

stitutions prevail, it behooves the Catholic children of the Irish race to enrol themselves beneath a common standard in the cause of CHURCH, COUNTRY and mutual aid. The Ancient Order of Hibernians responsive to the universal sentiment of the Irish race, has become founded in the wants and necessities of its people. It has placed upon the banner of its Association, as the beneficent source of all its laws, the inspiration of all its noble impulses, and the beacons that light up the paths of duty, the three principles of friendship, unity and true christian charity.

Friendship, by regarding each other as brothers in this grand family of men adoring at the same altar, holding sacred the same holy traditions of Motherhood, and animated by a fervent purpose of mutual assistance and forbearance in the battle of life.

Unity in counselling concert of action on the part of all Irishmen, particularly the A. O. H. in the cause of CHURCH, Country and mutual support, that we be thus enabled to present an unbroken front to the enemies of our CHURCH, our country and ourselves.

True Christian charity, by kindly bearing with each others weaknesses, aiding with our counsel distressed or erring brothers, and by doing to each other and all the world as we would wish to be done by.

In order to contract the evil influences of secret, communistic, socialistic and other irreligious societies of the age, whose tendencies are to social chaos, blasphemous atheism, and the overthrow of constituted authority, the ecclesiastical hierarchy has at all times recommended Catholic societies as auxiliaries to the Catholic religion.

The A. O. H. thus organized under the benign direction of the MOTHER CHURCH invokes her constant protection and guidance in its crusades against irreligion and social disorder, and in its holy mission of fraternal friendship, IRISH CATHOLIC UNITY and true christian charity.

While pledged to the cause of Church and country, and to exercise at all times its influence in the interests of right and justice, the special object of association is to raise a fund of money for maintaining the sick or disabled, for the burial of deceased members of the order, and for the legitimate expenses of the association.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. Name. This society shall be denominated "The Ancient Order of Hibernians of America."

Article 2. In each and every county in the United States where the order exists, proper application shall be made to the ordinary of the diocese to appoint a chaplain for each division, to attend to the spiritual welfare of the order, said chaplain to have admission to all meetings in his county. The chaplain in each county shall see that nothing be done or countenanced by the society which may be contrary to the laws of the CHURCH, the decrees of the council of Baltimore the synodical constitution of the diocese, or the depositions of the ordinary, to whom he may refer in any difficulty or doubt which he may be unable to solve, and his decision shall be final.

Article 4. Sec. 1. The national delegate, national treasurer and the nation directory shall be elected by the national convention, said convention to consist of state delegates, state secretaries, state treasurers, a county delegate from each county together with an additional delegate in each county for every one thousand members in good standing, over and above the first one thousand in each county. The national directory and regiments shall be represented by the colonel, lieutenant colonel and major, and the senior military officers from counties where two or more companies exist.

Sec. 3. The state and county officers, also the five officers of each division, and the commissioned officers

of each military company in the state shall constitute the state board of directors.

The county delegate and the five officers of each division in the county, also the captain and first and second lieutenant of each military company in the county in good standing in the society shall constitute the county board of directors.

Article 7. Each division or military organization of the Hibernian Rifles has the power of making rules and regulations for its own internal welfare, provided always that such rules and regulations are in accordance with the constitution, subject to the approval of the state secretary and county delegate with their names appended thereto.

Article 8. Sec. 4. This order shall consist of an unlimited number of members; and as it increases, the state delegate shall have the power to organize, or cause to be organized, one division in any county where the society does not exist. The county delegate shall have power to organize any additional divisions in his county, by and with the consent of the board of directors of his county.

Article 9. Sec. 1. No person shall become a member of this order who is not IRISH OR OF IRISH DESCENT through either parent AND A PRACTICAL ROMAN CATHOLIC * * * and no person connected with any secret society which is detrimental to the Catholic church shall be admitted.

Article 10. Sec. 15. It shall be compulsory on the members of this order to attend holy communion in a body at least once a year, in the church designated by the division, and any member failing to comply with the requirements of this section shall be suspended until he has received holy communion. Should the church authorities refuse their consent to the members going to communion in a body, this section shall have no binding effect and cannot be enforced.

Article 16. Members of this order shall join and belong to a division in the city or town in which they reside, provided the order exists in said city or town.

Article 17. It shall be compulsory on all divisions to raise a fund for the purpose of sending their state officers to the national convention. It shall be optional with the county board to send their county delegate, and for the military of counties where two or more companies exist to send the senior officer to the national convention. Otherwise, said division shall be fined at the discretion of the state officers.

Article 21. The national convention shall be held once in every two years and shall be convened on the second Tuesday in May at 12 o'clock noon, and no two successive national conventions shall be held in the same state.

Article 25. St. Patrick's day shall be the national holiday of the Ancient Order of Hibernians; and shall be celebrated in such a manner as several state conventions may determine.

Article 26. Sec. 2. The various companies, battalions and regiments of the Hibernian Rifles shall have the right, and they are hereby authorized to devise and adopt such rules or laws as they may deem proper for the enforcement of discipline and the management of their business affairs, provided that such rules or laws shall in no way conflict with the provisions of this constitution; and provided, also, that companies attached to the battalions shall be governed by the battalion rules or laws, and companies and battalions attached to a regiment shall be governed by the regimental rules and laws; and provided further, that should the several companies, battalions or regiments of the Hibernian Rifles of the United States deem it advisable to form a national organization, they are hereby empowered to do so; and such rules or laws as the national organization may

adopt for the government of the Hibernian Rifles, shall be binding upon such companies, battalions or regiments as may adopt the rules or laws devised by the national organization.

The committee on revision of constitution consisted of members from Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Iowa, Connecticut, New York, Maryland, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Indiana, Delaware, Ohio, Kansas, New Hampshire, Minnesota, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Indian Territory, California, Oregon, Maine, Illinois, Missouri, Colorado, Canada and Georgia, and was signed by M. F. Wilhere, P. H. McNelis and Patrick Hynes. The by-laws for California were approved at Vallejo June 13, 1888, the committee consisting of J. J. Meehan, T. H. Carr and Edmund Walsh.

HIBERNIAN RIFLES.

Rules governing the Hibernian Rifles, adopted at national convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, May 15, 1884:

Article 1. To control and encourage the formation and maintenance in the A. O. H. of the United States of America of an unlimited number of independent infantry companies, its membership to be composed of men in good standing in our order, so as to afford to all who may be admitted to its ranks the opportunity of acquiring a thorough knowledge of military drill and discipline according to Upton's tactics.

Article 2. Sec. 1. The military branch of the A. O. H. shall be known and designated "The Hibernian Rifles."

Sec. 2. Members of the A. O. H. in good standing desiring to organize a company of infantry shall sign a roll of application to the senior in command of the military in their county; but if no military exist, forward the roll to headquarters as soon as they have appended thereto the names of applicants to the number of thirty-six, with their residences and divisions, after having been approved of by the senior officer in command of the military in their county and countersigned by the county delegate.

Sec. 3. Each company shall have a letter assigned them in a battalion or regiment, and each battalion or regiment a number, as also each brigade, as may be hereinafter provided for.

Sec. 4. Companies, battalions, regiments and brigades shall be lettered or numbered according to the date of their organization.

Article 3. Sec. 1. The commissioned officers of each company shall be: one captain, one first lieutenant, one second lieutenant and thirteen non-commissioned officers; namely, five sergeants and eight corporals.

Sec. 2. The commissioned officers of each company shall be elected annually, in the month of December of each year between the 8th and 15th of said month. Officers elected shall take command on the first day of the succeeding year. Certificates of election shall be countersigned by the presiding officer and recording secretary of each company, who shall be elected annually.

Article 4. Sec. 1. All voting for elective officers shall be by ballot, and a majority of the vote cast shall be necessary to a choice.

Sec. 2. Members in good standing shall be permitted to vote at such election.

Sec. 3. Commissioned officers shall rank according to seniority.

Article 5. Sec. 1. In counties where two or more military companies exist, they are entitled to a major, four or more companies to a lieutenant-colonel, and six or more companies to a colonel, provided that all the above mentioned companies are armed, equipped and uniformed.

Sec. 2. Each of these commands are entitled to the following staff officers. One adjutant to a major's

command, with the rank of first lieutenant; one quartermaster to a major's command, with rank of second lieutenant; one quartermaster to a lieutenant-colonel's command, with rank of first lieutenant; one quartermaster to a colonel's command, with rank of first lieutenant; one surgeon to a major's command, with rank of first lieutenant; one surgeon to a lieutenant-colonel's command, with rank of captain; one surgeon to a colonel's command, with rank of captain.

Sec. 3. The non-commissioned staff shall include one sergeant-major, one quartermaster-sergeant, one color-sergeant, one commissary-sergeant and one hospital steward.

Sec. 4. The field and commissioned staff, except the adjutant of each command, shall be elected annually by the line officers of each command. The adjutant shall be appointed by the senior officer of the command, said election to take place in December.

Sec. 5. The non-commissioned staff-officers shall be appointed by the senior officer of the command, appointments to continue unless promoted or reduced for incompetency, or court-martialed for any offense.

Article 6. Sec. 1. The entire management of the business affairs of each battalion or regiment shall be vested in a board consisting of the field and commissioned staff and line officers of said command.

Sec. 2. Said board shall hold meetings as often as the different commands deem it necessary. Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. At the first meeting of the board in January, the financial secretary and treasurer shall be chosen from the said board to hold office until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Sec. 4. The senior officer of each command shall have power to call special meetings if necessary for the transaction of business, or at the request of seven of its members.

Sec. 5. The adjutant of each command shall have charge of the records and correspondence of each command, and of the board of officers, and also all matters pertaining to his office.

Sec. 6. The treasurer of each command shall be required to give a bond of good and sufficient security in such sums as the command shall require as a guarantee of safe custody of the funds of the command. He shall receive all moneys accruing to the command, and shall pay all bills when ordered by the command.

Article 7. Sec. 1. Court-martials for all charges shall be held at special meetings called for such purposes, all members to be duly notified; the president and judge advocate to be selected by the company at a regular meeting, unless the company refers such case to the board of officers of which the company is attached.

Article 8. Sec. 1. The military in each state shall designate their own style of uniform, arms and equipments, in accordance with section 1, article 2.

Article 9. Sec. 1. In the month of March of each year, each command shall make a return of their standing to the county delegate, with a full list of ordinance on hand and in use and also a muster-roll of the command, with name and rank and the division to which he belongs.

Sec. 2. Companies, battalions, regiments and brigades may have one constitution, provided nothing therein shall conflict with the preceding articles or sections.

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