

national council of the United States of North America, or under regular dispensations from some State, district or Territory, are duly empowered to establish themselves into a State, district, or territorial council, and when so established, to form for themselves constitutions and by-laws for their government, in pursuance of and in consonance with the constitution of the national council of the United States: *provided, however,* That all district or territorial constitutions shall be subject to the approval of the national council of the United States. (June, 1854.)

Rule 2.—All State, district or territorial councils, when established, shall have full power and authority to establish all subordinate councils within their respective limits; and the constitutions and by-laws of all such subordinate councils must be approved by their respective State, district or territorial councils. (June, 1854.)

Rule 3.—All State, district or territorial councils, when established, and until the formation of constitutions, shall work under the constitution of the national council of the United States. (June, 1854.)

Rule 4.—In all cases where, for the convenience of the organization, two State or territorial councils may be established, the two councils together shall be entitled to but seven* delegates in the national council of the United States—the proportional number of delegates to depend on the number of members in the organization; *Provided,* That no State shall be allowed to have more than one State council without the consent of the national council of the United States. (June, 1854.)

Rule 5. In any State, district or Territory where there may be more than one organization working on the same basis—to wit: the “lodges” and “councils”—the same shall be required to combine; the officers of each organization shall resign, and new officers be elected; and thereafter these bodies shall be known as State councils and subordinate councils; and new charters shall be granted to them by the national council. (June, 1854.)

Rule 6. It shall be considered a penal offence for any brother, not an officer of the subordinate council, to make use of the sign or summons adopted for public notification, except by the direction of the President; or for the officers of a council to post the same at any other time than from midnight to one hour before daybreak; and this rule shall be incorporated into the by-laws of the State, district and Territorial councils. (June, 1854.)

Rule 7. The determination of the necessity and mode of issuing the posters for the public notification shall be intrusted to the judgment of the State, district or Territorial councils. (June, 1854.)

Rule 8. The respective State, district and territorial councils shall be required to make statements of the number of members within their respective limits at the next meeting of this national council, and annually thereafter, at the regular annual meeting. (June, 1854.)

Rule 9. The delegates of the national council of the United States of North America shall be entitled to three dollars per day for their attendance upon the national council, and for each day that may be necessary in going to and returning from the same; and five cents per mile for

* See constitution, art. 3, section 4.