

BUSH BROTHERHOOD ORDINANCE 1923.
PREAMBLE.

That whereas it is desirable that the work of the Church in the thinly populated portions of the Diocese should be more effectively carried out, and whereas, for this purpose it is necessary to unify and coordinate the efforts made to bring the ministrations of the Church to those who live in the bush districts of the Diocese and Whereas it is expedient that this work should be carried out by a band of Clergy and Laymen who are free to devote their whole energy to the spiritual care of the dwellers in remote parts and Whereas this has been best met by what is known as the Brotherhood system, be it therefore enacted by the Synod of Grafton.

REPEAL.

1. That the Brotherhood Ordinance of 1915 and all amending ordinances be repealed.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BROTHERHOOD.

2. That a Brotherhood known as the Brotherhood of Our Saviour for the bush work of the Diocese of Grafton be hereby constituted.
3. That the region to be served by the said Brotherhood be the present areas of the Brotherhood of Our Saviour, and the Nymboida Bush Mission, and such other areas as may be decided upon by the Bishop-in-Council after consultation with all those concerned.

ADMINISTRATION.

4. That the Brotherhood be administered by a Warden who shall be appointed by the Bishop.

A **The Sub-Warden (if any) BROTHERHOOD COUNCIL.**

5. That there shall be a Brotherhood Council, consisting of the Warden ~~and seven members~~ and seven members (three clerical and four lay) to be elected triennially by the Bishop in Council.

MEETINGS.

6. That the Brotherhood Council shall meet at least four times a year at such time and place as the Warden may deem expedient, and five members shall form a quorum.

DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL.

7. It shall be the duty of the Brotherhood Council to act

as a board of advisors to the Bishop-in-Council in all matters appertaining to the area worked through 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 districts or any other portion 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-in-Council to draw up such rules and regulations as may be thought necessary or proper for the carrying on of the Brotherhood.
- (d) To submit a report and a financial statement, to each meeting of the Bishop-in-Council and to present a report and duly audited financial balance sheet annually to the Synod of the Diocese.

SHORT TITLE.

8. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Bush Brotherhood Ordinance 1923."

I ASSENT to this Ordinance,

JOHN WILLIAM GRAFTON.

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