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OF

MARINERS' LODGE,

NO.



385.

OF THE

CITY OF NEW-YORK.

Adopted by a Committee appointed for the
purpose, by the Lodge.



Passed. 5825.



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RULES AND ORDERS

Which are to be punctually observed, by the brethren of Mariner's Lodge, No. 385, of the ancient and honourable fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Constitution of Masons in the United States, and of the Grand Lodge of the State of New-York.

In order to the well regulating and governing of said Lodge, we the Committee, appointed for that purpose, do recommend the following articles to be strictly obeyed.

GEORGE ARNOLD,
JAS. T. HARDING,
THOS. D. JOHNSTON,
JACOB MOORE, JR.,
JOHN HARRISSON. } *Committee.*

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ARTICLE I.

THE Lodge shall assemble on the Second and Fourth Wednesdays of every month in the year. The hour of meeting from the 1st Nov. till the 1st of April, shall be 6 o'clock P. M. and 7 o'clock, P. M. from the 1st April till the 1st November.

The Lodge shall be opened in fifteen minutes after the stated hour of meeting, if seven members be present. Should the Master be absent, the Senior Warden shall preside.

ARTICLE II.

The officers of this Lodge, shall consist of one Master, two Wardens, one Secretary, one Treasurer, two Deacons, two Masters of Ceremonies, two Stewards, and one Tiler, to be elected by ballot; and no brother shall be elected to fill the

place of Master of the Lodge, for more than two successive years.

ARTICLE III.

There shall be a Standing Committee of three brethren, elected at the same time, and in like manner, as the regular officers of the Lodge; whose duty it shall be to make strict inquiry into the character, age, profession, and circumstances of each and every candidate, proposed either for initiation or an adjoining member, and report thereon in writing, after he shall be proposed; to provide the Lodge with necessary furniture; to supervise the finances; to audit accounts, and pass them unanimous, if just; which accounts so passed, shall be paid by the Treasurer, to the orders of the Worshipful Master, or the presiding officer for the time being; to inspect the books of the Secretary and Treasurer monthly, and report the state of the funds at the next regular meeting. It shall be their farther duty, monthly, in rotation, to visit the sick or distressed, (if within their limits,) within twenty-four hours after notice, and report thereon, immediately to the presiding officer, who shall forth-

with issue his order upon the Treasurer for the sum allowed to distressed members, every week according to article 6th. And if any wilful neglect shall appear on the part of such presiding officer, or visiting member, he shall forfeit his benefits for three months thereafter.

ARTICLE IV.

The name, age, profession, and place of residence of every person proposed as a member of this Lodge, shall be given by the brother who proposes him, and be given by the Lodge, in writing, to one of the Standing Committee; and if the report of the said Committee be favourable, the Lodge may proceed to ballot for him at the next meeting after he is proposed, and if there is one black ball found against the candidate, the brother objecting, shall state his reason for so doing; and if there are two black balls, the two brethren shall attend the Standing Committee, and state the reason before them; and if the Committee find the objection against the candidate sufficient, they shall report unfavourably to the Lodge. But if three black balls are found against the candidate, it shall

be sufficient to reject him. And none shall be admitted a member of this Lodge unless he be of good morals, sound constitution, and possessed of some visible means of supporting himself and family. No one shall be admitted as an adjoining member over the age of fifty years, nor unless he produces a satisfactory certificate from the Lodge to which he formerly belonged.

ARTICLE V.

The brother proposing a candidate, shall at the same time, deposit *two dollars*, which, if the candidate be admitted, shall be deducted from his fees, and every candidate admitted, shall pay his fees previous to his entering the Lodge. The price of initiation shall be *twenty dollars*. Adjoining members shall pay *five dollars*; and every member shall pay *twenty-five cents* per month, unless he be absent by permission of the Lodge, or receiving benefit from it, or acting as Secretary, or Tiler for the time being.

Always provided, if any brother shall propose a candidate that the Lodge shall not approve, his money shall be faithfully returned to him; but if the Lodge ap-

prove, and the candidate refuse to be made, then shall the money be forfeited for the benefit of distressed masons.

ARTICLE VI.

Every brother who shall have been a member of this Lodge for two years, and paid his dues regularly, shall, in case of distress, be entitled to receive two dollars per week for three months; and after that time, one dollar and fifty cents per week for three months longer. Should his inability continue, he shall be entitled to receive one dollar per week, during his distress or life, always provided, that, this assistance shall be afforded no longer than his inability or distress shall continue. But none shall be entitled to the benefit unless it shall appear that he is in want, and that his inability or distress did not arise from immoral conduct.

ARTICLE VII.

Upon the death of any member, entitled to receive benefit from this Lodge, twenty dollars, shall be allowed to defray the funeral expenses, if applied for. Or if any member so entitled, die in a foreign country, or at a distance from his

home and family, the widow or children shall be entitled to receive the aforesaid benefit. And further, the widow of any deceased member entitled to receive benefit from this Lodge, shall also be entitled to receive twenty-five dollars per year, to be paid quarterly, during her widowhood or good behaviour; and in case of her death, the children shall be entitled to receive the same, until the youngest shall arrive at the full age of ten years, which money it shall be the duty of the Master and Wardens to see appropriated to her advantage.

ARTICLE VIII.

Every member residing within this city, shall pay his dues once in three months; if within one hundred miles, in six months; if at any greater distance, and not out of the United States, in twelve months; if out of the United States, eighteen months shall be allowed, otherwise all benefit shall be forfeited for three months after all arrearages are paid up; and every member in arrears for more than two years, shall no longer be considered a member of this Lodge; and no member shall be allowed a vote in the same, unless his dues be regularly paid to the time of election.

ARTICLE IX.

Non-resident members shall be entitled to benefit as if present, upon application signed by a magistrate, or by the Worshipful Master of a Lodge, and countersigned by the Secretary in the place where he resides; provided all dues are regularly paid, according to article 8. And if any member shall impose upon this Lodge, by drawing or attempting to draw monies from its funds unlawfully, or contrary to these by-laws, he shall, on conviction, be forthwith excluded from the Lodge, and reported to the Grand Lodge, and the majority of votes shall only be necessary to prove the guilt, and the member shall be dealt with agreeable to the regulation of the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE X.

Should there be at any time more money in the Treasury than the exigencies of the Lodge requires, it may be loaned at lawful interest, or otherwise appropriated as the majority shall direct, in such sums, and such surety, as may be deemed most proper for the advantage of this institution. And all bon-

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taken for money shall be in the name of the Master, and lodged in the Treasury; but no person who is a member of this Lodge, shall be taken as surety for any monies so loaned as above, unless he shall agree to do it, without any application to the Lodge for a discharge from such surety, provided he be required to pay the same. And if any monies are to be loaned, the brethren of this Lodge shall have the preference: but no monies shall be loaned without *good* security.

ARTICLE XI.

For the better preservation of secrecy and good harmony, the Tiler shall be a man well skilled in the master's art, whose duty it shall be to deliver all notices as directed and handed him by or from the Secretary; to give to each and every brother the name of the degree that the Lodge shall be open in, and see that none pass without permission of the Master: and the Tiler shall be paid one dollar for every attendance on the body; one dollar for every initiation; and fifty cents for every adjoining member.

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ARTICLE XII.

No refreshment shall be allowed in this Lodge more than once in three months; and then, it shall be subject to the majority present. No mason shall be allowed to visit this Lodge the second time, unless he be a member of some regular warranted Lodge. Sojourners and brethren producing certificates excepted.

ARTICLE XIII.

Nothing in the foregoing Rules and Orders, shall prevent assisting any brother by contribution out of the funds, but left to a majority of this Lodge; and no brother that only pays Grand Lodge dues, shall be entitled to receive any benefit from this Lodge.

ARTICLE XIV.

That if any member belonging to this Lodge, should lay wagers, or use any language in derogation of God's name, or to the corruption of good morals, or interrupt any member while speaking, he shall be fined at the discretion of the Lodge; and if a brother should come disguised in liquor, he shall be admon-

ished for the first offence, by the presiding officer, and for the second, be excluded and reported to the Grand Lodge.

ARTICLE XV.

These by-laws, shall not be amended, unless the alteration proposed be presented in writing, at least one regular night of meeting before it shall be acted upon; and the final question may be taken on the next regular night after the proposed alteration shall have been read in open Lodge; and then, no alteration shall take place unless three-fourths of the members present concur therein.

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