*BACKGROUND:* *A society is a group of persons joined together for a common interest.   A club, a fraternity, a lodge, or an association may be called a society.   This instruction sheet provides guidelines for classing societies in class A.   Previously, the provisions of this instruction sheet also applied to societies classed in classes B-Z.   Two alternate tables, the Nine Number Table and the Three Number Table, were established and utilized in all classes. Although this practice has been discontinued, societies that have already been established using either the Nine Number Table or the Three Number Table are still shelflisted using the appropriate table.   Societies classed in classes B-Z that do not already use either the Nine Number Table or the Three Number Table, follow the provisions for corporate bodies described in G 220.*

*1. Societies Table.* Apply the Societies Table (Table A4) to any newly established society classed in class A.

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### SOCIETIES TABLE

Use this table for any society newly established in Class A. In the AS subclass, when the form caption indicates that the society should be Cuttered by place, Cutter for the place, use a digit to represent the society, and double Cutter using this table.

| | |
|---|---|
| .x | Cutter number for society |
| .xA1-4 | Official serials |
| .xA1-.xA29 | Titles beginning A-K |
| .xA3-.xA39 | Titles beginning L-Q |
| .xA4-.xA49 | Titles beginning R-Z |
| .xA5-7 | Official monographs |
| .xA8-Z | Nonofficial publications. By author, A-Z |

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*1. Societies Table.*  *(Continued)*

*Examples:*

> *Main entry:    Museum Association.*
> *Title:    Monthly bulletin ...*
>
> ```
> 050 00  $a AM1.M87 $b A25
> ```
>
> *Main entry:    Museum Association.*
> *Title/date:   The annual history of the Museum ... 1963.*
>
> ```
> 050 00  $a AM1.M87 $b A53 1963
> ```
>
> *Main entry:    Alexander, Edward P. (Edward Porter), 1907-2003*
> *Title/date:    Museum Association in motion.    1964.*
> *Subject heading:    Museum Association.*
>
> ```
> 050 00  $a AM1.M87 $b A85 1964
> ```

In the AS subclass, when the form caption indicates that the society should be Cuttered by place, Cutter for the place, use a digit to represent the society, and double Cutter using the Societies Table.    This example shows a society located in Berlin (.B47):

> *Main entry:    Orden pour le Mérite für Wissenschaften und Künste.*
> *Title:    Reden und Gedenkworte ...*
>
> ```
> 050 00 $a AS182.B476 $b A36
> ```
>
> *Main entry:    Orden pour le Merité für Wissenschaften und Künste.*
> *Title/date:    Orden pour le Merité für ... 1977.*
>
> ```
> 050 00 $a AS182.B476 $b A65 1977
> ```
>
> *Main entry:    Smith, Robert E.*
> *Title/date:   A history of Orden pour ... 1981*
> *Subject heading:    Orden pour le Merité für Wissenschaften und ...*
>
> ```
> 050 00 $a AS182.B476 $b S58 1981
> ```

## 2.  Previously existing societies classed in A-Z.

*a.* Determine whether a guide card in the card shelflist has already been set up, and continue any special provisions shown there.

*b.*   If it is inconvenient to consult the guide cards, determine whether the Societies Table (class A only), the Nine Number Table, or the Three Number Table has been used and continue to apply that table.

*c.* If the society *has not* been established, and it is to be classed in classes B-Z, follow the provisions of the corporate bodies instruction sheet (cf. G 220).   If the society has not been established, and it is to be classed in class A, apply the Societies Table (cf. sec. 1 above).

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### NINE NUMBER TABLE

*Note:    The Library of Congress no longer uses this table except for societies and institutions already established in this class.*

| | |
|---|---|
| (1) | Proceedings and transactions |
| (2) | Collections:   Bulletins, contributions, memoirs, etc. |
| (3) | Periodicals.   Yearbooks |
| (4) | Annual reports |
| (4.5) | Other reports (nonserial) |
| (5) | Congresses and conferences.   Expositions. |
| (6) | Constitution and bylaws |
| (7) | Directories.   Lists of members |
| (8) | History and biography.   Handbooks |
| | For handbooks issued annually, <u>see</u> (2), (3), (4), or (7), as the case may be |
| (9) | Addresses, essays, lectures |
| (9.9) | Miscellaneous printed matter: Announcements, programs, etc. |

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*2.  Previously existing societies classed in A-Z.*  (Continued)

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### THREE NUMBER TABLE

*Note:    The Library of Congress no longer uses this table except for societies and institutions already established in this class.*

|     |        |                                              |
|-----|--------|----------------------------------------------|
|     | .x     | Cutter number for society                    |
| (1) | .x-19  | Serial publications                          |
| (2) | .x2-29 | Official monographs                          |
| (3) | .x3A-Z | Nonofficial publications.   By author, A-Z   |

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