

# Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes.



Nemo Mortalium

Omnibus Horis Sapit

## AMALGAMATION COMMITTEE.

Hon. Sec.—Bro. Wilfrid L. S. HACK, R.O.H.,

47, Hythe Road,

Swindon, Wilts.

Dear Sir and Brother,

As you are doubtless aware a great effort is being made to achieve unity in Buffaloism, which calls for the immediate interest and attention of every Brother of the Order.

Enclosed you will find Reports of the long, arduous and painstaking deliberations of your Delegates at Round Table Conference upon the subject of AMALGAMATION, and also a draft of suggested Rules (subject to final approval) under which it is proposed to work: should Amalgamation become an accomplished fact. It is suggested that you give a Lodge night to the consideration and discussion of this important subject at the earliest possible moment, and report to your Grand Lodge.

It may be well to direct your notice to one or two important points, viz: It is proposed to divide the whole country in Provinces or Districts, which will be governed by Grand Lodges, composed of two Delegates from each Minor Lodge. Grand Lodges will each send one Delegate to Grand Council, with voting power, according to the strength of the Province or District.

Efforts will be made to make full use of the machinery of existing Provinces of the Banners concerned in the Amalgamation Scheme, with as little interference or alteration as possible, and a number of new Provinces will be created to meet the necessities of lodges in districts where no District or Provincial Grand Lodges at present exist. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROPER WORKING OF THE NEW BODY, THAT ALL MINOR LODGES MUST BE ATTACHED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES TO SOME PROVINCE, AND SCATTERED LODGES IN ISOLATED LOCALITIES (WHERE GROUPING IS IMPOSSIBLE) WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE NEAREST EXISTING PROVINCE, OF WHICH FULL AND FAIR NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN.

NO MINOR LODGE WILL HAVE DIRECT REPRESENTATION ON THE GRAND COUNCIL, which will only meet once per Quarter.

MATTERS CONCERNING THE WELFARE OF THE ORDER INCLUDING CHANGES IN PROCEDURE AND RULES WILL BE DISCUSSED AT TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE (which is held in each Province in rotation), and it may be stated for the information of all lodges not working under the present Grand Surrey Council, that the next Triennial Conference is due in August 1925.

The Federation Orphanage, the Convalescent Home of the Grand Surrey Council besides W. & O. and Benevolent Funds, will all ultimately be centralized for the common weal.

Issued under the authority of the Conference on Amalgamation.

Signed,

WILFRID L. S. HACK,

(Conference Secretary).

May 1st, 1924.