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ČLEN 1.

Ime društvu je "Kranjsko katoliško podporno društvo sv. Vida", ustanovljeno za Cleveland, O.

ČLEN 2.

Namen družbi je: gojiti mejsebojno slogu, podpirati društvenike v boleznih in podpirati sirote v slučaju smrti.

ČLEN 3.

Vsa zborovanja, spisi in govori, izplačila in naznani se morajo vršiti v kranjskem jeziku.

ČLEN 4.

Društvo ima voliti kandidate prvo sejo v mesecu novembru in sicer za predsednika tri, za prvega tajnika tri in blagajnika tri. Iz teh kandidatov se izvoli z listki celi odbor prvo sejo meseca decembra.

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ČLEN 5.

Društvenik postane lahko vsak, kateri je poštenega obnašanja, od 18 do 45 leta, zdrav na telesu, in podučen v katoliški veri, ter po katoliško poročen ako je oženjen. In vsak ud mora svojo dolžnost spolniti; namreč opraviti mora velikonočno spoved. Ako tega ne spolni ga ima pravico društvo izločiti.

ČLEN 6.

Vsak nov ud se ima vpisati eno sejo pred ko je zmožen pristopiti. Vpiše se lahko pri vsakem društvniku tega društva. Vpis stane 25 c ter velja dva meseca. Ako dotičnemu novemu vpisanemu članu društvo odreče pristop, se mu 25 c povrne. Ako v teku teh dveh mesecev novi ud že potrebuje zdravnika se mu tudi povrne.

ČLEN 7.

Vstopnina znaša:

od	18	do	30	leta	\$3.00
"	30	"	40	"	\$4.00
"	40	"	45	"	\$6.00

Ta vsota se mora takoj plačati pri sprejemu in pristopu k društvu. Vsak novi ud plača mesečnino takoj od onega dne naprej ko je sprejet. Pri tem postane deležen podpore po preteku treh mesecev.

ČLEN 8.

Društvo določuje, da ako društvenik dolguje mesečnino tri mesece in se pri društvu nič ne zglesi toraj ne dobi bolniške podpore. Ako pa štiri mesece mesečnine ne plača se izloči in zbriše popolnoma iz društva.

ČLEN 9.

Ako društvenik tri mesece dolguje in v teku četrtega meseca zboli, ne dobi bolniške podpore za mesec dnij. Po preteku enega meseca je zopet deležen podpore, ako ima vse v redu plačano kar društvu spada. In ako se primeri, da je bolni brat v bolnišnici, in potem ko iz bolnišnice pride se ima takoj predsedniku in prvemu tajniku naznaniti.

ČLEN 10.

Za vmrlega brata mora vsaki društvenik sv. Vida društvu plačati \$1.00. To mora vsakdo spolniti v času 30. dnij pod kaznijo, da ako bi kateri ne spolnil tega plačila, in da tisti vmrje, ki dolguje že čez 30 dni za vmrlega brata, takemu se ne plača ne bolniška ne smrtna podpora. Prvi tajnik ima naznaniti mrliški slučaj pri vsaki prvi seji, po tem zborovanju se mora v 30. dneh plačati.

ČLEN 11.

Ako društvenik dolguje štiri mesece in potem hoče zopet plačati za vse štiri mesece nazaj, tega društvo sprejme s tem pogojem, da mora dotični za naprej redno plačevati. Akoravno je dotični svoj dolg poravnal, ako je bolan ne dobi podpore od društva. Le po preteku treh mesecev je zopet v bolniški podpori če redno plačuje.

ČLEN 12.

Ako društvenik v treh mesecih vmre, ko je dobil kazen, da je iz bolniške podpore zaradi prestopka mesečnega plačila, plača takemu društvniku le v slučaju smrti vsak društvenik \$1.00.

ČLEN 13.

Odbor za bolne brate sv. Vida obiskovati obstoji iz treh udov, namreč kakor jih naznani prvi tajnik po številki. Ti obiskovalci morajo bolne obiskovati en dan v tednu po dnevi, ne po noči. Vsak obiskovalec ima za obiskovati en dan v tednu, kadar jih prvi tajnik odloči na nedeljo je prepovedano da obisk ni velaven ker morajo dobro paziti kako se je bolni brat zadržal in v kakšnem stanu si ga našel in ali je vreden podpore, ali ne. Potem mora vsaki obiskovalec kod pod društveno prisego resnično povedati če je bolni vreden podpore ali ne. Obiskovalci mora vsaki osebno sporočiti pri predsedstvu, pismeno ni veljavno razun če eden dela ali zboli. Potem se že samo društvo posvetuje o tej zadevi.

ČLEN 14.

Ako kateri bolnišnih obiskovalcev tega nespolni kakor mu društvo zapoveduje, ali da bi kako znanstvo imel z bolnim in da bi krivo ali neresnično povedal društvu, tedaj ima društvo pravico istega kaznovati za šest mesecev iz bolnišne podpore, ali tudi izločiti iz društva ako se mu to dokaže z društvenimi pričami, ki zadostuje z dvema udoma.

ČLEN 15.

Podpora bolnim se plača po \$5.00 na teden v času šestih mesecev; nadaljnih šest mesecev se plača po \$2.50 na teden. Ako je bolnik manj ko 14 dni bolan takim se ne plača podpora.

ČLEN 16.

Ako društvenik dobi bolezen vsled pijanosti, da si je poškodoval svoj život ali svoje telo, ali v tepežu ali

neredno življenje takim se ne plača bolnišna podpora. Ako v takem slučaju ymre se mu plača smrtna podpora če ima vse v redu plačano kar društvu tiče: tudi ako se poškodva društvenik vsled biciklja. V takem slučaju se ne plača bolniška podpora. Društvo sv. Vida se ravna po svojih pravilih in sene ozira na nobeno drugo društvo v nikakih zadevah.

ČLEN 17.

Društvo ima plačati za vsacega umrlega uda v času 60tih dnij po smrti. Plačati ima vse pogrebne stroške in ostanek doneska zročiti prvemu sorodniku ali komur umrli zroči. Oporoka umrlega mora biti pismena in podpisana od treh prič.

ČLEN 18.

Umrlemu društvniku ako je oženjen in ima otroke, in ako je dolžan v več ali manj krajih, tisti dolžniki nimajo pravice do svote ko umrlemu spada od društva, ker društvo mora tisti denar zročiti ženi od umrlega uda, ako je žena že poprej umrla se plača otrokom, če so, če jih ni pa prvim sorodnikom. Za neoženjenim umrlim bratom se plačajo vsi dolgovi iz njegove svote kar društvo plača po njegovi smrti. Ako oženjeni društvenik tukaj stanuje brez žene in da je žena v stari domovini in on dolguje na svojem stanovanju in hrani, tisti dolg se plača iz svote ki mu od društva teče po njegovi smrti kakor tudi vsaki pošten dokazani dolg naj bo v posojilu denarja ali v drugih rečeh pod pri-sego ali s pričami dokazano, da je dotični resnično dolžan to se vse splača iz njegove svote, ki mu od društva teče.

ČLEN 19.

Društvo sporoča ako društvenik zapusti ta kraj in gre ven z mesta za 20 milj daleč tisti se ima naznaniti društvu, in poplačati če kaj dolguje. Ako to nespolni je z dnem odhoda z bolnišne in smrtne podpore. Ako se javi v društvo in plača za 1 mesec naprej potem je 1 mesec po odhodu dober. Le samo ako bi v tem mesecu umrl mu društvo plača smrtno podporo. Iz bolnišne podpore je prec z dnem ko ta kraj zapusti.

ČLEN 20.

Ako odšli društvenik zopet nazaj pride po preteku dveh mesecev in ako ni poprej društvu nič dolgoval je zopet ud društva. Ali podpore ako bi bil bolan v teh dveh mesecih in dva zanaprej ne dobi nič. Ako bi bil pa zdrav in se povrne po preteku dveh mesecev in se naznani društvu z zdravniškim spričevalom, potem je on v boleznii podporé od dne ko se je k društvu zgasil.

ČLEN 21.

Ako je bolni ud našega društva na slabem stanovanju ima društvo skrbeti da ga spravi v bolnišnico. Stroški za to se plačajo iz njegove podpore. Za obiskovati je zadostno enkrat na teden po eden obiskovalec to je za v bolnišnico. Ako pa dotični bolni društvenik ne vboga društva ako je v korist njegovemu zdravju nima pravice do svoje bolnišne podpore.

ČLEN 22.

Društveni odbor mora delovati vse natančno po društvenih pravilih. Ako eden ali drugi izmed odbor-nikov krivico napravi društvu za več ali manj ali sramoto, dotičnega ima društvo pravico kaznovati in sicer z izločitvijo iz društva.

ČLEN 23.

Predsednik ima dolžnost v imenu društva, da mora biti celo zborovanje mirno in tiho ker tu ima zapovedati v imenu društva in ako se društvenik odstrani pred zaključkom seje se mora naznaniti predsedniku in povedati vzrok zakaj mora iti od seje in potem ko mu predsednik dovoli mora dotični ud stopiti v sredo dvorane in se posloviti proti predsedniku, poslov je da dene ud desno roko na prsa in jo poda proti predsedniku in predsednik mu odslovi z levo roko. In vkaže vratarju da mora dotičnemu vrata odpreti. Ker pri vratih mora dati odšli ud pozdrav celemu zborovanju z besedami "Hvaljen bodi Jezus Kristus!" S tem pozdravom mora tudi pozdraviti celo društvo ako pride kdo pozno k seji.

ČLEN 24.

Vsak društvenik se mora seje vdeležiti vsaj vsako glavno sejo in v treznosti. Ako je ud pijan ga ima društvo pravico od dotične seje izločiti ali do določene seje.

ČLEN 25.

Blagajnik ima vsako sejo denar sprejeti in ga shraniti na banki, ali kakor mu društvo sporoči namreč v teku treh dni po seji.

ČLEN 26.

Ako se društvena blagajna zvišuje, t. j. da ni treba izplačevati bolniške podpore zamore društvo z večino potrditi, da je celo društvo prosto mesečnine ali za več. Nasprotno, ako zmanjuje za bolnišno podporo se mesečnina zviša, ker blagajna se ne sme znižati pod petdeset dolarjev.

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ČLEN 27.

Prvi tajnik ima storiti vse kar mu predsednik sporoči; namreč pri vsaki seji mora najprvo prečitati imena celega odbora. Ako manjka katerega odbornika pri seji mora predsednik družega zvoliti za taisto sejo. Potem se ima prebrati zapisnik natančno od zadnje seje.

ČLEN 28.

Za pogreb umrlega člana ima skrbeti v imenu društva predsednik vse k pogrebu potrebne reči, kod od društva so dva voza na razpolago iz društvene blagajne. K tem preskrbi predsednik osem mož, udov tega društva za pogrebce. Ako se dotični ud tega ne vdeleži s posebnim vzrokom je pod kaznijo \$2.00, ki se mora plačati pri prvi seji. Po svoji zamudi za pogreb za posebni vzrok se mora naznaniti predsedniku precej pred pogrebom. Ako vsega tega ne spolni ga ima pravico društvo izločiti.

ČLEN 29.

Vsak član plača za umrlega brata \$1.00. Ako umrje žena družtvenika, plača vsak ud 25 c. Nasprotno kdor je že za ženo prejel po 25 c tedaj kadar on umrje se plača samo 75 c. Žena velja samo prva. Omenjeni znesek se mora pri prvi seji vplačati. Za ženo v stari domovini to društvo ne plača usmrtnine.

ČLEN 30.

Društveni pregledovalci knjig, ki so trije, morajo vsake tri mesece natančno pregledati, da se vsi računi vjemajo. Kakor denarni tajnik, prvi tajnik, trustee in z blagajnikom in blagajnik mora trimesečno sejo blagajno društvu naznaniti kaj da premore.

ČLEN 31.

Vsak društvenik ako spremeni stanovanje se mora takoj naznaniti pri prvem tajniku, ako tega ne spolni je kaznovan z \$2.00. Ako bi dotični društvenik tega ne hotel storiti ali skoz svojo nemarnostjo, ima ga društvo pravico izločiti iz društva.

ČLEN 32.

Vsak društvenik mora dati svoje pravo krstno ime in priimek. Ako ne in se mu to dokaže ga ima društvo pravico izločiti.

ČLEN 33.

Ko predsednik sejo odpre morajo biti vsi udje mirni in tihi celo zborovanje, paziti na vse govore, govoriti ima le tisti komur predsednik dovoli. Glavni poziv društva je ta le: predsednik ima zvonec in zvonec ima te le pomene: en udarec pomeni vse tiho in mirno, dva udarca celo zborovanje vstati in tretjič z tremi udarci se zopet vsesti.

ČLEN 34.

Bolnik z notranjo boleznijo se ne sme zunaj okoli sprehajati, le ako mu zdravnik dovoli, da mu je boljši k zdravju. Dovoljenje mora biti pismeno od zdravnika in bolnik se mora z tem dovoljenjem takoj zglasiti pri prvem tajniku ali pa pri predsedniku. Ako to ne spolni mu društvo ne plača nobene bolnišne podpore, Nadalje mora vsaki teden dvakrat zdravnik pri njem biti in zdravnik mora v bolniško knjigo podpisati svoje ime in kateri dan je pri njem bil in ima upisati kakšno bolezen da ima bolni društvenik.



ČLEN 35.

Seja se otvori z molitvijo "Oče naš" in "Češena si Marija", na čast sv. Vidu, za sveti blagoslov, za žive brate tega društva in konča se z Očenašom in Češena si Marija za vse umrle brate tega društva. Na dan sv. Vida se bere ena sv. maša za vse žive brate. V ta namen se pobirajo pri seji prvo nedeljo meseca junija prostovoljni darovi. Dan po sv. Vidu se bere črna sv. maša za vse umrle brate tega društva kar se plača iz blagajne.

ČLEN 36.

Zborovanje se vrše v sledečem redu:

1. Otvoritev seje.
2. Branje celega odbora.
3. Branje zapisnika.
4. Sprejem novih udov.
5. Sporočilo bolniškega odbora.
6. Pobiranje doneskov.
7. Upis novih udov.
8. Posvetovanje o društvenih zadevah.
9. Sporočilo dohodkov in stroškov.
10. Zaključenje seje.

Ako se en uradnik ne vdeleži treh sej se na njegov prostor drugi izvoli.

ČLEN 37.

Društveni uradniki so ti le v sledečem redu:

1. Predsednik.
2. Podpredsednik.
3. Prvi tajnik ali zapisnikar.
4. Drugi tajnik računski.
5. Blagajnik.
6. Odborniki ali trustee obstoje iz 5 udov.

7. Zapisnikar knjig.
8. Vratar.
9. Zastavonoše tvorijo 3 udje.
10. Pregledovalci knjig obstoje iz treh udov.
11. Maršal.

ČLEN 38.

Vsak predlog mora biti podpiran od kakega društvenika, potem se da na v razpolago predlog, brez podpore se ne razpolaga ko sta dva predloga podpirana potem se razpolaga ta in kateri je z večino potrjen ta se zapiše v zapisnik. Zatoraj vse stvari, ki pridejo v zapisnik pri sejah so prebrane pri prihodnji seji posamezno in predsednik ima vprašat vse pričujoče ude, če ima kateri kaj zoper to stvar. Ako se nobeden ne oglasi potem je stvar potrjena.

ČLEN 39.

Glavne seje so meseca marca, junija, septembra in decembra. Društvo se ne razdruži dokler ima 12 udov.

ČLEN 40.

Začetek seje je točno ob 2. uri popoldan in sicer vsako prvo in tretjo nedeljo v mesecu.

ČLEN 41.

Ta pravila so postala veljavna z dnem 3. junija l. 1900 za društvo sv. Vida, v Cleveland, O., ker jih je društvo z večino potrdilo in zavrglo stare, ki so bile napravljene 1. januarija l. 1898 in od 3. junija 1900. so ista brez veljave.

Društvo ustanovljeno 1890.

ČLEN 42.

Društveni odbor obstane z tem pogojem, ako eden ali drugi odbornik umrje ali ta kraj zapusti se mora na dotični prostor družega voliti in ako zboli eden ali drugi uradnikov se takoj izvoli novi za tisti čas, da dotični ozdravi. Za ven ostale uradnike glasuje predsednik sam in komur predsednik glas da tisti ima prevzeti prostor za ven ostalega uradnika.

ČLEN 43.

Delovanje društvenega odbora, namreč, da morajo vsi uradniki natančno vsaki svoj posel opravljati tako kod društvena pravila govore. Podpredsednik zastopa predsednika; trustees ali nadzorniki morajo zvesto pri vsaki seji denar pobirati in si zapomniti pismeno ker se mora gladko vjemati v zapisniku ker mora toliko denarja biti kolikor ga je denarni tajnik vknjižil v glavno knjigo, to imajo storiti pri vsaki seji. Ako se pripeti, da je denarja manj ko je pisano v zapisniku ga morajo določiti nadzorniki (trustees). Zatoraj naj si prvi trustee piše in zamerkuje vsaki denar ko ga sprejema od društvenika. K temu so pregledovalci knjig in računov ker ti imajo čisto in natančno pregledati vsako trimesečno sejo in društvu naznaniti če se računi zlagajo ali ne. Kdor kaj zakrvi ali se pomoti mora zopet poravnati.

ČLEN 44.

Vsak bolnik se ima javiti prvemu tajniku ker tajnik mora vse izprašati kakšno bolezen ima in kako je bolan, to mora tajnik vknjižiti in pri seji naznaniti društvu, kakor tudi bolnišnim obiskovalcem mora tajnik takoj naniti, da bolnega obiskujejo.

ČLEN 45.

Društvenik, kateri društvo obrekuje na en ali drugi način ali z grdo lažjo v društveno škodo ga ima društvo pravico kaznovati ali celo do izločbe, k tem zadostujeta kod za pričo dva društvenika. Ako sta dva društvenika nasprotna eden proti drugemu se nesme to nič pri društvu glasiti ker to niso društvene zadeve. #

ČLEN 46.

Ako bi se pripetilo kaj pri društvu kar ni v teh pravilih določeno tedaj ima društvo pravico o tem po najboljšem prepričanju določiti vendar se mora tak odlog z društvenim namenom vjemati. Pri sejah ima 12 udov sejo peljati. Ako se pet društvenikov pri predsedniku zglesi za izvenredno sejo, tako ima predsednik to sklicati ako je vzrok silen in važen in zadeva društvena. V takih slučajih ima se vzrok sklicanja društvenikom z vabilom naznaniti.

Uradnikom ali društvenikom se plača za posebna dela ali pota, po razmerju kakor društvo določi.

ČLEN 47.

Vsakemu društveniku je prepovedano knjigo z denarjem pri plačevanju ponujati predno je klican k denarnem tajniku, to zaradi nereda in zmote, le vsak društvenik naj prinese svojo plačilno knjigo na mizo in se naj vsede na svoj prostor, potem bo že po redu klican k plačevanju. Ako kak društvenik nima časa čakati reda, da ga pokliče denarni tajnik k plačilu lahko drugemu društveniku izroči denar, da plača za njega ko pride na red.

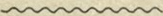
Nadalje se vsa društvena plačila in stroški plačujejo prvo sejo v mesecu.

ČLEN 48.

Društveni odbor obstane za eno leto. K temu se ne sme nobeden odpovedati pri volitvah brez posebnega vzroka. Vzroki so ti, kateri je že 2 leta bil uradnik ta se lahko odpove. Ali če nezna pisati, ali brati, ali v slučaju zastarane bolezni, taki so prosti. Ampak ko bi se društvenik odpovedoval v odbor zaradi kake druge stvari ko je tukaj omenjeno, dotični se ne more oprostiti drugače ako plača \$3.00 v društveno blagajno. Plačati mora takoj ko se odpove za uradniški prostor, ker v temu zapopadku so vsi uradniški prostori.

ČLEN 49.

Ako se pripeti nemir ali prepir med društvom pri sejah v takem slučaju ima predsednik moč in pravico v društvenem namenu sejo zaključiti vsaki čas v takih zadevah.



Kazalo.

	Stran		Stran
Člen 1		Člen 26	7
Člen 2		Člen 27	
Člen 3		Člen 28	
Člen 4	1	Člen 29	
Člen 5		Člen 30	8
Člen 6		Člen 31	
Člen 7		Člen 32	
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Člen 12	3	Člen 37	10
Člen 13		Člen 38	
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Člen 17		Člen 42	
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Člen 20		Člen 45	
Člen 21		Člen 46	
Člen 22	6	Člen 47	13
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Člen 24		Člen 49	14
Člen 25			

Constitution and By-Laws

of the

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**Slovenian Catholic Benevolent
Society,**

Cleveland, Ohio.



ARTICLE 1.

"This society shall be known as The St. Vitus Slovenian Catholic Benevolent Society, organized for the city of Cleveland, Ohio.

ARTICLE 2.

The object of this society shall be to support its members in their sickness and to cherish mutual friendship among them; also to extend a helping hand to the waifs and orphans of its departed members.

ARTICLE 3.

All meetings, speeches, announcements and the like shall be conducted in the Slovenian Language.

ARTICLE 4.

The society shall elect candidates for officers at the first meeting in the month of November, namely

three candidates for each of the following officers: President, First Secretary and Treasurer. From these candidates the entire Board of Officers shall be elected with slips of paper at the first meeting in the month of December.

ARTICLE 5.

Any one can become a member of this society providing that he is of good reputation and not under eighteen (18) or over forty-five (45) years of age; that he is of good health, well instructed in the Catholic Doctrine and married, if so, according to the Catholic Rites. Every member shall fulfill his religious duty, that is, he shall receive the Holy Sacraments in Easter Time. The society shall have the power to dismiss every member not fulfilling this duty.

ARTICLE 6.

Every one shall join the society one meeting prior to his initiation. He can be admitted to the society through any member by paying him the Admission Fee of twenty-five (25) cents which is good for two months. The society shall return the admission fee to every one not admitted to its organization. If inside of two months the new member already needs a physician the admission fee shall be refunded to him.

ARTICLE 7.

Initiation Fee shall be for members

from 18 to 30 years of age	\$3.00
" 30 " 40 " " "	\$4.00
" 40 " 45 " " "	\$6.00

This fee shall be paid immediately after a member is initiated. Every member's Monthly Fee begins with

the date of his initiation. After having paid three monthly fees every new member is entitled to the society's Sick Benefit.

ARTICLE 8.

Every member omitting to pay three monthly fees shall lose his right to the Sick Benefit. Every one omitting to pay his monthly dues for four successive months shall be dismissed.

ARTICLE 9

Every member who shall happen to become sick in the fourth month after not having paid his monthly dues for three months shall be denied all support for one month. After this time he shall regain his right to the Sick Benefit under the condition that meanwhile he settled all the differences with the society. If it happened that on account of his sickness a member has to go to the hospital, he shall immediately after his return notify the President in the Secretary of his recuperation.

ARTICLE 10.

For every departed brother the members of St. Vitus Society shall pay one dollar (\$1.00) each as Mortuary Fee. Every one shall do this inside of thirty (30) days after the death of the member. Every departed member shall be denied this Mortuary Benefit if while yet alive he, inside of thirty days, omitted to pay his mortuary fee for any deceased co-member. The Secretary shall at the first meeting officially announce the death of the departed member after which the Mortuary Benefit must be paid within thirty days.

ARTICLE 11.

When a member owing the society four monthly dues by paying the same wishes to be readmitted, he shall bind himself to pay all future dues regularly. Notwithstanding the payment of his debt, he shall begin to partake of the Sick Benefit in case of sickness only three months after his readmission.

ARTICLE 12.

For any member, who died within three months after having lost the right to the Sick Benefit the members of St. Vitus Society shall pay one dollar (\$1.00) each as his Mortuary Benefit.

ARTICLE 13.

Committee for the Sick consists of three members in the order named by the Secretary. Their duty shall be to visit all the sick members once a week, during the day and not during the night. They shall faithfully report the exact condition in which they found the sick member and state whether they think him worthy of the Sick Benefit or not. This Committee shall also, if required, swear to the truthfulness of its report, which must be made orally before the President. After this the society itself shall make the decision.

ARTICLE 14.

If any member of the Committee for the Sick disobeys the Constitution and By-Laws of the St. Vitus Society in the discharge of his official duty and makes a false and untruthful report regarding the sick member, pronouncing him worthy of support when in fact the said sick member is able to work, he shall lose

his right to the Sick Benefit for a period of six months, or shall be with the necessary two witnesses dismissed from this organization.

ARTICLE 15.

The Sick Benefit for the first period of six months shall be five dollars (\$5.00) a week and for the six following months two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) a week. No member being sick less than two weeks is entitled to support.

ARTICLE 16.

Every member directly causing his sickness or injuries through drunkenness, rioting, disorderly living shall lose his right to the Sick Benefit. If a member dies from said sickness or injuries, the Mortuary Benefit shall be paid for him providing that all his dues were paid till the day of his death. No member suffering from injuries caused by a bicycle accident shall be entitled to the Sick Benefit. In this By-Law the St. Vitus' Society acts independently of any other society.

ARTICLE 17.

The Mortuary Benefit for every member shall be paid within sixty days from the time of his death. The society shall pay all funeral expenses and hand the money over to the nearest relative of the departed member or to whomever he bequeathed it. The Last Will of the deceased member must be made in writing and signed by three witnesses.

ARTICLE 18.

The St. Vitus' Society shall not pay from the Mortuary Benefit any debts which the departed member

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might have contracted during his lifetime if he was married and leaves children, as the only person having right to this Mortuary Benefit is his wife and children or his nearest relatives. Debts will only be paid from the Mortuary Benefit of an unmarried deceased member or one leaving his wife in the Old Country.

ARTICLE 19.

Every member going out of the city for twenty or more miles shall present himself before the Main Board and pay all his dues. All omitting to comply with this By-Law shall lose their right to Sick and Mortuary Benefit. If a member after presenting himself before the Main Board pays his dues for a month in advance he shall still be recognized as a member notwithstanding his leaving the city. On account of his going out of the city however, he abandoned his right to the Sick Benefit. Nevertheless his Mortuary Benefit shall be paid for him if he should die in the first month of his absence from the city.

ARTICLE 20.

Every one returning to the city after two months absence shall again be recognized as a member of this organization if he paid all dues previous to his departure. However, he is not entitled to any Sick Benefit for the past two and the coming two months. Moreover if on his return after two months absence he proves himself to be of sound health with a Physician's Certificate he shall again obtain his right to the Sick Benefit.

ARTICLE 21.

If any sick member lives in a house detrimental to his health, it shall be the duty of this society to have

him removed to the hospital. The expenses for his removal shall be paid out of his Sick Benefit. A member of the Committee for the Sick shall visit him in the hospital at least once a week. If such a sick member does not approve of the society's act in having him removed to the hospital and prefers to stay in the house detrimental to his health, he shall lose his right to the Sick Benefit.

ARTICLE 22.

The Board of Officers must act in perfect compliance with the Constitution and By-Laws of this society. Every officer morally or financially harming the welfare of the St. Vitus Society exposes himself to the danger of absolute dismissal.

ARTICLE 23.

It shall be the duty of the President to conduct all meetings and to prohibit all infractions of peace and order. Any member wishing to leave the hall before the meeting is closed shall ask the President for permission to do so, also stating the cause of his departure. After receiving the necessary permission he shall salute the president who orders the Sergeant-at-Arms to open the door. Here the said member shall salute the whole meeting by saying "Praised be Jesus Christ!" In the same manner shall also every member salute the whole meeting when arriving late.

ARTICLE 24.

The members shall attend at least every General Meeting and in soberness. The society shall have the power to dismiss every drunken member from the meeting and till another certain meeting.

ARTICLE 25.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect all the dues and to deposit the money on the bank within three days after the meeting.

ARTICLE 26.

When the society's treasury increases, that is, when there are no Sick Benefits being paid out, it shall be within the power of the society to decide with a majority of votes whether any monthly dues shall be paid for a month or more. On the other hand if the treasury decreases on account of too numerous Sick Benefits it shall be also within the power of the society to increase the monthly dues, as the treasury shall never contain less than fifty dollars (\$50.00).

ARTICLE 27.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to obey all orders given to him by the President; viz. by every meeting he shall first call the roll of the Board of Officers. In case of absence of any officer, the President shall for that meeting appoint one of the members to take the place of the said absent officer. After this the minutes of the preceding meeting shall be read over.

ARTICLE 28.

The President shall in society's name at the death of a member arrange everything necessary for his (member's) funeral. The society shall furnish two coaches for the funeral at its own expense. These shall be occupied by eight members of the society appointed by the President. All such appointed members shall accompany the deceased co-member at his funeral or expose themselves to the fine of two dollars (\$2.00).

If an appointed member is unable to attend he shall in such case notify the President of the reason of his inability. The St. Vitus' Society shall have the power to dismiss all members not acting in compliance with this By-Law.

ARTICLE 29.

Every member shall pay the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) as Mortuary Benefit for his departed brother. As Mortuary Benefit for a departed wife of a co-member each member shall pay twenty-five cents (25 c). On the other hand in case of death of a member who in his lifetime had already received the Mortuary Benefit for his departed wife, being namely twenty-five cents (25 c) from each member, the society's members shall pay as his Mortuary Benefit only seventy-five cents (75 c) per caput.

ARTICLE 30.

There shall be elected three Inspectors whose duty shall be to inspect every three months all the books of the society in order to ascertain their accordance with each other. The Financial Secretary, First Secretary, Trustee and Treasurer shall every three months report the society's financial standing.

ARTICLE 31.

Every member changing his address shall quickly notify the Secretary of this fact or otherwise expose himself to the fine of two dollars (\$2.00). The society shall have the power to dismiss all such members who through carelessness or indifference neglect to comply with this By-Law.

ARTICLE 32.

Every member shall on entering this organization give his full and true first and second name, or expose himself to the danger of absolute dismissal.

ARTICLE 33.

After the President had called the meeting to order, all the members shall be quiet and attentive during its duration. Only those who had received permission from the President are allowed to speak and this only one at a time. The President has a bell at his disposal for certain purposes, viz.: one ring with the bell shall signify that the members are ordered to be quiet and attentive; two rings — that the members shall rise and three rings — that they shall again take their places.

ARTICLE 34.

A sick member suffering from an internal disease is not allowed to be walking on the streets unless receiving a special written permission from his attending physician. The sick member shall immediately show the said written permission to the President and the First Secretary, otherwise he shall lose his right to the Sick Benefit. Moreover, his attending physician shall visit him twice a week, sign his name in the Sick Book and give the time of his visit and furthermore state from what disease the sick member is suffering.

ARTICLE 35.

Every meeting opens with prayer, which consists of an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" in honor of St. Vitus for a blessing of all living members of the society,

and ends with an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" for all departed members. On the Feast of St. Vitus a Mass shall be read for all living members. For this purpose voluntary contributions shall be collected from the members at the meeting on the first Sunday in the month of June. On the day after the Feast of St. Vitus a Requiem Mass shall be read for all departed members. This shall be paid from the society's treasure.

ARTICLE 36.

The meetings shall be conducted in the following manner:

1. The meeting is called to order.
2. The roll of the Board of Officers is called.
3. The minutes of the preceding meeting are read over.
4. New members are admitted.
5. Report of the Committee for the Sick.
6. Dues are collected.
7. Candidates for membership are initiated.
8. Discussions regarding the society's standing.
9. Report of the incomes and expenses.
10. Meeting is closed.

If an officer does not attend three successive meetings another member shall be elected to occupy his respective office.

ARTICLE 37.

The officers of the society are the following:

1. President.
2. Vice-President.
3. First - or Recording Secretary.
4. Second - or Financial Secretary.

5. Treasurer.
6. Board of Trustees, consisting of five members.
7. Recorder of the books.
8. Sergeant - at - Arms.
9. Banner-carriers, consisting of three members.
10. Inspectors of the books, consisting of three members.
11. Marshal.

ARTICLE 38.

Every motion must be seconded before being voted upon. Every motion supported by a majority of votes shall be declared carried. Every carried motion shall be recorded. The proceedings or minutes of a meeting shall be read over at the next meeting and ratified if faithfully recorded.

ARTICLE 39.

The General Meetings are held in March, June, September and December. This society shall not be dissolved as long as it consists of at least twelve (12) members.

ARTICLE 40.

The Regular Meetings begin at 2 o'clock P. M. every first and third Sunday in the month.

ARTICLE 41.

This Constitution and By-Laws became valid for the St. Vitus' Society, Cleveland, Ohio, on the third day of the month of June A. D. 1900, on which day the society adopted it at its General Meeting and rejected that adopted on the first day of the month of January A. D. 1898.

ARTICLE 42.

In case of death or departure from this place of any member of the Board of Officers, the society shall elect a new officer instead. In case of sickness of any officer the society shall only temporally elect a member to occupy his respective office till the time of his recuperation. The President alone has the power to appoint a member to occupy the place of an absent but not sick officer.

ARTICLE 43.

The Board of Officers shall faithfully fulfill its duties as prescribed in this Constitution and By-Laws. The Vice-President represents the President in the latter's absence. The Trustees shall collect all dues and conscientiously record them in the books. Should there be less money as the books indicate, the trustees shall supply the lack. To avoid this the Trustees shall record every due immediately after its receipt. The Inspectors of the books shall faithfully perform their duty as already stated above. Every officer shall be held responsible for every mistake made through his negligence.

ARTICLE 44.

Every sick member shall report his illness to the First Secretary, who shall ask the member about the nature of his sickness. This he shall faithfully record in the book and announce it by the next meeting. He shall also notify the Committee for the Sick to begin visiting the sick member.

ARTICLE 45.

The society shall have the power to fine or even to dismiss every member slandering the organization.

For this two witnesses shall be required. The society shall have nothing to do with individual quarrels among its membership.

ARTICLE 46.

Should there arise cases and matters not explicitly stated in this Constitution and By-Laws, the society shall have the power to act in regard to them, always keeping in view the purpose and object of the organization. Twelve members shall constitute a Quorum. If five members desire an extraordinary meeting they shall notify the President who has the power to announce such a meeting, when the reason is grave and important for the welfare of the society. In all such cases a written notice shall be sent to all members.

Officers and members shall be remunerated for their loss of time in performing some special work according to the decision of the society.

ARTICLE 47.

All members shall when paying their dues wait till their name is called in order to avoid all rush and disorder. An absent member may pay his dues through some other member who is present at the meeting.

Dues shall be collected and expenses paid at every first meeting in the month.

ARTICLE 48.

The Board of Officers is elected for one year. No member elected for an office shall resign without a sufficient cause. Only those who already held an office for two successive years can decline their nomination or even to take the office if elected. All those not knowing

how to read or write or on account of some old sickness not being fitted for an office can decline their nomination. Every member elected for an office and not belonging to any above stated classes can immediately free himself from the duty by paying three dollars (\$3.00) in the society's treasure.

ARTICLE 49.

In all cases the President shall have the power to close the meeting if on account of disorder or quarrel the society is unable to reach a decision.



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