

RULES and ORDERS,

Agreed to be observed, by the FRIENDSHIP-SOCIETY, instituted at BOSTON, the twenty-fifth Day of MAY, A. D. 1767.

We the Subscribers for the more speedy and effectual Assistance of each other in securing our Substance when in Danger of Fire, do agree to the following ARTICLES.

I.
THIS Society shall consist of a Number, not exceeding Twenty Five.

II.
THAT each of us will keep in good Order, constantly, in some convenient Place in our respective Dwellings, two Leather Buckets, in which shall be two Bags, each two Yards in Length, and three Quarters of a Yard in Breadth; both Buckets and Bags shall be marked with the First Letter of the Owner's Christian Name, and with his Sir-name in Length, under Penalty of Ten Shillings. And if it appears that either Buckets or Bags, belonging to any Member, have been put to any other Use than the removing Goods in Time of Fire, the Owner shall be liable to the same Penalty.

III.
AT Notice of Fire, We will immediately repair with our Buckets and Bags, to the Dwelling-House, Ware-House or Shop, of any Member of this Society, most in Danger, and use our best Endeavours (by his Direction if present) to remove and secure all his Goods, under Penalty of what the Company shall think fit to determine.

IV.
FOR the better regulating the Affairs of the Society, and Encouragement of good Fellowship, we will have the Meetings Quarterly, on the First Wednesday in June, September, December, and March: The Time of meeting in June, shall be at seven o'Clock in the Evening, and the other Meetings to be at six o'Clock in the Evening; under Penalty for Non-Attendance the whole Evening, ~~Twenty~~ Shillings, Lawful Money, and Eighteen Pence for every one who shall not be present at calling the List, which shall be in half an Hour after the Time affixed for meeting. And no Member shall leave the Company before nine o'Clock, without Liberty from the major Part of the Members present, on Penalty of being deemed an absent Member.

V.
THAT the Debates and Business of the Society may be carried on with more Decency and good Order, We will have a Moderator chosen for each Evening; whose Duty shall be to moderate at the Meeting of the Society. And if any Member has any thing to offer relating to the Affairs of the Society, he shall address the Moderator, under Penalty of two Shillings: And if any two or more of the Members offer to speak at the same Time, the Moderator shall determine whose Right it is to speak first; the others shall be silent at his Order, under the same Penalty. And if any of the Members shall be talking amongst themselves, while the Affairs of the Society are in Debate, they shall be silent at the Moderator's Order, under the same Penalty.

VI.
THAT on the first Wednesday of June annually, a Clerk shall be chosen by a Majority of written Votes, who on Refusal to serve, shall pay Twenty Shillings for the Use of the Society, and another chosen in his Room; which on Refusal to serve, shall be liable to the same Penalty, and another elected, 'till one be found to serve; at which Time, the Clerk who has served, shall deliver all the Books, Papers and Stock, belonging to the Society, to the Member that is to succeed him in Office; the Clerk's Club shall be paid by the Society for his Care and Trouble: That there be a Number of Notifications printed, which the Clerk shall fill up, and leave at each Member's Dwelling, two Days before each Meeting.

VII.
We will have a Watch-Word, whereby to know one another, which shall continue 'till the Society see cause to change it; and every Member,

when challenged, shall whisper the same to the Clerk, at every Quarterly Meeting, and to any other Member at any Time, under Penalty of One Shilling: That a Penalty of Twenty Shillings Lawful Money, be laid on any Gentleman who shall presume to reveal the Watch-Word.

VIII.
If any Member of the Society shall lose his Buckets or Bags in Time of Fire, his Loss shall be repaired by the Society, provided he shall make a Report of it to the Clerk within a Week after it happens; and then, at his own Expence, advertise them in some one News Paper, three Weeks.

IX.
THAT each Person belonging to this Society, shall be supplied with a printed Copy of these Articles, with the Names and Places where their Dwelling-Houses, Stores or Shops are, and in what Street or Lane, each paying the Clerk the Price of the said printed Articles; and when lost or defaced, or worn out, to be supplied by the Clerk, paying as aforesaid: And that each Person who does not produce and shew his printed Articles at each Meeting Night, shall forfeit and pay to the Clerk, One Shilling Lawful Money.

X.
THAT the Clerk shall keep a fair Record of all Transactions, and visit the Dwellings of each Member, at least once every Quarter, and observe whether his Buckets and Bags are in good Order, and the Bags in the Buckets; and for each Neglect, he shall pay to the Clerk, for the Use of the Society, two Shillings: To demand and receive the Fines that may arise from the Breach of any Articles agreed to by the Society: To settle, collect and pay the Reckoning at ten o'Clock each Meeting; and to take Care that every Member be notified of each Quarterly Meeting two Days before the same, by leaving a dated Ticket at their respective Dwellings, with what Money is due to the Society from such Member, minuted upon his Ticket, and the Names of those who are proposed for Admission into the Society, under the following Penalties, Viz. For neglecting to keep a fair Record of the Transactions of the Society, Twenty Shillings. For neglecting to inspect the Buckets and Bags, Five Shillings. For neglecting to demand the Fines due from any Member, at least once a Quarter, Two Shillings and six Pence. For neglecting to notify the Members at each Meeting, Five Shillings.

XI.
THE Clerk shall have Power to call a Meeting of the Society when he judges it necessary, or upon Application made to him by six Members in Writing: And the Members not attending such Meeting, shall be liable to the same Fine as on any of the Quarterly Meetings.

XII.
THE Clerk shall have Power to take with him on Visitation-Days, three Members of the Society to walk with him, and if any one so desired refuse to walk, he shall pay to the Clerk for the Use of the Society, for each Neglect, One Shilling.

XIII.
THAT no new Member shall be admitted into this Society, unless by a unanimous Vote of the Members then present, and by the Votes of absent Members; such absent Members are to send their Votes either Tea, or Nay, in Writing sealed up.

XIV.
Such Member as does not comply with the Articles of the Society, or absent himself for four Meetings successively (except in Case of Sickness) shall cease to be a Member of this Society.

Names.

Edward Lyde,
Peter Roberts,
Lewis Gray,
Winflow Taylor,
Clement Jackson,
Andrew Faneuil Phillips,
Francis Welch,
John Andrews,
Frederick William Geyer,
Bossenger Foster,
Joseph Wheelwright,
Bartholomew Kneeland,
Nathaniel Wheatley,
Samuel Parker,
William Wingfeild,

James Norwood

Robert Lacey

Ephraim Jones

Benjamin Jackson

John Gray

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Dwellings.

Summer Street
Dorset Street
Milk Street
Summer Street
Dock Square
South Side Town House
Cap. W. Wingfield
Hanover Street
Wings Lane
Crown Hill
New Boston, Cole Lane
Union Street in Hill
Lower End Kings Street
Lower End Kings Street
Union Street
Cambridge Street
Green Lane
British Coffee House
Russet Street
Bath Street
Middle Street
Near Liberty Tree
N. B. Street

Stores or Shops.

Brick Store Butlers Lane, Shop Dock Square
West Door Town House
Butlers Lane No. 1. Shop House near Dock Square
Opposite Admirall Vernon's, Kings Street
Opposite Brazen Head
South Side Transumb Hall
Dock Square, near the Conduit
Union Street
Green Lane
Kings Street
Mill Bridge
Lower End Kings Street
Butlers Lane
Union Street
Kings Street
Green Lane
British Coffee House
Green Lane
Long Wharf
Long Wharf
Long Wharf
Kings Street