

Constitution Committee Final Report

Dear High Court Officers, High Court Trustees, Past High Court Officers, Past High Court Trustees and Delegates:

In accordance with Section 15 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Catholic Order of Foresters, High Chief Ranger Rodney W. Oligmueller appointed to the Constitution Committee: Eugene Even, High Court Trustee from Iowa as Chair; Rob Hans, Kentucky Jurisdiction Chief Ranger, Bryant Shillito, Ohio Jurisdiction Chief Ranger; Mark Wessely, Wisconsin Jurisdiction Chief Ranger; and Greg Hansen, Illinois Jurisdiction Chief Ranger.

In order for the Order to accomplish its necessary business, all of the Committees have been asked to prepare preliminary reports for posting on the Convention Website for the delegates to review prior to the start of the Convention. The Constitution Committee is charged with examining all proposed amendments and reporting the committee's recommendations to the Convention.

To that end, attached is the Committee's recommended changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution and Bylaws. The recommended changes to the Constitution and Bylaws are presented in four (4) sections consisting of four (4) or five (5) columns. The first column is used to identify the amendment, the second shows the current text, the third shows the changes in redline, the fourth shows the change if accepted by the delegates, and the final column gives the Committee's reason for the change.

The first section deals with Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution & Bylaws that are no longer necessary as they pertain provisions that are effective only before January 1, 2025. Any amendments adopted by the 52nd National Quadrennial Convention will only become effective at the later of January 1, 2025 or thirty (30) days after approval by the Illinois Department of Insurance and publication in the Forester Magazine. As such any provision that ceases to be effective prior to that date is no longer necessary.

The second section deals with grammar, typographical, punctuation, and numbering changes. These changes are straightforward and require limited explanation.

The third section contains the most changes and are proposed changes that do not fall into any of the other three sections.

The fourth section, consisting of item numbers 66 to 72 was inadvertently omitted in the Preliminary Report and is being added to the Final Report. This section deals with substituting the term "Special Convention" for the term "Special Session."

The Preliminary Report was posted on the COF National Convention Website Page and all members and Delegates were provided with a two (2) week comment period. After the posting of the Preliminary Report, the Committee received numerous comments. Some were praising the work of the Committee, and our Committee members truly appreciate and thank all of those who applauded the work. The Committee also received many questions, requests for revisions and corrections of typos, grammar, punctuation, and numbering.

The Committee Members convened after the close of the comment period and reviewed all comments and prepared a response to each individual commentator. Every individual who submitted a comment received the Committee's response and all comments and the Committees responses have been posted on the Catholic Order of Foresters National Convention Website. The Committee encourages all National Convention Delegates and COF members to review the comments and responses.

Where the Committee believed appropriate, the Committee revised the proposed Amendments. All should review the attachments in detail, two (2) Items were numbered 20 so the Committee numbered the two (2) items 20 and 20A . This was done to prevent renumbering all of the subsequent items and creating confusion. Also, as stated above, six (6) new amendments that were inadvertently omitted have been added to the end of the report and all six (6) involve revising the terms "Special Session" to the terms "Special Convention."

We encourage all members to review the revised items as well as all of the amendments in the attachment. We hope that by providing this opportunity to review and comment on the proposed changes, we can proceed directly to the adoption of most if not all proposed amendments.

Due to the length of the revisions, the report will not be read at the Convention so we encourage each of you to carefully review the document. The Committee will be prepared to address any new comments at the 52nd National Quadrennial Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene Even".

Eugene Even, HCT
Chairperson, Constitution Committee

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION of the Catholic Order of Foresters

The following changes are proposed to the Articles of Incorporation as the text being deleted is no longer necessary because the provisions all apply prior to January 1, 2025, the effective date of the current Articles of Incorporation.

No.	Current text of Articles of Incorporation	Redlined text with proposed changes	Text if proposed changes are approved
1.	<p>Article 1</p> <p>The name of such Corporation is CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS. Prior to January 1, 2025, the principal place of business shall be in the City of Naperville, State of Illinois as the High Court Trustees/Board of Directors together with the High Chief Ranger, Vice High Chief Ranger and the High Secretary (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “High Court”) may, from time to time, determine. After December 31, 2024, the principal place of business shall be in the City of Naperville, State of Illinois as the High Court Trustees/Board of Directors together with the High Chief Ranger (hereinafter jointly ...</p>	<p>Article 1</p> <p>The name of such Corporation is CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS. Prior to January 1, 2025, the principal place of business shall be in the City of Naperville, State of Illinois as the High Court Trustees/Board of Directors together with the High Chief Ranger, Vice High Chief Ranger and the High Secretary (hereinafter jointly referred to as the “High Court”) may, from time to time, determine. After December 31, 2024, the principal place of business shall be in the City of Naperville, State of Illinois as the High Court Trustees/Board of Directors together with the High Chief Ranger (hereinafter jointly ...</p>	<p>Article 1</p> <p>The name of such Corporation is CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS. The principal place of business shall be in the City of Naperville, State of Illinois as the High Court Trustees/Board of Directors together with the High Chief Ranger (hereinafter jointly ...</p>
2.	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 & 2</p> <p>Between sessions of the National Convention, the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in the following manner: The High Court shall determine and approve the amendments which are necessary or desirable and the same shall be certified by the Corporate Secretary and the same shall forthwith be submitted by the Corporate Secretary in the form of a referendum ballot by registered or certified mail to all duly</p>	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 & 2</p> <p>Between sessions of the National Convention, the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in the following manner: The High Court shall determine and approve the amendments which are necessary or desirable and the same shall be certified by the Corporate Secretary and the same shall forthwith be submitted by the Corporate Secretary in the form of a referendum ballot by registered or certified mail to all duly</p>	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 & 2</p> <p>Between sessions of the National Convention, the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in the following manner: The High Court shall determine and approve the amendments which are necessary or desirable and the same shall be certified by the Secretary and the same shall forthwith be submitted by the Secretary in the form of a referendum ballot by registered or certified</p>

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2.	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 & 2</p> <p>accredited delegates to the last preceding National Convention.</p> <p>Each and every delegate shall indicate acceptance or rejection of each proposed amendment in writing, by marking the official referendum ballot and signing their name thereto and forwarding the same to the Corporate Secretary within thirty (30) days from the date that the same shall have been mailed from the office of the High Court. A ballot not returned within thirty (30) days after mailing by the High Court will be considered an affirmative vote for each proposed amendment. At the end of forty (40) days from the date of mailing of the referendum ballot the Corporate Secretary shall tabulate the votes received and shall certify the results to the High Court.</p>	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 & 2</p> <p>accredited delegates to the last preceding National Convention.</p> <p>Each and every delegate shall indicate acceptance or rejection of each proposed amendment in writing, by marking the official referendum ballot and signing their name thereto and forwarding the same to the Corporate Secretary within thirty (30) days from the date that the same shall have been mailed from the office of the High Court. A ballot not returned within thirty (30) days after mailing by the High Court will be considered an affirmative vote for each proposed amendment. At the end of forty (40) days from the date of mailing of the referendum ballot the Corporate Secretary shall tabulate the votes received and shall certify the results to the High Court.</p>	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 & 2</p> <p>mail to all duly accredited delegates to the last preceding National Convention.</p> <p>Each and every delegate shall indicate acceptance or rejection of each proposed amendment in writing, by marking the official referendum ballot and signing their name thereto and forwarding the same to the Secretary within thirty (30) days from the date that the same shall have been mailed from the office of the High Court. A ballot not returned within thirty (30) days after mailing by the High Court will be considered an affirmative vote for each proposed amendment. At the end of forty (40) days from the date of mailing of the referendum ballot the Secretary shall tabulate the votes received and shall certify the results to the High Court.</p>
3.	<p>Article 4, Paragraphs 3 & 4</p> <p>Prior to January 1, 2025, the National Convention shall be the Supreme Body of the Order with full legislative, judicial and executive powers. It shall elect the High Chief Ranger, and High Court Trustees/Board of Directors members by ballot following their</p>	<p>Article 4, Paragraphs 3 & 4</p> <p>Prior to January 1, 2025, the National Convention shall be the Supreme Body of the Order with full legislative, judicial and executive powers. It shall elect the High Chief Ranger, and High Court Trustees/Board of Directors members by ballot following their</p>	<p>Article 4, Paragraphs 3 & 4</p> <p>The National Convention shall be the Supreme Body of the Order with full legislative, judicial and executive powers.</p>

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3.	<p>Article 4, Paragraphs 3 & 4</p> <p>nomination from the floor of the Convention by the Nominating/Election Committee. It shall have the power to enact or amend the Constitution and By-Laws and laws for the government of itself, the High Court, the Jurisdictions, the Local Courts, and members of the Order.</p> <p>After December 31, 2024, the National Convention shall be the Supreme Body of the Order with full legislative, judicial and executive powers.</p>	<p>Article 4, Paragraphs 3 & 4</p> <p>nomination from the floor of the Convention by the Nominating/Election Committee. It shall have the power to enact or amend the Constitution and By-Laws and laws for the government of itself, the High Court, the Jurisdictions, the Local Courts, and members of the Order.</p> <p>After December 31, 2024, tThe National Convention shall be the Supreme Body of the Order with full legislative, judicial and executive powers.</p>	<p>Article 4, Paragraphs 3 & 4</p>
4.	<p>Article 5, Paragraphs 5</p> <p>Prior to January 1, 2025, the Officers of the Order shall be: a High Chief Ranger, a Vice High Chief Ranger, a High Secretary and no less than nine (9) nor more than twelve (12) High Court Trustee/Directors who, taken all together, shall compose the High Court. Additionally, the Order's President/Chief Executive Officer shall be the principal executive officer nominated by the High Chief Ranger and approved by the High Court.</p> <p>After December 31, 2024, The Officers of the Order shall be: a High Chief Ranger, two (2) or three (3) lead directors (who will be</p>	<p>Article 5, Paragraphs 5</p> <p>Prior to January 1, 2025, the Officers of the Order shall be: a High Chief Ranger, a Vice High Chief Ranger, a High Secretary and no less than nine (9) nor more than twelve (12) High Court Trustee/Directors who, taken all together, shall compose the High Court. Additionally, the Order's President/Chief Executive Officer shall be the principal executive officer nominated by the High Chief Ranger and approved by the High Court.</p> <p>After December 31, 2024, The Officers of the Order shall be: a High Chief Ranger, two (2) or three (3) lead directors (who will be</p>	<p>Article 5, Paragraphs 1</p> <p>The Officers of the Order shall be: a High Chief Ranger, two (2) or three (3) lead directors (who will be selected from among the High Court Trustees) and no less than eleven (11) nor more than fourteen (14) High Court Trustee/Directors who, taken all together, shall compose the High Court.</p>

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4.	<p>Article 5, Paragraphs 5</p> <p>selected from among the High Court Trustees) and no less than eleven (11) nor more than fourteen (14) High Court Trustee/Directors who, taken all together, shall compose the High Court.</p>	<p>Article 5, Paragraphs 5</p> <p>selected from among the High Court Trustees) and no less than eleven (11) nor more than fourteen (14) High Court Trustee/Directors who, taken all together, shall compose the High Court.</p>	<p>Article 5, Paragraphs 1</p>
5.	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 to 4</p> <p>Prior to January 1, 2025, Article 9 shall provide as follows:</p> <p>Between sessions of the National Convention, the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in the following manner: The High Court shall determine and approve the amendments which are necessary or desirable and the same shall be certified by the High Secretary and the same shall forthwith be submitted by the High Secretary in the form of a referendum ballot by registered or certified mail to all duly accredited delegates to the last preceding National Convention.</p> <p>Each and every delegate shall indicate acceptance or rejection of each proposed amendment in writing, by marking the official referendum ballot and signing their name</p>	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 to 4</p> <p>Prior to January 1, 2025, Article 9 shall provide as follows:</p> <p>Between sessions of the National Convention, the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended in the following manner: The High Court shall determine and approve the amendments which are necessary or desirable and the same shall be certified by the High Secretary and the same shall forthwith be submitted by the High Secretary in the form of a referendum ballot by registered or certified mail to all duly accredited delegates to the last preceding National Convention.</p> <p>Each and every delegate shall indicate acceptance or rejection of each proposed amendment in writing, by marking the official referendum ballot and signing their name</p>	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 to 4</p> <p>The entire contents of Paragraphs 1 to 5 are deleted.</p>

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5.	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 to 4</p> <p>thereto and forwarding the same to the High Secretary within thirty (30) days from the date that the same shall have been mailed from the office of the High Court. A ballot not returned within thirty (30) days after mailing by the High Court will be considered an affirmative vote for each proposed amendment. At the end of forty (40) days from the date of mailing of the referendum ballot the High Secretary shall tabulate the votes received and shall certify the results to the High Court.</p> <p>In order for an amendment to be effective it must have received the affirmative vote of two- thirds of the duly accredited delegates to the last National Convention and shall take effect the first day of the month following approval of said amendment by the Illinois Department of Insurance and publication in the “Catholic Forester” magazine.</p> <p>After December 31, 2024, Article 9 shall provide as follows:</p>	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 to 4</p> <p>thereto and forwarding the same to the High Secretary within thirty (30) days from the date that the same shall have been mailed from the office of the High Court. A ballot not returned within thirty (30) days after mailing by the High Court will be considered an affirmative vote for each proposed amendment. At the end of forty (40) days from the date of mailing of the referendum ballot the High Secretary shall tabulate the votes received and shall certify the results to the High Court.</p> <p>In order for an amendment to be effective it must have received the affirmative vote of two- thirds of the duly accredited delegates to the last National Convention and shall take effect the first day of the month following approval of said amendment by the Illinois Department of Insurance and publication in the “Catholic Forester” magazine.</p> <p>After December 31, 2024, Article 9 shall provide as follows:</p>	<p>Article 9, Paragraphs 1 to 4</p>

End of Articles of Incorporation proposed changes.

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6.	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 10</p> <p>“High Court Officers” prior to January 1, 2025, shall mean the High Chief Ranger/Chair of the Board, Vice High Chief Ranger/Vice Chair of the Board and High Secretary of the Board. After December 31, 2024, “High Court Officers” shall mean the High Chief Ranger/Chair of the Board, and all of the Lead Directors of the Board.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 10</p> <p>“High Court Officers” prior to January 1, 2025, shall mean the High Chief Ranger/Chair of the Board, Vice High Chief Ranger/Vice Chair of the Board and High Secretary of the Board. After December 31, 2024; “High Court Officers” shall mean the High Chief Ranger/Chair of the Board, and all of the Lead Directors of the Board.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 10</p> <p>“High Court Officers” shall mean the High Chief Ranger/Chair of the Board, and all of the Lead Directors of the Board.</p>
7.	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 11</p> <p>“High Secretary” shall mean the High Secretary of the Board. After December 31, 2024, the position of High Secretary shall be eliminated.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 11</p> <p>“High Secretary” shall mean the High Secretary of the Board. After December 31, 2024, the position of High Secretary shall be eliminated.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 11</p> <p>Deleted in its entirety.</p>
8.	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 15</p> <p>“Lead Directors” After December 31, 2024, shall mean the High Court Trustees nominated to serve as Lead Directors in accordance with Section 37.</p>	<p>Section 3, Old Paragraph 15</p> <p>“Lead Directors” After December 31, 2024, shall mean the High Court Trustees nominated to serve as Lead Directors in accordance with Section 37.</p>	<p>Section 3, Old Paragraph 15</p> <p>“Lead Directors” shall mean the High Court Trustees nominated to serve as Lead Directors in accordance with Section 37.</p>

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9.	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 21</p> <p>“Vice High Chief Ranger” prior to January 1, 2025, shall mean the Vice High Chief Ranger/ Vice Chair of the Board. After December 31, 2024 the position of Vice High Chief Ranger shall be eliminated.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 21</p> <p>“Vice High Chief Ranger” prior to January 1, 2025, shall mean the Vice High Chief Ranger/ Vice Chair of the Board. After December 31, 2024 the position of Vice High Chief Ranger shall be eliminated.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 21</p> <p>Deleted in its entirety.</p>
10	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 4</p> <p>The Corporate Secretary shall give notice of the date of any special convention or continued convention at least thirty (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the convention.</p>	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 4</p> <p>The Corporate Secretary shall give notice of the date of any sSpecial eConvention or continued convention at least thirtyten (30) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the convention.</p>	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 4</p> <p>The Secretary shall give notice of the date of any Special Convention at least ten (10) days and not more than ninety (90) days prior to the start of the convention.</p>
11.	<p>Section 9</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 9 SHALL APPLY PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025.</p> <p>On opening the National Convention or any special session, the High Chief Ranger may fill <i>pro tem</i> any vacancies in office. Prior to January 1, 2025, in the High Chief Ranger’s absence, the Vice High Chief Ranger may fill <i>pro tem</i> any vacancies in office. After December 31, 2024, a Lead Director (in the order of precedence), may fill <i>pro tem</i> any</p>	<p>Section 9</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 9 SHALL APPLY PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025.</p> <p>On opening the National Convention or any sSpecial sessionConvention, the High Chief Ranger may fill <i>pro tem</i> any vacancies in office. Prior to January 1, 2025, in the High Chief Ranger’s absence, the Vice High Chief Ranger may fill pro tem any vacancies in office. After December 31, 2024, In the High Chief Ranger’s absence, a Lead Director (in</p>	<p>Section 9</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 9 SHALL APPLY PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025.</p> <p>On opening the National Convention or any Special Convention, the High Chief Ranger may fill <i>pro tem</i> any vacancies in office. In the High Chief Ranger’s absence, a Lead Director (in the order of precedence), may fill <i>pro tem</i> any vacancy in the office. If both are absent, a <i>pro tem</i> organization may be created by election.</p>

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12.	<p>Section 12, Paragraph 2 & 3</p> <p>The High Court may consider and approve necessary or desirable amendments and/or special business. Prior to January 1, 2025, the High Secretary will then certify and submit these amendments and/or special business to all of the previous National Convention’s duly Accredited Delegates, submitting them in ballot form. After December 31, 2024, the Corporate Secretary will then certify and submit these amendments and/or special business to all of the previous National Convention’s duly Accredited Delegates, submitting them in ballot form.</p> <p>Accredited Delegates are to indicate acceptance or rejection of each proposed amendment. Accredited Delegates are to complete and submit the official referendum ballot to the High Secretary within thirty (30)</p>	<p>Section 12, Paragraph 2 & 3</p> <p>The High Court may consider and approve necessary or desirable amendments and/or special business. Prior to January 1, 2025, the High Secretary will then certify and submit these amendments and/or special business to all of the previous National Convention’s duly Accredited Delegates, submitting them in ballot form. After December 31, 2024, tThe Corporate Secretary will then certify and submit these amendments and/or special business to all of the previous National Convention’s duly Accredited Delegates, submitting them in ballot form.</p> <p>Accredited Delegates are to indicate acceptance or rejection of each proposed amendment. Accredited Delegates are to complete and submit the official referendum ballot to the High Secretary within thirty (30) days of the High Court office’s notification</p>	<p>Section 12, Paragraph 2 & 3</p> <p>The High Court may consider and approve necessary or desirable amendments and/or special business. The Secretary will then certify and submit these amendments and/or special business to all of the previous National Convention’s duly Accredited Delegates, submitting them in ballot form.</p> <p>Accredited Delegates are to indicate acceptance or rejection of each proposed amendment. Accredited Delegates are to complete and submit the official referendum ballot to the Secretary within thirty (30) days of the High Court office’s notification date. Forty (40) days following the notification date, the Secretary will tabulate all referendum ballot votes received and certify the results to the High Court.</p>

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13.	<p>Section 13</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 13 SHALL APPLY PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025.</p> <p>The High Court Officers together with the number of High Court Trustees, as stated in Articles of Incorporation, as amended and this Section 13, will be elected by convention ballot.</p> <p>A High Court Officer or Trustee candidate. must have been a member in good standing for two (2) full years before nomination.</p> <p>A High Court Officer or Trustee candidate shall not have been convicted of a felony.</p> <p>Each candidate for nomination as a High Court Trustee must receive the approval of the Nominating/Election Committee and</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 13 SHALL APPLY PRIOR TO JANUARY 1, 2025.</p> <p>The High Court Officers together with the number of High Court Trustees, as stated in Articles of Incorporation, as amended and this Section 13, will be elected by convention ballot.</p> <p>A High Court Officer or Trustee candidate. must have been a member in good standing for two (2) full years before nomination.</p> <p>A High Court Officer or Trustee candidate shall not have been convicted of a felony.</p> <p>Each candidate for nomination as a High Court Trustee must receive the approval of the Nominating/Election Committee and</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p> <p>The entire contents of Paragraphs 1 to 17 are deleted.</p>

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13.	<p>Section 13</p> <p>should possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and fraternal workings of the Order. Each applicant should also be free to travel, as required, on the Order’s business.</p> <p>Each member of the High Court must successfully complete all orientation and educational training as required by the High Court within twelve (12) months after taking office. Any High Court member failing to complete such requirements shall forfeit office.</p> <p>Prospective High Court candidates will submit a nomination petition and a résumé to the High Secretary on forms provided by the High Court, by the date established by the High Court and published in the Call to the Convention. Candidates whose nomination petitions and résumés are not received by the High Secretary by the established date will not be eligible for nomination or to have their name placed on the ballot.</p> <p>No more than one (1) High Court member may come from the same local court or State Holding Court. No more than two (2) High</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p> <p>should possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and fraternal workings of the Order. Each applicant should also be free to travel, as required, on the Order’s business.</p> <p>Each member of the High Court must successfully complete all orientation and educational training as required by the High Court within twelve (12) months after taking office. Any High Court member failing to complete such requirements shall forfeit office.</p> <p>Prospective High Court candidates will submit a nomination petition and a résumé to the High Secretary on forms provided by the High Court, by the date established by the High Court and published in the Call to the Convention. Candidates whose nomination petitions and résumés are not received by the High Secretary by the established date will not be eligible for nomination or to have their name placed on the ballot.</p> <p>No more than one (1) High Court member may come from the same local court or State Holding Court. No more than two (2) High</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p>

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13.	<p>Section 13</p> <p>Court members may come from the same Jurisdiction.</p> <p>No member who will be sixty eight (68) years of age or older before taking office will be eligible for election by the National Convention or High Court to a High Court position.</p> <p>If two (2) or fewer individuals qualify as candidates for a position and, if following the established cut-off date but prior to election, one candidate dies, withdraws his/her candidacy, or is unable to fulfill his/her duties of office if elected, the High Court will convene in special session and nominate an individual to take that candidate’s place.</p> <p>The Nominating/Election Committee in accordance with this Section 13 and a two-thirds majority of the High Court must approve said individual.</p> <p>The minimum number of High Court Trustees shall be nine (9). Delegates will vote for no less than nine (9) or no more than twelve (12) candidate for High Court Trustee, unless a</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p> <p>Court members may come from the same Jurisdiction.</p> <p>No member who will be sixty eight (68) years of age or older before taking office will be eligible for election by the National Convention or High Court to a High Court position.</p> <p>If two (2) or fewer individuals qualify as candidates for a position and, if following the established cut-off date but prior to election, one candidate dies, withdraws his/her candidacy, or is unable to fulfill his/her duties of office if elected, the High Court will convene in special session and nominate an individual to take that candidate’s place.</p> <p>The Nominating/Election Committee in accordance with this Section 13 and a two-thirds majority of the High Court must approve said individual.</p> <p>The minimum number of High Court Trustees shall be nine (9). Delegates will vote for no less than nine (9) or no more than twelve (12) candidate for High Court Trustee, unless a</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p>

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13.	<p>Section 13</p> <p>lesser number of qualified candidates are nominated.</p> <p>A majority of votes cast is necessary for election. After the second ballot, each succeeding ballot the candidate receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated from the next and succeeding ballots. Voting shall continue until the earlier of (i) no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast or (ii) maximum number High Court Trustees are elected or if applicable the High Court Officer positions are filled.</p> <p>Should the National Convention fail to elect the required number of High Court Trustees, the High Court will, within thirty (30) days following the National Convention, solicit candidates. Vacancies will be filled as provided for in Section 34.</p> <p>Nominees are to be submitted within sixty (60) days following the High Court's call for candidates.</p> <p>If the High Court does not fill the required number of High Court Trustees positions within one hundred eighty (180) days following the National Convention, the High</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p> <p>lesser number of qualified candidates are nominated.</p> <p>A majority of votes cast is necessary for election. After the second ballot, each succeeding ballot the candidate receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated from the next and succeeding ballots. Voting shall continue until the earlier of (i) no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast or (ii) maximum number High Court Trustees are elected or if applicable the High Court Officer positions are filled.</p> <p>Should the National Convention fail to elect the required number of High Court Trustees, the High Court will, within thirty (30) days following the National Convention, solicit candidates. Vacancies will be filled as provided for in Section 34.</p> <p>Nominees are to be submitted within sixty (60) days following the High Court's call for candidates.</p> <p>If the High Court does not fill the required number of High Court Trustees positions within one hundred eighty (180) days following the National Convention, the High</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p>

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<p>13.</p>	<p>Section 13</p> <p>Court will consist of the High Court Trustees and High Court Officers elected at the National Convention or elected by the High Court. Candidates will be subject to the provisions of this section 13.</p> <p>No full-time employee of the Order may be nominated for any High Court office until that employee tenders a resignation of employment effective as of the date of election.</p> <p>The term of office for High Court members elected at the National Convention begins on January 1 following their election at the National Convention and continues until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF SECTION 13 SHALL APPLY AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p> <p>Court will consist of the High Court Trustees and High Court Officers elected at the National Convention or elected by the High Court. Candidates will be subject to the provisions of this section 13.</p> <p>No full-time employee of the Order may be nominated for any High Court office until that employee tenders a resignation of employment effective as of the date of election.</p> <p>The term of office for High Court members elected at the National Convention begins on January 1 following their election at the National Convention and continues until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISION OF SECTION 13 SHALL APPLY AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraphs 1-17</p>

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14.	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 23</p> <p>Prospective High Court candidates will submit a nomination petition and a résumé to the High Secretary on forms provided by the High Court, by the date established by the High Court and published in the Call to the Convention. Candidates whose nomination petitions and résumés are not received by the High Secretary by the established date will not be eligible for nomination or to have their name placed on the ballot.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 23</p> <p>Prospective High Court candidates will submit a nomination petition and a résumé to the High Secretary on forms provided by the High Court, by the date established by the High Court and published in the Call to the Convention. Thereafter, a Candidate's résumé will be forwarded by the Secretary to the Chair of the Nominating/Election Committee. Candidates whose nomination petitions and résumés are not received by the High Secretary by the established date will not be eligible for nomination or to have their name placed on the ballot.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 23</p> <p>Prospective High Court candidates will submit a nomination petition and a résumé to the Secretary on forms provided by the High Court, by the date established by the High Court and published in the Call to the Convention. Thereafter, a Candidate's résumé will be forwarded by the Secretary to the Chair of the Nominating/Election Committee. Candidates whose nomination petitions and résumés are not received by the Secretary by the established date will not be eligible for nomination or to have their name placed on the ballot.</p>
15.	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 2</p> <p>If a High Court Trustee resigns, dies, or is removed from office for any reason, the High Court will direct the High Secretary to publish a notice in the next publication of the Official Order publication of the Vacancy and the availability of applications for the position. A candidate must submit a completed application postmarked or delivered within forty-five (45) days from the date of</p>	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 2</p> <p>If a High Court Trustee resigns, dies, or is removed from office for any reason, the High Court will direct the High Secretary to publish a notice in the next publication of the Official Order publication of the Vacancy and the availability of applications for the position. A candidate must submit a completed application postmarked or delivered within forty-five (45) days from the date of</p>	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 2</p> <p>If a High Court Trustee resigns, dies, or is removed from office for any reason, the High Court will direct the Secretary to publish a notice in the next publication of the Official Order publication of the Vacancy and the availability of applications for the position. A candidate must submit a completed application postmarked or delivered within forty-five (45) days from the date of publication of the vacancy to the Secretary.</p>

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15.	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 2</p> <p>publication of the vacancy to the High Secretary.</p>	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 2</p> <p>publication of the vacancy to the High Secretary.</p>	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 2</p>
16.	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 4</p> <p>The High Secretary will refer the nominee’s Petition for Nomination and résumé to the Nominating/Election Committee for review and recommendation.</p>	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 4</p> <p>The High Secretary will refer the nominee’s Petition for Nomination and résumé to the Nominating/Election Committee for review and recommendation.</p>	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 4</p> <p>The Secretary will refer the nominee’s Petition for Nomination and résumé to the Nominating/Election Committee for review and recommendation.</p>
17.	<p>Vice High Chief Ranger Section 37</p> <p>The Vice High Chief Ranger, in the High Chief Ranger’s absence, will preside at all National Convention and High Court meetings.</p> <p>In the High Chief Ranger’s temporary absence, the Vice High Chief Ranger will fill the office and receive the remuneration of the High Chief Ranger’s office.</p> <p>In case of vacancy in the High Chief Ranger’s office, the Vice High Chief Ranger will fill and receive the remuneration of the High Chief Ranger’s office until the vacancy is filled by the majority vote of the High Court.</p>	<p>Vice High Chief Ranger Section 37</p> <p>The Vice High Chief Ranger, in the High Chief Ranger’s absence, will preside at all National Convention and High Court meetings.</p> <p>In the High Chief Ranger’s temporary absence, the Vice High Chief Ranger will fill the office and receive the remuneration of the High Chief Ranger’s office.</p> <p>In case of vacancy in the High Chief Ranger’s office, the Vice High Chief Ranger will fill and receive the remuneration of the High Chief Ranger’s office until the vacancy is filled by the majority vote of the High Court.</p>	<p>Lead Directors Section 37</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger together with the President shall nominate two (2) or three (3) High Court Trustees to serve as Lead Directors.</p> <p>Such nominated High Court Trustees shall be subject to the approval of the High Court.</p> <p>Each Lead Director shall serve a two (2) year term or until his or her successor shall be nominated and approved by the High Court.</p> <p>Lead Directors may be removed from office at the discretion of the High Chief Ranger and President.</p>

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17.	<p>Vice High Chief Ranger Section 37</p> <p>The Vice High Chief Ranger will perform any other duties required by the High Court.</p>	<p>Vice High Chief Ranger Lead Directors Section 37</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger together with the President shall nominate two (2) or three (3) High Court Trustees to serve as Lead Directors.</p> <p>Such nominated High Court Trustees shall be subject to the approval of the High Court.</p> <p>Each Lead Director shall serve a two (2) year term or until his or her successor shall be nominated and approved by the High Court.</p> <p>Lead Directors may be removed from office at the discretion of the High Chief Ranger and President.</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger together with the President shall designate the individuals nominated to serve as Lead Directors in the order of precedence in which they serve.</p> <p>In the absence of the High Chief Ranger, a Lead Director (in the order of precedence) will preside at all National Convention and High Court meetings.</p> <p>In the High Chief Ranger’s extended absence, the Lead Director serving as the Interim High</p>	<p>Lead Directors Section 37</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger together with the President shall designate the individuals nominated to serve as Lead Directors in the order of precedence in which they serve.</p> <p>In the absence of the High Chief Ranger, a Lead Director (in the order of precedence) will preside at all National Convention and High Court meetings.</p> <p>In the High Chief Ranger’s extended absence, the Lead Director serving as the Interim High Chief Ranger will receive the remuneration of the High Chief Ranger’s office.</p> <p>In case of vacancy in the High Chief Ranger’s office, the Lead Director (in order of precedence) will fill and receive the remuneration of the High Chief Ranger’s office until the vacancy is filled by the majority vote of the High Court.</p> <p>A Lead Director will perform any other duties required by the High Chief Ranger and/or the High Court.</p>

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17.	<p>Vice High Chief Ranger Section 37</p>	<p>Vice High Chief Ranger Lead Directors Section 37</p> <p>Chief Ranger will receive the remuneration of the High Chief Ranger’s office.</p> <p>In case of vacancy in the High Chief Ranger’s office, the Lead Director (in order of precedence) will fill and receive the remuneration of the High Chief Ranger’s office until the vacancy is filled by the majority vote of the High Court.</p> <p>A Lead Director will perform any other duties required by the High Chief Ranger and/or the High Court.</p>	<p>Lead Directors Section 37</p>
18.	<p>High Secretary Section 38</p> <p>The High Secretary shall serve as the secretary of the High Court and keep accurate records of the National Convention and High Court meetings and shall report to the High Court and the National Convention on any matters as may be requested.</p> <p>Under the High Court’s direction, the High Secretary will conduct all High Court correspondence.</p>	<p>High Secretary Section 38</p> <p>The High Secretary shall serve as the secretary of the High Court and keep accurate records of the National Convention and High Court meetings and shall report to the High Court and the National Convention on any matters as may be requested.</p> <p>Under the High Court’s direction, the High Secretary will conduct all High Court correspondence.</p>	<p>Section 38 Reserved.</p>

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	<p>The High Secretary will report any local court officer’s dereliction of duty to the High Court.</p> <p>The High Secretary will perform all duties incident to that office and required by the High Court.</p> <p>AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024 SECTION 38 WILL BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THE FOLLOWING SHALL REPLACE THE SECTION:</p>	<p>The High Secretary will report any local court officer’s dereliction of duty to the High Court.</p> <p>The High Secretary will perform all duties incident to that office and required by the High Court.</p> <p>AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024 SECTION 38 WILL BE DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THE FOLLOWING SHALL REPLACE THE SECTION:</p>	
19.	<p>Section 40, Paragraph 6</p> <p>The President, together with the Corporate Secretary, will sign all member policies before issue.</p>	<p>Section 40, Paragraph 6</p> <p>The President, together with the Corporate Secretary, will sign all member policies before issue.</p>	<p>Section 40, Paragraph 6</p> <p>The President, together with the Secretary, will sign all member policies before issue.</p>
20.	<p>Corporate Secretary</p> <p>Section 41</p> <p>The President shall name a Corporate Secretary.</p>	<p>Corporate Secretary</p> <p>Section 41</p> <p>The President shall name a Corporate Secretary.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Section 41</p> <p>The President shall name a Secretary.</p>
20A.	<p>Section 42</p> <p>Prior to January 1, 2025, the Corporate Secretary shall:</p> <p>1) Give, or cause to be given all notices required by either the law or these bylaws;</p>	<p>Section 42</p> <p>Prior to January 1, 2025, the Corporate Secretary shall:</p> <p>1) Give, or cause to be given all notices required by either the law or these bylaws;</p>	<p>Section 42</p> <p>The remainder of the Section shall remain unchanged.</p>

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20A.	<p>Section 42</p> <p>2) Create, and maintain Corporate records and documents;</p> <p>3) Prepare and present to the High Court any and all resolutions and corporate documents;</p> <p>4) Ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory compliance;</p> <p>5) Provide advice and guidance with regard to governance matters;</p> <p>6) Together with the President sign all member policies before issue; and</p> <p>7) Perform such other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the CEO/President.</p> <p>8) After December 31, 2024,</p>	<p>Section 42</p> <p>2) Create, and maintain Corporate records and documents;</p> <p>3) Prepare and present to the High Court any and all resolutions and corporate documents;</p> <p>4) Ensure compliance with statutory and regulatory compliance;</p> <p>5) Provide advice and guidance with regard to governance matters;</p> <p>6) Together with the President sign all member policies before issue; and</p> <p>7) Perform such other duties and responsibilities as assigned by the CEO/President.</p> <p>8) After December 31, 2024,</p> <p>The remainder of the Section shall remain unchanged.</p>	<p>Section 42</p>

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21.	<p>Section 53</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 53 SHALL APPLY BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025:</p> <p>The Order’s Investment Committee will include the High Chief Ranger, Vice High Chief Ranger, High Secretary, President and no less than two High Court Members appointed by the High Chief Ranger and confirmed by the High Court. The Investment Committee is responsible for investing the Order’s funds. Any High Court Member wishing to serve on the Investment Committee must meet the requirements established by the High Court prior to committee appointment.</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 53 SHALL APPLY AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024:</p>	<p>Section 53</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 53 SHALL APPLY BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2025:</p> <p>The Order’s Investment Committee will include the High Chief Ranger, Vice High Chief Ranger, High Secretary, President and no less than two High Court Members appointed by the High Chief Ranger and confirmed by the High Court. The Investment Committee is responsible for investing the Order’s funds. Any High Court Member wishing to serve on the Investment Committee must meet the requirements established by the High Court prior to committee appointment.</p> <p>THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF SECTION 53 SHALL APPLY AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2024:</p> <p>Remainder of the Section shall remain unchanged.</p>	<p>Section 53</p> <p>The remainder of the Section shall remain unchanged.</p>

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22.	<p>Section 81, Paragraph 3</p> <p>Using September 30 of the year preceding the Order’s National Convention as criteria, the High Secretary will determine the number of adult members in a Jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Section 81, Paragraph 3</p> <p>Using September 30 of the year preceding the Order’s National Convention as the cut-off date criteria, the High Secretary will determine the number of adult members in a Jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Section 81, Paragraph 3</p> <p>Using September 30 of the year preceding the Order’s National Convention as the cut-off date, the Secretary will determine the number of adult members in a Jurisdiction.</p>

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23.	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 24</p> <p>No more than one (1) High Court member may come from the same Local Court or State Holding Court. No more than two (2) High Court members may come from the same Jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 24</p> <p>No more than one (1) High Court member may comkje from the same Local Court or State Holding Court. No more than two (2) High Court members may come from the same Jurisdiction <u>Court</u>.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 24</p> <p>No more than one (1) High Court member may come from the same Local Court or State Holding Court. No more than two (2) High Court members may come from the same Jurisdiction Court.</p>
24.	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 33</p> <p>If the High Court does not fill the required number of High Court Trustees positions within one hundred eighty (180) days following the National Convention, the High Court will consist of the High Court Trustees and High Court Officers elected at the National Convention or elected by the High Court. Candidates will be subject to the provisions of this section 13.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 33</p> <p>If the High Court does not fill the required number of High Court Trustees positions within one hundred eighty (180) days following the National Convention, the High Court will consist of the <u>High Chief Ranger and High Court Trustees and High Court Officers</u> elected at the National Convention or elected by the High Court. Candidates will be subject to the provisions of this <u>s</u>Section 13.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 33</p> <p>If the High Court does not fill the required number of High Court Trustees positions within one hundred eighty (180) days following the National Convention, the High Court will consist of the High Chief Ranger and High Court Trustees elected at the National Convention or elected by the High Court. Candidates will be subject to the provisions of this Section 13.</p>
25.	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 35</p> <p>The term of office for High Court members elected at the National Convention begins on January 1 following their election at the National Convention and continues until their successors have been duly elected and qualifi</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 35</p> <p>The term of office for High Court members elected at the National Convention begins on January 1 following their election at the National Convention and continues until their successors have been duly elected and <u>qualified</u>.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 35</p> <p>The term of office for High Court members elected at the National Convention begins on January 1 following their election at the National Convention and continues until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.</p>

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26.	<p>Section 19, Paragraph 1</p> <p>The Compensation Committee will examine and report to the National Convention the committee's recommendations on High Court Trustee remuneration and regarding all financial matters referred to it by the National Convention, any accredited delegate, or any High Court member.</p>	<p>Section 19, Paragraph 1</p> <p>The Compensation Committee will examine and report to the National Convention the committee's recommendations on High Court Trustee remuneration and regarding all financial matters referred to it by the National Convention, any aAccredited dDelegate, or any High Court member.</p>	<p>Section 19, Paragraph 1</p> <p>The Compensation Committee will examine and report to the National Convention the committee's recommendations on High Court Trustee remuneration and all financial matters referred to it by the National Convention, any Accredited Delegate, or any High Court member.</p>
27.	<p>Section 42, Paragraph 3</p> <p>3) Prepare and present to the High Court any and all resoltuions resolutions and corporate documents;</p>	<p>Section 42, Paragraph 3</p> <p>3) Prepare and present to the High Court any and all resoltuions resolutions and corporate documents;</p>	<p>Section 42, Paragraph 3</p> <p>3) Prepare and present to the High Court any and all resolutions and corporate documents;</p>
28.	<p>Section 59, Bullet 1</p> <p>None of the following may serve as Officer or Trustee of a Local Court, Jurisdiction, or the High Court. The same may not be elected or appointed as Delegate or Alternate Delegate to a Jurisdiction Convention or the National Convention:</p>	<p>Section 59, Bullet 1</p> <p>None of the following may serve as Officer or Trustee of a Local Court, Jurisdiction Court, or the High Court. The same may not be elected or appointed as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to a Jurisdiction Convention or the National Convention:</p>	<p>Section 59, Bullet 1</p> <p>None of the following may serve as Officer or Trustee of a Local Court, Jurisdiction Court, or the High Court. The same may not be elected or appointed as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to a Jurisdiction Convention or the National Convention:</p>
29.	<p>Section 67, Bullet 3</p> <p>The Jurisdiction Convention membership will include the Spiritual Director of the Jurisdiction, Elected Jurisdiction Court</p>	<p>Section 67, Bullet 3</p> <p>The Jurisdiction Convention membership will include the Spiritual Director of the Jurisdiction, Elected Jurisdiction Court</p>	<p>Section 67, Bullet 3</p> <p>The Jurisdiction Convention membership will include the Spiritual Director of the Jurisdiction, Elected Jurisdiction Court</p>

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29.	<p>Section 67, Bullet 3</p> <p>Officers, Trustees, and Delegates elected by the local courts, Delegates selected from the State Holding Court within the Jurisdiction Court and current High Court members from the Jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Section 67, Bullet 3</p> <p>Officers, Trustees, and Delegates elected by the tLocal eCourts, Delegates selected from the State Holding Court within the Jurisdiction Court and current High Court members from the Jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Section 67, Bullet 3</p> <p>Officers, Trustees, and Delegates elected by the Local Courts, Delegates selected from the State Holding Court within the Jurisdiction Court and current High Court members from the Jurisdiction.</p>
30.	<p>Section 104</p> <p>Any person who, according to the Order’s Bylaws, forfeited reinstatement or whose reinstatement application was rejected or declared void is eligible and may be proposed as a new membership applicant in any of the Order’s courts.</p>	<p>Section 104</p> <p>Any person who, according to the Order’s Bylaws, forfeited reinstatement or whose reinstatement application was rejected or declared void is eligible and may be proposed as a new membership applicant in any of the Order’s courts.</p>	<p>Section 104</p> <p>Any person who, according to the Order’s Bylaws, forfeited reinstatement or whose reinstatement application was rejected or declared void is eligible and may be proposed as a new member applicant in any of the Order’s courts.</p>
31.	<p>Section 107</p> <p>A member or suspended member will be expelled from the Order for failing, neglecting, or refusing to deliver any High Court or local court books, accounts, or other property in the member’s control or possession within ten (10) days of written demand, served personally or by registered mail, by any High Court or Jurisdiction authorized officer or representative, any High Court or local court books, accounts, or other</p>	<p>Section 107</p> <p>A member or suspended member will be expelled from the Order for failing, neglecting, or refusing to deliver any High Court or local court books, accounts, or other property in the member’s control or possession within ten (10) days of written demand, served personally or by registered mail, by any High Court or Jurisdiction authorized officer or representative, any High Court or tLocal eCourt books, accounts, or</p>	<p>Section 107</p> <p>A member or suspended member will be expelled from the Order for failing, neglecting, or refusing to deliver any High Court or Local Court books, accounts, or other property in the member’s control or possession within ten (10) days of written demand, served personally or by registered mail, by any High Court or Jurisdiction authorized officer or representative, any High Court or Local Court books, accounts, or</p>

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31.	<p>Section 107</p> <p>property in the member's control or possession.</p> <p>A member or suspended member will be expelled from the Order for failing, neglecting, or refusing to surrender any money in the member's control or possession that belongs to the High Court, Jurisdiction or local court or for which a judgment against the member has been obtained. This expulsion does not affect the member's Insurance Certificates.</p>	<p>Section 107</p> <p>other property in the member's control or possession.</p> <p>A member or suspended member will be expelled from the Order for failing, neglecting, or refusing to surrender any money in the member's control or possession that belongs to the High Court, Jurisdiction or Local eCourt or for which a judgment against the member has been obtained. This expulsion does not affect the member's Insurance Certificates.</p>	<p>Section 107</p> <p>other property in the member's control or possession.</p> <p>A member or suspended member will be expelled from the Order for failing, neglecting, or refusing to surrender any money in the member's control or possession that belongs to the High Court, Jurisdiction or Local Court or for which a judgment against the member has been obtained. This expulsion does not affect the member's Insurance Certificates.</p>

End of Typographical and Grammatical Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws.

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32.	<p>Title</p> <p>As amended by the Delegates to the 51st National Convention Pursuant to a Referendum mailed on October 6, 2022</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2023</p>	<p>Title</p> <p>As amended by the Delegates to the 51st^{2nd} National Convention Pursuant to a Referendum mailed on October 6, 2022 adopted by the Delegates on August 10, 2024.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2023⁵</p>	<p>Title</p> <p>As amended by the Delegates to the 52nd National Convention adopted by the Delegates on August 10, 2024.</p> <p>Effective January 1, 2025</p>	To update the cover page for the current convention information.
33.	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 9</p> <p>“High Court” shall mean the High Court Officers together with the High Court Trustees.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 9</p> <p>“High Court or High Court Members” shall mean the High Court Officers together with the High Court Trustees.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 9</p> <p>“High Court or High Court Members” shall mean the High Court Officers together with the High Court Trustees.</p>	To correct the definition to include the High Chief Ranger and Lead Directors in the definition.
34.	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 13</p> <p>“Insurance Certificates” for purposes of this Constitution and Bylaws means insurance, long-term care, and/or annuity policies.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 13</p> <p>“Insurance Certificates” for purposes of this Constitution and Bylaws means insurance, long-term care, disability product, and/or annuity policies, and/or any other product issued by the Order.</p>	<p>Section 3, Paragraph 13</p> <p>“Insurance Certificates” for purposes of this Constitution and Bylaws means insurance, long-term care, disability product, annuity policies, and/or any other product issued by the Order.</p>	To include disability products and any future different products issued by COF in the definition of Insurance certificates
35.	<p>Section 3, New Paragraph 15</p>	<p>Section 3, New Paragraph 15</p> <p>“Jurisdiction Court” shall mean a subordinate body of the Order</p>	<p>Section 3, New Paragraph 15</p> <p>“Jurisdiction Court” shall mean a subordinate body of the Order</p>	To add a definition of Jurisdiction Courts.

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35.	Section 3, New Paragraph 15	Section 3, New Paragraph 15 <u>consisting of an aggregations of Local Courts within a geographic location designated by the High Court.</u>	Section 3, New Paragraph 15 consisting of an aggregations of Local Courts within a geographic location designated by the High Court.	
36.	Section 3, New Paragraph 21	Section 3, New Paragraph 21 <u>“Special Convention” shall mean a meeting of the Accredited Delegates of the National Quadrennial Convention pursuant to a special call for the conduct of business of an urgent matter as specified in the call.</u>	Section 3, New Paragraph 21 “Special Convention” shall mean a meeting of the Accredited Delegates of the National Quadrennial Convention pursuant to a special call for the conduct of business of an urgent matter as specified in the call.	To add a definition of Special Convention.
37.	Section 4, Paragraph 2 In the Call of the Convention, the High Court will set a per diem and travel expenses to cover the number of the convention’s full or partial days and for travel to and from each jurisdiction. The High Court shall adopt and approve any additional rules for convention expenses and costs as deemed necessary by the High Court.	Section 4, Paragraph 2 In the Call of the Convention, the High Court will set a per diem and travel expenses to cover the number of the convention’s full or partial days and for travel to and from each <u>jurisdiction Accredited Delegate’s residence</u> . The High Court shall adopt and approve any additional rules for convention	Section 4, Paragraph 2 In the Call of the Convention, the High Court will set a per diem and travel expenses to cover the number of the convention’s full or partial days and for travel to and from each Accredited Delegate’s residence. The High Court shall adopt and approve any additional rules for convention expenses and	To establish that travel expense reimbursement will only include costs from the Accredited Delegate’s residence.

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37.	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 2</p>	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 2 expenses and costs as deemed necessary by the High Court.</p>	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 2 costs as deemed necessary by the High Court.</p>	
38.	<p>Section 8, Paragraph 2 If a delegate fails to present credentials, is not approved by the Credentials Committee, or, after having been approved, leaves the convention for any reason, the alternate delegate becomes the Accredited Delegate and the delegate will no longer be considered an Accredited Delegate.</p>	<p>Section 8, Paragraph 2 If a delegate fails to present credentials, is not approved by the Credentials Committee, or, after having been approved, leaves the convention for any reason, the alternate delegate becomes the Accredited Delegate and the delegate will no longer be considered an Accredited Delegate. <u>Such delegate forfeits his/her office, and an Alternate Delegate will assume the office as provided herein.</u></p>	<p>Section 8, Paragraph 2 If a delegate fails to present credentials, is not approved by the Credentials Committee, or, after having been approved, leaves the convention for any reason, the alternate delegate becomes the Accredited Delegate and the delegate will no longer be considered an Accredited Delegate. Such delegate forfeits his/her office, and an Alternate Delegate will assume the office as provided herein.</p>	<p>To clarify that once an Accredited Delegate is replaced by an Alternate, the individual so replaced is no longer an Accredited Delegate.</p>
39.	<p>Section 8, New Paragraph 5</p>	<p>Section 8, New Paragraph 5 <u>An individual elected or selected as an Alternate Delegate may only assume the office of Accredited Delegate if such individual is sworn in at the National Convention.</u></p>	<p>Section 8, New Paragraph 5 An individual elected or selected as an Alternate Delegate may only assume the office of Accredited Delegate if such individual is sworn in at the National Convention.</p>	<p>To clarify when an Alternate Delegate becomes the Accredited Delegate.</p>

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40.	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 22</p> <p>Each candidate for nomination as a High Court Trustee must receive the approval of the Nominating/Election Committee and should possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and fraternal workings of the Order. Each applicant should also be free to travel, as required, on the Order’s business.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 22</p> <p>Each candidate for nomination as a High Court Trustee<u>Member</u> must receive the approval of the Nominating/Election Committee and should possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and fraternal workings of the Order. Each applicant should also be free to travel, as required, on the Order’s business.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 22</p> <p>Each candidate for nomination as a High Court Member must receive the approval of the Nominating/Election Committee and should possess general knowledge of the fraternal benefit system and fraternal workings of the Order. Each applicant should also be free to travel, as required, on the Order’s business.</p>	<p>To include the High Chief Ranger as a member of the High Court.</p>
41.	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 29</p> <p>A majority of votes cast is necessary for election. After the second ballot, each succeeding ballot the candidate receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated from the next and succeeding ballots. Voting shall continue until the earlier of (i) no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast or (ii) maximum number High Court Trustees are elected or if applicable the High Court Officer positions are filled.</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 29</p> <p>A majority of votes cast by <u>by Accredited Delegates</u> is necessary for election. After the second ballot, and for each succeeding ballot the candidate receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated from the next and succeeding ballots. Voting shall continue until the earlier of (i) no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast or (ii) maximum number High Court Trustees are elected or if applicable</p>	<p>Section 13, Paragraph 29</p> <p>A majority of votes cast by Accredited Delegates is necessary for election. After the second ballot and for each succeeding ballot the candidate receiving the least number of votes will be eliminated from the next and succeeding ballots. Voting shall continue until the earlier of (i) no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast or (ii) maximum number High Court Trustees are elected or if applicable</p>	<p>To clarify that only Accredited Delegates can elect High Court Members.</p>

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41.	Section 13, Paragraph 29	Section 13, Paragraph 29 the High Court Officer positions are filled.	Section 13, Paragraph 29 the High Court Officer positions are filled.	
42.	Section 15, Paragraph 1 Prior to the National Convention, the High Chief Ranger will appoint Constitution, Nominating/Election, Credentials, Compensation, State of the Order, Resolutions/Petitions, Fraternal Activities committees and any other committees necessary for orderly transaction of convention business. All committee members and the chairs will become automatic National Convention Accredited Delegates unless a member is an employee of the Order. Every member and chair of the committees must be selected from members in good standing. Each committee will include no less than five (5) and no more than ten (10) members. These committees will meet at a time and place	Section 15, Paragraph 1 Prior to the National Convention, the High Chief Ranger will appoint Constitution, Nominating/Election, Credentials, Compensation, State of the Order, Resolutions/Petitions, Fraternal Activities committees and any other committees necessary for orderly transaction of convention business <u>at any time the High Chief Ranger deems appropriate</u> . All committee members and the chairs will become automatic National Convention Accredited Delegates unless a member is an employee of the Order. Every member and chair of the committees must be selected from members in good standing. Each committee will include no less than five (5) and no more than ten (10) members. These committees will meet at a time and	Section 15, Paragraph 1 Prior to the National Convention, the High Chief Ranger will appoint Constitution, Nominating/Election, Credentials, Compensation, State of the Order, Resolutions/Petitions, Fraternal Activities committees and any other committees necessary for orderly transaction of convention business at any time the High Chief Ranger deems appropriate. All committee members and the chairs will become automatic National Convention Accredited Delegates unless a member is an employee of the Order. Every member and chair of the committees must be selected from members in good standing. Each committee will include no less than five (5) and no more than ten (10) members. These committees will meet at a time and	To clarify that all committee members can be appointed at the discretion of the High Chief Ranger to address matters that are deemed important.

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42.	Section 15, Paragraph 1 designated by the High Chief Ranger.	Section 15, Paragraph 1 place designated by the High Chief Ranger.	Section 15, Paragraph 1 place designated by the High Chief Ranger.	
43.	Section 15, Add Paragraph 2	Section 15, Add Paragraph 2 <u>All committee members serve at the discretion of the High Chief Ranger and may be removed at any time with or without cause.</u>	Section 15, Add Paragraph 2 All committee members serve at the discretion of the High Chief Ranger and may be removed at any time with or without cause.	To clarify that all committee members serve at the discretion of the High Chief Ranger and may be removed at any time.
44.	Section 20, Paragraph 1 The State of the Order Committee will examine High Court officers' reports and recommend to the National Convention any changes in policy or fraternal matters that the Committee considers advisable.	Section 20, Paragraph 1 The State of the Order Committee will examine High Court officers' <u>Chief Ranger's and President's</u> reports and recommend to the National Convention any changes in policy or fraternal matters that the Committee considers advisable.	Section 20, Paragraph 1 The State of the Order Committee will examine High Chief Ranger's and President's reports and recommend to the National Convention any changes in policy or fraternal matters that the Committee considers advisable.	To address the elimination of the Vice High Chief Ranger and High Secretary and substitution of these positions by the office of Lead Directors.
45.	Section 25 With the exception of all benefits provided by members' policies and other contractual obligations, no	Section 25 With the exception of all benefits provided by members' policies and other contractual obligations, no	Section 25 With the exception of all benefits provided by members' policies and other contractual obligations, the	To permit the High Court to set the limits of the spending authority of the

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45.	<p>Section 25</p> <p>expenditure exceeding \$25,000 will be authorized unless approved by a majority of the Executive Committee. Each such expenditure will be subject to review by the High Court at its next meeting.</p>	<p>Section 25</p> <p>expenditure exceeding \$25,000 will be authorized unless approved the <u>High Court will annually adopt a board policy establishing the maximum expenditure without approval</u> by a majority of the Executive Committee. Each such expenditure will be subject to review by the High Court at its next meeting.</p>	<p>Section 25</p> <p>High Court will annually adopt a board policy establishing the maximum expenditure without approval by a majority of the Executive Committee. Each such expenditure will be subject to review by the High Court at its next meeting.</p>	<p>Executive Officers of the Order.</p>
46.	<p>Section 29, Add Paragraph 3, 4, & 5</p>	<p>Section 29, Add Paragraph 3, 4, & 5</p> <p><u>Notice of any regular or special meeting of the High Court shall be given at least ten (10) days before the date of such meeting. Such notice may be given by written notice or electronic notice.</u></p> <p><u>A special meeting of the High Court shall be held whenever called by direction of the High Chief Ranger or the President or at the written request of a majority of the High Court.</u></p>	<p>Section 29, Add Paragraph 3, 4, & 5</p> <p>Notice of any regular or special meeting of the High Court shall be given at least ten (10) days before the date of such meeting. Such notice may be given by written notice or electronic notice.</p> <p>A special meeting of the High Court shall be held whenever called by direction of the High Chief Ranger or the President or at the written request of a majority of the High Court.</p>	<p>To establish the minimum notice requirements for any meeting of the High Court.</p>

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46.	<p>Section 29, Add Paragraph 3, 4, & 5</p>	<p>Section 29, Add Paragraph 3, 4, & 5</p> <p><u>The High Court may take action without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action to be taken and is approved by all of the High Court Members. Any action to be taken by a Committee of the High Court may be approved without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action to be taken is approved by all of the Committee members entitled to vote on the subject matter. Written approval may be made by attaching a “wet” signature or electronic signature to said document.</u></p>	<p>Section 29, Add Paragraph 3, 4, & 5</p> <p>The High Court may take action without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action to be taken and is approved by all of the High Court Members. Any action to be taken by a Committee of the High Court may be approved without a meeting if a consent in writing setting forth the action to be taken is approved by all of the Committee members entitled to vote on the subject matter. Written approval may be made by attaching a “wet” signature or electronic signature to said document.</p>	
47.	<p>Section 30</p> <p>The High Court has full authority to organize, merge, dissolve and disband Jurisdiction Courts, State Holding Courts, and local courts. At the time of institution, the High Court will issue a charter to a court or jurisdiction. This charter will be signed by High Court Officers and Trustees and bear the High Court</p>	<p>Section 30</p> <p>The High Court has full authority to organize, merge, dissolve and disband Jurisdiction Courts, State Holding Courts, and Local eCourts. <u>The High Court has full authority to establish Jurisdiction Courts and establish geographic boundaries.</u> At the time of institution, the High Court will issue a charter to a court</p>	<p>Section 30</p> <p>The High Court has full authority to merge, dissolve and disband Jurisdiction Courts, State Holding Courts, and Local Courts. The High Court has full authority to establish Jurisdiction Courts and establish their geographic boundaries. At the time of institution, the High Court will issue a charter to a court or</p>	<p>To remove a conflict in the Constitution & Bylaws as to who has the authority to organize Courts.</p>

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47.	<p>Section 30</p> <p>seal. A newly organized local court must have a minimum of twenty-five (25) new, adult regular members. In order to maintain its charter, the court must submit bylaws within one (1) year.</p>	<p>Section 30</p> <p>or jurisdiction. This charter will be signed by High Court Officers, and Trustees, President and bear the High Court seal. A newly organized local court must have a minimum of twenty-five (25) new, adult regular members. In order to maintain its charter, the court must submit bylaws within one (1) year.</p>	<p>Section 30</p> <p>jurisdiction. This charter will be signed by High Court Officers, Trustees, President, and bear the High Court seal. In order to maintain its charter, the court must submit bylaws within one (1) year.</p>	
48.	<p>Section 31</p> <p>When a local court's adult membership falls below fifteen (15) adult members, the High Court will notify the Jurisdiction. If membership does not increase within one hundred twenty (120) days following notification, the High Court, at its discretion, may take action to merge the court with another court. If no local court is located in close proximity to the members of the dissolving local court, such members shall be assigned to the State Holding Court</p>	<p>Section 31</p> <p>When a local court's adult membership falls below fifteen (15) adult members, the High Court will notify the Jurisdiction. If membership does not increase within one hundred twenty (120) days following notification, the High Court, at its discretion, may take action to merge the court with another court. If no local court is located in close proximity to the members of the dissolving local court, such members shall be assigned to the State Holding Court</p>	<p>Section 31</p> <p>The High Court shall determine the minimum number of adult members necessary for a Local Court or Jurisdiction Court.</p>	<p>To allow for flexibility in dissolving Local Courts.</p>

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48.	<p>Section 31</p> <p>where the member currently resides.</p> <p>When a Jurisdiction’s adult membership falls below three hundred (300), the High Court will notify the Jurisdiction. If membership does not increase within one hundred twenty (120) days following notification, the High Court, at its discretion, may take action to merge that Jurisdiction with another Jurisdiction and reorganize the new Jurisdiction.</p>	<p>Section 31</p> <p>where the member currently resides.</p> <p>When a Jurisdiction’s adult membership falls below three hundred (300), the High Court will notify the Jurisdiction. If membership does not increase within one hundred twenty (120) days following notification, the High Court, at its discretion, may take action to merge that Jurisdiction with another Jurisdiction and reorganize the new Jurisdiction. <u>The High Court shall determine the minimum number of adult members necessary for a Local Court or Jurisdiction Court.</u></p>	<p>Section 31</p>	
49.	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 3</p> <p>High Court vacancies, occurring for any reason, are to be filled within one hundred twenty (120) days.</p>	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 3</p> <p>High Court vacancies, occurring for any reason, are to be filled within one hundred twenty eight (120180) days.</p>	<p>Section 34, Paragraph 3</p> <p>High Court vacancies, occurring for any reason, are to be filled within one hundred eighty (180) days.</p>	<p>To extend the time for filling a vacancy due to other Constitution & Bylaws requirements.</p>

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50.	<p>Section 36, Paragraph 3</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger will have the deciding vote when the High Court's vote is equally divided.</p>	<p>Section 36, Paragraph 3</p> <p>Delete the entire paragraph.</p>	<p>Section 36, Paragraph 3</p>	<p>The Parliamentary rules followed by the Order provide when the High Chief Ranger is permitted a vote.</p>
51.	<p>Section 44, Paragraph 1</p> <p>The High Court is authorized to levy special assessments to provide for the Order's legal reserves and other liabilities. When in the High Court's opinion a deficiency exists, the High Court will determine and levy each member's equitable proportion of the deficiency. If payment is not made, the member may choose, within 30 days of the levy's notice, that the deficiency 1) stand as an indebtedness against the policy and draw interest not to exceed the rate provided in the policy for policy loans or 2) a proportionate reduction in the Insurance Benefits provided by the policy.</p>	<p>Section 44, Paragraph 1</p> <p>The High Court is authorized to levy special assessments to provide for the Order's legal reserves and other liabilities. When in the High Court's opinion a deficiency exists, the High Court will determine and levy each member's equitable proportion of the deficiency. If payment is not made, the member may choose, within thirty (30) days of the levy's notice, that the deficiency 1) stand as an indebtedness against the policy and draw interest not to exceed the rate provided in the policy for policy loans or 2) a proportionate reduction in the Insurance Benefits provided by the policy.</p>	<p>Section 44, Paragraph 1</p> <p>The High Court is authorized to levy special assessments to provide for the Order's legal reserves and other liabilities. When in the High Court's opinion a deficiency exists, the High Court will determine and levy each member's equitable proportion of the deficiency. If payment is not made, the member may choose, within thirty (30) days of the levy's notice, that the deficiency 1) stand as an indebtedness against the policy and draw interest not to exceed the rate provided in the policy for policy loans or 2) a proportionate reduction in the Insurance Benefits provided by the policy.</p>	<p>To confirm the amount of time a member has to decide how a lien will be handled.</p>

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52.	<p>Section 59, Bullet 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any registered representative or financial advisor, Any licensed insurance agent, or Any broker 	<p>Section 59, Bullet 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any registered representative or financial advisor, Any licensed insurance agent; or, Any broker 	<p>Section 59, Bullet 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any registered representative or financial advisor, Any licensed insurance agent. 	The other definitions already restrict brokers from holding a position.
53.	<p>Section 59, Paragraph 2</p> <p>No full- or part-time employees of the Order may be elected or appointed as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to a Jurisdiction Convention, National Convention or serve on a Jurisdiction or High Court.</p>	<p>Section 59, Paragraph 2</p> <p>No full- or part-time employees of the Order may be elected or appointed as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to a Jurisdiction Convention, National Convention or serve as an Officer of Trustee of an Jurisdiction Court or High Court.</p>	<p>Section 59, Paragraph 2</p> <p>No full- or part-time employees of the Order may be elected or appointed as a Delegate or Alternate Delegate to a Jurisdiction Convention, National Convention or serve as an Officer of Trustee of Jurisdiction Court or High Court.</p>	To clarify that employees of the Order are prohibited from holding positions on the High Court and Jurisdiction Courts.
54.	<p>Section 65, New Bullets 5 & 6</p>	<p>Section 65, New Bullets 5 & 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Each Local Court within the Jurisdiction having an adult membership numbering between eight hundred one (801) and one thousand one hundred fifty (1,150) will elect</u> 	<p>Section 65, New Bullets 5 & 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Local Court within the Jurisdiction having an adult membership numbering between eight hundred one (801) and one thousand one hundred fifty (1,150) will elect 	To increase the number of delegates a Local Court has at the Jurisdiction Court Convention.

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54.	<p>Section 65, New Bullets 5 & 6</p>	<p>Section 65, New Bullets 5 & 6</p> <p><u>five (5) delegates and five (5) alternate delegates.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Each Local Court within the Jurisdiction having an adult membership numbering between one thousand one hundred fifty one (1,151) and one thousand five hundred (1,500) will elect six (6) delegates and six (6) alternate delegates.</u> 	<p>Section 65, New Bullets 5 & 6</p> <p>five (5) delegates and five (5) alternate delegates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Each Local Court within the Jurisdiction having an adult membership numbering between one thousand one hundred fifty one (1,151) and one thousand five hundred (1,500) will elect six (6) delegates and six (6) alternate delegates. 	
55.	<p>Section 65, Bullet 7</p> <p>Each Local Court within the Jurisdiction having an adult membership of eight hundred one (801) or more will elect five (5) delegates and five (5) alternate delegates.</p>	<p>Section 65, Bullet 7</p> <p>Each Local Court within the Jurisdiction having an adult membership of eight hundred one (801) <u>one thousand five hundred one (1,501)</u> or more will elect five (5) <u>seven (7)</u> delegates and five (5) <u>seven (7)</u> alternate delegates.</p>	<p>Section 65, Bullet 7</p> <p>Each Local Court within the Jurisdiction having an adult membership of One thousand five hundred one (1,501) or more will elect seven (7) delegates and seven (7) alternate delegates.</p>	<p>To increase the number of delegates a Local Court has at the Jurisdiction Court Convention.</p>
56.	<p>Section 68, Paragraph 1</p> <p>Delegates and alternates must have been regular adult members in</p>	<p>Section 68, Paragraph 1</p> <p>Delegates and alternates must have been regular adult members in good standing with their court <u>at the</u></p>	<p>Section 68, Paragraph 1</p> <p>Delegates and alternates must have been regular adult members in</p>	<p>To clarify the date as of which an Accredited</p>

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56.	Section 68, Paragraph 1 good standing with their court in the convention year.	Section 68, Paragraph 1 time of the Jurisdiction Convention in the convention year.	Section 68, Paragraph 1 good standing with their court at the time of the Jurisdiction Convention.	Delegate must be a member to served as such
57.	Section 70, Bullet 2 The Spiritual Director is permitted a voice and a vote in the convention.	Section 70, Bullet 2 The Spiritual Director is permitted a voice and a vote in the convention if the Spiritual Director is a member.	Section 70, Bullet 2 The Spiritual Director is permitted a voice and a vote in the convention if the Spiritual Director is a member.	To clarify that Spiritual Directors only have a voice and vote if the person is a member.
58.	Section 72 All current High Court members of the Jurisdiction in good standing are entitled to honorary seats with a voice and vote. All members belonging to the Jurisdiction in good standing are entitled to admission to Jurisdiction convention sessions.	Section 72 All current High Court members of the Jurisdiction in good standing are entitled to honorary seats with a voice and vote. All members belonging to the Jurisdiction in good standing are entitled to admission to Jurisdiction convention sessions but are not entitled to a voice or vote.	Section 72 All current High Court members of the Jurisdiction in good standing are entitled to honorary seats with a voice and vote. All members belonging to the Jurisdiction in good standing are entitled to admission to Jurisdiction convention sessions but are not entitled to a voice or vote.	To clarify that non-Delegate Members attending a Jurisdiction Convention have no voice or vote unless permitted by the Jurisdiction Convention.
59.	Section 83 Within twenty (20) days following delegate elections, each Jurisdiction secretary must forward to the High Court a copy	Section 83 Within twenty (20) days following delegate elections, each Jurisdiction s Secretary must forward to the High Court a copy	Section 83 Within twenty (20) days following delegate elections, each Jurisdiction Secretary must forward to the High Court a list of	To clarify the process for submission of the list of elected Accredited Delegates

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59.	Section 83 of each elected delegate's National Convention credentials.	Section 83 of each elected delegate's list of the elected delegates to the National Convention credentials.	Section 83 the elected delegates to the National Convention.	to the National Convention.
60.	Section 86, Paragraph 1 It is the Jurisdiction Secretary's duty to forward to the High Court and local courts in the Jurisdiction an annual financial statement of Jurisdiction receipts and an itemized account of expenditures.	Section 86, Paragraph 1 It is the Jurisdiction Secretary's duty to forward to the High Court and local courts in the Jurisdiction an annual financial statement of Jurisdiction receipts and an itemized account of expenditures.	Section 86, Paragraph 1 Paragraph is deleted.	To eliminate the section due to the fact that Jurisdictions no longer have any funds.
61.	Section 92 No owner, applicant nor an applicant's designated beneficiary has any rights in or claim against the Order before the applicant makes the prescribed payments.	Section 92 No owner, applicant nor an applicant's designated beneficiary has any rights in or claim against the Order before the applicant makes the prescribed payments. Reserved.	Section 92 Reserved.	This section is unnecessary as legally, no one has any rights until such time as a policy is issued.
62.	Section 95, Paragraph 2 In the event of a local court merger, funds remaining in the	Section 95, Paragraph 2 In the event of a local court merger, funds remaining in the	Section 95, Paragraph 2 In the event of a local court merger, funds remaining in the	To clarify that funds of a merged court belong to

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62.	<p>Section 95, Paragraph 2</p> <p>local court’s treasury revert to the High Court or to the accepting local court. Local court funds abandoned by a local court or local court officers revert to the High Court. This section’s provisions shall also apply to merged or disbanded Jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Section 95, Paragraph 2</p> <p>local court’s treasury revert to the High Court or to the accepting local court. Local court funds abandoned by a local court or local court officers revert to the High Court. This section’s provisions shall also apply to merged or disbanded Jurisdictions.</p>	<p>Section 95, Paragraph 2</p> <p>local court’s treasury revert to the High Court. Local court funds abandoned by a local court or local court officers revert to the High Court.</p>	<p>all of the Order’s membership and provide that the funds will be held in the event of the reconstitution of the dissolved or merged Court.</p>
63.	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 3</p> <p>No benefit will at any time be offered or promised through the Youth Department that exceeds the Insurance Benefits provided under the Table of Mortality on which a policy is issued. All youth benefit forms will be established on adequate rates, based on a mortality table, interest basis, and valuation standard approved by the states where the Order is licensed for business.</p>	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 3</p> <p>No benefit will at any time be offered or promised through the Youth Department that exceeds the Insurance Benefits provided under the Table of Mortality on which a policy is issued. All youth benefit forms will be established on adequate rates, based on a mortality table, interest basis, and valuation standard approved by the states where the Order is licensed for business.</p>	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 3</p> <p>Section is deleted in entirety.</p>	<p>This section is unnecessary because it is a legal requirement.</p>

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64.	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 4</p> <p>The Order grants policies only upon receiving a written application, signed by a person qualified under state statutes to make the application. An Order member in good standing will sign the application verifying that the applicant fulfills requirements for membership.</p>	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 4</p> <p>The Order grants policies only upon receiving a written application, signed by a person qualified under state statutes to make the application. An Order member in good standing will sign the application verifying that the applicant fulfills requirements for membership.</p>	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 4</p> <p>Section is deleted in entirety.</p>	<p>This section is unnecessary because this is a legal requirement.</p>
65.	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 6</p> <p>If a membership application is rejected, all payments previously made are returned to the applicant. No repayment claims will be allowed for any other reason.</p>	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 6</p> <p>If a membership application is rejected, all payments previously made are returned to the applicant. No repayment claims will be allowed for any other reason.</p>	<p>Youth Department Bylaws, Section 6</p> <p>Section is deleted in entirety.</p>	<p>This section is unnecessary because this is a legal requirement.</p>

End of Miscellaneous Amendments section.

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No.	Current text of Constitution & Bylaws	Redlined text with proposed changes	Text if revision approved
66.	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 3</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger may call special sessions of the National Convention and set the time and place. This may be done at the High Chief Ranger’s discretion or following receipt of a written request from either a simple majority of the preceding convention’s duly Accredited Delegates or from two-thirds of the High Court members.</p>	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 3</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger may call special session <u>Special Conventions of the National Convention</u> and set the time and place. This may be done at the High Chief Ranger’s discretion or following receipt of a written request from either a simple majority of the preceding convention’s duly Accredited Delegates or from two-thirds of the High Court mMembers.</p>	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 3</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger may call Special Conventions and set the time and place. This may be done at the High Chief Ranger’s discretion or following receipt of a written request from either a simple majority of the preceding convention’s duly Accredited Delegates or from two-thirds of the High Court Members.</p>
67.	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 5</p> <p>No business other than that specified in the call will be acted on during a special session. Any special session will have the power and authority to authorize the High Court to pay any convention expense not already provided for.</p>	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 5</p> <p>No business other than that specified in the call will be acted on during a special session <u>Special Convention</u>. Any special session <u>Special Convention</u> will have the power and authority to authorize the High Court to pay any convention expense not already provided for.</p>	<p>Section 4, Paragraph 5</p> <p>No business other than that specified in the call will be acted on during a Special Convention. Any Special Convention will have the power and authority to authorize the High Court to pay any convention expense not already provided for.</p>
68.	<p>Section 6</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger will appoint two conductors and two sentinels for each National Convention or special session.</p> <p>Conductors and Sentinels are required to attend all National Convention sessions</p>	<p>Section 6</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger will appoint two conductors and two sentinels for each National Convention or special session <u>Special Convention</u>.</p>	<p>Section 6</p> <p>The High Chief Ranger will appoint two conductors and two sentinels for each National Convention or Special Convention.</p>

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68.	<p>Section 6</p> <p>or special sessions for which they are appointed. They are to perform the duties required by the High Chief Ranger. Their term of office and duties end at the conclusion of the National Convention or special session for which they are appointed.</p> <p>Conductors and sentinels have no voice or vote unless they are accredited National Convention or special session delegates. If not Accredited Delegates, they receive the same per diem and expense and travel allowance as Accredited Delegates.</p>	<p>Section 6</p> <p>Conductors and Sentinels are required to attend all National Convention sessions or special session <u>Special Convention</u> for which they are appointed. They are to perform the duties required by the High Chief Ranger. Their term of office and duties end at the conclusion of the National Convention or special session <u>Special Convention</u> for which they are appointed.</p> <p>Conductors and sentinels have no voice or vote unless they are aAccredited <u>Delegates for the</u> National Convention or special session <u>Special Convention</u> delegates. If not Accredited Delegates, they receive the same per diem and expense and travel allowance as Accredited Delegates.</p>	<p>Section 6</p> <p>Conductors and Sentinels are required to attend all National Convention sessions or Special Conventions for which they are appointed. They are to perform the duties required by the High Chief Ranger. Their term of office and duties end at the conclusion of the National Convention or Special Convention for which they are appointed.</p> <p>Conductors and sentinels have no voice or vote unless they are Accredited Delegates for the National Convention or Special Convention delegates. If not Accredited Delegates, they receive the same per diem and expense and travel allowance as Accredited Delegates.</p>
69.	<p>Section 7</p> <p>At the National Convention or any special session, two-thirds of the Accredited Delegates will constitute a quorum for transaction of all business, but a lesser number may adjourn, from time to time.</p>	<p>Section 7</p> <p>At the National Convention or any special session <u>Special Convention</u>, two-thirds of the Accredited Delegates will constitute a quorum for transaction of all business,</p>	<p>Section 7</p> <p>At the National Convention or any Special Convention, two-thirds of the Accredited Delegates will constitute a quorum for transaction of all business, but a lesser number may adjourn, from time to time.</p>

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69.	<p>Section 7</p>	<p>Section 7 but a lesser number may adjourn, from time to time.</p>	<p>Section 7</p>
70.	<p>Section 11</p> <p>The National Convention or its special sessions constitute the Order’s supreme body, empowered with full legislative, judicial, and governing powers.</p> <p>The National Convention or its special sessions may enact or amend the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and Bylaws for governing itself, the High Court, Jurisdictions, local courts, and State Holding Courts.</p> <p>The National Convention or its special sessions will consider any matter lawfully brought before it.</p> <p>The National Convention or its special sessions have power to authorize the High Court/Board of Directors to pay any expense that the High Court/Board of Directors has not already provided for.</p>	<p>Section 11</p> <p>The National Convention or its special session Special Conventions constitute the Order’s supreme body, empowered with full legislative, judicial, and governing powers.</p> <p>The National Convention or its special sessions Special Conventions may enact or amend the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and Bylaws for governing itself, the High Court, Jurisdictions Courts, tLocal eCourts, and State Holding Courts.</p> <p>The National Convention or its special session Special Conventions will consider any matter lawfully brought before it.</p> <p>The National Convention or its special session Special Conventions have power to authorize the High Court/Board of Directors to pay any expense that the</p>	<p>Section 11</p> <p>The National Convention or its Special Conventions constitute the Order’s supreme body, empowered with full legislative, judicial, and governing powers.</p> <p>The National Convention or its Special Conventions may enact or amend the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and Bylaws for governing itself, the High Court, Jurisdiction Courts, Local Courts, and State Holding Courts.</p> <p>The National Convention or its Special Conventions will consider any matter lawfully brought before it.</p> <p>The National Convention or its Special Conventions have power to authorize the High Court/Board of Directors to pay any expense that the High Court/Board of Directors has not already provided for.</p>

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70.	Section 11	Section 11 High Court/Board of Directors has not already provided for.	Section 11
71.	Section 29, Paragraph 9 When the High Court amends the Order's Constitution and Bylaws under this Section 29, notice of the amendment(s) will be published in Catholic Forester magazine. Amendments, from date of publication, will be binding on every member and on all those deriving legal rights from a member. Amendments will remain in effect until altered, amended, or repealed by the National Convention during a regular or special session.	Section 29, Paragraph 9 When the High Court amends the Order's Constitution and Bylaws under this Section 29, notice of the amendment(s) will be published in Catholic Forester magazine. Amendments, from date of publication, will be binding on every member and on all those deriving legal rights from a member. Amendments will remain in effect until altered, amended, or repealed by the National Convention during a regular or special session <u>Special Convention</u> .	Section 29, Paragraph 9 When the High Court amends the Order's Constitution and Bylaws under this Section 29, notice of the amendment(s) will be published in Catholic Forester magazine. Amendments, from date of publication, will be binding on every member and on all those deriving legal rights from a member. Amendments will remain in effect until altered, amended, or repealed by the National Convention during a regular or Special Convention.
72.	Section 39, First bullet Attend all regular and special sessions of the National Convention and High Court meetings, unless excused.	Youth Department Bylaws, Section 6 Attend all regular National and special sessions <u>Special Conventions</u> of the National Convention and High Court meetings, unless excused.	Youth Department Bylaws, Section 6 Attend all National and Special Conventions of the National Convention and High Court meetings, unless excused.

End of Special Session to Special Convention section.