

DOCUMENT NO. 22—The Report of the Grand Court Organization Committee was read by P. G. C. R. Albert Springer, Sr., Chairman, as follows:

San Francisco, California  
May 16, 1940

To the Officers and Members of the Fifty-First Annual Session  
of the Grand Court of California, Foresters of America

Brethren:

Your Organization Committee, appointed by Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf, desires to report on its activities from time of its appointment to date. The Committee met regularly and have to say were in full attendance upon all occasions and were many times assisted by the presence and advice of the Grand Chief Ranger and Grand Secretary. An elaborate plan conceived in the mind of the Grand Chief Ranger was presented by this Committee to the Courts in this Jurisdiction giving a particular duty to the Chief Ranger, Sub-Chief Ranger, Lecturer and Team Captains and setting up a system of prizes that should have produced better results than were received. A lack of full cooperation seems to exist among our membership which defeats the purpose of many good plans that have heretofore been presented. If we can instill a greater devotion to our Fraternity and inspire our membership to give of their best there is no doubt but that we would make forward strides.

With the authority of Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf the assignment of visitations of all other Grand Officers was left in the hands of this committee and in so far as it was practical Grand Officers were sent into territories other than their own particular communities. Of course in the distant points this was impossible because of the expense that would be entailed. As it was the expense of visitations was somewhat greater than it would have been had the nearest Grand Officer made these visitations but the results achieved by sending new faces into the territories as laid out has brought a greater activity and results that have been most gratifying. In several districts Courts that were practically ready to go out of existence were brought back to life by rallying to the standard of the Grand Officers sent into their community. This without doubt proves that the members do desire to meet their Grand Officers, particularly those who are not as well known to them as the ones who they have been meeting continuously for a long time previously. Having proved this plan to be the best yet devised we suggest an elaboration of the same and are therefore suggesting several changes in the Grand Court Laws, reducing the number of Trustees and also reducing the voting membership of the Executive Council. It is our hope to see this legislation passed by this Grand Court Convention so that an amendment can be proposed to the Supreme Court Laws making it optional to appoint instead of elect all officers from Grand Junior Woodward down, as well as Grand Trustees, these appointments to be made by the new Grand Chief Ranger each term. The above plan should strongly appeal to the Economy Committee, which was authorized at the last Grand Court Session to try and work out details that would mean a saving in money without sacrificing the benefits of the Order. Our Committee firmly believes that this saving in the expense to council meetings as well as mileage and per diem at future Grand Courts by lessening the number of Trustees should be a factor in considering this change of offices. It is further proposed that instead of the State being divided into fourteen districts that it would be divided into not more than seven districts and the Grand Chief Ranger in his wisdom will appoint men

most qualified and willing to do the organizational work in their territory, being happy in the thought that the greatest amount of their recompense will be their appointment to these respective Grand Officer positions. It is true that it is not intended that these men shall do this organization work at their own expense but neither can they be recompensed to the full extent of their monetary value because the Order has neither funds nor the desire to tax its membership for an amount that would be necessary to adequately meet the demand. It becomes necessary that our brethren realize that only by self-sacrifice on their part can they qualify for these important appointments. An appointment to any of these lower Grand Officerships would not mean necessarily the right of succession so as to become the Grand Chief Ranger. This could only be accomplished by men standing the test of time.

Monthly reports were received from all Grand Officers as to their visitations and the results accomplished, each officer having been assigned approximately three Courts. In the greater majority of the cases these reports were promptly forthcoming and because of them, full knowledge of the condition of the Order as received thereby, either we or the Executive Council were able to save to the Order some of the Courts that would otherwise have gone out of existence. The Committee feels that its thanks are due to the many Grand Officers who cooperated in this manner and while some showed a fuller spirit of cooperation than others it would be unfair and really difficult to particularly commend any individual Grand Officer.

In cooperation with the Initiatory Degree Team Committee, appointed by the Executive Council, prizes were offered for efficiency in the ritual and judges were appointed by this Committee, namely Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph, Past Chief Ranger Fred Miller of No. 4 and Past Chief Ranger Max Taylor of No. 2, who viewed the competing teams on six occasions and awarded the standings in accordance with the report which will be made by the Drill Team Committee. We thank these judges for the fine job they did. The interest aroused by the efforts of the exemplification of the initiatory work produced a number of candidates that most likely would not otherwise have been received and we feel that this effort and expense has been warranted by the results achieved. We hope that this same plan, on a larger scale, will be carried on during the forthcoming year. We desire to take this opportunity to thank the Courts that entered drill teams in this competition as well as thank the individual members thereof.

In the report of the Grand Secretary in the Advance Reports, referring to the Organization Fund, the expenditures of items covering the refund of initiation fees and special deputy prizes were hold-over expenses of the previous year. Likewise an expenditure for items closing this year will run into the coming year's expense and will leave a deficit in the Organization Fund of \$100.00 or less. However, when the receipts and expenditures for this particular year are balanced we will not have spent as much as what our receipts were and feel that the results have been the maximum as against a minimum of expense.

We desire to thank Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf for the confidence reposed in us by appointing us to this most important committee and we trust that our efforts in his behalf warrant the thought that he has made no mistake in granting us this honor.

Fraternally submitted in L. U. B. & C.,

## GRAND COURT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE

Albert Springer, Sr., P. G. C. R.  
 Fred Perry of No. 150  
 Adolph Bertini of No. 83  
 Fred Miller of No. 4  
 A. Van Hulle of No. 17

Motion made by Supreme Senior Woodward M. L. Rapheld and seconded by Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori that same be referred to Committee on State of the Order. Motion carried.

The Grand Chief Ranger at this time called on Past Supreme Chief Ranger Wm. B. Hornblower to address the delegation. Brother Hornblower responded with an address on the place of Fraternities in this Country and their duty to the welfare of the Country as a whole. He also brought out in no uncertain terms, that there is no place in this Country for any "ism" except Americanism.

Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Wm. Armstrong spoke on "Do your part and duty to the Foresters of America and our Flag."

The Grand Circle Committee reported that the Grand Circle would visit us today at 3:15 p. m. Recess was called at 3:10 p. m. and the delegation from the Grand Circle was escorted in by the Committee. An enjoyable visit was had and addresses were made by Deputy Supreme Chief Companion Hattie Grace, Grand Chief Companion Edna Klein, Past Supreme Chief Ranger Cecil P. Rendon and many others. The visit ended with singing by the members of the Grand Circle.

The Grand Court reconvened at 4:05 p. m. Meeting recessed at 4:08 p. m., until Friday, May 17, 1940, at 10:00 a. m.

## SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION

May 17, 1940

The meeting was called to order at 10 a. m., with Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf presiding.

The minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions of May 16 were read and approved as corrected.

The Grand Chief Ranger at this time introduced Assemblyman Ed O'Day, a member of Court California No. 4. Brother O'Day gave an inspiring talk and extended an invitation to the delegates to attend the State Legislature, which was in session. The Grand Chief Ranger thanked Brother O'Day for his kind invitation. Brother O'Day expressed his regret that he could not attend the full session of the Grand Court.

At this time the Grand Chief Ranger asked for the roll call of the officers and delegates.

**DOCUMENT NO. 23—Report of the Committee on Distribution,**  
 as follows:

Sacramento, May 17, 1940

To the Grand Court of California  
 Foresters of America:

Your Committee on Distribution asks that paragraph 5, of Page 1 of the Grand Chief Ranger's Message be referred to the incoming Grand Chief Ranger.

That Articles Numbered 1, 2 and 3, on Page 2 be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and that the balance of the Grand Chief Ranger's Message be referred to the Committee on State of the Order.

We suggest that the report of the Budget Committee of the Advance Reports be referred to the Committee on Finance and Taxation.

(Signed) J. H. GALLEHER  
J. T. CLARKIN  
W. J. ARMSTRONG

Motion made by P. G. C. R. Elmer F. Arnoldy and seconded by Ben Litzenstein of No. 38 that the report of the Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENT NO. 24**—Report of "Fly the Flag" Committee, as follows:

Sacramento, California  
May 16, 1940

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Court of California  
Foresters of America  
Brethren:

Your "Fly the Flag" Committee begs leave to submit the following:

**WHEREAS:** The Foresters of America, one of the oldest Patriotic Fraternal Institutions of the United States having been founded in the same manner, and upon the same principles, as was this Country, and holding that the Patriotism of its members is unsurpassed by that of any like organization, and

**WHEREAS:** There is a movement, sponsored by a group of public spirited citizens of San Francisco, urging all who can possibly do so to display the Flag of our beloved Country in their homes and upon the streets, and place appropriate stickers in their automobiles, and

**WHEREAS:** This Order has always been ready to sponsor any movement that encourages practice of better Americanism, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That this Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, in convention assembled, in the City of Sacramento, endorse the "Fly the Flag" movement to the end that it may spread throughout the length and breadth of our Great Country, with the final result that all "isms" will be wiped out, and that there only remain "AMERICANISM" in all its fullness and glory. And be it further

**RESOLVED:** That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to every Subordinate Court of Foresters of America in the State of California and to the Supreme Court of our Order, and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the "Fly the Flag" Committee in San Francisco, and also to the press of this city.

Respectfully submitted in L. U. B. & C.,

A. VAN HULLE  
C. P. RENDON  
H. JACOBY

Committee

Motion made by P. G. C. R. Judge James G. Quinn and P. G. C. R. Judge Clarence W. Morris that the report of the committee be adopted and be referred to the Publicity Committee. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENT NO. 25**—Report of the Committee on Acts, as follows:

Sacramento, Calif., May 17, 1940

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Court of California  
Foresters of America:

Brethren:

Your Committee on Acts begs leave to submit the following report:

We, your Committee, hereby, after due consideration and examination of the Acts and Decisions of the Grand Chief Ranger and the Executive Council, heretofore referred to us by your honorable body, recommend that their acts be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MAT ARNOLDY  
A. VAN HULLE  
CECIL O. GORDON

Motion made by Aaron Lewis of No. 37 and seconded by I. Orchid of No. 37 that the report of the Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Supreme Senior Woodward M. L. Rapheld, Chairman of the Committee on Laws, reported that the Committee had met and recommended that Documents 4, 5, 6 and 19 be not adopted.

Motion made by Supreme Senior Woodward, M. L. Rapheld and seconded by Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori that the recommendation of the Committee on Laws be adopted. Motion carried.

Motion made by P. G. C. R. Elmer Arnoldy and seconded by P. G. C. R. Judge James G. Quinn that the hour of 12:15 p. m. having arrived we recess until 3:00 p. m. Motion carried.

## SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION

May 17, 1940

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p. m., with Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf presiding.

At this time the Grand Chief Ranger declared that the next order of business was the nomination of officers for the ensuing year.

Nominations for the office of Grand Chief Ranger were declared open.

S. S. W. M. L. Rapheld nominated Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph for Grand Chief Ranger, seconded by P. G. C. R. Judge Clarence W. Morris, M. Lafee of No. 2, S. S. C. R. N. Chas. Brusatori, J. Agien of No. 56. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations for Grand Sub-Chief Ranger were declared open. Dan Sullivan of No. 17 nominated Grand Senior Woodward Arthur Bergfeld for Grand Sub-Chief Ranger, seconded by B. Litzenstein of No. 38, J. Bisbiglia of No. 17, A. Berliner of No. 5, W. Bartlett of No. 61, A. Nunes of No. 17, P. Becker of No. 4, A. Van Hulle of No.

17, F. Simas of No. 17 and Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Leon Joseph. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations were declared open for Grand Treasurer. P. G. C. R. Judge Clarence W. Morris nominated Fred Miller of No. 4 for Grand Treasurer, seconded by G. C. R. Wm. E. Farrenkopf, P. Becker of No. 4, P. G. C. R. Albert Springer, Sr., Leo Deto of No. 4, A. Van Hulle of No. 17 and Grand Secretary F. Zelich. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations for Grand Secretary were declared open. P. G. C. R. J. H. Galleher nominated Grand Secretary Frank Zelich for Grand Secretary, seconded by E. Litzenstein of No. 38, H. Cohn of No. 12, Grand Trustee S. Bernstein, L. Huberman of No. 38, D. Marks of No. 117, Grand Trustee J. Merriam, P. G. C. R. Albert Springer, Sr., S. S. C. R. N. Chas. Brusatori and J. DeMarco of No. 267. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations for Grand Recording Secretary were declared open. P. G. C. R. Chas. Root nominated Chas. E. Hill of No. 12 for Grand Recording Secretary, seconded by H. Cohn of No. 12, P. G. C. R. Mat Arnoldy. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations for Grand Senior Woodward were declared open. P. G. C. R. Albert Springer, Sr., nominated Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg for Grand Senior Woodward, seconded by Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong, Grand Secretary F. Zelich, Wm. Berger of No. 2, A. Berliner of No. 5, I. Orchid of No. 37 and H. Cohn of No. 12. John P. Clarkin of No. 158 nominated Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari for Grand Senior Woodward, seconded by F. Goldwaite of No. 158, H. Bargman of No. 77, Peter Becker of No. 4 and C. Gildi of No. 253. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations for Grand Junior Woodward were declared open. S. S. W. Maurice L. Rapheld nominated Grand Junior Beadle G. Ernest Pia for Grand Junior Woodward, seconded by M. Pia of No. 107. Grand Junior Beadle G. Ernest Pia declined the nomination. Past Grand Chief Ranger Paul Teilh nominated Grand Lecturer Bernard Thevenot for Grand Junior Woodward, seconded by O. Sagel of No. 97 and Paul Cruciani of No. 4.

Nominations for Grand Senior Beadle were declared open. P. S. C. R. Wm. B. Hornblower nominated Grand Trustee S. Bernstein for Grand Senior Beadle, seconded by A. Lewis of No. 37, H. Jacoby of No. 253, I. Orchid of No. 37, J. Bisbiglia of No. 17, A. O. Nunes of No. 17, L. Huberman of No. 38 and Grand Trustee J. Merriman. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations for Grand Junior Beadle were declared open. Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg nominated Grand Trustee Alwyn Briones for Grand Junior Beadle, seconded by J. Agien of No. 56 and D. S. C. R. Wm. J. Armstrong. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations for Grand Lecturer were declared open. Frank Simas of No. 17 nominated A. Van Hulle of No. 17 for Grand Lecturer, seconded by P. G. C. R. Judge James G. Quinn, P. S. C. R. Wm. B. Hornblower, Grand Secretary F. Zelich, D. A. Sullivan of No. 17, H. Jacoby of No. 253, H. Bargmann of No. 77, J. Bisbiglia and A. O. Nunes of No. 17. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

Nominations for Grand Trustees were declared open, seven to be elected.

B. Litzenstein of No. 38 nominated Grand Trustee Jack Merri-man, seconded by F. Simas of No. 17 and L. Huberman of No. 38.

S. S. C. R. N. Chas. Brusatori nominated Geo. Butler of No. 103, seconded by L. Huberman of No. 38.

Grand Trustee S. Bernstein nominated Grand Trustee M. Aiello, seconded by H. Jacoby of No. 253.

Cecil O. Gordon of No. 72 nominated Grand Trustee Wm. Leavitt, seconded by Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari and Grand Secretary F. Zelich.

E. S. Franscioni of No. 153 nominated Elmer Machado of No. 70, seconded by F. Simas of No. 17, O. Oswald of No. 154, A. Nunes of No. 17 and J. Bisbiglia of No. 17.

E. J. Giacomazzi of No. 153 nominated Grand Trustee J. B. Nelson, seconded by Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari and G. O'Connor of No. 154.

P. G. C. R. J. H. Galleher nominated J. DeMarco of No. 267, seconded by D. Sirianni of No. 266, J. Bisbiglia of No. 17 and A. Nunes of No. 17.

There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed.

**DOCUMENT NO. 26—Report of the Economy Committee, as follows:**

In looking into the possibilities of the economies in Grand Court expenditures, the Committee on Economies has adopted the policy that economy recommendations at this time should not be such as to in any appreciable degree impair the prestige or efficiency of the Grand Court. The Committee feels that this was the desire of the last Grand Court and will be the desire of this Grand Court. Pursuant to this policy, and as a result of its investigation, the Committee recommends the adoption of the economies hereinafter mentioned, which would result in a saving of \$600.00 per year, based on the last Grand Court budget. The economies recommended are as follows:

1. Removal to another location of the Grand Secretary's office with a consequent saving of \$300 per year in rent.
2. Limiting to \$100.00 the cost of issuing advance reports and proceedings of Grand Court Sessions, thus saving \$150.00 per year.
3. Limiting to \$250.00 per year expenditures of visiting board, thus effecting a saving of \$150.00 annually.

Your Committee recommends that not more than the above amounts be budgeted or expended during the coming year. The adoption of the above recommendations will enable the Grand Court to operate on a per capita tax of the same amount as last year's tax, or perhaps effect a reduction therein.

(Signed) N. CHAS. BRUSATORI  
W. J. ARMSTRONG  
FRED MILLER  
S. A. BERNSTEIN

Motion made by Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori and seconded by J. P. Clarkin of No. 158 that the report be adopted. Motion carried.

DOCUMENT NO. 27—Report of the Committee on State of the Order, as follows:

To the Officers and Delegates in Grand Court Assembled:

Your Committee on State of the Order respectfully submits the following report:

Your Committee commends the work of the Grand Court's Organization Committee, and suggests to the incoming Executive Council that the program of activity adopted by this committee shows remarkable thought and judgment; and we believe that a continuation of their work along the line suggested in their report will, perhaps, bring a better result in the years to come by reason of the missionary work heretofore carried on.

Your Chief Ranger's report on its entirety is indeed an instructive and illuminating document, and the thoughts expressed therein meet with our entire approval. We agree that too many days cannot be devoted by this Order to the building up of a spirit of loyalty and patriotism, not only with the members of our immediate fraternity, but it may well apply to all those fortunate enough to live in America.

The thought of devoting a day to be known as Constitution Day is worthy of our most serious consideration, and we might well suggest that a day to be known as Constitution Day be observed along with Forestry Day, Memorial Day, Arbor Day, Mother's Day and Flag Day; but rather than set aside a day for that particular purpose, in view of the fact that the fourteenth day of June, otherwise known as Flag Day, is now observed by this Order, and in view of the further fact that Constitution Day and Flag Day are so closely related, we believe that the subject can be well made one for a joint celebration to be held on Flag Day, and we therefore recommend that every subordinate court prepare some program of activity along these lines for the coming Flag Day and every Flag Day thereafter.

We heartily concur with the remarks of the Grand Chief Ranger to bring to the attention of our members the original purposes which brought about the foundation of this great Order; but in view of the fact that our ritual now provides for what is known as Forester's Day, we feel that the thought expressed therein could well be disseminated on that particular day, thus obviating the necessity of a duplication of thought and effort.

In so far as your Grand Chief Ranger's recommendation to the effect that a committee on Americanism and Propaganda is concerned, your committee feels that much good may be accomplished by the appointment of a proper committee to handle this all important subject. But in view of the present existing conditions in Europe, as well as our own internal affairs, we feel that unless this work were turned over to some one individual well trained in the preparation of papers on subjects of this character that the fraternity could very easily become involved in a never ending controversy; and unless the preparation of such information for distribution to the general public was well edited and considered by the Executive Council, or some similar group of members of this fraternity, your committee feels that it would be unwise to adopt a program of this nature at this time.

We concur in your Grand Chief Ranger's recommendation that every means possible be used to create new Courts, if such be possible, but we feel that this may well be delegated to the Organization Committee, to which we have heretofore referred.



Your Grand Chief Ranger is to be particularly commended for the success of his Organization Committee in so far as the institution of Junior Courts is concerned, for after all it is indeed to the boys of today to whom we must look for the men of this Order to take our places in the days to come, and the thought of inculcating the principles of Forestry in the minds of the rising generation is indeed a splendid one.

In reference to Document No. 12, which covers the report of the Committee on Hospitalization and Surgical Reimbursement, we feel that the idea is worthy of every thought and consideration by the subordinate courts of this fraternity, and we recommend that a complete analysis and all available data on the subject be sent to the subordinate courts with the idea in mind of reaching a definite decision as to their attitude on the subject at the earliest possible date.

We desire to commend the Grand Chief Ranger for his indefatigable efforts manifested for and on behalf of our Order, and we feel that under the circumstances the Order in general has profited by his leadership; and that, notwithstanding the depression of today, it has held its place amid ranks of fraternal institutions and will go onward and upward and will continue to glorify its existence and with renewed efforts for and on behalf of all the members, will be a boon to the fraternity at large.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) ELMER L. MACHADO of No. 70  
C. P. RENDON, P. G. C. R.  
CLARENCE W. MORRIS, P. G. C. R.,  
Chairman

Motion made by P. G. C. R. Judge C. W. Morris and seconded by S. S. W. M. L. Rapheld that the report of the committee be adopted. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENTS NOS. 28, 29 and 30**—Telegrams from Yuba and Sutter County Chamber of Commerce, Marysville Merchants Association and Mayor Walter A. Kynoch, extending invitation to hold our 1941 Convention in the City of Marysville. Referred to "Next Place of Meeting."

At this time, Chairman of the Convention Committee Chas. Hill announced the program arranged for this evening.

The files being cleared, meeting recessed until 10:00 a. m. Saturday, May 18, 1940

### THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION

May 18, 1940

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a. m., with Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf presiding.

Report of the Credentials Committee was made and J. Foppiano of No. 4 was seated.

The minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions of May 17 were read and approved as corrected.

**DOCUMENT NO. 31**—Telegram from the Chief Companion of Sequoyah Circle endorsing Geo. Solari for Grand Senior Woodward. Filed.

Motion made by P. G. C. R. Judge C. W. Morris and seconded by P. G. C. R. Paul Teilh that roll call of officers and delegates be

dispensed with at this time and called for at the time of election. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENT NO. 32—Report of the Committee on Resolutions, as follows:**

There has been referred to your Committee on Resolutions that portion of our Grand Chief Ranger's admirable Report wherein he says:

"Our crying need is for the rebirth of the Foresters of America as a militant Patriotic Fraternity," and requesting . . . that this body adopt vigorous resolutions against

1. The doctrine of Racism
2. The philosophy of Nazism and Facism in the United States.
3. Bolshevistic and atheistic communism's infiltration in the United States."

In answer to our Grand Chief Ranger's request, we present to this Grand Court the following resolution:

Be it resolved by this Grand Court of the State of California, Foresters of America:

That while we are closely allied and bound together as brethren in this Fraternity, yet, in a broader sense we are brethren in one of the most liberty loving and greatest national fraternities on the face of this earth—brothers in American Citizenship, for the preservation of which we delegates here assembled, ever true to the principles of our Fraternity: Liberty, Unity, Benevolence and Concord, renew our pledge of devotion and loyalty to the United States of America and we proclaim to all mankind that we are Americans first, Americans second and then again, Americans; and that in this liberty-loving land we want no Nazism, no Facism, no Bolshevism, no Communism, no dictator, no tyrant—nothing but our continued pure, free government, "By the people and for the people."

Respectfully submitted by your Committee on Resolutions,

(Signed) ELMER F. ARNOLDY, P. G. C. R.  
WILLIAM H. DONAHUE, P. G. C. R.  
JAMES G. QUINN, P. G. C. R.

Motion made by P. G. C. R. Mat Arnoldy and seconded by P. G. C. R. J. H. Galleher that the report of the Committee be adopted and copy of the resolution be sent to the press of Sacramento for publication. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENT NO. 33—Report of the Committee on Honored Dead, as follows:**

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Court  
Foresters of America  
Brethren:

Again we are called upon to mourn the loss of distinguished members of our Fraternity, who have been summoned home to that celestial paradise beyond the grave. No more will they be called upon to answer our roll call, and we pause amid the routine of our daily duties to honor their memory and pay them just tribute.

Among our membership, two who lived contributed materially to the progress and advancement of our Order. Each so served the Order that they won its plaudits. The one honored as a Grand Chief Ranger and the other as a Grand Trustee. They merited the distinction and honors conferred, for they truly were living exemplars of the ideals of our fraternity, and so lived their lives as to be a credit to

their community, and honor to our fraternity. Their loss leaves a void and our heartfelt sympathy is extended to their surviving relatives and friends. May their souls rest in eternal peace. They are, and we refer to the revered Walter J. Horber, P. G. C. R., Dr. Geo. F. Pache, P. G. T., and Past Chief Rangers: James F. Stephens of No. 17, John D. Sharkey of No. 17, Joseph M. Levy of No. 37, William Scott of No. 146, T. J. Ferguson of No. 52, Herbert Spoerer of No. 43, Robert Abraham of No. 5, Leon Acremant of No. 56, Robert Logan of No. 70, who died during the past year. They were the pillars of their respective Courts, and honored citizens of their community, and added luster to our Order. God grant that they have won a place in Heaven with the Supreme Chief Ranger of the Universe.

Respectfully submitted in L. U. B. & C.,

(Signed) EUGENE S. FRANSCIONI, P. C. R.

C. P. RENDON, P. G. C. R.

C. A. ROOT, P. G. C. R.

Motion made by Grand Secretary F. Zelich and seconded by F. Miller of No. 4 that the report of the Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

Past Supreme Chief Ranger Cecil P. Rendon delivered the Eulogy.

The Grand Chief Ranger declared that the next order of business was "Next Place of Meeting." Joseph Bilhartz and Wm. Mack of No. 34 extended an invitation to hold the 1941 Convention in the City of Marysville.

Motion made by A. Lewis of No. 37 and seconded by J. Epstein of No. 5 that we accept the invitation and hold the 1941 Convention in the City of Marysville. Motion carried.

Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf declared the next place of meeting would be Marysville in 1941.

**DOCUMENT NO. 34—Report of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, as follows:**

To the Officers and Members of the 51st Annual Grand Court:

Your Committee on Finance and Taxation begs leave to report as follows:

We have examined all bills incurred at this session and recommend that they be paid.

We have examined the accounts of the various Grand Court Officers as printed in the Advance Reports and find them correct as the summary of financial operations they cover, and recommend that they be approved.

Your Committee has carefully examined the budget items as printed in the Advance Reports. Believing it will be the policy of this Grand Court Session to continue the operations of the Grand Court as in the past and taking into consideration the report of the Economy Committee, we have reduced the item of the Visiting Board to \$250.00. A reduction in printing of the present Advance Reports has already been effected, but a completion of the Proceedings will not make the reduction in this year's budget as suggested by the Economy Committee, but further suggestions have been advanced that will make a substantial saving in the following year and thereafter.

Taking into consideration the number of beneficial members on our rolls, plus an approximate 125 Social Members on which per capita tax will now have to be charged, less a possible number on which per capita could not be received on account of possible loss in membership, we recommend a per capita tax of \$1.70 per member (both beneficial and social) per annum. Of this amount \$1.55 is for general expenditures, and 15c is for organization work. We further recommend that the tax be paid as follows:

- .45 for the quarter ending June 30, 1940
- .15 per month for the months of July, August, September, November and December, 1940 and January, 1941.
- .10 per month for the months of February and March, 1941

We also call to your attention the condition of the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund, which shows payments of sick benefits and funeral benefits to be greatly in excess of the receipts from dues and interest. These, of course, are in addition to other normal expenses of this Fund. Some legislation is necessary to bring this Fund up to a higher standard of safety or reserve, otherwise this Fund will soon be depleted.

Fraternally submitted,

(Signed) ALBERT SPRINGER, SR., P. G. C. R., Chairman  
FRED MILLER of No. 4  
DOMINIC SIRIANNI of No. 266

Motion made by Grand Secretary F. Zelich and seconded by I. Orchid of No. 37 that the report of the Committee be adopted. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENT NO. 35**—Amendment to the Grand Court Laws and Constitution, presented by the Committee on Laws, as follows:  
Foresters of America  
Officers and Members of the Grand Court:

Your Laws Committee wishes to present the following amendment to our by-laws:

Article 14, Section 2, Line 18, strike out the following words: "Except Social members."

(Signed) HAROLD JACOBY of No. 253  
N. CHAS. BRUSATORI, S. S. C. R.  
M. L. RAPHELD, P. G. C. R.

Committee on Laws.

Motion made by Grand Secretary F. Zelich and seconded by S. S. C. R. N. Chas. Brusatori that the amendment be adopted. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENT NO. 36**—From Doris Danz, secretary of Sequoia Circle No. 1568, endorsing candidacy of Geo. Solari for Grand Senior Woodward. Filed.

**DOCUMENT NO. 37**—Report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, as follows:  
To the Officers and Delegates of the Grand Court of California  
Foresters of America:

We, your Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, beg leave to report that the following Grand Officers and delegates be allowed the following amounts:

C. P. Rendon.....	\$ 16.10	L. Huberman .....	\$ 1.95
Chas. A. Root.....	15.00	B. Thomsen .....	2.05
Wm. H. Donahue.....	16.95	A. Antognani .....	3.45
James G. Quinn.....	16.95	Gus Casner .....	2.05
Mat Arnoldy .....	16.20	Jake Agien .....	1.10
Maurice L. Rapheld.....	17.05	Geo. Wanderer .....	2.35
Albert Springer, Sr.....	17.05	E. J. Bergin .....	3.20
Clarence W. Morris.....	12.05	Elmer L. Machado.....	3.90
Elmer F. Arnoldy.....	16.20	Cecil O. Gordon.....	3.90
N. Chas. Brusatori.....	17.40	J. H. Bargmann.....	1.95
Paul Teilh .....	12.05	Wm. A. Silver.....	1.95
J. H. Galleher.....	17.05	Oscar Sagel .....	10.20
Wm. B. Hornblower.....	12.05	Geo. Butler .....	2.00
Wm. J. Armstrong.....	16.95	Mike Pia .....	10.65
Wm. E. Farrenkopf.....	17.05	Albert Henning .....	8.25
Leon Joseph .....	17.05	Harry Sax .....	1.35
Geo. Solari .....	17.35	James Opie .....	4.60
Arthur Bergfeld .....	16.95	F. M. Seely.....	17.35
Irving Gamberg .....	17.05	B. Bertelsen .....	2.35
G. Ernest Pia.....	25.65	Fred Stack .....	9.60
Bernard Thevenot .....	25.20	Peter Gottfriedsen .....	4.45
Jack Merriman .....	16.95	A. R. Oswald.....	4.90
H. S. Weaver, Jr.....	17.05	John P. Clarkin.....	2.35
J. B. Nelson.....	18.20	Cesare Soriani .....	1.10
Alwyn Briones .....	16.10	Joe Dambrosio .....	2.90
S. Bernstein .....	17.05	Vincent A. Matulich.....	3.35
M. Aiello .....	16.80	Sam Colosimo .....	1.80
W. F. Leavitt.....	18.90	Olindo Martinelli .....	8.65
Marcus Lafee .....	2.05	Dominic Sirianni .....	5.25
Fred Miller .....	2.05	James De Marco.....	11.15
Joseph Epstein .....	2.05		
Chas. Johnson .....	.67		\$642.72
A. Van Hulle.....	1.95	F. Zelich, telegrams and	
Arthur Lewis .....	2.05	expressage, mileage and	
J. Klingmann .....	1.95	Hotel .....	25.00
Ernest P. Deville.....	10.20		
Joseph Bilhartz .....	1.20	Total Expenditures .....	\$667.72
I. Orchid .....	2.05	Mileage .....	\$405.00
		Per Diem .....	237.72
		Total .....	\$642.72

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MAX TAYLOR

DAVID BOTHWELL

OLINDO MARTINELLI

Motion made by S. S. C. R. N. Chas. Brusatori and seconded by J. Foppiano of No. 4 that the report of the Committee be adopted, and warrants drawn as recommended. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENTS NOS. 38, 39 and 40**—Letters from Court Sherwood No. 60, Thos. J. Kane, County Controller San Mateo County and the Redwood City Tribune, endorsing candidacy of Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari for Grand Senior Woodward. Filed.

The files being clear the Grand Chief Ranger announced that the next order of business would be the election of officers.

Motion made by A. Lewis of No. 37 and seconded by J. Babrow of No. 37 that all nominees having no oppositions be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

The Grand Chief Ranger appointed Brother Bilhartz of No. 34 as Judge and Brothers Max Taylor of No. 2 and J. H. Clarkin of 158 as Tellers.

On roll call, votes were cast for Grand Senior Woodward as follows: Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg 72; Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari 41. The Grand Chief Ranger declared Irving Gamberg elected Grand Senior Woodward and discharged the Judge and Tellers with thanks.

The Grand Chief Ranger declared the following officers elected for the ensuing term: Grand Chief Ranger Leon Joseph of No. 53, Grand Sub-Chief Ranger Arthur Bergfeld of No. 17, Grand Treasurer Fred Miller of No. 4, Grand Secretary Frank L. Zelich of No. 38, Grand Recording Secretary Chas. Hill of No. 12, Grand Senior Woodward Irving Gamberg of No. 2, Grand Junior Woodward B. Thevenot of No. 97, Grand Senior Beadle Sydney Bernstein of No. 37, Grand Junior Beadle Alwyn Briones of No. 56, Grand Lecturer A. Van Hulle of No. 17, Grand Trustees Jack Merriman of No. 38, J. B. Nelson of No. 61, Elmer Machado of No. 70, Wm. Leavitt of No. 72, Geo. Butler of No. 103, Mike Aiello of No. 253 and J. De Marco of No. 267.

Grand Recording Secretary Geo. Solari announced that it was his deepest regret to leave us as a Grand Officer and that his cooperation as Financial Secretary of Court Madrone No. 158 would continue as in the past.

Grand Senior Beadle Irving Gamberg addressed the delegation and thanked those who supported him for the office of Grand Senior Woodward and those who opposed him for their fairness. He extended his hand to Brother Solari in friendship, which was accepted amidst a demonstration of hand clapping of good sportsmanship.

Motion made by Grand Secretary F. Zelich and seconded by P. S. C. R. Cecil Rendon that the incoming Executive Council be the corporate officers for the ensuing year. Motion carried.

**DOCUMENT NO. 41**—Telegram from Point Lobos Circle No. 899 extending congratulations to Leon Joseph upon his election as Grand Chief Ranger. Filed.

The Grand Chief Ranger reported that in the contest for the "Klinger" Trophy there are two Courts that initiated the same number of candidates since June 1, 1939—Court Sausalito No. 150 and Court Soledad No. 153, each initiated 22 candidates. Court Sausalito No. 150 initiated its first candidates in July and Court Soledad No. 153 initiated its first candidates in September. Motion was made by S. S. C. R. N. Chas. Brusatori and seconded by J. Babrow of No. 37 that Court Sausalito be awarded the cup for being the first to initiate candidates. Motion carried.

The Grand Chief Ranger appointed S. S. C. R. N. Chas. Brusatori to present the cup at a meeting of Court Sausalito No. 150.

Court Soledad No. 153 was awarded the "N. Chas. Brusatori" Trophy for showing the largest net gain from June 1, 1939 to May 1, 1940.

The "Wm. O'Shaughnessy" Trophy was awarded to Court Concordia No. 119 for being the first of four courts having the same number of reinstatements, namely, Court Concordia No. 119, Court Golden Gate No. 5, Court Pride of Marysville No. 34 and Court Stockton No. 56.

P. G. C. R. Albert Springer, Sr., Chairman of the Grand Court Organization Committee, on behalf of the Committee, awarded the following cash prizes for the Competition Drill.

First Prize—Court Madrone No. 158—\$50.00 presented to Captain F. Goldwaite.

Second Prize—Court Livermore No. 77—\$25.00, presented to D. Bothwell.

Third Prize—Court Shell Mound No. 17—\$10.00, presented to F. Simas.

**DOCUMENT NO. 42**—Resolution as follows:

May 18, 1940

Senator Hotel  
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

RESOLVED, that the thanks of the Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, in Fifty-first Annual Session, be extended the Senator Hotel for its splendid accommodations, service and courtesies extended by its management and employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be spread on our minutes and a copy forwarded to the Senator Hotel.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

Elmer F. Arnoldy, P. G. C. R.  
James G. Quinn, P. G. C. R.  
Wm. H. Donahue, P. G. C. R.

**DOCUMENT NO. 43**—Resolution as follows:

May 18, 1940

"Sacramento Bee" and "Sacramento Union"  
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

RESOLVED, that the thanks of the Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, Grand Officers and Delegates of the Fifty-first Annual Session, hereby be extended to the press of the City of Sacramento for the splendid reports of our deliberations and for the favorable comments given our beloved Fraternity, through its valuable columns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be spread on our minutes and a copy be forwarded to the press of Sacramento.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS**

Elmer F. Arnoldy, P. G. C. R.  
James G. Quinn, P. G. C. R.  
Wm. H. Donahue, P. G. C. R.

**DOCUMENT NO. 44**—Resolution as follows:

May 18, 1940

Sacramento Chamber of Commerce  
Convention Bureau  
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

The Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, presents to you the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the thanks of the Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, in its Fifty-first Annual Session, be extended the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Roy Clair, Manager, and the merchants of Sacramento, for the splendid reception and entertainment tendered the Grand Court, its officers and delegates, during our stay in the City of Sacramento.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Roy Clair, Manager, and the merchants of Sacramento, and that it be spread on our minutes.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Elmer F. Arnoldy, P. G. C. R.  
James G. Quinn, P. G. C. R.  
Wm. H. Donahue, P. G. C. R.

DOCUMENT NO. 45—Resolution as follows:

May 19, 1940

Court Concordia Circle No. 514, Camellia City Circle No. 1002,  
Court Sacramento No. 12 and Court Concordia No. 119  
Companions and Brothers:

RESOLVED, that the thanks of the Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, in Fifty-first Annual Session, be extended the Circles and Courts, the Committee on Arrangements, the Chamber of Commerce and the citizens of the City of Sacramento for the splendid reception and entertainment tendered this Grand Court, its officers and delegates during our stay in your beautiful and hospitable city.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be presented to the Courts and Circles of Sacramento and that same be spread on the minutes of the Grand Court.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Elmer F. Arnoldy, P. G. C. R.  
James G. Quinn, P. G. C. R.  
Wm. H. Donahue, P. G. C. R.

The Grand Secretary, F. Zelich, announced that the sum of seven dollars and seventy cents (\$7.70) was deposited in the box for the Grand Court Sick and Funeral Fund.

The files being cleared, motion was made by Grand Secretary F. Zelich and seconded by P. G. C. F. Albert Springer, Sr., that a recess be taken until 8:00 p. m., at which time Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong installed the officers of the Grand Court at a joint, public installation with the Grand Circle, and Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori acted as Herald.

Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger N. Chas. Brusatori presented to Deputy Supreme Chief Ranger Wm. J. Armstrong his Past Grand Chief Ranger's jewel and certificate and to Junior Past Grand Chief Ranger Wm. E. Farrenkopf his Past Grand Chief Ranger's certificate.

Fraternally submitted in L. U. B. & C.,

GEORGE SOLARI,

Grand Recording Secretary.

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GRAND COURT OF CALIFORNIA, F. OF A.

Office of Grand Secretary

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the officers and committees and the proceedings of the Fifty-first



Annual Session of the Grand Court of California, Foresters of America, this first day of June, 1940.



*Frank Z. Gillet*

Grand Secretary.

Attest:

*Leon Joseph*

Grand Chief Ranger.

**DEPUTY SUPREME CHIEF RANGER**

Wm. J. Armstrong, P. G. C. R.....Court Livermore No. 77  
Altamont, California

**GRAND OFFICERS—1940-1941**

**Grand Chief Ranger**

Leon Joseph of No. 53..... 3045 Jackson St., San Francisco

**Grand Sub-Chief Ranger**

Arthur Bergfeld of No. 17.....2437 Edwards St., Berkeley

**Grand Treasurer**

Fred Miller of No. 4.....84 Landers St., San Francisco

**Grand Secretary**

Frank L. Zelich of No. 38.....212 Marshall Sq. Bldg., San Francisco

**Grand Recording Secretary**

Chas. E. Hill of No. 12.....3209 W St., Sacramento

**Grand Senior Woodward**

Irving Gamberg of No. 2.....729 Lakeview Ave., San Francisco

**Grand Junior Woodward**

B. Thevenot of No. 97.....1238 So. Catalina St., Los Angeles

**Grand Senior Beadle**

Sydney Bernstein of No. 37.....839-41st Ave., San Francisco

**Grand Junior Beadle**

Alwyn Briones of No. 56.....135 E. Alder St., Stockton

**Grand Lecturer**

A. Van Hulle of No. 17.....2844 Union St., Oakland

**Grand Trustees**

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M. Aiello of No. 253.....262 W. 4th St., Pittsburg

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J. B. Nelson of No. 61.....Court House Annex, Santa Cruz

Geo. Butler of No. 103.....Middletown

Elmer Machado of No. 70.....408½ Capitol St., Salinas

James De Marco of No. 267.....Weed

**SUPREME COURT OFFICERS**

C. P. RENDON, Past Supreme Chief Ranger  
WILLIAM B. HORNBLOWER, Past Supreme Chief Ranger  
HENRY GOLDMAN, Past Supreme Chief Ranger  
N. CHAS. BRUSATORI, Supreme Sub-Chief Ranger  
M. L. RAPHELD, Supreme Senior Woodward  
JUDGE JAMES G. QUINN, Supreme Court Forum

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**GRAND COURT STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Auditing Committee**

Gus Casner.....Court Palo Alto No. 53  
B. Litzenstein.....Court United States No. 38  
Max Taylor.....Court Magnolia No. 2

**Transportation Committee**

I. Orchid.....Court Washington No. 37  
Ben Thomsen.....Court Bonita No. 43  
Leo L. Detoy.....Court California No. 4

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**GRAND COURT ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

Leon Joseph, G. C. R.....Ex-Officio  
Albert Springer, Sr., P. G. C. R.....San Francisco  
Wm. E. Farrenkopf, Jr. P. G. C. R.....San Francisco  
Fred Perry of No. 150.....Sausalito  
Adolph Bertini of No. 83.....Colma  
John P. Clarkin of No. 158.....Redwood City