or put, and every member may speak as often as he can obtain the floor.

19. The committee cannot adjourn, but if its business is not finished, the committee rises and the chairman reports progress on the question and asks leave to sit again, if the business is finished the chairman rises, the M. N. G. A. resumes the chair and the chairman reports.

#### IV. DECORUM.

1. During the sitting of the Grand Grove, each representative or visitor on entering or retiring shall address the M. N. G. A. and D. G. A. with the Grand Grove countersign.

2. Each officer and member shall be designated in debate or otherwise by his proper office or title, agreeably to his standing in the order.

3. No member shall be entitled to speak or vote without being clothed in his proper regalia, unless the wearing of the same has been dispensed with for the time being by the Grand Grove.

#### REGALIA OF GRAND GROVE, U. S. AND STATE GRAND GROVES.

*For the M. N. G. A.*—A purple velvet scarf trimmed with gold lace and fringe across the bottom, four gilt stars and the Druids' Coat of Arms on the scarf where it lays on the breast, and tassels.

*For the D. G. A.*—Purple velvet scarf trimmed with gilt lace, four gold stars and fringe across the bottom.

*For D. D. G. A.*—Same as for D. G. A.

*For the Grand Secretary*—Crimson velvet scarf trimmed with gilt lace and fringe and crossed pens on the scarf where it lays on the breast.

*For the Grand Treasurer*—Crimson velvet scarf trimmed as the Grand Secretary's, with crossed keys.

*For the G. Herald*—Crimson velvet scarf trimmed as the Grand Secretary's, with silver baton.

*For the G. I. Sentinel*—Crimson velvet scarf trimmed as the Grand Secretary's, with silver spear.

*For the G. O. Sentinel*—Crimson velvet scarf trimmed as the Grand Secretary's, with silver spear embroidered, tipped with gold.

*For the G. Reps* — Purple velvet collar trimmed with gilt fringe and gilt lace, three Druidical stars on each side and purple rosette on the front.

The regalia for the officers of State Grand Groves shall be precisely the same as that for the officers of this Grand Grove, excepting that the N. G. A.'s scarf shall have embroidered on it the coat of arms of the State.

*For the P. G. Reps* — Purple velvet collar, scarlet facing three-quarters of an inch wide, with three Druidical stars on each side, purple rosette and tassels.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS.

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RULE 1. Each Grove shall have a suitable seal, with which all its communications and reports shall be sealed, two proof impressions of which shall be sent to the Grand Grove under whose jurisdiction it works.

RULE 2. A brother of the Order with card, or an United Ancient Druid, on being re-admitted into any Grove, need not pass through the initiatory ceremonies.

RULE 3. The A. T. P. W. shall, by the installing Grand Officer, be communicated to the newly-installed and the retiring N. A., and by them to such brothers only that have been granted a traveling or clearance card.

RULE 4. Brothers taking a clearance card shall receive the A. T. P. W. only, being in force up to the 1st day of May next following the date of their card and none further. Such brothers with clearance card, not being contributing members of any Grove, are not entitled to any relief or benefit. Any assistance or relief given to them is a voluntary act of a Grove.

RULE 5. The P. W. for the ensuing term shall be communicated at the installation evening to the N. A. and Secretary (and Financial Secretary when there is one), and by the latter to such brothers only who are not in arrears with their dues.

RULE 6. No brother can visit any Grove in the State or district to whose jurisdiction he belongs, except his own, without proving himself in the P. W. for the current term and the Degree in which the Grove is open.

RULE 7. No brother shall be permitted to visit any Grove beyond the limits of his own State, district or territory, unless he presents a card duly signed, sealed and not out of date, of the Grove of which he is or was a member, and being indorsed with his name in his own handwriting, and proves himself in the A. T. P. W. and in the degree in which the Grove is open; provided, however, that brothers may visit at any time, if introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of the Grand Grove under whose jurisdiction he may wish to visit.

RULE 8. A brother wishing to withdraw from his Grove for the purpose of assisting in organizing a new Grove, may receive from his Grove a temporary clearance card which shall entitle him for the term of six months to all the rights and benefits of his Grove, with the exception of the right to vote and hold office, and under which card he shall at any time before the expiration of said term of six months, if he so chooses, be readmitted therein without petition or ballot, upon his simply giving notice thereof in open Grove. And it shall be optional with each Grove whether to charge such a brother with dues during said period, or to exempt him from the payment thereof, for the purpose of encouraging the organization of new Groves.

**RULE 9.** A member of the order suspended for non-payment of dues, cannot, upon application for readmission or card, be charged with dues more than the amount he owed at the date of his suspension. Not having the rights as a member during his suspension, he cannot be charged with the duties as a member.

**RULE 10.** The order of position in all Druidic processions shall be as follows:

1. Subordinate Groves or Druidic Circles.
2. Supreme Arch Chapters.
3. Grand Groves of States.
4. Grand Grove of the United States.

The members of a single Grove form in the following order:

1. O. G.
2. Members according to their degrees.
3. V. A. with his bards.
4. Treasurer and Secretary or Secretaries.
5. N. A. with his bards.
6. P. A.'s.
7. Conductor and I. G. (closing).

The higher bodies of the Order form in a corresponding manner.

**RULE 11.** It shall be left to the discretion of Groves under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Grove, United States, whether to wear regalia, or badges, State Grand Groves may either pass regulations in regard thereto, or leave the matter to the decision of each individual Grove under their jurisdiction.

**RULE 12.** The price for the second and third Degree shall not be less than \$2 each.

**RULE 13.** All officers of subordinate Groves shall be members of the Crimson Degree.

**RULE 14.** Any Grove or Chapter failing to make its returns, or to pay its taxes to its proper Grand Grove, for two semi-annual terms, shall thereby forfeit its charter, and it shall be the duty of the last installed officers to surrender or transmit to the Grand Secretary (or any brother by him duly thereto deputed) the charter, books, papers and regalia, and all funds and property of the Grove or Chapter.

**RULE 15.** In case the Grove has a sick brother, or widow or orphans, entitled to benefits of the Grove at the time of its dissolution, the funds of such Grove shall be employed for the benefit of such sick brothers, or widows or orphans, to be equitably apportioned by the respective Grand Groves.

**RULE 16.** No Grove shall be dissolved unless its charter be forfeited, or unless the number of members desiring to keep up its organization be reduced to less than five.

**RULE 17.** The regalia of a N. A. or P. A. shall be a crimson collar, gold lace and tassels, three gold stars on each side, and purple rosette with a small gold star in the center.

The V. A.'s shall be scarlet collar with silver lace and tassels, two silver stars on each side, light blue rosette with silver star in center.

S. and A. S., light green collar, trimmed with silver lace and tassels, cross pens, and white rosette with silver star in center.

Treasurer, green collar, silver lace and tassels, cross-keys, and white rosette with silver star in center.

I. G., black collar, silver lace and tassels, spear and blue rosette with silver star in center.

O. G., blue sash, with two large rosettes, green, with crimson center.

Conductor, black collar trimmed with silver lace.

Bards to the N. A., dark green collars trimmed with gold lace and tassels, and purple rosettes.

Bards of V. A., dark green collars with silver lace and tassels, sky-blue rosettes.

Collars of degree brothers trimmed according to the degrees taken; that is, for the first, *green*; second, *blue*; third, *crimson*.

Each Grove is hereby authorized to ordain the wearing of the following badges and rosettes instead of regalia:

N. A., P. A., crimson badge with crossed sickles, in gold or gilded.

V. A., scarlet badge with crossed sickle and spear, in silver.

Secretary, green badge with crossed pens, in silver.

Financial Secretary, green badge with crossed pen and key, in silver.

Treasurer, green badge with crossed keys, in silver.

I. G., black badge with crossed spears, in silver.

O. G., black badge with single spear, in silver.

Conductor, black badge with sickle and spear, in silver.

Bards of N. A., crimson rosette with golden star in center.

Bards of V. A., crimson rosette with silver star in center.

Members of the Third Degree, crimson badge.

Members of the Second Degree, blue badge.

Members of the First Degree, green badge.

All badges to be in velvet, silk or wool, and to be worn on the left breast, or the respective jewels on the middle breast, on a ribbon of corresponding color around the neck.

# REGULATIONS

FOR THE

## GOVERNMENT OF STATE GRAND GROVES.

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### ARTICLE I.

#### ORGANIZATION MEMBERS AND POWERS.

SECTION 1. State Grand Groves shall exist by virtue of charters duly granted or confirmed by the Grand Grove of the United States, upon application made in conformity with Article IX, Constitution of the Grand Grove, United States.

§ 2. After a State Grand Grove shall have been duly chartered or opened by dispensation, and instituted in a State, district or territory, all Subordinate Groves and Chapters, within the limits of such State, district or territory, shall be subordinate to and under the jurisdiction of such Grand Grove; and no Grove situated in a State, district or territory where a Grand Grove exists, shall be made subordinate to the Grand Grove of another State, district or territory.

§ 3. Each State Grand Grove is the supreme tribunal of the Order, and has the exclusive right to establish Subordinate Groves within its limits, subject only to the provisions of Article IX, of the Constitution of the Grand Grove, United States, and to suspend or expel the same.

§ 4. There shall be no appeal of any Subordinate Grove or Chapter from the decision of its State Grand Grove to the Grand Grove, United States, without notice to the State Grand Grove, nor unless a copy of the appeal be submitted to the latter; and no member of a Grove under the jurisdiction of a State Grand Grove can appeal to the Grand Grove, United States, unless such member be a Representative to such State Grand Grove, nor without notice or submitting copy of appeal to his Grand Grove.

§ 5. Each State Grand Grove must adopt a Constitution, and may enact and adopt such other laws and regulations for its own and the government of its subordinates as it may deem proper. Such Constitution, laws and regulations not to be inconsistent, however, with the Constitution of, and to be subject to the approval of, the Grand Grove U. S.

§ 6. No State Grand Grove shall alter the work of the Order as issued by the Grand Grove, U. S., but shall enforce upon its subordinates a strict adherence to the same.

§ 7. Each State Grand Grove shall have the power to originate the means of its own support, and for that purpose, to lay an equitable tax upon its subordinates.

§ 8. Each State Grand Grove shall have a corporate seal, which shall be affixed to all its official documents and communications. A proof-impression thereof shall be sent to the Grand Grove, U. S.

§ 9. Each State Grand Grove shall hold one annual session every year, and may hold as many other regular adjourned or special sessions as it may deem expedient, or the interests of the Order in the State may require.

§ 10. All Past Arches, being contributing members in good standing in some subordinate Grove, under the jurisdiction of any State Grand Grove, shall be admitted to, and retain membership in, such State Grand Grove as long as they remain members in good standing in a Grove under the respective jurisdiction. State Grand Groves may limit the right of voting to a number of Representatives, who shall be equally allotted to the single Groves in proportion to their number of members; but in no case shall be denied to any Past Arch of good standing, being duly admitted in the Grand Grove, the eligibility to office in the Grand Grove.

§ 11. A quorum for the transaction of business in a State Grand Grove shall consist of not less than seven members, representing at least two Groves.

## ARTICLE II.

### OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of a State Grand Grove shall be: Noble Grand Arch, Deputy Grand Arch, Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Marshal, Grand Guardian, Grand Sentinel, Grand Representatives, and (if deemed necessary) District Deputy Grand Arches. The four first named and the Grand Representatives shall be elected by ballot; the others may be elected or appointed, as each Grand Grove shall determine.

§ 2. The election of officers of State Grand Groves shall be held annually in such ways and manner as each State Grand Grove may provide.

§ 3. Grand Representatives shall be elected for the term of two years, unless it be to fill a vacancy. All other officers may be elected or appointed for such terms, and all vacancies filled in such manner as each Grand Grove may prescribe.

§ 4. Any Grand Officer or any member of a Grand Grove may be removed from office, or excluded from that body, for cause, after a fair opportunity having been given for defense, and a two-third vote shall be required for any removal, exclusion or expulsion.

§ 5. In case of the resignation, or inability to serve, of a Grand Representative on the eve of a session of the Grand Grove, United States, the N. G. A. of a State may appoint a substitute for him; provided, it is too late, or impracticable, to call a special session of the Grand Grove, for the purpose; but in no case shall a N. G. A. appoint himself.

§ 6. The N. G. A. shall have the prerogative, in person, or by deputy, within the jurisdiction over which he presides, to make

Druids at sight, and to confer the three degrees on the same, for the purpose of enabling them to become the founders of a Grove; provided, there is no Grove at the place already existing, wherein the applicants could be initiated regularly.

### ARTICLE III.

#### RETURNS.

SECTION 1. Each State Grand Grove shall prepare annually in the form prescribed by Article XII, section 1, Constitution Grand Grove U. S., a full return of the work of the Order under its jurisdiction, during the Druidic year last past, and forward the same to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Grove, U. S., at least one month prior to the annual session of the latter body.

§ 2. Each State Grand Grove shall also send annually within the time fixed in the preceding section, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Grove, U. S., the amount of per capita tax, stipulated by and due the Grand Grove, U. S., for the year last past, and also within the like time duplicate certificates of the election of its Representative or Representatives to the Grand Grove, U. S., under the signature of the N. G. A. and Grand Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Grove.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the N. G. A. of each State Grand Grove and D. D. G. A. of Subordinate Groves under immediate jurisdiction to report semi-annually to the M. N. G. A., the condition of the order in his respective State, or district, with his suggestions.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### GENERAL REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. Each State Grand Grove shall keep a record of its proceeding in the English language, and may keep an additional record in any other language.

§ 2. In a State Grand Grove in whose jurisdiction Groves are working in different languages, the business language shall be the English language, but each Representative shall have the privilege of expressing himself in the language he is best able to command.

§ 3. Each State Grand Grove shall be authorized from time to time to locate its Grand Grove, and to hold its sessions at such place or places within the limits of its jurisdiction, as it may deem convenient and to its interest, any clause in their charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

### ARTICLE V.

#### FORFEITURE OF CHARTER.

Should a State Grand Grove be reduced to less than three subordinate Groves and nine Past Arches, its charter shall then at once become extinct, and its subordinate Groves go under the jurisdiction of the Grand Grove, U. S.

# CONSTITUTION

FOR THE

## GOVERNMENT OF SUBORDINATE GROVES UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GR. GROVE, U. S.

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### GENERAL ENDEAVORS AND ULTIMATE PURPOSES OF THE ORDER.

The recognized objects and influencing principles of the United Ancient Order of Druids are — the diffusion of social and intellectual intercourse among all its members, and the establishment of a system of general philanthropy and benevolence, by providing for the sick and distressed, and the interment of its deceased members throughout the United Ancient Order.

The Grand Grove of the United Ancient Order of Druids recognizes no Grove or Groves but such as shall conform and agree to establish, or have already established, a fund for the purpose of supporting its members during sickness; also for the relief of the distressed, for the burial of the dead, and for giving aid to the widows and orphans of its deceased members. And for the purpose of effecting as much uniformity as possible in the administration of the privileges, honors and benefits of the Order within its jurisdiction, the Grand Grove of the United States, the Supreme Tribunal of Druidism, ordains the following articles as the Constitution of the subordinate Groves:

### ARTICLE I.

#### CONSTITUTION OF GROVES.

This Grove shall be constituted by at least five members, including one qualified to preside at its meetings, and shall be hailed and entitled “ Grove No. , U. A. O. D. of the State of ,” and shall possess the full powers and privileges of a subordinate Grove, holding a legal, unreclaimed and valid charter, duly granted and formally presented by the Grand Grove of the United States.

### ARTICLE II.

#### ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS.

SECTION 1. No person shall be initiated into this Order under the age of twenty-one years, or for a less sum than five dollars, nor any

person over forty-five years without paying an extra sum of not less than one dollar for each year over that age.

§ 2. Each brother proposing a candidate shall be satisfied that the latter possesses a good reputation, moral character and industrious habits, and is able to support his family decently.

§ 3. The name of a person offered for admission must be proposed by a member in writing, stating the candidate's age, residence and business, which shall be entered on record, and the subject referred for investigation to a committee of three brothers, who shall report within the three regular meetings next succeeding, and if their report is favorable the candidate shall be balloted for with ball ballots, and if not more than two black balls appear against him, he shall be elected, but if three or more appear, he shall be rejected and so declared.

§ 4. When a candidate has been rejected, notice thereof shall be sent without delay to all Groves in the same county, and no person rejected shall again be proposed in the same or any other Grove in the Union for the space of six months.

### ARTICLE III.

#### ADMITTANCE BY CARD, AND REINSTATEMENT OF SUSPENDED OR EXPELLED MEMBERS AND ANCIENT DRUIDS.

SECTION 1. A brother of the Order, with an unexpired clearance card, wishing to become a member, shall present his card, which shall be referred to a committee of three, and in other respects acted as provided by Article II, about admission of new members, and if the brother be admitted he shall pay a sum of not less than \$3.

§ 2. An United Ancient Druid whose card is out of date, or which may have been lost, of which, however, satisfactory proof must be given, can be admitted under the same regulations as in the foregoing section, but he shall pay into the Grove fund a sum of not less than \$5.

§ 3. Applicants for admission, under one of the foregoing two sections, are not restricted to the limit of six months for a new petition for admission, but may be proposed again at any time in any Grove in union.

§ 4. A brother being suspended for no other cause than non-payment of dues, may, at any time, upon payment of the sum he was in arrears at the time of his suspension, be readmitted in his original Grove, but in no other, without card, upon a two-third favorable vote. To enable him for proposal in any other Grove in Union, he must be in possession of a card from his original Grove, which card he shall, at any time, be entitled to receive from said Grove upon the payment of the sum he owed at the time of his suspension, and the amount fixed for issuing withdrawal cards in the by-laws. After having received the card, he may be proposed again in any Grove and treated in conformity with section 1, article III.

§ 5. A brother who has been legally expelled shall not be admitted again in any other Grove, except the one from which he was expelled. Should said Grove be extinct, he may apply for and obtain a card or certificate from the Grand Grove under whose jurisdiction he was expelled.

§ 6. Application for reinstatement of expelled brothers shall be referred to a committee of three for investigation, who shall examine and report within three weeks, and if the report be favorable, a ballot shall be taken on the same. And if then a majority of the votes cast are for the adoption of the report, the applicant shall be entitled to admission subject to the consent of this Grand Grove to be applied for and obtained before his reintroduction into the Grove.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. Every Grove shall hold regular meetings at least every two weeks, and shall fix in its by-laws the time of opening the Grove, and the Grove shall be opened within fifteen minutes after the time so stipulated.

§ 2. Extra meetings may be called by the N. A. at his discretion, and shall be called by him upon the written request of five or more brothers. In both cases the object of the call shall be stated and no business be brought before the Grove except that stated in the call. To all extra meetings the members residing at the place of the Grove, shall be invited in a manner to be fixed in the by-laws of the Grove.

§ 3. In the absence of the N. A. the chair shall be taken by the V. A. or a P. A.

§ 4. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than five members, of which one must be qualified to preside.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### OFFICERS, THEIR NOMINATION, ELECTION AND DUTIES.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of the Grove shall consist of N. A., V. A., Secretary and Treasurer, who shall serve a regular term each. When deemed necessary, the Grove may elect a Financial Secretary in addition.

§ 2. The appointable officers shall be Conductor, Inside Guardian, R. and L. Hand Bards to the N. A., and R. and L. H. B. to the V. A., of which the N. A. shall appoint the Conductor and his Bards, and the V. A. shall appoint the I. G. and his Bards. The Conductor may appoint a brother as his assistant.

§ 3. The office of O. G. may be made an elective or appointable one, at the discretion of each Grove by its by-laws, in the latter case the N. A. shall appoint the O. G.

§ 4. All officers shall have attained the Crimson degree previous to their installation.

§ 5. Nominations for the elective offices shall be made on the meeting next preceding that of election and on the eve of election.

§ 6. No brother shall be qualified for nomination as N. A. unless he has served a regular term as V. A.

§ 7. The election of officers shall take place at the last regular meeting in each term, and the installation at the first meeting of the succeeding one.

§ 8. All officers shall serve for one regular term with the exception of the Secretary and Financial Secretary, who may be elected

for the term of one year. All officers shall serve until the installation of their successors in office.

§ 9. If at the institution of a new Grove, the time to the next regular term is less than one-half of a regular term, then the officers first elected shall serve through such fractional and the next regular term, but if the time is more than one-half of a regular term, they may serve only the time to the commencement of the next regular term and be entitled to the full honors of the office. In no case a brother shall serve for a period shorter than one-half of a regular term, unless it be to fill a vacancy.

§ 10. All elections shall be held by ballot, unless only one brother has received a nomination, in which case the election may be had by acclamation. A majority of all votes cast shall be necessary for election. If more than two candidates are nominated for an office, the one receiving the least number of votes shall be withdrawn at each succeeding ballot. All votes cast for any candidate so withdrawn, and all votes for brothers not nominated, shall be considered non-votes or blanks, and not be counted in the aggregate number. And if the remaining two candidates receive an equal number of votes, then the election shall be decided by lot.

§ 11. Any officer absenting himself for more than three successive meetings without good excuse, his seat shall be declared vacant at the fourth meeting and the vacancy so caused shall be filled by nomination and election in the case of elective officers, and by appointment in other officers on the same night, for the residue of the term.

§ 12. Any officer not presenting himself for installation during the three meetings next after his election or appointment, his office shall become vacant and filled as stipulated in the foregoing section, except in case of sickness, in which case the Grove shall be authorized to extend the time for installation for another reasonable period.

§ 13. The duties of the various officers shall be those as laid down in the charges of their office, and as may be required of them by the by-laws of their Grove or the regulations of this Grand Grove. When a financial secretary has been chosen by the Grove, he shall take charge of the accounts between the Grove and its members, but the Secretary shall record the proceedings and perform the correspondence and all other duties of the office.

## ARTICLE VI.

### TRAVELING AND CLEARANCE CARDS.

SECTION 1. Any brother in good standing shall, upon personal or written application and payment of all arrears and the amount for the card as fixed in the by-laws, obtain a traveling or clearance card.

§ 2. In case of a traveling card there shall be paid, in advance, the amount of the regular dues for the time of the duration of the card, and no traveling card shall be issued for a longer time than one year.

## ARTICLE VII.

## CONTRIBUTIONS AND BENEFITS.

SECTION 1. Each Grove shall, by its by-laws, stipulate the amount for initiation, admittance, fees for degrees, the amount of the regular contributions to the Grove fund (and Widow and Orphan fund if the Grove keeps this latter fund separate), also the amount of regular assessments if any, in case of decease of brothers or wives of brothers, or for watching sick brothers; also of fines for non-fulfillment of duties of officers and committees, and shall also determine the amount of the regular benefits to be derived from the Grove.

§ 2. The regular dues shall not be less than \$1 per quarter to the Grove fund, nor less than 50 cents per quarter to the W. O. fund, if these funds are kept separate, nor less than \$1.50 per quarter if both funds are kept undivided.

§ 3. The Grove shall suspend all members who have neglected or refused payment of dues for the period of twelve months, and may adopt the same measure after a six months' failure to pay by a member.

§ 4. Every member not in arrears with his dues shall, after having belonged to the Grove for a term of six months, in case of sickness or disability, be entitled to and receive a sum of not less than \$3 per week from the funds of the Grove.

§ 5. In case of sickness or disability of a brother absent from home, at a place where there is a Grove of our Order, it shall be his duty to report himself sick to such Grove, and it shall be the duty of such Grove to attend to the brother so reported, and expend for him his weekly or funeral benefit in case of emergency, the amount to which he may be entitled, shall be stated on his traveling card; and all money so paid, shall be punctually repaid by the Grove from which the sick brother hails.

§ 6. An absent brother, becoming sick or disabled at a place where no Grove exists, shall send to his Grove such reports, or physician's certificates, in such manner and at such times or intervals as may be determined in the by-laws of the Grove.

§ 7. In case of the death of a brother, qualified as in the third preceding section, there shall be allowed by the Grove a sum not less than \$30, to defray the expense of the burial, which shall be paid at once to the deceased brother's nearest of kin. In the absence of competent relations, the Noble Arch shall take charge of the funeral and render account of disbursements.

§ 8. On the demise of the wife of a brother, qualified as provided in section 4, he shall be entitled to a sum not less than \$25 for the purpose of assisting in the funeral expenses.

§ 9. The widow of each brother, who was at the time of his decease a member in good standing in the Grove, shall from the day of his decease, during the time of her natural life, or until she marry again, receive either a monthly relief sum of not less than \$—, or shall receive within three months after the brother's decease a sum of not less than \$— once for all. And if the brother leave minor children only, then the Grove shall provide for such orphans as well as possible, and expend sums of the like amount for their support and education, until they attain the age of fifteen years respectively.

§ 10. The money drawn from each Grove by sick members is not to be considered as a gift of benevolence, but as their right, and any member or members upbraiding them with having received such money, satisfactory proof thereof being made before the Grove, he or they for the first offense shall be fined \$1, and for the second offense may be expelled.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### PENALTIES AND TRIALS.

SECTION 1. Any member who shall violate any of the principles of the Order, or offend against these articles, or the by-laws, shall be subject to fine, reprimand or expulsion.

§ 2. Every member shall be entitled to a fair trial for any offense other than for non-payment of dues, or non-fulfillment or non-compliance with the duties as officer or member of committee, for offenses of which latter kind the fines provided in the by-laws shall be imposed upon the failing brother, officer or committee without trial.

§ 3. No member shall be put on trial unless the charges, specifying his offense, be submitted to the Grove, in writing, by a brother of the Order.

§ 4. When charges have been preferred against a brother in proper manner, or any matter of grievance between brothers brought before the Grove, they shall be referred to a special committee of five members, who shall, if possible, be chosen from among the peers of the brother implicated, and a copy of said charges, under the seal of the Grove, be served upon him, and the committee shall, with as little delay as possible, summon the parties, and examine and determine the matter in question, and their decision, if not involving expulsion of a member, or if no appeal be taken to the Grove, shall be final, without further action of the Grove.

§ 5. Should, however, the report of the committee recommend expulsion, or if an appeal is taken against its decision by either party (which appeal must, however, be brought in writing at or before the next meeting of the Grove), then the matter shall be announced at two regular meetings next previous to the one appointed for final trial, to which final trial the accused shall be summoned in writing. At the appointed time, the Grove shall proceed to hear the complaint, the report of the committee, stating the grounds upon which their decision was founded, and the defense of the accused, and, if the case be an appeal, the grounds upon which the appellant bases his appeal, and, thereupon, whether the accused be present or not, consider and determine the matter. Two-thirds of the votes of the members present shall be required for the adoption of the recommendation of the report of the committee, when expulsion is involved, but a single majority only when the case is an appeal against a less fine.

§ 6. Any brother shall be entitled to select a brother to act as his attorney during his trial, or any stage of it.

§ 7. A brother feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Grove against him, is entitled to an appeal to this Grand Grove for a new trial, provided informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial, notice thereof, and a copy of his appeal shall be given by him to his Grove.

§ 8. When a brother has been suspended or expelled, notice thereof shall be given to all Groves and Chapters in the same county, and to this Grand Grove.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### DECORUM, UNBECOMING CONDUCT AND OFFENSES AGAINST THE LAWS.

SECTION 1. Ever member of the U. A. O. D., shall faithfully conform to the spirit, and the laws and regulations of the Order and of the Grove to which he belongs.

§ 2. Any member who shall disclose or reveal any of the secrets of the Order, or who shall make known to any person not a member of the Order any of the transactions, ballots or debates of the Grove, or who shall willfully introduce to an open Grove any person who is not a duly initiated member of the Order, except a candidate, or who shall knowingly propose for admission a candidate who is not qualified, or who is unworthy to become a member, shall, upon due proof thereof, be expelled.

§ 3. Members who feign sickness or disability, or employ other dishonest means for the purpose of receiving sick benefits or other relief, or who shall misuse or embezzle the funds or other property of the Grove, shall, upon due proof, be punished as the Grove may determine.

§ 4. In case any member shall be convicted by the legal authorities of any crime against the laws of the land, such member may be expelled from the Grove without further trial.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### DUTIES, TERMS AND RETURNS.

SECTION 1. Each Grove, under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Grove, U. S., shall hold semi-annual terms, which terms shall commence on the first days of May and November.

§ 2. For the support and upholding of the Grand Grove, U. S., each Grove under its immediate jurisdiction shall pay a per capita-tax for every member as appearing on the rolls at the end of each term, as provided at the annual session of this Grand Grove.

§ 3. It shall be the duty of the retiring officers at the end of each term, to prepare and forward to this Grand Grove a regular report containing the names of those initiated, admitted or withdrawn by card, rejected, suspended for non-payment or expelled, with the cause thereof, reinstated and deceased, together with the number of degrees conferred, the whole number of members, the amount of receipts, and the result of the election of officers, accompanied by whatever amount may be due the Grand Grove.

§ 4. It shall be the duty of the officers of the Grove to deliver, in like manner, up to the first day of May, annually, a full return of the members of the Grove, ranked according to the degrees attained, and a statement of the number of brothers and widowed families relieved by the Grove in the past year, the number of brothers buried, with the amount of moneys applied to each of these purposes.

## ARTICLE XI.

## BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. Each Grove shall be fully invested with power to adopt such by-laws and standing resolutions, from time to time, as it may deem expedient or proper; provided they do not, in any wise, contravene any part of this constitution or the principles of the Order.

§ 2. Subordinate Groves shall transmit a copy of each edition of their constitution and by-laws, immediately after its leaving the press, to this Grand Grove, for examination and approval.

# REGULATIONS

FOR THE

## GOVERNMENT OF DRUIDIC CIRCLES.

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SECTION 1. The organization of Druidic bodies, to which female members may be admitted, is hereby authorized. These branches of the Order to be named and styled "Druidic Circles." Its objects to be social and beneficial. Its male members must be members in good standing of a Grove of the United Ancient Order of Druids.

§ 2. Dispensations for the opening of Chapters or Circles may be granted by the M. N. G. A. during the vacancy of the Grand Grove, to be confirmed and charters issued by latter body, on the written application of ten or more brothers of the Order. Provided, however, that in case a Circle about to be organized is situate within the jurisdiction of a State Grand Grove, the petition shall be accompanied by a written consent of the respective State Grand Grove or Grand Officers, under the seal of the Grand Grove.

§ 3. The charter fee shall be twenty dollars, including a set of eight books (five initiatory and three odes and constitutions). Additional books fifty cents each.

§ 4. Each Circle shall meet at least once in every month.

§ 5. Application for membership shall be referred to a committee of three of the same sex as the applicant. Ladies proposed for membership shall at least have attained the age of eighteen years.

§ 6. The Committee of Investigation shall report within the two meetings next succeeding, whereupon a ballot shall be had, and if the ballot be clear or not more than two black balls appear, the candidate shall be elected, otherwise rejected, and not be again proposed within six months.

§ 7. The officers of a Circle shall be Arch Druid, First Bard, Second Bard, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductor, Inside Guardian and Outside Guardian. The names of any of these officers shall, if the office be held by a female member, be changed to the corresponding feminine designation.

§ 8. The Arch Druid shall be the presiding officer; when he is not present the Chair may be filled by the First or Second Bard, or a P. A. D. The Conductress shall officiate in the introduction of female candidates. All officers shall perform such duties as the ritual, general usage or the by-laws of the Circle may prescribe.

§ 9. To all Past Arches of the Order, members in a Circle, the privileges and rank of a P. A. D. shall be accorded whether they have passed the Chair in a Circle or not.

§ 10. Each Circle may hold semi-annual or annual terms for the election of officers.

§ 11. Each Circle shall send annually, up to the 30th day of April of each year, to the Grand Secretary, Grand Grove U. S., a full report of its standing and its working during the past year, made out in a similar manner as the annual reports of subordinate Groves.

§ 12. Each Circle shall adopt, and cause to be printed, by-laws, which shall stipulate the time and place of its meetings, the amount of initiation fee and contributions, the amount of the relief sum or sums, and the manner in which relief is to be afforded, and the reasons by which the right to benefits may be forfeited, the fines for offenses, unbecoming behavior and negligence of duties, with full power to alter and amend the same.

§ 13. The by-laws of a Circle shall be valid from their adoption until disapproved of or amended by the Grand Grove U. S. to which body a copy is to be sent for the purpose of being examined and acted on.

§ 14. The charter of a Circle may be revoked or recalled for non-compliance with the laws of the Order and the mandates of the Grand Grove U. S.

§ 15. The regalia of Druidic Circles shall be as follows:

For Arch Druid and P. A. D., scarlet sash with three gold stars and gold lace.

For First Bard, scarlet sash with three silver stars and lace.

For Second Bard, green sash with three silver stars and lace.

For Recording Secretary, green sash with silver crossed pens.

For Financial Secretary, green sash with silver pen and key crossed.

For Treasurer, white sash with crossed keys.

For I. G., black sash with white rosette.

For Conductor, black sash with black rosette.

Members, blue sash.









