

R U L E S A N D O R D E R S

To be observed by the **YORK FIRE-CLUB**, instituted at Boston the First Day of *May*, A. D. 1760.

First. **T**HAT this Society consist of a Number not exceeding Fifteen: And that the Times of Meeting be on every First Wednesday of *May*, *August*, *November*, and *February*, at such Place as the Clerk shall appoint.

Secondly. **T**HAT the List of Members be called at Eight o'Clock P. M. at every Meeting in *May* and *August*; and at Seven o'Clock in *November* and *February*: If any Member be then absent, he shall pay a Fine of *One Shilling*; but if absent the whole Evening, not less than *Two Shillings*.

Thirdly. **T**HAT a Moderator be always chosen at the Meeting in *May* by Vote; whose Office shall be to regulate the Business of the Society for one Year: Also, that a Clerk be chosen at the same Time, whose Duty shall be to keep a fair Record of all the Business of the Society; to give Notice of each Meeting, by leaving or causing to be left a Ticket at the usual Place of Abode of each Member, at least one Day before the Time; to examine the Buckets and Bags once at least quarterly, and make Report thereon at the next Meeting under Penalty of *Three Shillings*, and to receive and account for all Fines. The Clerk to continue in said Office one Year; at the End of which he shall deliver to his Successor the Accounts and Stock belonging to the Company. The Choice of the Clerk to be thus—Every Member who has not served before or paid the Fine for not serving, shall draw a Lot; and whoever draws the Lot No. ONE, shall serve in that Office, or pay a Fine of *Twenty Shillings*:—If he chooses to pay the Fine, the Choice to be renewed until one be found to serve.

Fourthly. **T**HAT each Member constantly keep together in good Order, in his Dwelling-House, Two Leather Buckets, a Bed-Winch, and two Bags, each Bag at least one Yard and a half long, and one Yard and an half round, both Buckets and Bags to be mark'd with the first Letter of the Owner's Christian Name, and his Surname at length, under Penalty of *Six Shillings* for Neglect in each Particular.

Fifthly. **T**HAT each Member shall keep a printed Copy of these Articles, with all the Members Names, and the Places of their Dwellings, Stores, Shops, &c. and produce the same at every Quarterly Meeting, under Penalty of *One Shilling*.

Sixthly. **T**HAT when any Member removes to another Dwelling, Store or Shop, and informs the Clerk thereof, he (under Penalty of *Five Shillings*) shall insert the same in the next Notification.—And each Member shall conform his Articles thereto, and produce them complete at the next Meeting, under Penalty of *Three Shillings*.

Seventhly. **T**HAT the Members shall acquaint themselves with each other's Houses, Shops, Stores, &c. and the Passages thereto; and shall have Power mutually to interrogate on those points at the quarterly Meetings: And if one shall be voted materially unacquainted with them, he shall pay a Fine of *Six Shillings*.

Eighthly. **T**HAT at Notice of a Fire every Member shall repair with his Buckets, Bags, and Bed-Winch, to the Place where it happens—And if the House, Shop, or Store, of any Member be in Danger, all the other Members shall assemble there with their Bags and Winch, and use their best endeavours (at the Direction of the Person in Danger, if present) to remove and secure all his Goods and Effects, under the Penalty of *Six Shillings* each for non-Appearance. If any one is from Home at the Alarm he may appear with or without Buckets, &c. at his Discretion.

Ninthly. **T**HAT if any Member lose his Buckets and Bags at a Fire, he may supply himself at the Expence of the Club after one Week's search.

Tenthly. **T**HAT any Member who will not regularly submit to the Payment of his Fines, or who absents himself four Meetings successively, shall be regarded as quitting the Society, and shall not be admitted therein again without the usual Ceremonies of Election.

Eleventhly. That no person be invited to this Company, till first proposed and approved of unanimously by a written Vote; if any of the Members be absent at this Proposal, their Minds to be known by the Clerk.

N. B. It is understood that all Fines imposed for Breach of any of the above Articles may be remitted upon sufficient Reason given in Excuse, to be determined by the major Vote of the Members then present.