

APPENDIX 2

The Chief Rules of the Society

[Source: M. Hrushevsky, ed., "Materialy do istorii Kyrylo-Metodiivskoho bratstva," *Zbirnyk pamiaty Tarasa Shevchenka* (Kiev, 1915)]

1. We have formed this society with the aim of spreading the ideas expressed [in The Books of the Genesis of the Ukrainian People] primarily through the education of young people, through literature and through an increase in the number of the society's members. The society names as its patrons the holy teachers Cyril and Methodius and accepts as its crest a ring or icon with either the names or a portrayal of these saints.

2. Each member of the society takes an oath on joining, pledging to use his talent, work, status and his social contacts for the benefit of the society and if any member should suffer persecution and even torture by accepting the society's ideas, he will not betray any other members, his brethren.

3. In a case where a member should fall into the hands of the enemy and leave his family in need, the society will help them.

4. Each registered member of the society may induct a new member without mentioning the names of other members to him.

5. Slavs of all tribes and professions may be inducted as members.

6. Complete equality should prevail among all members.

7. Since, at the present time, the Slavic tribes profess various religions and hold prejudices against one another, the society will attempt to destroy all tribal and religious hostility among them and encourage a possible reconciliation between the different Christian churches.

8. The society will attempt in due time to eradicate serfdom and to promote the general spread of literacy.

9. Like the society as a whole, each member should direct his actions according to the Gospel rule of love, humility and patience. The rule that ends justify means is held by the society to be godless.

10. A few members of the society, residing in the same place, may hold meetings and decide on the rules for their activities as long as these do not contradict the principal ideas and rules of the society.

11. No member should reveal the existence of the membership of the society to anyone who does not join or hope to join it.