1997 LAWS OF MARYLAND

- (1) has a supreme legislative or governing body and subordinate lodges or branches, by whatever name known;
- (2) by its laws, requires the subordinate lodges or branches to hold regular meetings at least once each month IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSES OF THE SOCIETY; and
- (3) elects, initiates, or admits members in accordance with its [constitution,] laws, rituals, and rules.
 - (c) A society is deemed to have a representative form of government if:
- (1) (I) the society provides in its [constitution or] laws for a supreme legislative or governing body composed of:
- [(i)] 1. representatives elected by the members of the society or by delegates elected directly or indirectly by the members; and
- [(ii)] 2. any other individuals required by the [constitution and] laws of the society;
 - (II) ELECTION OF DELEGATES MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MAIL;
 - [(2)](III) the elected representatives of the society:
 - [(i)] 1. are a majority of the supreme legislative or governing body;
 - [(ii)] 2. have at least two-thirds of the votes; and
- [(iii)] 3. have at least the number of votes required to amend the [constitution and] laws of the society;
 - [(3)](IV) at least once every 4 years:
- [(i)] 1. the supreme legislative or governing body of the society meets; and
- [(ii)]2. officers, representatives, or delegates of the society are elected:
- [(4)](V) each insured member is eligible for election to act or serve as a delegate to the meeting;
 - [(5)](VI) the society has a board of directors that:
- [(i)] 1. is responsible for the management of the affairs of the society between meetings of the supreme legislative or governing body;
- [(ii)]2. is subject to control by the supreme legislative or governing body;
- [(iii)] 3. except when a vacancy is filled between meetings of the supreme legislative or governing body, is elected by the supreme legislative or governing body; and