

ernment, and such constitution, laws, rules and regulations made in accordance with the provisions and objects of this Act, shall be legal and binding until altered, amended or repealed. The Supreme Council, when in regular or special session, shall be the lawmaking body, but the directors, mentioned in the original charter, are hereby authorized to organize this corporation and take subscriptions for certificates of memberships, and when they have secured at least one hundred subscribers they may call a meeting to elect, or by written direction of a majority of said subscribers the directors may appoint such supreme officers as they may deem necessary for the government and management of the corporation, including five directors, to hold office until the time fixed by the constitution and laws of the order for the first meeting of the Supreme Council in regular session, at which time and by which body it may be determined whether the Supreme Council shall meet thereafter in regular annual or biennial session. The directors mentioned in the original charter may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the work of organization imposed on them, and when their successors have been elected or appointed as above provided, their term of office shall cease. The supreme officers and directors selected, as prescribed in this section, and the incorporators under the original charter and such other members or subscribers as may be designated or provided for by the rules and regulations passed by the directors for the organization of the order, shall constitute the supreme body of the order until the first meeting of the Supreme Council in regular session, and as such supreme body in special session called for that purpose, shall adopt a constitution and enact such laws as they may deem necessary and proper for the government of the corporation, as the Supreme Council and all grand or subordinate councils or branches of the same. They may also adopt a ritual, but it shall not be obligatory upon the order to use the same until after the meeting of the first Supreme Council in regular session. The supreme officers and directors, selected as aforesaid, shall manage the affairs of the corporation until their successors are elected by the Supreme Council at its first regular session. The fact of not using the ritual or fully organizing grand or subordinate councils prior to the first meeting of the Supreme Council in regular session shall not be construed by the Insurance Commissioner of this State as being an obstacle to granting license to do business in this State, under the law relating to fraternal and beneficial orders or associations, but the Insurance Commissioner is authorized to grant such li-

The law-making body.

Directors.

To adopt constitution and by-laws.