

## Brotherhood.

## BROTHERHOOD ORDINANCE 1915.

1915, No. 1.

## Preamble.

Whereas it is desirable to confirm the action of the Bishop-in-Council in founding a Brotherhood within the Diocese of Grafton, and also to make provision for the efficient administration of the same: Be it therefore enacted by the Synod of Grafton as follows:—

## Title.

1. That the Brotherhood be named "The Brotherhood of our Saviour" hereinafter in this Ordinance called "The Brotherhood."

## Boundaries.

2. That the Region to be served by the said Brotherhood shall be that which is now embraced within the boundaries of the Parochial Districts of Kyogle, Drake, Liston and Urbenville as defined by instruments laid up in the Diocesan Registry.

## Additions to Area.

3. That no outlying parts of adjacent Parishes or Parochial Districts shall be incorporated into the area of the Brotherhood's operations except by the express resolution of the Vicar or Clerk-in-Charge and Parochial Council of the Parish or Parochial District concerned and the assent of the Bishop-in-Council.

## Status of Districts not to be Affected.

4. That the Status of the above-named Parochial Districts shall not in any way be affected by the formation of the Brotherhood, that is to say:—

- (a) Each Parochial District shall be represented in Synod according to the provisions of the Electoral Ordinance for the time being in force in the Diocese.
- (b) Each Parochial Council shall perform the functions required of it by the Grafton Church Ordinance for the time being in force in the Diocese.
- (c) Each Parochial District shall be entitled to be raised to the Status of a Parish when the requirements of the Parishes Definition Ordinances for the time being in force in the Diocese shall have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Bishop-in-Council,

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## Administration.

5. That the Brotherhood shall be administered by a Warden, whose appointment shall be vested in the Bishop.

## Brotherhood Council.

6. That triennially there shall be appointed at the Diocesan Synod a Brotherhood Council which shall consist of the Warden (ex-officio), who in the absence of the Bishop shall preside at its meetings, the Archdeacon of the Richmond and Tweed, ex officio, and of three clerical and three lay members, of whom one clerical and one lay member shall be nominated by the Bishop and the remainder elected by Synod. The lay members of such Council need not necessarily be members of Synod. Any vacancy of elective members shall be filled by the Diocesan Council until the next meeting of Synod.

## Meetings and Quorum.

7. That the Brotherhood Council shall meet at such time and place as the Bishop may deem expedient, and five members shall form a quorum, of whom two shall be laymen.

## Duties of Council.

8. It shall be the duty of the Brotherhood Council to act as a board of advisors to the Bishop and Warden on all such matters as they or either of them may refer to them. And it shall also be their duty and they are hereby authorised and empowered to do all or any of the following things:—

- (a) To manage and administer all the Brotherhood funds and to fix salaries and allowances and make all payments connected with the conduct of the Brotherhood.
- (b) To assess the respective Parochial Districts or any other area which may hereafter be included in the Brotherhood area in respect of payments to be made by them towards the financial requirements of the Brotherhood.
- (c) Subject to the approval and assent of the Bishop to draw up such rules and regulations as may be thought necessary or proper for the carrying on of the work of the Brotherhood.
- (d) To present a report of the work of the Brotherhood annually to the Synod of the Diocese.
- (e) And generally to take such action as may by them be deemed necessary in such matters as may be from time to time referred or delegated to them by Synod.

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## Officers and Executive.

9. The Brotherhood Council shall appoint its own Secretary and Treasurer and may appoint an Executive or Finance Committee to consist of the Warden and two laymen who must be members of some Parochial Council or Councils within the Brotherhood area to which Committee may be delegated such of the powers and duties of the Council as are expressed in Section 8 hereof as the Council may think fit and such matters delegated except as hereinafter mentioned may be either with or without an obligation to report to the Council but the powers so delegated shall be strictly defined and shall be revocable by the Council at pleasure. Such Committee shall submit a financial report and statement at each meeting of the Brotherhood Council.

## Members to be Licensed.

10. That all members of the Brotherhood, whether clerical or lay, must hold the Bishop's License, and that temporary workers must receive the Bishop's authority to officiate.

## To Subscribe to Rules.

11. That before being admitted to his office by the Warden, each Brother shall subscribe to the Rules and Regulations of the Brotherhood.

## Sphere and Duties.

12. That the sphere and duties of each Brother shall be assigned to him by the Warden.

## Amendment of Rules.

13. That any subsequent amendment of the Rules and Regulations can only be effected by resolution of a majority of the Brotherhood Council, and with the Bishop's final consent.

## Short Title.

14. That this Ordinance may be cited as "The Brotherhood Ordinance 1915."

I assent to this Ordinance,

CECIL H. GRAFTON.

6th September, 1915.