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# BY-LAWS

Organization and Purpose of

The  
Law and Order League  
Of Kanawha County

Charleston, West Va.







# The Law and Order League Of Kanawha County

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By John Baker White

The wave of crime which has swept over the United States, and in fact, nearly the whole world, has not passed over Charleston as lightly as the wave of financial depression, which has been felt with much greater effect elsewhere than in Charleston. Crime has been on the increase in this County for several years and by midsummer had reached such a crisis that the better element of the County became alarmed, there were many discussions as to the remedy to be applied. These crystalized first at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club held at the Kanawha Hotel in the early part of August, 1921. So great was the interest manifested in the steps initiated by this Club and certain prominent citizens and sustained by many articles appearing in the daily press, that when the matter came to be considered at a public meeting of the Club, it was clearly demonstrated that the wave of indignation had risen too high to be handled even by so representative a body as the Kiwanis Club, and it was decided to call a meeting of the citizens from all over the County to be held at the Criminal Court room on Sunday, August 21st. Long before the hour set for the meeting, it became apparent that no room in the Court House would accommodate the crowds. The better citizens from all over Kanawha County began pouring into the Court House. The Criminal Court room was filled to over-



flowing. An over-flow meeting was organized in the Common Pleas room, and a second over-flow meeting in the Circuit Court room. The crowd was estimated to have been between 2000 and 2500 of the most representative citizens of the County. Nearly every District in the County was represented. A committee of 12 was appointed to select an Executive Committee, this committee was composed of representatives from each Magisterial District. Speeches were made by Governor Morgan, Honorable George E. Price, Hon. Fred O. Blue and many others. Resolutions were adopted providing that "every fair and forceful means be used to bring to public attention and public criticism these flagrant violations of the laws of West Virginia, as well as the laws of common decency, that

There be set up certain agencies, in co-operation with the officials of the county and city, to detect all forms of criminality and to secure evidence for the prosecution of such cases in court, that

As the state and city, through the laws and public sentiment, have given to all officers the authority and power and means to enforce the laws of Kanawha County, the citizens do hereby call upon and demand of all officers that they go the limit of the laws and their power to eradicate this lawlessness or give to the electorate some reasonable defense for their inability to do so, that

The committee of twelve be authorized to employ a Superintendent of law enforcement for the county of Kanawha, employ counsel to assist and co-operate with the proper officials of the city of Charleston and county of Kanawha, establish permanent headquarters, equip the same and employ necessary clerical assistance, fix the salaries for such superintendent and counsel and clerical assistance and provide funds by public subscription, or otherwise to pay the same, and do all things necessary to carry out the objects and purposes of the preamble and resolutions herein contained.

On the 10th day of October, 1921, a Charter was

granted by the State of West Virginia to the Law and Order League of Kanawha County, the purposes of which were declared to be as follows:

“For the purpose of inculcating in the minds of the people of Kanawha County, a higher conception of the principles of morality, and respect for, and obedience to the Constitution and laws of the land; for conducting an educational campaign in the interest of and furtherance of good government: for the diffusion of knowledge concerning the rights, privileges and immunities of citizens and the duties incident to citizenship under our present system of self-government, and under the constitutions of the United States and the State of West Virginia: for expounding to naturalized citizens the principles of liberty, self government and loyalty to our form of government, and to demonstrate to them the difference between liberty and license, and inspire in them a love of the country of their adoption and its institutions; to enlighten the aliens in our midst upon the blessing of American citizenship to define to them the privileges and duties of citizenship, and to assist them in qualifying for citizenship: to assist in every possible manner in the Americanization and amalgamation of the foreign born races within our land, and the exclusion of undesirable aliens and pauper labor from foreign lands; for using its good offices as far as possible in securing a “square deal” for all our citizens; for developing and fostering the principles of increased loyalty and love of country and the brotherhood of man; for taking such steps as in its judgment may be necessary for the suppression of ruffianism, lawlessness, crime, vice and reckless indifference to the safety and rights of others, through a close and vigorous co-operation with the lawfully constituted authorities of the city, county and state and the magisterial districts of Kanawha County; for lending the support and financial assistance of this association as well as the moral support of its members, to the lawfully constituted authority of the said city, county, state and magisterial dis-

tricts, in the enforcement of law and order, and in gathering evidence against and assisting in bringing to justice and prosecuting all offenders against the law; for securing to our citizens those purposes and benefits for which our taxes are paid; for taking any steps deemed necesasry to depose, through proper legal proceedings, any officials found to be corrupt and subject to impeachment under our laws: and for the exercise of all the powers conferred by the laws of the State of West Virginia upon corporations formed for the purpose of teaching useful information, promoting morality, the science of government, and the diffusion of knwledge, and other charitable, fraternal and patriotic societies and asociations of alike nature; and it is hereby expressly stipulated that this association is not incorporated for the profit of the stockholders, but for the benefit of mankind in general and the citizens of Kanawha County in partjcular."

The Charter members are as follows:—

R. G. Hubbard, W. A. MacCorkle, Edgar B. Hager, John W. Sparks, Chas C. Dickinson, Fred O. Blue, R. S. Spilman, O. F. Payne, John L. Dickinson, Samuel Stephenson, A. B. Koontz, Joe Loewenstein, F. M. Staunton, John M. Collins, A. M. Putney, Geo. F. Coyle, A. J. Horan, R. L. Walker, Edward W. Knight, C. I. Coffey, Mrs. A. M. Reid, J. M. Payne, Jr., A S Thomas, J. E. Robins, J. V. R. Skinner, Justin K. Anderson, Edwin M. Keatley, Wm. B. Mathews, W. F. Comstock, D. H. Stephenson, J .S. Dana, A. A. Barnes, Walter E. Clark, R. L. Massey, Robt. E. L. Ruffner, Isaac Loewenstein, G. W. Atkinson, Chas. K. Payne, M. T. Davis, Jr., J. R. Thomas, W. O. Abney, Chas. E. Ward, R. O. Newcomb, C. A. Gates, Harrison B Smith, John Davidson, W. A. Foster, Harvey G. Davis, Peter Carroll, Mrs. Gardner S. Plumley, Frank Barham, Ernest Howell, Ben Moore, Geo. D. Cochrane, W. B. Geary, W. E. R. Byrne, Lee Hager.

The new corporation organized by the selection of Mr. R. G. Hubbard, President, Mr. J. V. R. Skinner, Vice-President, Mr. Herbert Frankenberger,



Treasurer, Jno. W. Sparks, Asst. Treasurer, Mr. E. B. Hager, Secretary, Miss C. I. Coffey, and Mr. John Baker White, Superintendent, Mr. Lon H. Kelly, Chief Counsel and Mr. A. V. Fitzwater, Assistant Counsel.

An executive Committee, composed of R. G. Hubbard, George E. Price, John S. Dana, and John L. Dickinson—a Finance Committee composed of E. M. Keatley, Isaac Loewenstein, R. E. L. Ruffner, J. R. Thomas, John Woodrum, R. S. Spilman, A. B. Koontz, C. C. Lewis, A. S. Thomas, E. W. Knight, W. C. Kelly and Peter Carroll. A Membership Committee composed of C. C. Dickinson, M. T. Davis, Jr., Joe Loewenstein, P. J. Newlon, Dr. J. E. Robins, Samuel Stephenson, H. G. Davis, Mrs. G. S. Plumley, Mrs. Lon H. Barringer, Mrs. Homer Hutchinson, Mrs. John Cablish, Mrs. Thos. Field, and Dr. Olive Ailes. A Publicity and Speakers' Committee, composed of O. F. Payne, W. B. Mathews, Fred O. Blue, J. K. Anderson, R. O. Newcomb, W. E. Clark.

It is the intention of the League to have an organization in every Magisterial district in the County of Kanawha, and if possible be represented in every precinct in the County. Meetings have been held at the following places, viz.:—Charleston, Elk View, St. Albans, Clendennin, Olcott, Eskdale, Quincy, Gallagher, Winifrede, Putney, Docata, Brounland, Ward, East Bank, Kayford, Belle, Handley and Malden. At all of these meetings purposes of the League were explained by speakers sent out under the auspices of the Executive Committee. In most of the districts District Organizations have been made, but Cabin Creek District being so large a number of meetings were held at various points in the district and delegates were appointed to a District Delegate Convention held at East Bank December 3rd, at which the organization of Cabin Creek district was made by delegates instead of being made by mass meetings as in the other districts. Membership in the League is obtained by applying to the Committee on Membership in each district and signing the card in which the member

pledges his support and co-operation to the League and agrees to contribute at least \$1.00 per year toward annual dues. As the funds thus raised would be entirely inadequate to meet the expenses of the League, a large number of sustaining members have been obtained to contribute various sums from \$10.00 up.

The League has already become an active, going concern and has obtained results in a number of cases in the courts. Among the other purposes of the League to which its activity will be more particularly directed within the next few months, are assisting in the trial of all felony cases on the docket in the Intermediate Court of Kanawha County and assisting the Prosecuting Attorney and other County Officials in obtaining the necessary evidence to sustain charges or indictments pending in that Court. To render assistance to the Justices of the Peace and Municipal Authorities in apprehending law breakers and investigating all evidence, securing witnesses for the prosecution, to follow up all cases before a Justice of the Peace, whether on indictment or appeal, to see that adequate bond is furnished wherever the defendant is admitted to bail, and see that the accused are promptly brought to trial and the case not allowed to lapse by reason of failure of the witnesses to be present.

The League will have committees and representatives in every community in the County whose duty it will be to make confidential reports to the office of the Superintendent, giving information regarding any crimes or law breaking, the names of witnesses and necessary information for the use of the officers of the county in bringing law breakers to justice. Much of this correspondence will come from persons whose identity is unknown, save to the Superintendent, and who sign their communications by number only. Card indexes will be kept on every felony and misdemeanor in the county and the number of times that any person has been convicted will be carefully noted for the use of the Courts in dealing with subsequent cases. Special

card indexes will also be kept on the following subjects:—"Bootlegging", bad checks, thieves, and violations of the State and City automobile laws. In the case of second offenses every effort will be made to see that heavy penalties are inflicted upon persons convicted. In the case of minor violations of the motor vehicle laws, letters of admonition will be sent to the owners of any car involved in any violation and when three violations have come to the attention of the Superintendent, warrants will be issued for the violators. It is the intention of the Superintendent, as far as possible, to render the roads of this City safe for motor vehicle traffic, as well as for pedestrians and those driving horse vehicles. It is also the intention to make an example of some of the habitual bad check artists who for years have been fleecing the merchants of this county as well as all cases of assault, burglary, robbery and homicide which will receive special attention from the authorities of the League. Plain clothes investigators will be employed to obtain evidence and make daily reports to the Superintendent. It is the purpose of the League to work through and in cooperation with the legally constituted authorities of the County of Kanawha, rendering them every possible assistance. On the other hand, should there be found any county, district or city officer, who is guilty of misfeasance, malfeasance or non-feasance in office and the evidence is, in the opinion of the League's Chief Counsel, sufficient to warrant such action, prompt steps will be taken to prosecute such cases in a proper tribunal of law, without fear or favor and regardless of political, business or family connections or influence. On the other hand the Superintendent announces that it must be distinctly understood that the League will take no part in any civil controversy between citizens and will have neither time nor money to spend in meddling in the private affairs of honest men or petty private differences involving the domestic relations of families or neighbors, but for the present, will devote its means and energies between the



suppression of murder, robberies, assaults, intimidation of witnesses, citizens and jurors and the elimination as far as possible of bootlegging, the manufacture of moonshine liquor, ruffianism, vice, immorality and crime, which has recently been increasing in this county at such an alarming rate.

No politics will be allowed to influence the action of the League or any its employees, nor will the League engage in any campaign of villification or cater to the whims or dictates of any men or set of men. No employee of the League will be allowed to criticize any public official, except upon convincing proof of incompetence, neglect of duty or crookedness in office, and then only upon approval of the Executive Committee.

It will be seen from the personnel of the men who are charter members of this association, from which number twenty-one have been selected for the Board of Directors, that the organization is fathered and being backed by the most responsible and high minded men of the community, that they embrace all classes from bank presidents to presidents of labor unions; that the principles for which we stand are fundamentally sound, that the necessity for some work of this kind is overwhelming, and that if properly administered and supported by the law abiding citizens of this county, a vast amount of good can be accomplished by this organization, and it is up to the people of this city and county to say whether they favor the work undertaken and will give it their support.



# BY-LAWS

of the

## LAW AND ORDER LEAGUE OF KANAWHA COUNTY

### ARTICLE I.

#### Name.

This corporation shall be known as The Law and Order League of Kanawha County.

### ARTICLE II.

#### Purposes.

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are as follows:—

(See extract from Charter, page 2).

### ARTICLE III.

#### Meetings.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the association shall be held on the first Monday in October of each year at 2:00 P. M.

Sec. 2. Other general meetings of the members, of meetings of the directors, may be called by the president or a majority of the directors or by the members representing one-tenth of the membership of the association, who shall in writing request the Secretary to issue the notice therefor.

Sec. 3. All meetings of the members or directors shall be held at such place as shall be designated in the call for the meeting.

Sec. 4. No meeting of the members or directors shall be held, except as authorized by these

by-laws or the laws of the State of West Virginia in case these by-laws are not consistent therewith.

Sec. 5. The board of directors shall hold meetings on the first Saturday of every month, and special meetings from time to time on notice, as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 6. The board of directors may hold meetings, without notice, at any time and place when a majority are present and those not present consent thereto in writing, or waive notice of such meeting or meetings, but at the first meeting of the directors, a majority being present may hold said meeting without notice, and may elect officers and transact other business.

Any action of a majority, although not at a regularly called meeting, and the record thereof, if assented to thereafter by all the other members of the board, shall always be as valid and effective in all respects, as if passed by the board in regular meeting assembled.

Sec. 7. Notice of the meeting of the members of the association either general or special, may be given by publication of the time and place of such meeting for one insertion, at least one week before such meeting, such publication to be made in some newspaper of general circulation published in the city of Charleston.

Sec. 8. The Secretary shall mail to each director, at his last known post office address, as given by him to the Secretary, a notice of each special meeting of the directors, at least one day in advance thereof, but such notice may be waived in writing by the signatures of all of the directors.

Sec. 9. If the Secretary shall refuse or neglect to issue such notices, then the president, or a majority of the directors, or members of the association representing one-tenth of the membership may sign and mail the same.

Sec. 10. Members of the Association to the number of fifty shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the members of the association, whether represented in person or by proxy. Each member

shall be entitled in person or by proxy in writing, on all questions, to cast one vote, in case the voting shall be by ballot, otherwise each member present shall be entitled to one vote, *viva voce*. Should there be less than a quorum at any meeting of the directors, or members of the association, which has been properly called, those present may adjourn said meeting from time to time, until a quorum is obtained.

Sec. 12. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the directors.

#### IV.

#### Order of Business.

At the annual meetings of the members of the association, the following order of business shall be observed:

1. The President or Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall act as Chairman of the meeting, and in the absence of both of these officials, the election of a temporary Chairman shall be in order.

2. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the association shall act as Secretary of the meeting and in the absence of these officials the election of a temporary Secretary shall be in order.

3. The appointment of a Committee to determine if a quorum be present, and the receiving of said Committee's report.

4. Reading and approval or correction of the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. The report of the Board of Directors (if an annual meeting) as required by Sec. 46 of Chap. 53 of the Code of West Va.

6. Report of officers of the association.

7. Reports of Committees. --

8. The hearing of charges against any Director, the removal of such Director and the filling of any such vacancy.



9. The adoption of by-laws or amendments to the by-laws.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New Business.
12. If an annual meeting, the election of Directors.
13. Adjournment.

## ARTICLE V.

### Directors.

Sec. 1. The affairs of this association shall be managed by a Board of Directors, consisting of twenty-two Directors, one from each magisterial district in the County of Kanawha, except Charleston district and from the City of Charleston, thirteen members. They shall be elected by the members of the association, at the annual meeting by ballot, and shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified; provided however, that all meetings for the election of Directors after the first meeting, the district organization in each district shall nominate one of its members from the district for Director and the Director elected from each district shall become *ex-officio* Chairman of the local organization in that district.

Sec. 2. The Directors elected at the first meeting of the members, shall hold office until the next annual meeting of the members of the association and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 3. Any adult may be a Director, if a member of the association and a resident and voter of Kanawha County, and of the City or District for which he is elected.

Sec. 4. Each Director, shall be notified of his election, by the Secretary, such notice to be mailed to him at his last known address as given to the Secretary, and unless within five days he refuse in writing to serve, he shall be deemed to have accepted the office.



Sec. 5 Any director may in writing resign his office at any time, such resignation to take effect from the time of its acceptance by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 6. The members of the association may suspend any director for cause, temporarily or permanently or may declare his office vacant, and fill his vacancy, but notice and an opportunity to be heard shall be given a director before any such action is taken.

Sec. 7. The directors may suspend or expel any officer, or member of this association for cause temporarily or permanently, or may declare his office or membership vacant by a majority vote of the entire Board of Directors, but notice and cer or member before such action is taken.

Sec. 8. Vacancies in the board of directors, except as above, shall be filled by the board, provided that a vacancy in office at any one time, of a majority of the board, shall be filled by the members of the association, and a meeting of said members shall forthwith be called should such a situation arise.

Sec. 9. The Board of Directors shall keep a record of its proceedings, which shall be verified by the signatures of the President and Secretary.

Sec. 10. The Board of Directors shall make a report to the members of the association, at the annual meeting, which report shall show the property and funds belonging to the association and the estimated value thereof; the debts and dues due it, distinguishing such as are deemed to be good from those deemed to be doubtful or hopeless; the debts and liabilities of the association and a report covering briefly the work accomplished by the association during the past year.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to make or cause to have made a report to the Secretary of State within ninety days after the first election and after any other election or action whereby the officers hereinafter mentioned or the principal office are changed, which re-

port shall contain the names and the post office address of the President and Secretary, and the post office address (giving street and number if number there be) of the principal office of the association.

Sec. 12. The Board of Directors shall have all the power and authority granted by law to an association of this nature, except in such matters as may be specially excepted by the by-laws of this association, and they are hereby empowered and invested with full authority to devise and carry into execution any purposes, activities, agreements or contracts and to do all things lawful, which in their opinion are expedient to be done in the management of this association and for the accomplishment of the purposes for which it is incorporated. Said Directors shall also have full power to make such contracts for the employment of officers and agents of the association as to them shall seem proper and to define the duties of such officers and agents.

Sec. 13. The Board of Directors shall keep a record of its proceedings verified by the signatures of the President and Secretary. No member of the Board shall vote upon a question in which he is interested otherwise than as a member of the association, except the election of a President; or be present at the Board while the same is being considered, but if his retiring from the Board in such case reduce the number present to less than a quorum, the question may nevertheless be decided by those who remain. On any question, the names of those voting each way, shall be entered on the record of the proceedings, if any member at the time require it.

## ARTICLE VI.

### Officers.

Sec. 1. The Directors shall elect by ballot, a President and Vice-President from their own number, also a Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer, Sec-

retary and Assistant Secretary, and a Superintendent, all of whom shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are elected and qualified. The Directors may appoint such other officers, attorneys, employees and agents as they may deem proper.

Sec. 2. Any or all of the officers, agents and employees may be required to give bond, with such security, as the Board of Directors may from time to time deem necessary or advisable, for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Sec. 3. Such salaries or compensations of officers, attorneys, agents or employees shall be paid as the Directors may from time to time determine.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Duties of Officers.

Sec. 1. The officers shall perform all duties usually appertaining to the duties of their respective offices, or such as the Directors may prescribe.

Sec. 2. In the absence of the President and Vice-President, any of the Directors may be designated by the Board to perform the duties of the President, and be known as the President *pro tempore*, who for the time being shall discharge the duties of the President. The Board of Directors shall have full power to determine what is such an absence as will justify the election of a President *pro tempore*.

It shall be the duty of the President, or in his absence the Vice-President, and of the Secretary, or in his absence the Assistant Secretary, to act as Chairman and Secretary respectively at all meetings of the members of the association and all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall deposit all moneys or securities to the credit of the association, in some bank or place of deposit approved by the



Directors; and all checks, notes, or drafts shall be signed by the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer, and countersigned by the Superintendent.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept a list of the members of the association with their post office address. He shall also keep the records of the meetings of the members of the association and Directors and shall act as Secretary for the Board of Directors, and Executive Committee, if so required by said Committee. The Assistant Secretary shall perform the duties of Secretary in the absence of the Secretary.

Sec. 5. The Superintendent shall have the management of the business and activities of the association including the purchase of supplies, making of contracts, employing and discharging of employees other than those elected by the Board of Directors, and shall have such other powers as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business, subject in everything to the approval and direction of the Board of Directors or its Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII.

### Debts and Liabilities.

Sec. 1. No debt shall be contracted or liability incurred, by or on behalf of this association, by any officer thereof, above the sum of one hundred dollars, for any one item or contract, but no indebtedness aggregating more than five hundred dollars in all, in any calendar month shall be contracted for or incurred by any officer thereof without the authority of the Board of Directors or its Executive Committee, entered of record therefor. All contracts above the sum of One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars consideration shall be signed by the President or Vice-President of the association.



## ARTICLE IX.

**Membership.**

Sec. 1. There shall be no capital stock, as this association is not incorporated for the pecuniary benefit of its members. In lieu of certificates of capital stock each charter member, and each new member upon payment of the membership fee, shall be entitled to a certificate of membership which shall entitle him to one vote at each meeting of the members of the association. The meetings of the members of the association shall be equivalent to the stockholders' meeting of a joint stock company. No certificate of membership shall be transferable.

Sec. 2. Each member of the association shall pay a membership fee of One Dollar (\$1.00) at the time of joining the association and shall pay annual dues of One Dollar (\$1.00) per year, payable in advance on the first day of October, 1922, and each year thereafter. Such members as may desire to do so may become "sustaining members". Sustaining members shall be those who shall pledge and pay annually any sum in excess of the annual dues of One Dollar (\$1.00).

All members of the association shall be entitled to one vote at all meetings of the association, and generally shall have the same rights and privileges, without respect to whether they are or are not "sustaining members".

Sec. 3. The membership records and all other records, except the records of the Secretary, shall be kept at the office of the Superintendent, in the City of Charleston, West Virginia. All books and papers of the association shall be open to the inspection of the Board or any committee thereof, or to any committee appointed in writing by the members of the association representing fifty of the outstanding membership of the association, or they shall be produced at a general meeting of the asso-

ciation if required by a majority of the members present, but this shall not apply to records pertaining to evidence and prosecutions which shall be subject to inspection only on order of the Executive committee

## ARTICLE X.

### Committees.

Section 1. The Board of Directors are hereby authorized to appoint an Executive Committee from among its members, consisting of five members, who shall perform all such duties and have such authority as may be delegated to it by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 2. The Board of Directors is further authorized to appoint the following committees and prescribe the duties thereof, and said committees shall work under orders of and report directly to the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, and said Board of Directors shall have the authority, upon three days' notice, to remove any member of either of the following committees, or accept the resignation of any member and to fill any vacancy. Said committees shall be as follows:

FINANCE COMMITTEE, MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE, PUBLICITY AND SPEAKERS' COMMITTEE.

## ARTICLE XI.

### Amendments.

These by-laws may be amended by a vote of a majority of members of the association, assembled in any regular or called meeting, but not without at least one notice published in some newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Charleston, one week prior to the meeting; except that at any adjournment of the meeting of the members of this association at which

these by-laws are adopted, or at the next meeting of the members thereafter, amendments or additions to these by-laws may be made by a majority vote of the members present without the notice aforesaid, or without any previous notice in writing as herein provided for.

After the adoption of the by-laws the meeting of the members of the association then proceeded to the election of a Board of Directors to serve annual meeting of the members of the association or thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified.

Messrs. H. G. Davis and Joe Loewenstein were appointed tellers to conduct the election, and an election was then held by ballot for Directors as prescribed by Sec. 1 of Article 5 of the By-Laws. Upon completion of the ballot the tellers reported to the Chair that the following members of the association were found to have received the unanimous vote of all members present and voting, either in person or by proxy:

#### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS.

**Charleston District:** R. G. Hubbard, George E. Price, Herbert Frankenberger, Willard Comstock, John W. Sparks, Miss Christine Coffey, Mrs. A. M. Reid, John S. Dana, F. M. Staunton, John L. Dickinson, A. J. Humphreys, Frank Barham, and W. T. Williamson.

**Big Sandy District:** Homer Stephenson, Clendenin.

**Elk District:** R. L. Massey, Big Chimney.

**Union District:** J. M. Payne, Jr., Dunbar.

**Jefferson District:** J. V. R. Skinner, St. Albans.

**Washington District:** Lee Hager, Alum Creek.

**Loudon District:** W. A. MacCorkle, City.

**Poca District:** Thos. Newhouse, Sissonville.

**Cabin Creek District:** J. A. Page, Decota.

**Malden District:** C. C. Dickinson, Malden,



## FORM OF BY-LAWS FOR DISTRICT BRANCH OF THE LEAGUE.

### ARTICLE I.

The name of this District organization shall be The Law and Order League of-----  
District.

### ARTICLE II.

#### Purposes.

The purposes for which this organization is formed are those set forth in the Charter and By-Laws of the Law and Order League of Kana-wha County of which this organization is to be a part.

The District League shall co-operate with the County League in its District, in all its aims and purposes of the County organization, and shall also interest itself in whatsoever shall secure the enforcement of, and secure respect for, the laws of our State and County, the development of civic pride, love for our Country, State, County and Community, and its institutions, the education of its people, the upbuilding and up-lifting of its community, the development of its boys and girls to law-abiding, liberty-loving, useful citizens, and in the furtherance of any of those things in which law abiding, honorable, patriotic citizens, without reference to any particular political class, church, creed or sect, shall agree.

### ARTICLE III.

#### Meetings.

Sec. 1. The members of the District League shall meet in annual meeting along with the general meeting of the members of the association in the entire county on the 1st Monday of October in each year.



Sec. 2. Other general meetings of the members of the District League shall be held at least once each month and other special meetings may be called by the President or by the Executive Committee of the Kanawha County League, or by members representing one-tenth of the membership of the District League, who shall in writing, request the Secretary to issue notice thereof, and such meeting shall be held at such place as may be designated in the call.

Sec. 3. Members of the District League constituting twenty-five members of the District League shall be a quorum for the transaction of business of said district organization, such members may be represented in person or by proxy in writing duly witnessed, and on all questions each member shall cast one vote, and if demanded the vote shall be by ballot and a record made thereof.

## ARTICLE IV.

### Officers.

The District League shall have the following officers who shall in addition to the duties herein prescribed, perform the usual duties of the corresponding officers in the County League. There shall be a President, who shall preside at all meetings of the District League, and he shall be *ex officio* member of the Board of Directors of the County organization, shall perform such other duties as are customary with said office and with that of Director in the County League.

A Vice-President who shall act in the absence of the President in any capacities of that office, including service on the Board of Directors of the County League.

A Treasurer who shall have charge of and keep accurate and permanent records of all monies received and disbursed by the District organization.

A Secretary who shall keep records of all

meetings of the District League, shall call its meeting from time to time as instructed by the League or those given authority by it, and such other duties as are usually performed by this officer.

An Assistant Secretary, who shall sit in the absence of the Secretary.

## ARTICLE V.

### Committees.

The District organization shall select the following committee which shall consist of three or more members and perform the duties named thereafter:

**Finance Committee:**—Shall co-operate with the Finance Committee of the County League on securing funds for the maintenance of the County organization, and shall also solicit and collect funds for District purposes, other than those named above, when authorized to do so by resolution of the District organization.

**Membership Committee:**— Shall co-operate with the County Committee in the enlargement of its membership.

**Speakers and Publicity Committee:**—Shall co-operate with the same committee of the County organization in the arrangement of appointments for speakers and their entertainment, and giving publicity to meetings or other objects of the League. It shall also arrange for speakers and publicity, covering those things in which the county organization is not particularly interested, and within the scope of the District League when so instructed by resolution of the District organization.

**Violations Committee:**—Shall keep in touch with Violations of the law in each district and shall co-operate with the Superintendent and Chief Counsel in the suppression of violations of the law therein.

Other committees may be selected by resolution of the District League in meetings assembled to look after matters of interest to the District League, but not involving partisan politics or those things in which there can be division of thought by law abiding citizens.

## ARTICLE VII.

### Order of Business.

At all meetings of the District association, the following order of business will be observed:

1. The President, or Vice-President, in the absence of the President, shall act as Chairman of the meeting, and in the absence of these officials, the election of a temporary chairman shall be in order.

2. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary of the association shall act as Secretary of the meeting and in the absence of these officials the election of a temporary Secretary shall be in order.

3. The appointment of a Committee to determine if a quorum be present, and the receiving of said committee's report.

4. Reading and approval or correction of the minutes of the previous meeting.

5. Report of officers of the District League.

6. Reports of Committees.

7. The hearing of charges against any officer, the removal of such officer and the filling of any such vacancy.

8. The adoption of by-laws or amendments to the by-laws.

9. Unfinished business.

10. New business.

11. If an annual meeting, the election of officers.

12. Adjournment.



## ARTICLE VIII.

### Debts and Liabilities.

No debt shall be contracted or liability incurred by the District organization; on behalf of the county organization or by any officer thereof.

## ARTICLE IX.

### Membership.

Sec. 1. The membership qualifications shall be the same as those provided in Article 9 Sections 1 and 2 of the by-laws of the county organization.

Sec. 2. The Membership of the District organization and moneys received from membership cards or sustaining membership subscriptions, shall be forwarded to the Superintendent of the County organization, said cards to be preserved in his office and a list of such members shall be made from said membership cards as secured and such lists shall be preserved by the Secretary of the District organization, who shall also keep all books and papers pertaining to the District organization, which books and papers shall at all times be open to the inspection of the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, or the Superintendent of the County organization; also to any committee appointed at a duly authorized meeting of the members of the District organization.

## ARTICLE X.

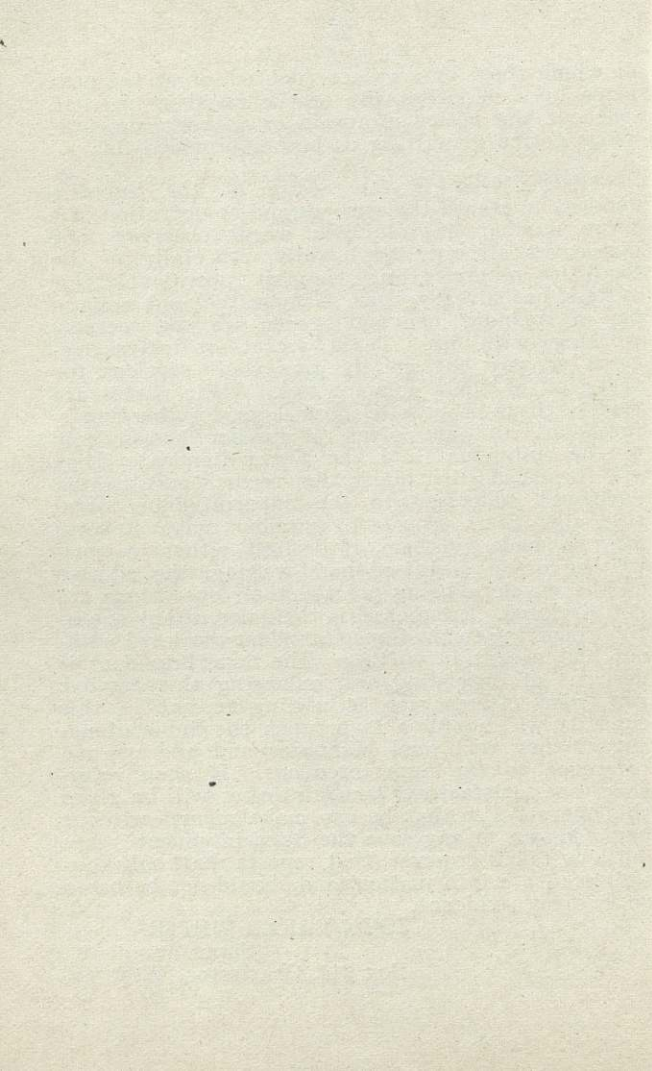
### Amendments.

These by-laws may be amended by a vote of a majority of memers of the District Association, assembled in any regular or called meeting, but not without the proper notice given at a previous meeting, except that at my adjournment of the meeting of the members of this district association at which these by-laws are adopted, or at the next meeting of the members of his District Association

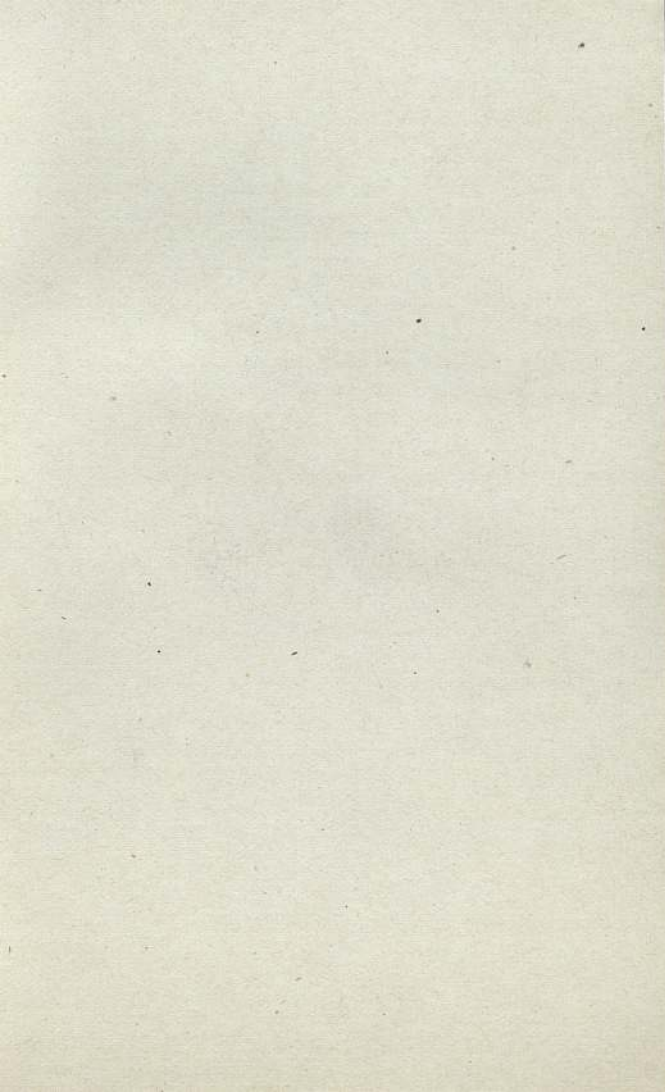
at which these by-laws are adopted, or at the next made by a majority vote of the members present, without the notice aforesaid or without any previous notice in writing as herein provided for.

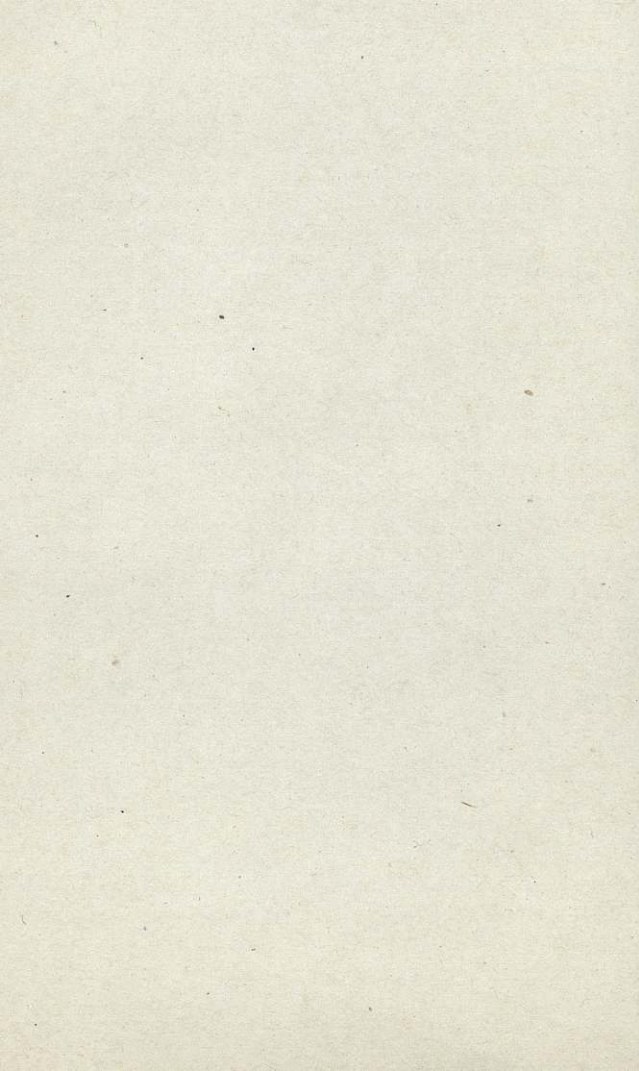
(NOTE)—It is the desire of the Superintendent to secure the services and co-operation of a large number of volunteer secret observers and operatives all over the county, especially in the localities where crime is most prevalent. This system has already been inaugurated and a number of splendid men and women are now secretly working with us. These secret operatives receive no pay but merely give their services for the good of their communities. Their names are registered in a private book kept by the Superintendent and are given a number known only to the individual and the Superintendent. They are furnished with blanks for reports and printed envelopes addressed to the Superintendent and they sign their reports by number only. Reports may be made by them, if desired, either in type-writing or in disguised hand-writing, the address on the envelope being printed their operations are not disclosed. In no case, is the name of any operative reporting to the Superintendent disclosed without his consent in writing. The Superintendent is desirous of extending and enlarging this service. Any good citizen who is willing to act in this capacity will confer a favor upon the Superintendent if they will send his name and address and reference to the Superintendent. If such references are satisfactory, a code number will be given this operative so that he can make reports without being known to any save the Superintendent. Care must be taken however, that reports shall only contain accurate information, and should not be based on hearsay evidence.

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