

General Laws and Regulations of the Household of Ruth, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, in America and Jurisdiction.

Peace, Happiness, and Prosperity.

The Household of Ruth proposes to enlarge the active interests and cooperation of the families of Odd Fellows in behalf of the Order, to graciously recognize and acknowledge the value of their faithful labor and services by admitting them to membership, and to unite them and their sons, brothers, fathers, and husbands in one great, happy, and prosperous family, cemented, strengthened, and perpetuated by the social, sacred, and marvelous influence of the Household of Ruth, which is entwined with the bonds and blessed with the innumerable blessings of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

LAW I.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SECTION 1. The Household of Ruth shall be composed of financial members of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and their wives, widowed mothers, unmarried daughters, sisters, widows, step and adopted daughters of all Odd Fellows in good standing, and of those who have died in the Brotherhood.

SEC. 2. Any female not related to a male member of the Order, as hereinabove set forth, shall be eligible to membership in the Household of Ruth, whose application is endorsed by five inmates of the Household of Ruth to which an admission is sought. Such indorsement shall be equivalent to adoption. She must pass a physical examination the same as any other applicant.

(S.-C. M. Rep., Vol 1, 80, 138.)

SEC. 3. In organizing a new Household of Ruth all charter members must be as provided for in section 1 of this law.