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To Hon. Frank W. Ball, Secretary of State  
Re: Fraternal Orders

In reply to your question as to the right of secret fraternal orders to register in this State, I find no provision of the foreign corporation law requiring strictly fraternal orders, which have no beneficial feature, to register in this State.

If the proposed order has any of the elements of a fraternal beneficiary association, it must comply with the corporation and insurance laws.

Ransford W. Shaw  
Attorney General